

**MINUTES
HAZLETON CITY COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2021**

Call to Order: Council met in regular session on Wednesday, September 8, 2021, in Council Chambers and via ZOOM Teleconferencing. The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m.

Silent Meditation and Pledge of Allegiance: A silent moment was taken followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Barletta-present; Colombo-present; Mundie-present; Sacco-present; Perry-present

Minutes of Previous Meetings: The minutes of the August 18, 2021 Regular Meeting were approved unanimously.

Presentations/Proclamations/Communications: Discussion of Pennsylvania Senate Bill #554 – Amending Title 65 (Public Officers), of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes, in open meetings, further providing for public notice and providing for notification of agency business required and exceptions.

Atty. Logsdon stated this applies to the City, but the City does not have to make any drastic changes, because the City Clerk is very good at making sure the agenda is ready and available five days before their meeting. He said it is posted, also, on the City of Hazleton website. He stated this requires at least 24 hours, before the meeting, for public review and posted on the website. Atty. Logsdon said there are some things on the agenda that are not printed on the agenda. He said this amendment, to the Sunshine Act, would not permit council to do this anymore, except in limited circumstances. He said, “if it has to wait, it has to wait”. He stated if it falls into one of the exceptions, then, if it needs to be done, they will see if it “fits” into one of these exceptions.

Atty. Logsdon stated some of the exceptions include emergency business so the public agency could take official action at the meeting on a matter of agency business related to a real or potential emergency involving “clear and present” danger to life or property. He said this is, regardless, whether public notice was given for the meeting. Atty. Logsdon stated the intent, of the legislature, behind this, is for the public to have the opportunity to review what their elected officials will be deliberating and voting on at every meeting. He said if there is business that arises, within 24 hours prior, to the meeting, they could take official action on the matter that was not listed on the agenda if the matter arises or is brought, to the attention, of the agency, within the 24-hour period, and the matter is de minimis, in nature, and does not involve the expenditure of funds or entering into a contract or agreement by the public agency. He said the safest “bet” is to move it to the next agenda. Atty. Logsdon stated it puts more urgency on administration, council, and department “heads” to make sure they have all their items ready for the printable agenda either Tuesday or Friday, before the meeting, depending on when the deadline dates are set. He said for businesses that arise, during the meeting, and not listed on the agenda, they could take action or refer the matter to staff for purposes of researching the matter for a future meeting, or if it is de minimis, in nature, and does not involve the expenditure of funds or entering into a contract or agreement, the agency may take official action on the matter. Additionally, on a majority vote, during a meeting, they could add a matter of agency business to the agenda. The reasons, for the changes to the agenda, have to be announced at the meeting, before any vote is conducted. They may take official action on the matter added to the agenda. The minutes of the meeting need to reflect the substance of the matter added, the reason for the additional agenda item, and the vote on the additional item following

the meeting, no later following the first business day following the meeting, post the amended agenda on the website and at our principal office. He stated these amendments, to the Sunshine Act, do not apply to conference sessions, executive or WORK SESSIONS, or committee meetings.

Atty. Logsdon said this applies to all municipalities and school districts. He said the implementation date was August 29, 2021.

Perry said the LSA grant requestors need to get their requests in on a certain time, and not the day before the meeting. Atty. Logsdon agreed. He said the deadline for the LSA grants is at the end of the month. He said he prefers the City not want over-using the de minimis exception.

Atty. Logsdon said the next council meeting is September 21, 2021, and “technically”, everything would have “to be up” by Monday, September 20, 2021.

Atty. Logsdon said not much will change for them but needs to make it official.

Bid Opening: None

Courtesy of the Floor (ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY): Mark Rabo, 1st Street, Hazleton, spoke of the Sunshine Law changes, which was passed before the July 4th holiday weekend. Rabo said it does not include WORK SESSIONS because they are not taking official action. He said it was also lobbied by the PA Press Association.

Rabo also spoke of the City's Zoning Ordinance. He stated, at the last meeting, he asked if the City notified the Hazleton City Water Authority, Hazleton Sewer Authority, UGI, etc., and if they gave any input.

Rabo, also, spoke of the watershed land from commercial highway to general industrial and the City notifying DEP. Atty. Logsdon said he does not think the City received anything from the Hazleton Water Authority. Rabo said it is also in the PA State Planning Code, as a requirement, that all utilities be notified of any substantial changes to the Zoning Ordinance. Atty. Logsdon said, “nothing they do beyond the NPC”. Rabo asked if the utilities were notified. Atty. Logsdon stated he does not think anyone sent the Hazleton Water Authority a letter. Rabo said if there was any development, going near the watershed land, it would be impactful. Atty. Logsdon said this is a zoning change, and the City is not approving any land development. Rabo said Mayor Cusat stated “saldo” works off zoning.

Rabo spoke of the Stormwater Management Ordinance. He asked if the Luzerne County Conservation District was informed of the City's Stormwater Management Ordinance and did they give any input.

Maria Jacketti, 545 North Kiefer Ave., asked what the current zoning is for the DeAngelo “woods”. She asked if it is still R-2. Barletta stated it is still R-2. Jacketti asked if the Sency property, on Dietrich Avenue, is still R-2. Atty. Logsdon said, on the last map, reviewed at the last city council WORK SESSION, is still R-2.

Jacketti spoke of public policy documents regarding zoning lands as R-2. She said the DeAngelo land cannot be zoned as R-2. It also talks about safety as where to develop outside of gas distribution areas. Jacketti stated there may be a huge liability developing land near a gas distribution center. She said if they vote for this, they are voting against the future of the City of Hazleton, the people, and what the taxes would be after they are sued.

Wayne Funk, 545 North Kiefer Ave., spoke of the Quality of Life in passing the Zoning Ordinance. He said this would impact the City with more traffic, noise and pollution.

Funk said the USDA estimates a large oak tree could transpire 40,000 gallons of water each year. He said every 25 trees could offset the absorption of a close to a ton of carbon dioxide per day. He said if the City allows the trees to be cut down for industry and business, they will see what happens. Funk asked council to reconsider voting on this ordinance today, vote no, and be wiser in making decisions.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCES:

(1ST READING)

Ordinance 2021-9

Zoning Ordinance (1st READING)

Presented by Perry. Seconded by Sacco.

On the Question:

Barletta said, "looking at our new map", would this be passed on this ordinance. Atty. Logsdon said yes; the same map as the last WORK SESSION.

Perry said they tried to take care of everyone's concerns. He said there is a need to get it done. Perry said Charlie Pedri, Zoning Director, stated, "in the best interest, in the City, and its citizens, it would be best to move this ordinance towards adoption. The City is, currently, operating under the 1995 Zoning Ordinance. This ordinance lacks the comprehension coverage and terminology needed to address the current zoning issues. Pedri had to grant-approve a Methadone clinic, in an M-2 zone, in the Hazleton Shopping Center on Broad Street. Pedri said there was nothing, in the 1995 Zoning Ordinance, to curtail or regulate this use, and this ordinance does not even define "pharmacy". In addition, there are several issues with recovery houses which

are not covered in the 1995 ordinance along with issues that emerge in today's society".

Barletta stated it is a huge achievement from listening to all the residents coming to the meetings, with the area of the office space, and residential areas. She thanked everyone and appreciated it.

Perry stated there were "quite a few meetings and discussions". Colombo thanked all the citizens who came and for their input. He said city council has met their goals, and it time to move on.

Roll Call: Barletta-yes; Colombo-yes; Mundie-no; Sacco-yes; Perry-yes.

ORDINANCE PASSES 4-1

***NOTE- ZONING MAP WAS ALSO APPROVED.**

Ordinance 2021-20

Stormwater Management Ordinance (1st READING)

Presented by Perry. Seconded by Barletta.

On the Question:

Stanley Wojciechowski, Barry Isett Department Head, Municipal, Water & Wastewater Dept., stated this Stormwater Ordinance is to replace and update the existing one. He said the City goes "above and beyond" what the DEP requires for a model stormwater ordinance done in 2012. Wojciechowski said they are updating their compliance to add verbiage for riparian buffers that were not present previously, new sections were added for waivers and erroneous permits, and Section 401-B needs to be updated, signature block, with the ordinance # that was referenced earlier. Also, the performance guarantee was also added so they could hold people responsible for any violations. He said the fee schedule was not changed but advised them to change it because it is 10 years later. Wojciechowski said this Stormwater Management Ordinance is to bring into compliance with the new ordinance requirements, for DEP, that needs to be adopted by 2022.

Perry asked if Luzerne County needs to be notified of this. Wojciechowski said no. Atty. Logsdon

asked Wojciechowski if the City needs to have a separate public hearing. Wojciechowski said it is an ordinance, and, he believes, they would need a public hearing. Atty. Logsdon asked Wojciechowski if he could send him some amendments or comments, with the fee structure, that they need to do. Wojciechowski said sure. Atty. Logsdon asked Wojciechowski to clarify the fee structure. He asked him if this is a fee that every resident, in Hazleton, needs to pay. Wojciechowski stated the actual fee structure for the stormwater management application review and additional reviews. He said, currently, for Level 1, 2 & 3 is \$50.00, \$25.00 for the additional review for Level 4, for DIA is \$150.00 with \$75.00 for review. He said it would be appropriate, at this time, to look at the fees because it is ten years later. Atty. Logsdon stated it is for stormwater management applications and is for development. He said it is not for everyone, in the City, to pay. Wojciechowski said correct. Perry said this is for new warehouses coming into the City. Atty. Logsdon said correct. Barletta asked if this is for all new businesses. Atty. Logsdon said it is for new land developments. He said this would qualify for someone who needs stormwater management. Perry asked if these fees need to be changed. Wojciechowski said yes, it would be appropriate to change because the fees would be in place for another 10 years. Atty. Logsdon said it could be for residential project if it is disrupting a certain amount of acreage. He said it would have to be referenced in the "saldo" ordinance. Wojciechowski said it is already referenced in the "saldo" ordinance, but does not know how it is referenced, by Stormwater Management Ordinance 2011-5. He said he needs to take a look, at the wording, in the "saldo". Wojciechowski asked Atty. Logsdon if the City, readopts it, if it is automatically incorporated by reference. Atty. Logsdon stated, "more likely than not" because if the City's saldo ordinance is referencing the Stormwater Management Ordinance, then whatever Stormwater Management Ordinance is in effect, at that time, that would apply. He said it would not be the one that the City has from 1995. Wojciechowski said correct. Atty. Logsdon asked Wojciechowski if this is ready for a public hearing, and if this goes above what the state is requiring. Wojciechowski said correct. The City just needs to "visit" the fee schedule and fill in the actual ordinance numbers into the appropriate spots. Barletta asked when this ordinance needs to be passed by. Wojciechowski said by the summer of 2022. Atty. Logsdon asked any benefit of "doing it sooner, rather than later". He stated Alan Wufsus, City Engineer, suggested council "getting it done". Wojciechowski stated, "it will be done", showing DEP that the City is "on top of it", when doing their annual inspections. He said it gives DEP less reasons to fine the City. Atty. Logsdon said the City would need to establish, a fee schedule, and advertise for a public hearing. He said the public hearing would need to be done first.

Atty. Logsdon stated he will see what the City needs, to update the fees, bring it back to council, and advertise for a public hearing.

Mayor Cusat said council needs to pass on first reading, and then, schedule a hearing. He said, his thought, is to pass Ordinance 2021-20. He said, if he is wrong, change it to Ordinance 2021-21. Barletta asked when the fees get changed. Wojciechowski recommended changing the fee schedule, have city council review it, and decide if they agree, and make changes at the meeting before the public hearing or afterwards. Mayor Cusat said they received a timeline in passing the ordinance.

Atty. Logsdon said council needs to make a motion to table the ordinance. He said they will get the fee schedule "squared-away", will advertise for a public hearing, and will get on the next agenda.

Motion to Table:

Presented by Perry. Seconded by Colombo.

Roll Call (TO TABLE): Barletta-yes; Colombo-yes; Mundie-yes; Sacco-yes; Perry-yes.

ORDINANCE TABLED

(2nd READING)

NONE

RESOLUTIONS:

Resolution 2021-61

Rescinding and Replacing Resolution 2021-59
Approving Green Light Go (G.L.G.) Transportation Grant
Agreement No. GLG-2019-40301-2014 and Authorizing the
Mayor to Execute Same

Presented by Perry. Seconded by Barletta.

On the Question:

Atty. Logsdon said this was approved at the previous meeting. He said everything is the same except for a 20% non-state match that has to be distributed from Community Development block grant funds. He said the other issue was the wording. He said it should state, "authorizing the Hazleton's Community Development Director to execute the documents", and not the mayor.

Perry asked if this needs to be amended. Atty. Logsdon said yes. He said, in the last paragraph, the ordinance will state, "Hazleton's Community Development Director, Joseph Zeller III". He said he will be the signer.

Motion to Amend:

Presented by Perry. Seconded by Barletta.

Roll Call: Barletta-yes; Colombo-yes; Mundie-yes; Sacco-yes; Perry-yes.

Roll Call (AS AMENDED): Barletta-yes; Colombo-yes; Mundie-yes; Sacco-yes; Perry-yes.

RESOLUTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY AS AMENDED

Resolution 2021- 62

A Resolution Certifying Completion of the CAN DO Community Park

Phase II Construction

Presented by Sacco. Seconded by Colombo.

On the Question:

Perry said this is finishing the other side of the park. Barletta asked if this is the park on Laurel Street. Perry said yes. Perry asked if there is a dollar amount on this. Atty. Logsdon stated it is for \$200,000. He stated it is from a 2018 grant, from DCNR, to help fund Phase II.

Roll Call: Barletta-yes; Colombo-yes; Mundie-yes; Sacco-yes; Perry-yes.

RESOLUTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

Resolution 2021-63

Appointments to the Recreational Vehicle Board of Appeals

Presented by Perry. Seconded by Sacco.

On the Question:

Perry said council left three blanks because they are still trying to find people to take care of the issues, arising, with due process. He asked if they need to put all three names and vote. Atty. Logsdon said if they have three names, then, they could vote.

Sacco said the first person is Peter Bard. The second is Harry Hinkle III. Sacco asked Mr. Bob Yevak if he is interested in being on the board. Mr. Yevak said yes.

Perry stated Hernan Arias was here, several times, trying to get his ATV vehicle back. He said this would be the first appeal for the board. Atty. Logsdon said they need to coordinate a time that he could be there so the hearing could run smoothly. Perry said it could, also, be for a lien holder to try to get their vehicle back. Atty. Logsdon said it includes someone who "overstepped their bounds" of how they borrowed someone's ATV or someone coming to the board to plead "complete ignorance".

Mundie stated John Nilles was interested in being included in the board. Mayor Cusat said they should just pass it, the way it is, currently, and let it go to the next meeting. Mundie agreed.

Roll Call: Barletta-yes; Colombo-yes; Mundie-yes; Sacco-yes; Perry-yes.

RESOLUTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY

New Business: Perry said there were City resident concerns with the UGI gas terminal.

Robert Hoegg, 226 Samuels Ave., Hazleton, said it is called a district regulator station. He said he is not speaking, on behalf, of UGI, but does a lot of consulting and repair work on UGI properties. He said he built this district regulator station and designed this in 1989. He stated Mrs. Mope is concerned about this. Hoegg stated there are 12 others in the City of Hazleton and some are a lot closer to properties than this one. He said there is not much of a hazard and is designed this way. He said natural gas is approximately half the density of air and rises straight up. He said he is also a state fire instructor and specializes in natural gas and propane. Hoegg said he has been in the gas business for 43 years. Hoegg said anyone developing the land would need to come to the City's Planning and Zoning Agencies. He stated there should be a "buffer-zone" around it with about 15-20 feet of a buffer. He said there is not much danger there with low-pressure gas there. He said it is one quarter of a pound of pressure. Hoegg stated it is extremely safe with three safety devices on this station. He said there are also "flashback" preventers, in the lines, and would not go back into the lines. He said there is another one on Seybert Street, right next to the resident's porch, and is comfortable with this. He said there is also another one at Diamond Avenue and Lincoln Street, 10 feet away from an automotive garage. Hoegg said this technology has been around since the 1870's and is going away.

Jeannie Mope, 531 South Hazle Street, said Hoegg is right. She said she was told by UGI this area would need a barrier around it. She said the trees are no longer there to prevent it. She said she was also told that, periodically, it would release gas into the air. She said there is a welding company across the street. She said there is no sprinkler system in this business. Mope said Mayor Cusat stated, "who would build next to this". She said this lot should be utilized as residential.

Old Business: None.

Comments from the Audience: Dee Deakos, 43 West Mine Street, Hazleton, said she noticed, in the downtown, that a lot of trees have been hit by cars or have "died" from natural causes. She stated, also, noticed the poles to press for walk sign, at Broad and Laurel Streets, was removed. Deakos said a lot of them do not work. She said the one on Church and Broad Streets does not work. She said a lot of older residents walking downtown. She said she would like to see the crosswalks working properly and the trees restored.

Perry asked Mayor Cusat if the City takes care of the crosswalks. Mayor Cusat said he is not sure of the crosswalks, but the City needs 23 trees at \$320.00 each, a total of \$10,000 to fix downtown. He said the electrical boxes need to be "switched out" for the crosswalks. He stated the City was trying to reactivate the Shade Tree Commission when a person cuts the tree down, instead of planting it somewhere in the City, they could make a donation, to the City and plant the tree where it is needed. Barletta asked what happens when the "big, black light poles get hit". Mayor Cusat said the "big, black ones" take about 18 months to make and are custom-made. He stated the City just changed the signal company who makes them. Barletta asked if the City "goes after" the insurance company. Mayor Cusat said yes, but it takes a while to make them. He said some of the wooden poles, if they do not have PP&L wires, on them, then PP&L will not replace them. Colombo said a local funeral home offers to place trees somewhere in the City. Mayor Cusat stated they just need to be specialized trees where the roots go "all the way down". He said he spoke to the Downtown Alliance for Progress and the Chamber and determined the needs for their replacement.

Mark Rabo, 1st Street, Hazleton, spoke of the Zoning Ordinance. He said, under the zoning section of the Municipal Planning Code, Section 608 states, "before voting on the enactment, of the zoning ordinance, the governing body shall hold a public hearing, there on, pursuant to public notice, and to mail and electronic notice, to any owner of tract or parcel of land in a municipality or an owner of mineral rights in a

tract or parcel of land within the municipality who has made a timely request in accordance with Section 109. The vote of the enactment, of the governing body, shall be within 90 days after the last public hearing. Within 30 days of enactment, a copy of the zoning ordinance shall be forwarded to the county Planning Agency or in county's where no Planning Agencies exist to the governing body, of the county, where the municipality is located". Rabo asked if Section 608, of the State Planning Code, was followed before voting on this ordinance. Atty. Logsdon stated the City did not receive any requests from any tract owners. Rabo asked if any electronic notices, were sent out, or any mailed to them. Atty. Logsdon said this is what the City reviewed, and is not required in this scenario. He said this will be mailed to the County Planning Commission. Rabo stated this has nothing to do with blight. He stated it has to do with enactment. He said the Planning Code states, "before voting on the enactment of the Zoning Ordinance, the governing body shall hold a public hearing, there on, pursuant to public notice and pursuant to mail or electronic notice to any owner of a parcel or tract of land located the municipality or owner of mineral rights, in a tract, or a parcel of land". Atty. Logsdon said the City did not send an email or electronic mail to every citizen in Hazleton. Atty. Logsdon said the City had a public hearing. Perry stated the City "put it out there" for everybody to see.

Rabo spoke of the recent newspaper article regarding the Land Bank. He stated the real estate tax law amendment was passed the same time the Sunshine Law amendment was passed. He said they were both passed before the July 4th weekend. He said the State Blight Task Force was working on this because there were no notices, "going out", because there were three or four transfers of a properties conducted.

Rabo asked why the Neighborhood Associations were not created as this was suggested by Mayor Cusat when he was on city council. He said this would work great with the Blighted Property Committee and the Land Bank to establish the areas that need to be revitalized.

Jane Dougherty, Butler Township resident, said she is representing the PA Theatre of Performing Arts, about an LSA grant. She said the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Arts is requesting that the City of Hazleton apply for a LSA grant on their behalf.

SEE ATTACHED PENNSYLVANIA THEATRE OF PERFORMING ARTS LETTER.

Comments from Mayor: Mayor Cusat thanked city council for passing the Zoning Ordinance. He said it has been a long, three-year process. He stated the City could, now, finish the City's codification process.

Mayor Cusat said September 13th, 2021, is Colombo's 9/11 ceremony. On September 18, 2021, is the Electronic Recycling Event at City View Park.

Mayor Cusat stated the City has made a land purchase with the Land Bank. He said they now need to talk about making appointments. He said City administration needs to come up with two members and city council will choose two members. He said the City purchased the property at 97-99 South Church Street at the last tax sale. Mayor Cusat said once the City gets the deed, in their name, it will be for sale.

Barletta stated she was "shocked" when she read the paper today. She asked what the purchase price was. He said it was about \$1,100, the "trump-bid" method, whatever the taxes were. He stated the "back" story, with the property, was Community Development paid \$81,000 to tear it down, there was an \$81,000 lien, and with the fees, came to \$91,000. He said when the property went to tax sale, Community Development loses the \$91,000 lien. He said the Land Bank temporary board, had a meeting, and voted to purchase it. He stated, prior to this, the City was offered \$40,000 to "buy off" the lien and the sale price will be at least \$40,000 for this property. He said they paid \$1,000 for the property in hopes of recovering, at least, \$40,000. He said the owners had "up until" 10:00 a.m., the day of the

sale, to get it “out of the sale” and this is why it was kept quiet because CD would have lost everything. Barletta asked when the sale was. Mayor Cusat said August 12th, 2021. She asked what they need to do next. Mayor Cusat said they need to come up with the board members. He said the Redevelopment Authority, Housing and Community Development each have one member, city council and City administration each appoint two members. Barletta asked why he did not let council members know about the purchase. He said he had conversations with Perry and kept Perry involved in the “whole process”. He said Perry was with him at every meeting regarding this. Barletta said other council members did not know of this. Mayor Cusat said he did not want it to get out. He said it takes about 45 days for the deed to be transferred into the City’s name. Barletta asked if the money, taken out of the General Fund, will be put back. Mayor Cusat said yes. Perry said once the City “gets going, banks and people could donate properties. Mayor Cusat said the “full board” could make decisions. He said for the next city council meeting, they could get the names ready for the board. If not, the meeting after. Colombo stated they need to come up with a budget. Barletta asked if Atty. Logsdon is the solicitor for the board. Atty. Logsdon stated temporarily. Perry asked if it is up to the board. Mayor Cusat said the City cannot allow the board to fail and needs to fund it until it comes self-sufficient.

Comments from City Administrator: Perry asked Lynch about the email sent to city council members about the City’s MMO amounts. He said it is basically the same, this year, but a slight increase due to payroll.

Comments from Council: Colombo thanked all the residents for coming. He reminded all of the 9/11 ceremony on Monday, September 13th for the Hazleton City Fire Department at Holy Annunciation Church at 6:00 p.m. He said the Amish Pantry, Nescopeck, will have 3,000 flags on their property to remember. He said, “try to reunite”. He stated, “America was America”, back on that day. He said people have forgotten.

Mundie spoke of the City’s Zoning Ordinance. He said he knows the City needs changes to the zoning law. He voted no because he wanted people to be aware of all things in the ordinance.

Mundie said his friend, Ronnie Cipriano, lives next to the James Street Playground. He said he had some vandals on his property. He said it came from some people at the James Street Playground. He said this happened before 10:00 a.m. He said Cipriano stated maybe locking the playground. Mundie said he plays tennis at the Beech Street Playground and Altmiller. He stated they are beautiful courts. Mundie said a lot of kids play basketball at the playgrounds. He said Altmiller has a lot of bottles and is “messy”. He said they put a lot of extra barrels at the playground. Mundie said there were eggs at the Altmiller playground. Mundie said Cipriano called the police department, and they went to the playground.

Mundie asked Mayor Cusat if the City has an “exit plan” for “getting out” of ACT 47. Mayor Cusat said the City should be fine, and is “well on-track” on what they are asking the City to do. Mundie asked if there is a timetable. Mayor Cusat said the plan is for five years minimum. Mundie asked how long the City is in ACT 47. Mayor Cusat said three years. He said the City needs to create the capital fund and restrictive fund. He said there are a couple items, in the ACT 47 Plan, the City needs to meet. Lynch said the ACT 47 Plan discusses the “exiting” and what this entails. He stated the five years is the “standard” and then there is an additional three. Lynch said he does not anticipate going any further than five years. Mundie asked if the City took advantage of all the grants and special programs. Lynch said the ACT 47 grant the City has received and applied for another. He said any other grant, applied for, will be considered under the ACT 47 Plan. Perry said the City had the parking study and the Comprehensive Plan done. Lynch said there are a couple good things coming from the ACT 47 grant. Mayor Cusat said the City Hall computer upgrade costs about \$300,000 “and some dollars”.

Mundie said the streetlight on Noble Street and Laurel Street has been out a while. He said Vito will take care of it; he always does.

Mundie thanked Mayor Cusat for a good time at his recent wedding. Mayor Cusat said it is a great venue at City View Park. He stated he got two more requests for City View Park. He said he will be receiving two more big donations, for the park, in the next couple months, for improvements.

Perry thanked the police department for their new hires. He thanked the Hazleton Fire Department. Perry stated they came to his house to "pump out" his basement from the recent storms. He also thanked the DPW Department for all their work, especially putting up the Hometown Heroes banners. Sacco said they are full. Sacco said from Broad Street, Bottlenecks, in West Hazleton, straight to the hospital. She said West Hazleton "has theirs" and all "of ours". She said there is not one pole without one.

Perry said they have been sending pictures of some streets, from Hazleton residents, that need pothole repairs. Mayor Cusat said Carson Street is going "back out" for paving. He said 1st through 5th Streets will start getting milled next week. He said then Hilltop, Muir, Carleton and across to Franklin and Coxe Streets. Perry said they may get done by October. Mayor Cusat said, "he hopes" with the weather. He said he is waiting for the exact timeline, but this is the paperwork that was signed.

Perry reminded all not get forget 9/11.

Adjournment: Perry motioned to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.