

**PARKESBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Regular Meeting**  
**August 3, 2009 – 7:00 p.m.**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Vice-President Thomas Curtin

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag by all present.

Council members present were: Thomas Curtin, Charles Persch, Kenneth Knickerbocker, Kathleen Rick and Melinda Keen. Also present were: Mayor John P. Hagan, II, Borough Manager, James Thomas and Borough Secretary, Wendy A. Keegan. Council Members David Jones and Virginia Miller were absent.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** A motion to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2009, Regular Meeting was moved by Kenneth Knickerbocker and seconded by Kathleen Rick. All in favor.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS:** A motion to approve the bills submitted was moved by Kathleen Rick and seconded by Charles Persch. All in favor.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** (Agenda Items Only)

None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Parks & Recreation—Kathleen Rick**

The damage to the park by the circus has been repaired by the Lions Club; met with football league and came to an agreement regarding the use of the field.

**Progress & Development—Thomas Curtin**

The community market is continuing; working with the Health Department for the return of the BBQ.

**Streets & Property—Melinda Keen**

No report.

**Finance—David Jones**

A true and correct copy of the Finance Report is on file in the Borough Hall.

**Police & Fire—Charles Persch**

No report.

**Library—Melinda Keen**

Borough has given the Library \$7500 donation.

**Emergency Management Coordinator—Robert Detweiler**

No Report.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

- East End Water/Sewer Line Project – Mr. Thomas reported that the water company will be replacing water and sewer lines on East Second, Fairmount and Parke Avenues; new fire hydrants will be installed; the manhole at Routes 10 and 372 will be replaced; an inspector will be on the job site at all times; there will be a minimal amount of storage on the street; the project is expected to be completed within 90 to 120 days.
- Cable Franchise Negotiations with Comcast and Verizon – Mr. Thomas and Mr. Carnes are working with both companies to negotiate cable franchise agreements.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

- Beverly Ely of West Street brought pictures of properties with property maintenance issues and asked Council what can be done; Mrs. Ely also asked if bank owned property fell under different rules than privately owned properties.

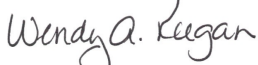
**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

- Ken Knickerbocker reported that Representative Houghton applied for a \$500,000 grant for a rail spur in the Octorara area; Mr. Knickerbocker also reported that the Octorara Area High School was listed as number 1512 in the top public high schools in the country.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

With there being no further business, a motion was made by Melinda Keen and seconded by Charles Persch to adjourn the meeting 7:30 p.m. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Wendy A. Keegan  
Borough Secretary