

November 17, 2008

EMMAUS BOROUGH COUNCIL

Emmaus Borough Council
Agenda
Monday, November 17, 2008 7:00 PM

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Personal Appeals, Part I
4. Reading of Minutes

November 3, 2008
5. Decision on Bids

Bid Results for 2008 – 2009 Fuel and Oil
6. Communications
 - a. Scott Fichter, EYA President – Permission to Place Registration Sign on Triangle
 - b. Teryl Madison, Executive Director, Emmaus Main Street Program – EMSP Newsletter
 - c. Gene Clock, Board of Directors Member, Emmaus Main Street Program – Matching Funds Request for Triangle Park Cameras
7. Borough Engineer's Report
8. Solicitor's Report
 - a. Ordinance No. 1043 – An Ordinance Allowing for Installment Payment of Real Estate Taxes for Residents of the Borough of Emmaus (1st Reading 11/17/08)
 - b. Ordinance No. 1044 – An Ordinance Approving the Agreement for the Exchange and Trade of Certain Real Estate Between Raven R. Mill and Mary M. Mill and the Borough of Emmaus (2nd Reading Awaiting Raven Mill's Attorney)
9. New Business
10. Unfinished Business
11. Items Not on Agenda, Subject to Rule 6
12. Mayor's Report

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13. Committee Reports

Public Works/(Highway, Water & Sewer) (Labenberg, Neely, Waddell)

1. Committee

2. Solicitor

Health and Sanitation (Holtzhafer, Labenberg, Brown)

1. Committee

- a. Borough Energy Usage – Department Head Input Forms
- b. Recycling Needs and Costs

2. Solicitor

Parks and Recreation (Barrett, Labenberg, Holtzhafer)

1. Committee

- a. Raven Mill Property Swap
- b. Skate Park
- c. Park Comp Plan
- d. No Smoking at Parks
- e. Parks & Rec. Commission Member needs to be appointed on the Arts Commission
- f. **Dog Park**
- g. Sandbox at Community Park
- h. **Ice Rink**

2. Solicitor

Public Safety (Gilbert, Barrett, Brown)

1. Committee

- a. Request for Permit Parking – 600 Block of Pine Street (90-Day Trial Period Expires 11/18/08)
- b. Trailer Truck Parking
- c. Parking at Fairview/6th Streets (Santo's)
- d. Public Safety Issues Raised by Lori Washburn, 420 Broad St.

2. Solicitor

General Administration (Neely, Gilbert, Barrett)

1. Committee

2. Solicitor

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Budget and Finance (Waddell, Gilbert, Holtzhafer)

1. Committee
 - a. **Bill List (Resolution – 31)**
 - b. **Matching Funds – Shops of Emmaus & Main Street Program**
 - c. **Borough Installment Plan**
 - d. **2009 Budget Status**
 - e. **Lehigh County Green Future Fund**
2. Solicitor

Community Relations/Development (Brown, Waddell, Neely)

1. Committee
 - a. Southside Industrial Master Plan
 - b. Triangle Park Construction
 - c. 2009 Anniversary Celebration – Reserving Pavilions for August 15, 2009
 - d. Public Parking Project – “Jubilee Parking Lot”
2. Solicitor

Ad Hoc Committees (Holtzhafer, Gilbert, Barrett, Vasoli, Mayor Iobst)

Community/School Relations

14. Personal Appeals, Part II
15. Borough Manager’s Report
 - a. Significant Revenue and Expense Items for First Half of November 2008
16. President’s Business
17. Adjournment

Next Resolution #32
Next Ordinance #1047

The Emmaus Borough Council met in regular session on November 17, 2008 in Borough Council Chambers, 28 S. 4th Street, Emmaus, PA 18049.

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Waddell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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Michael Waddell, President	Present
Craig Neely, Vice-President	Present
Brent Labenberg	Present
Lee Ann Gilbert	Present
Wesley Barrett	Present
Nathan Brown	Present
Brian Holtzhafer	Present
Winfield Iobst, Mayor	Present
Frank Procyk, Solicitor	Present
Mark Vasoli, Interim Borough Manager	Present

PERSONAL APPEALS, PART I

- A. James Baker 45 S. 4th St.** invited everyone to attend the Old Fashioned Christmas. This year there will be two nights for the Historic Candle Light Tour. There will be a new Christmas Hat contest this year as well as the customary contests. The traditional tree lighting will be held on Saturday, December 6th at 6 p.m.
- B. Kathleen Haney 18 N. 4th St.** read a letter clarifying what the Shops of Emmaus is about. She introduced the Board Members. Their goal is to create a strong, vibrant shopping and business environment in Emmaus and to promote the success of all retail and service business members. There is a \$50 membership fee for administrative costs only; not advertising. Ms. Haney stated that their purpose is not to replace the Main Street Program, but to fill a void and make Emmaus a destination spot. The Shops of Emmaus will have 3 events in 2009.
- C. Bill Stanley 401 & 403 Chestnut St.,** business owner, reiterated Ms. Haney's appeal and offered to meet with Council with any concerns.
- D. Nancy O'Keefe 447 Chestnut St.** supports the Shops of Emmaus. She moved her business from Allentown to Emmaus. While in Allentown, patrons complained that there were no other stores and Ms. O'Keefe said the Shops of Emmaus is a merchant directed organization with energy and vitality that is there for the town.
- E. Gene Clock, Main Street Program,** reported that the vacant space at 3rd and Chestnut will be filled by the Emmaus General Store. He said that the Main Street Program is working diligently to fill empty spaces in town.
- F. Donna Wood 6 S. 4th St.,** business owner, said the Shops of Emmaus was started by pooling everyone's money for advertising. She said the Shops of Emmaus and the Main Street Program can work together. Ms. Wood said the grant request from the Shops of Emmaus is \$9,000 worth of advertising to bring people into Emmaus.

READING OF MINUTES

Motion by Council Member Neely, seconded by Council Member Barrett to dispense with the formal reading of the November 3, 2008 minutes. There were 7 ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Council Member Brown, seconded by Council Member Labenberg to adopt the November 3, 2008 minutes as drafted. There were 7 ayes. Motion carried.

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DECISION ON BIDS

Bids were received for the 2008-2009 Fuel and Oil Bids from Farm and Home Oil and Harned Durham Oil. Prices are subject to escalation/de-escalation costs based upon market price fluctuations. Since oil prices seem to be going down daily, Council Member Labenberg asked if the Borough could reject all bids and re-bid it. Solicitor Procyk does not feel that can legally be done. President Waddell confirmed with Borough Manager Vasoli that if Council accepts the bid and the oil prices go down, the Borough's price also goes down. Council Members Holtzhafer and Barrett would like to know the contract dates.

Motion by Council Member Labenberg, seconded by Council Member Barrett to accept the bid from Inergy Propane, LLC, DBA Farm and Home for the 2008-2009 Fuel and Oil Bids at \$2.524/gal for heating oil, \$3.1985/gal for kerosene, \$2.09/gal for unleaded, and \$2.595/gal for diesel fuel.

Borough Manager Vasoli said the bid prices are subject to escalation/de-escalation costs based upon market price fluctuations throughout the contract. Council Member Labenberg wishes it could go out for bid again because of the oil prices coming down.

There were 7 ayes. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Scott Fichter, EYA President – Permission to place registration sign on Triangle

Motion by Council Member Labenberg, seconded by Council Member Barrett to allow EYA to place a registration sign on the Triangle. There were 7 ayes. Motion carried.

- b. Teryl Madison, Executive Director, Emmaus Main Street Program – EMSP Newsletter
- c. Gene Clock, Board of Directors Member, Emmaus Main Street Program – Matching funds request for Triangle Park cameras. Discussed under Budget and Finance.

BOROUGH ENGINEER'S REPORT – None

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Procyk presented Ordinance No. 1043 for the 1st Reading.

Motion by Council Member Brown, seconded by Council Member Barrett to read Ordinance No. 1043 in short title. There were 7 ayes. Motion carried.

President Waddell read Ordinance No. 1043 in short title: An Ordinance Allowing for Installment Payment of Real Estate Taxes for Residents of the Borough of Emmaus

Motion by Council Member Brown, seconded by Council Member Gilbert to adopt Ordinance No. 1043 on its 1st Reading.

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Council Member Labenberg thanked his brother for this idea. Council Member Brown thinks installment payments are a great option.

Roll Call Vote: Labenberg aye, Holtzhafer aye, Barrett aye, Brown aye, Neely aye, Gilbert aye, Waddell aye. Motion carried.

Progress

NEW BUSINESS – None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. 90-Day Trial – Resident Permit Parking, 600 block of Pine Street (Expires 11/18/08)

Motion by Council Member Gilbert, seconded by Council Member Barrett to extend the trial period for Resident Permit Parking in the 600 block of Pine Street for 45 days and direct the Solicitor to draft an ordinance.

President Waddell confirmed the area. Council Member Labenberg confirmed with Ms. Gilbert that there were no opinions voiced during the trial period. Council Member Neely agreed that parking did become a problem in that area last year.

There were 7 ayes. Motion carried.

ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA, subject to Rule 6 – None

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Iobst read Proclamation 2008-229 proclaiming Main Street, between Short Street and 316 Main Street, closed to vehicular traffic on Saturday, November 22, 2008 between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. for the Bikers' Toys for Tots.

Progress

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a. Public Works Committee – Progress
- b. Health and Sanitation Committee

The November 20th Board of Health meeting will be cancelled.

Progress

- c. Parks and Recreation Committee

The Committee met on November 4th and discussed the ice rink. Mr. Clapper sketched and projected that a permanent rink would cost \$75,000-\$85,000. The Committee discussed

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the rink in length and Council Member Barrett will meet with Leslie Heffron of the Arts Commission for her ideas.

The Committee discussed the idea of a dog park. According to multiple publications regarding dog parks, the first step is to organize a dog owner group, who would help the Parks and Recreation Committee with the plans.

Council Member Barrett met with the Historical Alliance, who is interested in creating a trail that would connect all of the historical properties in Emmaus. This item will stay on the agenda.

Progress

d. Public Safety Committee

The next meeting is December 11th at 9 a.m.

Progress

e. General Administration Committee

The Committee did not meet due to Veterans Day, but will discuss at the next meeting the development of policies concerning open records and the Right to Know Act.

Council Member Gilbert reported that 51 resumes were received for the Borough Manager position. The General Administration Committee will review these on November 20th at 1 p.m.

Progress

f. Budget and Finance Committee

Motion by Council Member Gilbert, seconded by Council Member Holtzhafer to adopt the November 17, 2008 Bill List.

Bill List	\$ 554,722.26
Payroll #23	\$ 94,558.21
Payroll Taxes	\$ 30,805.12
Total	\$ 680,085.59

Done this 17th day of November 2008. There were 7 ayes. Motion carried.

The Committee received a Matching Funds Request from the Main Street Program in the amount of \$2,000 for Triangle Cameras. The Committee recommends approving the request.

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Motion by Council Member Brown, seconded by Council Member Barrett to award \$2,000 from the Matching Funds line item to the Emmaus Main Street Program for Triangle Cameras.

Council Member Brown said that previously the Main Street Program attended a Community Relations and Development Committee meeting to explain about the Triangle cameras. At that time, the CRD Committee decided to come back to Council at a later date to iron out the details. Mr. Brown feels this will benefit the Community with 24/7 advertisement as well as security for the downtown. He feels that \$2,000 for cameras in Emmaus is a good investment. Council Member Neely said that the Matching Grant line item was started in 2001, but has not generated much attention to organizations until the last couple years. Mr. Neely feels that Council needs to look at the governmental purpose that's served by spending the taxpayer's money. On the grant request, it states that the funds will help to offset some of the equipment cost. Mr. Neely said that the cost of the equipment is a cost born by PenTele Data, who is giving in-kind services. He doesn't feel that the intent of the Matching Funds program is to recognize the in-kind contribution of PenTele Data and then offset the cost with \$2,000. The financial benefit is being conferred upon PenTele Data and not on the Main Street Program. Mr. Neely will be voting against this because he does not feel it is an appropriate use of taxpayer money to reduce the cost of a for-profit business. Council Member Labenberg will be voting against Matching Fund Grant requests because he feels Council should freeze the funds, knowing there's a possibility of a tax increase next year. Regarding the cameras being used for security purposes, Mr. Neely said standard operating procedures would need to be adopted for the police to be able to use them for monitoring. Council Member Barrett confirmed with Solicitor Procyk that there should be not a problem with placing the cameras if they are not used for search and seizure and that nothing would need to be posted. Gene Clock said the sole purpose for the cameras was to drive the population to the Main Street Program web site. Council Member Brown confirmed with President Waddell that any money left over in an account at the end of the year rolls over into the General Fund for the next year. The Committee recommends that the Matching Funds line item for 2009 be reduced by \$5,000 and only budget \$10,000. Council Member Barrett confirmed with Mr. Clock that there will be a short advertisement for PenTele Data on the site. Mr. Barrett confirmed with Mr. Clock that PenTele Data suggested requesting \$2,000 for the grant. President Waddell confirmed with Mr. Clock that this project will help promote businesses with merchant advertising on the site. Mr. Clock said that only municipalities can make a request to PPL for the placement of the cameras. PPL has a standard \$10.91 annual charge for each camera on their pole, plus the power usage, which will be billed to the Borough. Council Member Gilbert does not see this request as a matching grant, but the Borough giving PenTele Data \$2,000. She is voting against this because she does not believe this is the purpose for the Matching Grant line item. Mr. Clock said regardless of the grant money, the Main Street Program would like to still do this project. President Waddell said that after reviewing the guidelines for the Matching Funds, Council purposely left items open ended so Council can look at each request and determine if it is the right thing for the community. He feels that this is a benefit to the community and if only \$2,000 is paid for a \$20,000 project that is a good investment. After discussion, Mr. Brown stated that he is torn on his decision and if the taxpayers would want their money used towards this. Mr. Barrett said the idea is great, but the project may happen regardless of the Matching Funds. He suggested not granting the request and save \$2,000 of taxpayers money. Mr. Labenberg said that the Main Street Program does wonderful things and that this project is a great idea, but feels it should be done without taxpayer's money.

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There was 1 aye (Waddell), 6 opposed. Motion denied.

Motion by Council Member Brown to award \$1,000 from the Matching Funds line item to the Emmaus Main Street Program for Triangle Cameras. Motion died from a lack of a seconded motion.

Mr. Clock asked if the Borough would file the application to PPL and assume the annual charge per camera and the power usage expense. Council Member Barrett confirmed that would total \$33 a year, plus power usage.

Motion by Council Member Brown, seconded by Council Member Labenberg to pay out of the Main Street Program line item the annual charge of \$33 for the cameras on the Triangle.

Council Member Labenberg confirmed with Mr. Clock that PenTele Data is doing the installation and that the cameras' power source would be tied into the light; not plugged into an outlet on the pole. Borough Manager Vasoli confirmed that the Borough would also pay the electricity. Council Member Barrett does not think that the Borough can determine the Main Street Program's budget. Council Member Neely will be voting against this because PenTele Data has not committed to doing the project with these conditions. Also, he feels that the \$33 should not come out of the \$10,000 Main Street Program line item, but give them a budget amount and the Borough pay the \$33.

There were 3 ayes, 4 opposed (Neely, Gilbert, Holtzhafer, and Barrett). Motion denied.

Motion by Council Member Labenberg, seconded by Council Member Brown to table the Main Street Program's fund request for cameras on the Triangle. There were 7 ayes. Motion carried.

Council Member Barrett requested to find out more information on how the Main Street Program would like to use their advertising. This topic will remain with the Budget and Finance Committee.

The Committee received a Matching Funds request from the Shops of Emmaus in the amount of \$3,000 for their Toast the Holidays event. The Committee recommends funding the \$3,000 request.

Motion by Council Member Brown to award \$1,500 to the Shops of Emmaus from the Matching Grant line item. Motion died from the lack of a seconded motion.

Council Member Neely said that Council needs to look at if taxpayer's money should be used to directly support private businesses. He said that the Main Street Program has a valid 501(c)(3) charitable organization by helping the businesses and preserving the heritage and history of the town. Kathy Haney previously stated that the Shops of Emmaus was advised that a 501(c)(3) was not needed unless they were looking for grant money. When reviewing the Matching Funds Guidelines, Council decided not to make a requirement for holding a 501(c)(3) to request matching funds because they didn't want to exclude requests

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from individuals like a boy scout. Mr. Neely does not feel it is the taxpayers' responsibility to fund businesses to promote business. He stated that the things the Shops of Emmaus are doing are great, but he doesn't think they should expect taxpayers to underwrite their advertising costs. Council Member Labenberg agreed businesses should support themselves and not with taxpayers' money. He wished them well on a membership drive. Also, Mr. Labenberg does not feel that the Borough should support the Main Street Program; they were supposed to be self sufficient after three years and that did not happen. Council Member Barrett said if the Borough could assist in a minimal way, the benefit would be having a strong downtown and a better community. But, he also questions if tax money should benefit businesses. Mr. Barrett worked with the Shops of Emmaus and said there was a lot of enthusiasm. Mr. Barrett will abstain from the vote because his business was involved with the project that they're requesting money for. Council Member Brown feels a compromised amount is appropriate for the great events the Shops of Emmaus hold. President Waddell is torn on his decision. He feels the request was too high. Mr. Labenberg suggested supporting the Shops of Emmaus with Borough services instead of money. Mr. Neely agreed with Mr. Labenberg, but feels that a compromised amount can become dangerous between government and the public sector. President Waddell said that Council needs to decide if the Matching Funds Guidelines need to be more specific so that organizations don't put time and effort into applying for funds if there is no possibility of getting it.

Motion by Council Member Labenberg, seconded by Council Member Neely to deny the Matching Funds request from the Shops of Emmaus.

Council Member Brown said he normally does not compromise, but in this instance he feels that the Shops of Emmaus should be awarded money from the Matching Funds.

There were 3 ayes (Labenberg, Neely, Gilbert), 3 opposed, 1 abstained (Barrett). Mayor Iobst voted opposed. Motion denied.

Motion by Council Member Brown, seconded by Council Member Holtzhafer to award \$1500 to the Shops of Emmaus from the Matching Funds line item. There were 3 ayes, 3 opposed (Labenberg, Neely, Gilbert), 1 abstained (Barrett). Mayor Iobst voted aye. Motion carried.

Borough Manager Vasoli presented Lehigh County's Green Future Fund, which is to help fund the Triangle Park Project. There will be State funds used to help match the remaining project costs; no Borough funds will be used.

Motion by Council Member Gilbert, seconded by Council Member Brown to direct the Borough Manager to move forward with the Lehigh County Green Future Fund Grant.

Council Member Labenberg confirmed with Borough Manager Vasoli that the allocated amount to the Borough is \$553,000 and \$284,625 will be used for the Triangle Park Project. Mr. Vasoli added that if the Borough does not need the full County amount, the remainder goes back to the allocation. There is a 15 year time limit to use the funds, unless used up in 2009, the Borough has the full allocation.

There were 7 ayes. Motion carried.

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President Waddell reported that the Budget and Finance Committee has met several times and that 2009 is a difficult budget. In 2008, there was \$225,000 budgeted for Real Estate Transfer Tax and only \$157,000 was received. There was an extra payroll in 2008 that was not budgeted for; approximately \$130,000. The 2009 budget has a significant increase in police wages and health insurance; approximately \$100,000. In 2008, there was \$285,000 budgeted for Local Services Tax and so far only \$161,817 was received. In 2008, there was \$75,000 budgeted from insurance dividends and only \$5,000 was received. There will be a 14.4% increase in health care costs for 2009; approximately \$150,000 increase. Dr. Waddell said the Borough's budget is behind about \$700,000. The Budget and Finance Committee is trying to remediate the budget and will have a proposal to Council in their next packet. President Waddell thanked Borough Manager Vasoli for his help in this matter. Council Member Labenberg asked what the Borough is cutting back on. Dr. Waddell said Departments were asked to cut back on overtime, projects and anything else possible. Mr. Labenberg remembered that Council was told that the additional full time officer's wages would not be an increase; it was going to be an offset from not having the additional part time wages. Council Member Gilbert stated there was one replacement officer hired and that in 2007 one additional officer was put in the 2008 budget. She's not sure why the budget is over \$100,000 in 2009 because there was \$30,000 taken from the part time wages and \$25,000 was taken from the overtime budget for that additional full time officer. Council Member Neely is upset that the additional payroll was not foreseen and feels that the Local Service Tax was projected too high. Mr. Neely is offended by the numbers discussed for a tax increase and a water and sewer increase. He feels Council should consider laying off one police officer and one public works employee. Council Member Brown reminded that East Penn School District also raised taxes and he feels that the Borough doesn't need to do that. President Waddell urged Council to thoroughly review their next Council packet for discussion on December 1st.

Progress

g. Community Relations/Development Committee

There was a Southside Industrial Master Plan meeting on November 14th. Stakeholders were in attendance. Derck and Edson led a productive discussion, while showing an aerial view of the downtown with Downtown Master Plan format and the proposed Southside Industrial Master Plan. Derck and Edson will return in January with a final draft of the Southside Master Plan.

Regarding the Triangle Park Project, Council Member Brown said the Committee will discuss the ornamental fountain at the next meeting. The Public Works Director marked the Triangle to show where walkways and planters will be placed. Mr. Brown feels there is too much hardscape and more grassy areas are needed.

Motion by Council Member Brown, seconded by Council Member Labenberg to amend the Triangle Park Phase II Plan to include more grassy areas.

Council Member Labenberg supports the amendment because it will reduce construction costs and increase the green area. Council Member Holtzhafer would like to have a chance to see the area before taking a vote. President Waddell suggested saving this topic until all Council Members can view the area.

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Motion by Council Member Neely, seconded by Council Member Holtzhafer to table an amended Triangle Park Phase II Plan. There were 7 ayes. Motion carried.

Regarding the 2009 Anniversary Celebration, President Waddell said there are many things planned, but the big weekend is August 14, 2009. A parade will be held on August 15th. The Anniversary Committee would like to reserve all but two pavilions at Community Park; two have already been rented.

Motion by Council Member Labenberg, seconded by Council Member Holtzhafer to let the 2009 Anniversary Committee have the discretion on how the pavilions are used at Community Park on August 15, 2009.

Council Member Labenberg confirmed with President Waddell that the motion is not for a waiver on the rental fees. Dr. Waddell said the Committee would like the pavilions to be used primarily for class reunions, the Brothers of the Brush, the Centennial Bells, or a children's pavilion. Council Member Barrett confirmed that this motion does not supersede the two pavilions already rented.

There were 7 ayes. Motion carried.

The next scheduled meeting is November 19th at 10 a.m.

Progress

h. Ad Hoc Committees

Community School Relations

A meeting will be scheduled the second week in December.

Progress

PERSONAL APPEALS, PART II

- A. **Michael Hoffman 221 S. 2nd St.** said that installing cameras on the Triangle without archiving ability would be a more reasonable idea and avoid problems. A strong policy would need to be set before archiving footage. Regarding possible layoffs, Mr. Hoffman does not feel it's a good idea when government cuts back on employment. He suggested cutting back employee hours on a rotating basis or Borough Council Members forfeiting their stipend.
- B. **James Baker 45 S. 4th St.** announced that the Main Street Program is bringing back the Faschnacht Forsythia Festival. Mr. Baker serves on Upper Milford Township's Pension Committee. He stated that results of what's happening in the stock market at this time will not be seen until next year. Upper Milford is budgeting prepayments in the 2009 budget because what they know what is ahead.
- C. **Anthony Groller 1302 S. 10th St.** thanked Councilman Neely for his respect to the taxpayers. He reminded Council that they gave 5-6 employees an 8% wage increase; Councilman Neely said there were only 2 employees. Mr. Groller is not in favor of the

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Borough giving organizations money. He said that Rodale is laying off 10% of their employees, which will also have an impact on the Borough. Mr. Groller agreed with Mr. Neely's suggestion for layoffs.

- D. Nancy O'Keefe 447 Chestnut St.** stated that she does not associate her business with the Shops of Emmaus so that she can come to Council for support. She said that Allentown is an example of what happens when a city backs away from its merchants. Ms. O'Keefe said the Shops of Emmaus would like to fill the vacant buildings. She said the grant that the Shops of Emmaus request was not to benefit the business, but the town. Council Member Neely reminded Ms. O'Keefe that the mission statement for the Shops of Emmaus stated its goal was to support the members of the Shops of Emmaus. Ms. O'Keefe said that should be reworded. Mr. Neely stated that his perception would change if the Shops of Emmaus were subject to the Main Street Program because then its mission is consistent with the Main Street Program. Ms. O'Keefe said this needs to be looked into further, but she does not feel that business and government can divorce themselves from each other.
- E. Chris DeFrain 181 Harrison St.** agrees that the Borough needs to take a look at spending. Mr. DeFrain attended a financial seminar where it was suggested to buckle down, save cash, build cash and wait 12-18 months until the economy is better. He does not envy anyone on Council because he foresees a lot of layoffs throughout the Borough and a significant decrease of Real Estate and Local Tax revenues.
- F. Kathy Haney 18 N. 4th St.** thanked Council for their support of the Shops of Emmaus.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT – Progress

PRESIDENT'S BUSINESS – Progress

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Council Member Labenberg, seconded by Council Member Brown to adjourn. There were 7 ayes. Motion carried.

The meeting of the Emmaus Borough Council adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Mark Vasoli
Interim Borough Manager

Transcribed by: Renea Flexer
Administrative Assistant
November 24, 2008