BOROUGH OF WEST READING – BOROUGH COUNCIL

MAY 15, 2006 - 7:00 P.M.

West Reading Borough Council held its regular monthly meeting at Borough Hall on the above date. Council President Stephanie J. Murray called the meeting to order with the following persons present: Council Members Kevin M. Conrad, Michael H. Doyle, Shane J. Keller, Nathalie R. Kulesa, and Michael W. Morrill; Mayor Kevin S. Barnhardt, Borough Manager George I. Tindall, Solicitor Socrates J. Georgeadis, Police Chief Edward C. Fabriziani, Fire Chief Mark D. Burkholder, Code Compliance Officer Jason S. Ganster, Borough Foreman James A. Beane, and Administrative Assistant Rosalie A. Loeper.

<u>VISITORS</u>: Cathy Hoffman - Borough Staff Jerry Johnson - Berks Economic Partnership, 19 North Sixth St. Reading, PA
Stan Goerner - 114 Tulpehocken Ave Becca Keller - 395 Oak Terrace Mike Vind - Financial S+Lutions LLC Rev. Caesar Caceres - Lighthouse Christian Center Sheila Scott - 322 Chestnut St Elizabeth Heckler - 460 Chestnut St Kelly Lonaberger & Don Haines - 133 Franklin St Karen Livingood - 211 Sycamore Rd Michael Kautter - K&K Architects Sam Loth - Main Street Executive Director

<u>PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION</u>: Reverend Caesar Caceres of Lighthouse Christian Center gave the invocation, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

<u>Don Haines - 133 Franklin St</u> - Mr. Haines stated that he would like to volunteer for the 4^{th} of July activities.

<u>COUNCIL MINUTES</u>: On motion duly made by Council Member Kevin M. Conrad, seconded by Council Member Shane J. Keller and passed, Council approved the Regular meeting minutes of March 21 and April 18, 2006. The minutes of the Special Council meeting held May 4, 2006 will be approved in June.

JERRY JOHNSON - INITIATIVE FOR A COMPREHENSIVE GREATER READING (ICGR)

Mr. Johnson, a member of the Initiative for a Comprehensive Greater Reading, spoke about this endeavor. Mr. Johnson explained the seven specialty districts that have been established, which run from VIVA in Wyomissing to the Sovereign Center in the City of Reading, which is approximately 3.3 miles long. At this point in time, these districts are in the formative stages. Mr. Johnson also discussed the possibility of eventually having a streetcar running from one end of the corridor to the other. The capital costs of a streetcar is substantial compared to bus traffic. The ICGR would like to create a Joint Municipal Authority and said that he would ask Council to join the Joint Municipal Authority after they have had time to consider the matter.

Mr. Johnson stated that the parking lot in the 500 block of Penn Avenue offers a unique opportunity to be able to do with it as we wish. The other site in the Borough is in the area of R. M. Palmer Candy Company. It can be an access to the river by recasting it into something totally different. Mr. Johnson noted that the cloverleaf is non-compliant with current federal standards.

There is a set of interlocking issues here that emerge out of the preliminary economic analysis. The three issues are (1) parking issues (2) management issues, and (3) transportation issues. Mr. Johnson believes the parking issue can be managed on both sides of the river by creative transportation via the streetcar. Management issues can be handled by creating an authority such as the Joint Municipal Authority (city and boroughs). For this corridor to be successful, it has to meet market demands. Every urban area that tries to make itself into an auto friendly mall has failed. The idea is to make this region a slice of a large metropolitan area without having all the hassle involved.

ORDINANCE NO. 935 - SWAP ORDINANCE - Michael Vind of Financial S&Lutions LLC gave some history regarding the Borough's current financial situation. The Borough has previously entered into a basis swap agreement with Wachovia Bank as the counterparty. Under the terms of the basis swap, the Borough and the counterparty exchange interest rate payments based upon short-term tax exempt index (BMA) and a fixed percentage of a short-term taxable index (Libor). Mr. Vind stated that current market conditions have created a unique opportunity for the Borough to potentially derive additional value from the existing basis swap agreement. Because of the flat yield curve, the Borough can essentially exchange the short-term taxable index to an intermediate term index. The resulting net obligations of the Borough may result in additional income for the Borough through the remainder of the interest rate swap agreement, which can be amended. This can result in realizing approximately \$58 thousand of additional income in each of the next 13 fiscal years, and a total of approximately \$1.21 million over the life of the outstanding swap agreement. By entering into the Basis Swap Amendment the Borough is assuming the risk that market conditions fluctuate and may be in a net pay position throughout the basis swap agreement, further, by entering into the Basis Swap amendment the Borough is assuming certain risks such as, but not limited to tax risk, interest rate risk, basis risk, mark-to-market risk and yield curve risk. On motion duly made by Council Member Michael H. Doyle, seconded by Council Member Nathalie R. Kulesa and passed, Council adopted Ordinance No. 935 - Swap Ordinance. Mr. Vind noted that in the future, the Borough might actually get paid to terminate this agreement.

<u>BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT</u>: On motion duly made by Council Member Kevin M. Conrad, seconded by Council Member Michael H. Doyle and passed, Council accepted the Borough Manager's Report. The following items were discussed:

- a. <u>Summer Seasonal Employee</u> Borough Manager George I. Tindall informed Council that he had placed two advertisements in the local newspaper for summer seasonal employees. The Borough budgeted \$4,000 for this season. Nine applications were received and five applicants were interviewed. Mr. Tindall recommended the hiring of Austin Clark to fill the position as Seasonal Maintenance Worker at \$7.50 per hour, which is approximately \$3,600 to \$3,900 for the season, which is within budget. On motion duly made by Council Member Michael H. Doyle, seconded by Council Member Nathalie R. Kulesa and passed, Council hired Austin Clark at \$7.50 per hour.
- b. <u>Cathy Hoffman</u> Mr. Tindall introduced Cathy Hoffman, a newly hired employee in the administration office.
- c. <u>Resignation of Robert M. McClennan</u> Mr. Tindall presented a letter of resignation from Robert M. McClennan from the Borough Planning Commission effective June 8. On motion duly made by Council Member Michael H. Doyle, seconded by Council Member Nathalie R. Kulesa and passed with regret, Council accepted the resignation. Mr. Tindall asked Council Members to fill the position as soon as possible. The Commission will also have to re-organize after the appointment is made.
- <u>Resolution No. 2006-5</u> Chief Administrative Officer This resolution appoints the person in the position of Borough Manager-Secretary as the Chief Administrative Officer of the Police Pension Plan and the Non-Uniformed Pension Plan. On motion duly made by Council Member Michael W. Morrill, seconded by Council Member Kevin M. Conrad and passed, Council adopted Resolution No. 2006-5, as outlined above.
- e. <u>Resolution No. 2006- 6</u> Metropolitan Edison Company Upgrade 175-watt, mercury vapor, cobrahead streetlight to a 100-watt, high-pressure sodium vapor, cobrahead luminaire. Move pole from in front of 322 Spruce Street to across the street. On motion duly made by Council Member Shane J. Keller, seconded by Council Member Kevin M. Conrad and passed, Council adopted Resolution No. 2006-6, as outlined above.
- <u>West Reading Civil Service Commission</u> Mr. Tindall received e-mail from Kelly R.Ganster who wishes to resign from the West Reading Civil Service Commission effective Tuesday, May 9, 2006. On motion duly made by Council Member Michael W. Morrill, seconded by Council Member Kevin M. Conrad and passed, Council accepted the resignation of Kelly R. Ganster from the West Reading Civil Service Commission effective 5/9/06. Currently, this is a very active Commission and the position should be filled as soon as

possible.

- g. <u>Main Street Phase 4 and Phase 5</u> Phase 4 consists of new lighting and signage at the railroad bridge. Phase 5 consists of curb and sidewalk specifications. If the Borough wants to continue this ambitious and much needed upgrade to our Borough, we need to find approximately \$30,000 for engineering (soft costs) within our budget. The following funds were found:
 - 1. An 8% increase over budget estimate for EIT. This amounts to approximately a \$21,000 increase.
 - 2. Approximately \$5,800 savings in salary and benefits from the time Terri Ness left and Cathy Hoffman was hired.
 - 3. \$11,000 savings for Workman's Compensation.
 - 4. Codes Department is \$71,000 over budget for building permits, due to Reading Hospital renovations.

Main Street Executive Director Sam Loth explained that in response to the Transportation Enhancement Application written in 2003 and the Hometown Streets Application written in 2004, the Borough was awarded reimbursement grants in the amount of \$120,750 and \$335,000 respectively. He reminded Council that it passed resolutions stating that, should the funding be awarded, the local match would be 10%. Solicitor Socrates J. Georgeadis explained that the Federal government changed its policy in January 2006 and the change requires the Borough to have the projects bid by June 30, 2006. The projects involve two areas of construction: (1) Phase 4 railroad bridge lighting and (2) Phase 5 sidewalk and curb construction on north and south Fifth Avenue. Great Valley Consultants is able to prepare the curb and sidewalk specifications (for Phase 5) but do not have enough time to hire a subcontractor to do the electrical specifications (for Phase 4). Following discussion, on motion duly made by Council Member Kevin M. Conrad, seconded by Council Member Shane J. Keller and passed, Council approved to allocate a maximum of up to \$30,000 from the General Fund to Main Street - Phases 4 and 5.

- h. <u>Center for Community Leadership</u> Mr. Tindall invited Council Members to attend a meeting sponsored by The Center for Community Leadership and The Berks Economic Partnership to discuss Major Highway and Rail Planning Issues to include 222 North and Schuylkill Valley Metro. The dinner meeting is scheduled for May 31, 2006 at 5 p.m. at the Inn at Reading.
- i. <u>Thank You</u> Mr. Tindall thanked everyone for stepping in during his absence for major surgery. Mr. Morrill stated he very much appreciates the work that Mr. Tindall does.

<u>CODE COMPLIANCE OFFICER'S REPORT</u>: On motion duly made by Council Member Kevin M. Conrad, seconded by Council Member Michael H. Doyle and passed, Council accepted the Code Compliance Officer's Report. The following items were discussed:

<u>Hospital Permit</u> - Code Compliance Officer Jason S. Ganster stated that The Hospital pulled a permit for some changes they are doing this year and will soon pull a second permit for additional changes.

<u>Excavations on Tulpehocken Ave</u> - Mr. Ganster informed everyone that excavations have begun on Tulpehocken Avenue at the site of the future townhouses.

<u>Garden Party</u> - Mr. Ganster explained that he had received sign applications for the upcoming Garden Party on June 6 and 7 and asked if other Borough personnel were contacted. It is noted that other departments had not been contacted.

<u>ENGINEER'S REPORT</u>: On motion duly made by Council Member Kevin M. Conrad, seconded by Council Member Nathalie R. Kulesa and passed, Council accepted the Engineer's Report. The following item was discussed:

<u>Roof Replacement at Pool House</u> - Darryl Jenkins of Great Valley Consultants noted that six bidders had obtained specifications. Three bids were received on May 10, 2006. Base Bid A takes care of work necessary to bring the roof up to normal standards and Base Bid B is for replacement of the siding on the gable end and for the replacement of the dormers. Following are the names of the bidders and their quotations:

Name of Bidder	Base Bid A	Base Bid B	Total Amount of Bid
Diversified Construction Rainbow Roofing Co.	\$24,150 \$24,955	\$4,800 \$3,500	\$28,950 -lowest Bid A \$28,455 -lowest overall
Bachman's Roofing	\$30,154	\$6,575	\$36,729

Mr. Jenkins reported that \$35,000 was budgeted for this project, which includes the engineering fees. Solicitor Socrates J. Georgeadis explained that the Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage Act requires public bodies to require prevailing wages used in bids for any project having an estimated cost of more than \$25,000. In this case, back in March 2006 Great Valley Consultants estimated the cost of this entire project to be \$22,800. The actual bids combined came in at more than \$25,000. The Solicitor gave Council the following choices: (1) reject all bids and rebid, (2) award bid to Rainbow Roofing and have both projects done at a cost of \$28,455, or (3) award only Base Bid A to Diversified Construction for \$24,150 and do the siding at a later time. Based on figures in the 2006 Means Cost Estimating Book, the entire project estimate came to \$22,800. Motion was duly made by Council Member Michael W. Morrill to reject the bids and rebid under prevailing wage. No second, the motion died. On motion duly made by Council Member Michael H. Doyle, seconded by Council Member Kevin M. Conrad and passed 5-1, with Mr. Morrill voting no to award the bid to Rainbow Roofing Company for \$28,455. The work will begin after Labor Day. Great Valley will proceed with the contract documents with Rainbow Roofing Company, who will make sure 30-year shingles, are placed on the roof.

<u>SOLICITOR'S REPORT</u>: On motion duly made by Council Member Shane J. Keller, seconded by Council Member Kevin M. Conrad and passed, Council approved the Solicitor's Report. The following items were discussed:

- a. Ordinance No. 933 An ordinance that establishes a quorum of five (5) members on the Recreation Commission. On motion duly made by Council Member Nathalie R. Kulesa, seconded by Council Member Michael H. Doyle and passed, Council adopted Ordinance No. 933, which establishes a quorum of five members on the Recreation Commission.
- b. Ordinance No. 934 An ordinance to enter into an intergovernmental agreement to establish the Berks County Uniform Construction Code Board of Appeals in Cooperation with the County of Berks. On motion duly made by Council Member Kevin M. Conrad, seconded by Council Member Shane J. Keller and passed, Council adopted Ordinance No. 934, which enters into agreement with the County of Berks to establish a Berks County Uniform Construction Code Board of Appeals.
- c. Ordinance No. 936 Solicitor Georgeadis gave history about the financing of the firehouse. During the firehouse construction period, the obtaining of a \$200,000 loan at 2% interest fell through the cracks. To rectify this, Mr. Georgeadis prepared Ordinance No. 936, which increases the indebtedness of the Borough by the issue of a General Obligation Note in the amount of \$200,000 for the purpose of the West Reading Fire Department to refund a portion of its outstanding debt used to construct the Borough of West Reading firehouse. This ordinance was tabled until the June 20, 2006 Council meeting.
- d. <u>DEP Appeal</u> Solicitor Georgeadis requested that Council ratify the action of his office to filing an appeal to DEP opposing the DEP issuance of the permit for the crematorium. On motion duly made by Council Member Michael H. Doyle, seconded by Council Member Kevin M. Conrad and passed, Council ratified the filing of the appeal to DEP. Mr. Georgeadis asked Council to review the copy of the draft permit, which Mr. Ganster had previously handed to Council. He emphasized this permit has no standing under law.

<u>SHADE TREE COMMISSION</u>: On motion duly made by Council Member Kevin M. Conrad, seconded by Council Member Michael W. Morrill and passed, Council accepted the Shade Tree Commission Report.

<u>PLANNING COMMISSION</u>: On motion duly made by Council Member Nathalie R. Kulesa, seconded by Council Member Michael W. Morrill and passed, Council accepted the Planning Commission Report.

<u>RECREATION COMMISSION</u>: On motion duly made by Council Member Kevin M. Conrad, seconded by Council Member Michael H. Doyle and passed, Council accepted the Recreation Commission Report. The following items were discussed:

<u>Father-Daughter Dance</u> - Council Member Nathalie R. Kulesa highlighted the evening events. Pictures of the participants were posted on the Borough's web site. All had a wonderful time and look forward to next year. A huge success!

<u>Fishing Rodeo</u> - Council Members Mrs. Kulesa and Mr. Conrad highlighted the Fishing Rodeo, which was also a huge success. They thanked the Borough crewmembers that volunteered to help at the Fishing Rodeo.

<u>Concession Stand Menu</u> - Mrs. Kulesa presented the concession stand menu along with prices for the items. Some of the items have already gone up in price. A sign will be posted at the concession stand that prices are subject to change. On motion duly made by Council Member Shane J. Keller, seconded by Council Member Michael H. Doyle and passed, Council accepted the concession stand menu, with prices.

<u>City of Reading Stage Agreement</u> - Mr. Tindall and Mrs. Kulesa explained this agreement. Recreation Coordinator Daphne E. Klahr made the following arrangement with the City of Reading. The Borough would use the City's stage two times (Festival of Arts festivities and Tree Lighting Ceremony), which would have cost the Borough \$500. In exchange, the Borough would allow 25 of their model playground merit children the use of the pool two times. A discussion ensued about Ms. Klahr's authority to negotiate this type of contract. Mr. Tindall advised that he had discussed this with Ms. Klahr, and he approved the arrangement. Mr. Morrill stated Ms. Klahr should have sought permission first via the Borough Manager or Council <u>before</u> entering into the negotiation.

<u>PERSONNEL</u>: On motion duly made by Council Member Nathalie R. Kulesa, seconded by Council Member Michael H. Doyle and passed, Council accepted the May 11, 2006 Personnel Committee Report. The following items were discussed:

The Personnel Committee met to discuss the 2005 financial audit with Mark Zettlemoyer of Reinsel Kuntz Lesher LLP with regard to its findings and its relationship to personnel.

<u>Cash Registers</u> - Determine whether there is a cash register system being used at the pool front office and at the concession stand. If there are no cash registers being used, Council should instruct the Borough Manager to purchase two cash registers to be used, beginning this pool season at the two locations. Mr. Tindall

verified that there are two cash registers, but did not know what condition they are in. If any need to be purchased, Mr. Tindall noted the registers have not been budgeted.

<u>Wrist Band Usage</u> - Look into the purchase and use of either a wrist band or lapel pin system to better track the number of pool patrons on a daily basis. Mr. Morrill stated everyone would be required to have a wristband. Different colors could be used to denote seasonal membership versus daily visitor. Daily visitor bands would have numbers on them, which could be tracked. Mrs. Murray recommended that the Personnel Committee discuss these issues with Recreation Coordinator Daphne E. Klahr.

<u>Appoint Finance Committee</u> - Mr. Morrill stated that the duties of the Finance Committee would be to take a much closer look at finances on a regular basis. Mrs. Murray will take the recommendation under advisement.

<u>Security issue at pool</u> - Mr. Tindall discussed nighttime deposits of cash at the bank. The current policy is for a police officer to escort the employee to the bank. If the officer is not available, two employees, preferably owning a cell phone, are to go to the bank with one following the other in a car. Mr. Tindall stated a secured safe will be purchased and money will be brought to Borough Hall during daytime hours and then deposited.

<u>No Sale of Season Pool Passes at the pool</u> - Mr. Morrill stated he was under the impression that season pool passes are sold only at Borough Hall. Pool passes are also sold at the pool for those individuals who cannot come to Borough Hall between 8 and 5 and who also cannot purchase tickets on special sale days.

<u>WEST SIDE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (EMA)</u> -Mayor Kevin S. Barnhardt discussed the purchase of a vehicle for Coordinator Thomas Bausher. Chief Messner of Spring Township has a car that could be used by the coordinator and would like to have it appraised. Following discussion, it was agreed that all four municipalities must agree on purchases over \$2,500. On motion duly made by Council Member Nathalie R. Kulesa, seconded by Council Member Kevin M. Conrad and passed, Council approved for the EMA to spend \$4,200 for the purchase of a car.

<u>POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT</u>: On motion duly made by Council Member Kevin M. Conrad, seconded by Council Member Michael H. Doyle and passed, Council accepted the Police Chief's Report.

<u>Compensatory Time</u> - Police Chief Edward C. Fabriziani discussed a report, which shows Council the First Quarter Overtime/Compensatory time dollar figures. Overtime paid is \$10,725.60 and Compensatory time to be paid is \$12,929.62.

<u>Cooling fan for Dolfo</u> - Chief Fabriziani reminded Council that Rebecca Nally wanted to donate money towards the cooling fan part of the security system that goes into the canine vehicle. The Department received a check for \$290 for it from Mrs. Nally and a plaque in honor of her in-laws will be placed in the unit. Borough Council also thanks Mrs. Nally for this thoughtful gift.

<u>Computer Equipment</u> - Recently Weidenhammer Systems informed the Department that the Uninterrupted Power Supply (UPS) for the police computer server was not functioning and could not be repaired. The current UPS is more than 10 years old and was part of the original hardware system not replaced in the last upgrade. The cost to replace the UPS is \$1,307. This cost was not budgeted, though there is money under computer equipment. On motion duly made by Council Member Shane J. Keller, seconded by Council Member Michael H. Doyle and passed, Council approved the purchase of the UPS at a cost of \$1,307.

<u>Officer Marco DeCamillo</u> - Chief Fabriziani noted that Officer DeCamillo is on active duty locally and then will be off to Iraq. We wish him well.

<u>MAYOR'S REPORT</u>: On motion duly made by Council Member Kevin M. Conrad, seconded by Council Member Michael W. Morrill and passed, Council accepted the Mayor's Report.

<u>Garden Club and Anniversary Committee</u> - Mayor Kevin S. Barnhardt announced that these meetings were re-scheduled for May 22 at 6 and 7 p.m. respectively.

<u>FOREMAN'S REPORT</u>: On motion duly made by Council Member Kevin M. Conrad, seconded by Council Member Michael H. Doyle and passed, Council accepted the Foreman's Report.

<u>Line Paint Purchase</u> - Foreman Jim Beane requested permission to purchase white and yellow traffic paint from JG Specialty Chemicals at \$9.43/gallon. Mr. Beane received three phone quotes: \$9.43, \$9.80, and \$9.99. On motion duly made by Council Member Shane J. Keller, seconded by Council Member Michael H. Doyle and passed, Council approved the purchase of 465 gallons of paint at \$9.43/gallon for a total of \$4,384.95.

<u>Purchase of glass beads for traffic marking</u> - Mr. Beane requested permission to purchase two skids (80 bags) of glass beans for traffic markings at \$20.75/bag or \$1,660.00. On motion duly made by Council Member Michael H. Doyle, seconded by Council Member Nathalie R. Kulesa and passed, Council approved the purchase of 80 bags of glass beads for \$1,660.

<u>Penn Avenue Stall Lines</u> - Council discussed the painting of stall lines after Penn Avenue has been paved. On motion duly made by Council Member Kevin M. Conrad, seconded by Council Member Michael W. Morrill and passed, Council asked the Mayor to write PennDOT, asking them to paint the stall lines after they pave the street, which is a State highway.

<u>MAIN STREET EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT</u>: On motion duly made by Council Member Kevin M. Conrad, seconded by Council Member Shane J. Keller and passed, Council accepted the Main Street Executive Director's Report.

<u>Business Association Mixer</u> - Main Street Executive Director Sam Loth announced that the Main Street Association is having a mixer on Tuesday, June 6 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. and invited Council Members to it. The mixer is being held at Curious Consignments, 605 Penn Avenue in the rear courtyard. Bring a 'white elephant' from your home or business to be auctioned off at the mixer.

<u>Channel 69</u> - Mr. Loth explained that Channel 69 News did a 3 1/2-minute feature on the expansion of Penn Avenue retail. It was a fantastic presentation. Mr. Loth noted that the Economic Development Team is working with Weichert Realtors in establishing a compatible marketing plan for all West Reading commercial and residential properties.

<u>Farmers' Market</u> - Mr. Loth stated at least a dozen farm stands have a strong interest in being a part of this program. Policies and Regulations are complete. The market is set to open Sunday, July 16 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The program will run through November 19. Becca Keller has volunteered to run the Farmers' Market as manager and was at the meeting. Mr. Loth introduced Mrs. Keller, who gave a brief background about herself.

<u>Resolution No. 2006-7</u> - Mr. Loth presented Resolution No. 2006-7, which establishes a West Reading Farmers' Market, holds PennDOT harmless for any and all activity, and establishes a calendar and times of events for the Market. On motion duly made by Council Member Kevin M. Conrad, seconded by Council Member Michael W. Morrill and passed, Council adopted Resolution No. 2006-7.

<u>Elm Street Manager</u> - Mr. Loth announced that Gayle Antonacci has been hired as Elm Street Manager and shall begin on May 17, 2006. Ms. Antonacci will be present at her first NAC meeting on Thursday, May 18 at 7 p.m.

<u>Elm Street Program</u> - Mr. Loth also announced that a \$25,000 grant has been received and will be used for Elm Street Program entry signs.

Two interns will soon begin to work for ten weeks to help with landscaping in the Elm Street Program area. The Pennsylvania Horticultural Society and Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful are sponsoring the interns. There are four locations in this district where significant landscaping will be done.

<u>\$50,000 Van Bucket Truck</u> - DCED has awarded a \$50,000 bucket truck, commercial snow blowers, steamers for the sidewalks, and a couple of other large pieces of equipment.

<u>\$250,000 Grant</u> - DCED has awarded the Borough \$250,000 for infrastructure improvements for the Elm Street Program area. Soft costs will be handled by Community Development Block Grant.

<u>FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT</u>: On motion duly made by Council Member Kevin M. Conrad, seconded by Council Member Nathalie R. Kulesa and passed, Council accepted the Fire Chief's Report.

<u>Pump Tests</u> - Fire Chief Mark D. Burkholder stated pump tests were done on the engine and the ladder and both passed.

<u>TREASURER'S STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS</u>: On motion duly made by Council Member Kevin M. Conrad, seconded by Council Member Shane J. Keller and passed, Council accepted the Treasurer's Report.

<u>ACCOUNTS PAYABLE</u>: On motion duly made by Council Member Michael H. Doyle, seconded by Council Member Kevin M. Conrad and passed, Council approved the bills to be paid.

<u>GREATER READING (ICGR) - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE</u>: Mr. Tindall invited Council Members to a meeting at the new Sovereign Plaza (5th & Penn Streets in Downtown Reading) on Monday, June 5, 2006 at 11:30 a.m. A light lunch will be provided.

<u>ADJOURNMENT</u>: On motion duly made by Council Member Kevin M. Conrad, seconded by Council Member Michael H. Doyle and passed, Council President Stephanie J. Murray adjourned the meeting at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rosalie Loeper Recording Secretary

Approved by George I. Tindall Borough Manager/Secretary