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Next Zoning Hearing Board Meeting: May 21, 2012

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I. OPENING

CALL TO ORDER: The General Business & Developer meeting of Lower Saucon Township Council was called to order on Wednesday, April 18, 2012 at 7:00 P.M., at Lower Saucon Township, 3700 Old Philadelphia Pike, Bethlehem, PA with Mr. Glenn Kern, President, presiding.

ROLL CALL: Present: Glenn Kern, President; Tom Maxfield, Vice President; Ron Horiszny, Dave Willard and Priscilla deLeon, Council members; Jack Cahalan, Township Manager; Leslie Huhn, Assistant Township Manager; Linc Treadwell, Township Solicitor and Jameson Packer, Jr. Council Member

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ANNOUNCEMENT OF ANY EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF APPLICABLE)

Mr. Kern said Council will meet briefly in Executive Session immediately following the regular business items on tonight's agenda. Attorney Treadwell said they will discuss the NIZ litigation and one litigation matter before the Zoning Hearing Board.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT/CITIZEN AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Kern said there is no one in the audience except our Scouts, so he will pass this.

III. PRESENTATION/HEARINGS

A. RESOLUTION #43-2012 – RECOGNIZING ALAN MOLDER FOR RECEIVING THE EAGLE SCOUT AWARD

Mr. Kern said Resolution #43-2012 has been prepared recognizing Alan Molder of Troop 319 for completing the requirements worthy of the rank of Eagle Scout.

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING ALAN MOLDER FOR RECEIVING THE EAGLE SCOUT AWARD

WHEREAS, Alan Molder been a member of Boy Scout Troop #319 since 2006 where he has served as a Senior Patrol Leader and Quartermaster; and

WHEREAS, Alan earned 21 merit badges and awards with the Boy Scouts including the Resica Camp Staff Award for 2011; and

WHEREAS, Alan, a junior at Saucon Valley High School, also attends Bethlehem Area Vo-Tech School where he is studying masonry and has received certification for heavy equipment operation; and

WHEREAS, Alan's project for the Eagle Scout Award was building a pergola over an outdoor stage at St. Luke's Old Williams Lutheran Church in Hellertown, PA; and

WHEREAS, for his efforts Alan has earned the Eagle Scout Award, the highest honor in Boy Scouting.

MOTION BY: Mr. Horiszny moved for approval of Resolution #43-2012.

SECOND BY: Mrs. deLeon

Mr. Kern asked if anyone had any questions or comments? No one raised their hand.

ROLL CALL: 5-0

Mr. Kern asked Alan to come up front and Mr. Kern presented the resolution to him.

B. **RESOLUTION #44-2012 – RECOGNIZING ADAM MOLDER FOR RECEIVING THE EAGLE SCOUT AWARD**

Mr. Kern said Resolution #44-2012 has been prepared recognizing Adam Molder of Troop 319 for also completing the requirements worthy of attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING ADAM MOLDER FOR RECEIVING THE EAGLE SCOUT AWARD

WHEREAS, Adam Molder been a member of Boy Scout Troop #319 since 2008 where he has served as an assistant Patrol Leader and Patrol Leader; and

WHEREAS, to date Adam has earned 21 merit badges and awards with the Boy Scouts; and

WHEREAS, Adam is a freshman at Saucon Valley High School where is participates in football and lacrosse and is a member of Skyhawk lacrosse team; and

WHEREAS, Adam's project for the Eagle Scout Award was refurbishing and landscaping an outdoor stage at St. Luke's Old Williams Lutheran Church in Hellertown, PA; and

WHEREAS, for his efforts Adam has earned the Eagle Scout Award, the highest honor in Boy Scouting.

MOTION BY: Mrs. deLeon moved for approval of Resolution #44-2012.

SECOND BY: Mr. Maxfield

Mr. Kern asked if anyone had any questions or comments? No one raised their hand.

ROLL CALL: 5-0

Mr. Kern asked Adam to come up front and gave him his resolution. Mrs. deLeon said it's great the kids are participating in Boys Scouts, Girl Scouts, whatever, and it keeps them occupied. It's great and this is your future and it is going to help you in how to move forward. She wishes other kids will participate in what scouting has to offer. Good luck to both of you. Mr. Kern said good job.

C. **RESOLUTION #45-2012 – SUPPORT DCED GRANT SUBMISSION BY SE-WY-CO/LEITHSVILLE FIRE COMPANY**

Mr. Kern said Resolution #45-2012 has been prepared supporting the Se-Wy-Co/Leithsville Fire Co. DCED grant submission to obtain funding in the amount of \$20,400.00 to defray expenses that were necessary for the merger of these two departments

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SUBMISSION OF DCED GRANT APPLICATION BY SE-WY-CO/LEITHSVILLE FIRE COMPANY

WHEREAS, the Se-Wy-Co Volunteer Fire Company and the Leithsville Fire Company have provided volunteer fire services to Lower Saucon Township for over eighty (80) years, and

WHEREAS, in 2011, the Se-Wy-Co Volunteer Fire Company and the Leithsville Fire Company merged into the Se-Wy-Co/Leithsville Fire Company with a centralized administrative and command structure; and

WHEREAS, the Se-Wy-Co/Leithsville Fire Company wishes to obtain funding to defray expenses that were necessary for the merger such as attorney/accountant fees, truck and station re-lettering, and new turnout gear and helmets; and

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WHEREAS, the Se-Wy-Co/Leithsville Fire Company will be submitting a grant application to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development in the amount of \$20,400 to cover these expenses.

MOTION BY: Mr. Horiszny moved for approval of Resolution #45-2012.
SECOND BY: Mr. Maxfield
Mr. Kern asked if anyone had any questions or comments? No one raised their hand.
ROLL CALL: 5-0

IV. DEVELOPER ITEMS – None

V. TOWNSHIP BUSINESS ITEMS

A. AWARD OF LAWN MOWING BID

Mr. Kern said a bid opening for lawn mowing services was held on April 10th at 11:00 am. The Township received one bid from Genos Greens, LLC in the amount of \$51,355.00. The bid documentation has been reviewed and the Manager is recommending Council approve the award of the bid to Genos Greens.

Mr. Cahalan said it's a good bid amount and we are happy about that. This company's documents are in order. They've been reviewed by our Solicitor, so we're recommending approval of this bid amount. Mr. Kern said he wonders why there was only one return. Mr. Cahalan said this was a little bit later in the season because of the circumstances we explained, so it might have been difficult for other firms to bid as they may have been totally mobilized on other jobs. Mr. Kern said how does this compare to the previous one? Mr. Cahalan said it's right in the ballpark of the previous amount; in fact, it's lower than last year.

MOTION BY: Mr. Horiszny moved for approval for award of lawn mowing bid.
SECOND BY: Mr. Maxfield
Mr. Kern asked if anyone had any questions or comments? No one raised their hand.
ROLL CALL: 5-0

B. PROPOSAL FOR RENTZHEIMER HOUSE

Mr. Kern said prior to advertising the sale of the Township owned house on Polk Valley Road, Rapco Environmental Services conducted an inspection to determine if any asbestos was present. Four small areas were identified. They have submitted a proposal in the amount of \$987.00 to remediate those areas.

Mr. Cahalan said this is the process we want to follow to have this house ready to go out to bid to a buyer to either remove the house from the site or to demolish it. This is the last diligence we have to do on this. There are just four small areas and the price is indicated to abate those and remediate the asbestos at \$987.00, which he's requesting approval of.

MOTION BY: Mr. Maxfield moved for approval of removal of asbestos in the Rentzheimer House by Rapco Environmental Services for a total of \$987.00.
SECOND BY: Mr. Willard
Mr. Kern asked if anyone had any questions or comments? No one raised their hand.
ROLL CALL: 5-0

Mrs. deLeon said this is leading to the fact that we're going to sell this house, but before that happens, she'd like to go in there and look around and see if anything of historical nature of value can be removed beforehand. One of our members at the Heller Homestead suggested that maybe

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the floor boards in the attics might match up with the art gallery room. Maybe there would be a way they could use them to replace the boards on the floor. Mr. Cahalan said the only thing is we are going to put this out for bids and someone might be bidding on it based on what contents are in there. If some of the features are removed prior to that, he doesn't know if it makes it less attractive to a bidder. What he suspects is someone who is going to bid on this is going to want to do is remove some of the better features from the house, and then demolish the rest of it. Mrs. deLeon said maybe if we have an agreement if they are going to demolish it, we could have some of the floor boards. She just wants to throw that out there so we are aware before it's taken down.

VI. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS ITEMS

A. APPROVAL OF APRIL 4, 2012 MINUTES

Mr. Kern said the minutes of the April 4, 2012 Council meeting have been prepared and are ready for Council's review and approval.

MOTION BY: Mr. Maxfield moved for approval of the April 4, 2012 minutes.

SECOND BY: Mrs. deLeon

Mr. Kern asked if anyone had any comments? No one raised their hand.

ROLL CALL: 4-1 (Mr. Horiszny - No)

B. APPROVAL OF MARCH 2012 FINANCIAL REPORTS

Mr. Kern said the March 2012 financial reports have been prepared and are ready for Council's review and approval.

MOTION BY: Mr. Horiszny moved for approval of the March 2012 financial reports.

SECOND BY: Mrs. deLeon

Mr. Kern asked if anyone had any questions or comments? No one raised their hand.

ROLL CALL: 5-0

V. PUBLIC COMMENT/CITIZEN NON-AGENDA ITEMS

- Attorney Terry Clemons said as Council knows, you have approved the acquisition of a conservation easement on approximately 75 acres located on Easton Road and we have been going through a process of getting all our ducks in a row for settlement which we targeted for April 27, 2012. One of the parts of that is the preparation of a conservation easement plan and documenting the boundaries of that conservation easement which has three or four components. One of those components is the conservation easement area which in this case is divided between an agricultural area and the natural area, and then the third component is the building envelope consisting of 6 acres where buildings and improvements and the like can be constructed. Hanover Engineering has prepared a draft of that conservation easement plan. The EAC Open Space Committee has looked at that. That plan is based upon a subdivision and survey that was done around 1997, which was a minor subdivision. That plan was not prepared by Hanover, but was prepared by a surveyor by the name of Harte. It shows some iron pins along the boundary. He can show you where the iron pins were, one was even a pile of stones. What it didn't do, was mark the boundaries between Lot 1 and Lot 2, which is what that subdivision created, so that Lot 2 consisted of about 11 acres. The property we are acquiring the conservation easement on is the balance of that tract, which is about 75 acres. The EAC is concerned that the boundaries of the conservation easement be adequately marked. They were concerned even with the division line between the natural area and the agricultural area be marked. There are two corners between Lot 1 and Lot 2 that didn't have survey markers and in order to assure that if it should ever come up in the future that the person who owns Lot 2 isn't building improvements out onto the conservation easement area, it would be a good idea to have monuments of some sort and we'll talk about pins or concrete monuments in a second. There is a building envelope that he mentioned before of 3 acres so that again, if an issue

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ever came up it would be possible to determine where the boundary between the building envelope and the easement area is. That can be done by monuments. You have an estimate from Hanover of multiple ways to address this. One way would be a complete boundary survey. This being a 1997 plan, Hanover, of course, will not vouch for the accuracy of that survey or those monuments. He has discussed placing monuments based upon those pins and other features found on the subdivision plan and putting a note on the conservation easement plan that clearly states that Hanover clearly isn't vouching for these, that they are based upon the Harte survey. He believes he has the concurrence from the surveyor at Hanover that this would be a way to do it. Because there are so many monuments, especially if they are concrete monuments, the cost would end up being in the vicinity of \$7,500.00. He's talked with the owner of the property, Dennis Benner, and he has agreed to pay one-half of that cost, so long as that one-half does not exceed \$3,750.00. If you were to place concrete monuments, and there are 11 of them, in the places where there aren't monuments now, and there should be, that would cost in the vicinity of \$7,500.00. That's what the EAC would like to see. The consensus of that committee is that concrete monuments are deeper in the ground. They are more long lasting. It's unlikely that a pipe would be pulled out, and that sort of thing. That would be the way to go. They are also quite expensive. There would be a substantially less cost if you decided to go with iron pipes. That's kind of where we are. He has some more information in terms of what it would mean for an outfit like Heritage between concrete and the iron pipes, but he thinks it would be a good time to stop and ask questions.

Mr. Maxfield said he did miss the EAC meeting because of the Joint Planning Commission meeting, but as you are aware, he's familiar with that tract, and because of the absentee landowner traffic on that tract and also the referrals to use the tract from the absentee landowners, he would suggest we would follow the EAC's recommendation and monumentize it and clearly mark the boundary. He could see it being violated very easily just by unknowing individuals. He recommends we follow the EAC's recommendation.

Mr. Willard said the \$7,500.00 was for the concrete monuments or the pipe? Attorney Clemons said Ms. Huhn has better information than he may have. He extrapolated that from an estimate that was for six monuments, and he doubled it and that's how he came up to \$7,500.00. Ms. Huhn said Dan Miller's email should be in your red folder, and the \$7,500.00 he does reference as monuments. He doesn't say how many, but he does say they are the monuments as opposed to the pins.

Mr. Kern said is there any legal difference between a concrete monument and an iron pin? Attorney Clemons said in his opinion, there isn't. Both serve to document where a corner is and these are placed, and you may be familiar as you see a few subdivision plans, there is also a metes and bounds description so that if you find monument A and you go nine degrees south, then nine degrees 25 seconds east for a certain distance you should find the other, especially in this day of GPS and the accuracy. There is a way to find these. The concern he's always had is that it may be possible to remove an iron pin more easily than a concrete monument and some think they aren't as long living as a concrete monument. He has seen concrete monuments that have been removed on a property boundary dispute in another Township he represents. Mrs. deLeon said as a property owner, she can never find her pins. She thinks she would be better able to find a concrete one. If it's in the woods, it's going to get buried with leaves and eventually get covered up. Mr. Kern said the purpose of it is really not to have the public know where the property line is, is he correct? It's if there is ever a change to the property line. Attorney Clemons said if somebody were to complain that the owner of the property, the subject of this conservation easement, was building improvements outside of the building envelope, you would want to be able to establish where that building envelope was; hopefully without dragging out a surveyor. What you would do, especially in this modern age, is you would come, you would find a monument or a pin and you would use that as a basis for determining. He had a conversation with Laura Baird today and she said whether it was a monument or a pin, that they would come out with one of the new GPS devices and find one of these things and they can actually take a picture and do a siting along the degrees and

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minutes and sections, and they have far more assistance in locating these things. He doesn't have a preference. He's more familiar with using concrete monuments and they both have their advantages. He thinks Mrs. deLeon is right that something that is in the ground, you can find it. It's a call for Council in terms of what you would prefer.

Mr. Maxfield said Attorney Clemons has seen the property, the 11 acres that was divided in the minor subdivision doesn't really have any typographical features that divide it from the rest of the property where even the boundary of the entire property has more tree lines, fence rows, those sort of things. This is kind of a line, it's just drawn on the map. His concern would be, not the public, but future property owners that they are aware of where the limits of their property is. Out in that neck of the woods, we can have three different deeds with three different descriptions about where the property corner is, and that happens often. He thinks the more that we can monumentize it, the better and clearer it would be. He's always for clarity.

Attorney Treadwell said the Hanover proposal Option 4 for \$7,500.00, says survey boundary, place monuments at 6 internal easement boundaries as well as any property corners surveyed that lack monuments. That's the \$7,500.00; did you just say Hanover had agreed that you didn't have to necessarily have to survey the whole boundary? Attorney Clemons said, and again, he had a conversation with Dan Miller, but he doesn't want to speak for them, he had suggested and it was also in an email, that in other cases with which he is familiar with, that the surveyor is able to establish these other monuments by reference to field monuments without further doing a further survey and he thinks that Dan agreed with him on that, that it could be done. Attorney Treadwell said the only reason he asked is the question is, in that case, he would think the cost would be less than \$7,500.00 as there's not a full survey. Attorney Clemons said there are more monuments. That was for six monuments. He pulled out the plan and there are and would be a need to have boundary markers at the entrance to this property and at the changes of course along the building envelope. He can show that to the Board. Attorney Treadwell said Dan's email said six plus property corners that lack markers now and the boundary survey. Attorney Clemons said he did not discuss that with Dan Miller. Attorney Treadwell said it appears to him that the \$7,500.00 may actually be less if you've had that discussion and there doesn't have to be a full boundary survey. Mr. Kern said we should do it as Mr. Benner is agreeing to pay for half.

MOTION BY: Mr. Maxfield moved for approval of the expenditure of \$3,750.00 to properly monument the building envelope, those corners which are not now monumented, and the division line between the agricultural envelope and the natural area; and we would like to accept Mr. Benner's generous offer of \$3,750.00.

SECOND BY: Mrs. deLeon

ROLL CALL: 5-0

Attorney Clemons said he received a copy of an email from Laura Baird of Heritage also asking that at the time of settlement the Township pay a \$2,500.00 payment to Heritage for their agreement to act as conservancy beneficiary. He wasn't a party of any of those discussions. He doesn't know whether you ever considered that before or whether it's going to require further action. He's going to just raise it because he got a copy of her email today. Attorney Treadwell said why would it come out of settlement as opposed to the Township just writing a check? Attorney Clemons said you could do that. Attorney Treadwell said that's the way they did it before. The Township just wrote a check for that. Mr. Maxfield said do we need a motion? Attorney Treadwell said he thinks we already did that. Ms. Huhn said we approved them as Land Trust beneficiaries and the amount. Attorney Clemons said they are named as Land Trust beneficiaries in the conservation easement. Attorney Treadwell said he just doesn't know if we made a motion before to approve it for the \$2,500.00. Mr. Cahalan said no, not for that. Mrs. deLeon said didn't we do that in the beginning of the year? Ms. Huhn said we authorized the baseline. Attorney Treadwell said he thinks you appoint Heritage as the Township Open Space

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Consultant but this is specifically for this property. Yes, you would need a motion for the \$2,500.00.

MOTION BY: Mr. Maxfield moved for approval for \$2,500.00 for Land Trust Beneficiary to go to Heritage Conservancy.
SECOND BY: Mr. Willard
ROLL CALL: 5-0

VI. COUNCIL AND STAFF REPORTS

A. TOWNSHIP MANAGER

- Mr. Cahalan said he would like Council authorization to sell an old Police cruiser. It's a 2006, and it's been used for parts on various other vehicles. It's been cannibalized and it doesn't have much left. It's about \$300.00 to \$400.00 in value. Since it's under \$1,000.00, we don't have to put it up for auction, but he would like Council's okay for Public Works to take it to a salvage yard and sell it.

MOTION BY: Mr. Maxfield moved for approval as stated above by Mr. Cahalan.
SECOND BY: Mrs. deLeon
ROLL CALL: 5-0

- Mr. Cahalan said we have a new full time Police Officer. The Police Department promoted one of our part-time officers, Steven Kunigus from Hellertown. He's been with us as a part-time officer for the last couple of years, and he's filling the full-time vacancy in the Police Department. Mrs. deLeon asked if all the positions were filled for full-time? Mr. Cahalan said yes.
- Mr. Cahalan said the ribbon cutting and dedication for the Polk Valley Road Connector Trail is scheduled for Friday, April 20, 2012 at 12:30 pm out at the pedestrian bridge over Polk Valley Run. We are holding this in conjunction with the launch of the Environmental Education Center that the Saucon Valley Educational Foundation is running which starts at 11:00 am in the Middle School Gym. They wanted to ask how many Council members were attending? Mr. Kern and Mrs. deLeon said they would attend. Mr. Horiszny will be at the Connector Trail ribbon cutting.
- Mr. Cahalan said do you want to discuss Mr. Brandt's response to Mr. Cahalan's letter? It has to do with the root cellar at the Heller Homestead. Council directed him to send a letter which was done on April 11th and he indicated to Mr. Brandt at that time that Council would like him to submit a signed and written plan describing how he will do the following:
 - Clean up the pointing of the stonework that you added by removing approximately ½" of the grout and replacing it with lime mortar that is colored to match the Portland cement on the older root cellar stonework. A suggestion was made at the meeting that if you were to take a sample of the earlier Portland cement grout to Beth-Hanover Supply Co. on Illicks Mil Road in Bethlehem, PA, they would be able to match the new lime mortar to this color.
 - Extend the slate roof approximately 1-1/2" to 3" over both gable ends
 - Allow spaces between the rafters for ventilation
 - Install the slates over lathe
 - Cover the rafter plates on both sides and on the front gable on both sides of the door by extending the bead board siding that will be supplied by Jerry Holum. The siding should be applied so that the finished product looks lie the 2006 photograph of the root cellar on the attached sheet.

Council approved the payment of the receipts of \$16.22 submitted by you and the \$23.93 submitted by Laura Ray for materials.

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Mr. Cahalan sent Council a copy of the email he received on April 15 from Mr. Brandt and he can summarize the response:

- He says he can't do the work until July. It says his schedule has predictably filled up for the summer rush and teaching schedule.
- He looks like he doesn't want to add the color to the lime mortar that he will use to finish the pointing work. He wants the Township to do it.
- He will install the bead board siding, but he wants a letter from the Saucon Valley Conservancy and the Township "acknowledging that this detail is a reproduction of a conjectural treatment of the door siding by the last person who worked on the roof".
- He would like an additional \$300.00 for the cost of shutting down and restarting the project. He's been approved for \$1,400.00 for the roof timber and the slate project. The roof timbers look like they are finished, and except for this finishing of the stone work. The slate has not been done. Mr. Kern said he's not going to do the pointing? Mr. Cahalan said he said he would do the pointing but he will not add the color. He wants us to match the color. Weren't we going to have Public Works do this initially? Mr. Cahalan said not the slate, Public Works was going to do the framing and that's done now. Mr. Kern said we have the slate? Mr. Cahalan said correct. Mr. Kern said can we get a cost from Alan Kunsman to put the slate on? Mr. Cahalan said yes, he can do that. Mr. Maxfield said do you think Public Works can put the siding on where the bead board is going? Mr. Cahalan said the only thing about Public Works is that they are really busy. With all of the things on Roger's list, he is finishing up with the trail and he's moving up to Kingston Park, and then after that, we will have them working on a couple other projects, so Mr. Cahalan can't say that would be a priority for Public Works. Mr. Maxfield said that's sort of cosmetic, the bead board, so securing the roof would be the most important thing. Mrs. deLeon said we could leave that exposed, is that what you are saying? Mr. Maxfield said until Public Works could do it. Mr. Cahalan said he could come back at the next meeting with an estimate from Alan Kunsman and also confirm whether Public Works can put the siding on. Mrs. deLeon said do we know any other roofers out there that would be able to do this, like for comparison costs? Mr. Cahalan said the slate? He can see if there are other estimates, but may not get them all in by the next meeting, but he'll try. Mr. Maxfield said he has a name for Mr. Cahalan, he's a slate roofer from Quakertown. He had him, and it was a reasonable cost. Mr. Cahalan said do you wish for him to respond to Mr. Brandt? Mr. Horiszny said we should find out what these numbers are before we send any response. Mr. Cahalan said he hasn't been paid except for the \$16.23 for materials. Mr. Kern said what do you think he should be owed? Mr. Cahalan said he has done the timbers on the roof and that was \$700.00 that you did authorize for that job, and then you authorized an additional \$700.00 for the slate installation. Mrs. deLeon said he put the rafters on, but that's not finished. Mr. Cahalan said do you want the stonework finished before he gets paid the \$700.00 for the timbers? Mrs. deLeon said she thinks so. It's very unfortunate that he did donate the white oak that he had on hand. Mr. Kern said what was the contract for? Mr. Cahalan said no contract. Mrs. deLeon said she thinks we learned a lesson from this. Mr. Kern said the \$700.00, was it for the framing and the stonework? Mrs. deLeon said no, that he put that in an email, and that was read at a Council meeting what that included, but she doesn't have that information in front of her. Mr. Maxfield said he thinks that would have been for the initial slate, then he found the rafters were rotted after the removal. Mrs. deLeon said there was a subsequent email after that. Mr. Maxfield said wasn't it \$700.00 and \$700.00? Mr. Cahalan said yes, originally you authorized \$700.00 to put on the slate roof workshop. Then they took the roof off and discovered the timbers were rotted and then we came back here and you authorized an additional \$700.00 to put the framing on. Mr. Kern said he did complete the framing, so he should be paid for that. Mrs. deLeon said is it complete? Mr. Kern said the framing is complete. As a result of installing the framing, he realized he had to replace some stone, that was not

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anticipated. Mrs. deLeon said there's just rafters, but again she doesn't know that, to put the slate roof on, you have to put lathe, so that's not considered framing? Mr. Kern said that's not framing, that's roof installation. Mr. Maxfield said that's pretty minor. Mr. Kern said Kunsman request for a proposal would include the lathe. Mrs. deLeon said she wonders if we could get students from Vo-Tech who are in stone masonry and chip out the white mortar. Mr. Cahalan said he could ask, but he thinks they are also working on the lime kiln cemetery wall. He can reach out to them. Mrs. deLeon said that would be a project for them and she thinks they are taught that. That would be a nice thing to do. Mr. Cahalan said do you wish to make a payment to Marcus for the work he's done on the rafters? Mr. Kern said yes, the \$700.00. You made a previous motion for that, and he will notify Mr. Brandt that we will wait to see what we come up with Kunsman or whoever for the installation of the slate. He will report back at the next meeting. Mrs. deLeon said we need a motion. Mr. Cahalan said the \$700.00 has been approved.

B. COUNCIL

Mr. Maxfield

- He said yesterday on his way home from school, about 3:30 pm, there was a commotion down on Shimersville Road at the end of the Freemansburg Bridge. He called Mr. Cahalan and it was a brush fire, a lot of the fire companies were in attendance. The roads were blocked for awhile. He got home, went out again at 8:30 pm to see what was going on and the firemen were still there and still directing traffic. He went to work this morning along the same scene, and there was still a fire truck still on the hill. He was really impressed by the dedication. It was a brush fire. From what he could see, it really wasn't close to homes. He thought those guys did a great job keeping up with it like that. That's a long time, so if we could send our thanks to them for what they did. Mrs. deLeon said it's the City of Bethlehem and they are paid firefighters. There were volunteers there also. Mr. Horiszny said 1844, which is their brush truck came back at 10:00 pm, and 1842 Se-Wy-Co brush truck was back at 9:30 pm, and went at 2:30 pm. The tanker, 1831 was there all day with water. Mr. Maxfield said it was smoky and hard to breathe, but they stayed there and took care of the problem.

Mr. Willard

- He said he was able to participate in a webinar in preparation for the annual PSATs conference. He thanks the Council for supporting his attendance. It will take place after the next meeting, but he and Mrs. deLeon will be attending and he will bring the information back to the Council on workshops.

Mr. Horiszny

- He said he will be going to a trail workshop tomorrow and will let you know what he learned.

Mr. Kern – No report

Mrs. deLeon

- She said she will be attending the trail workshop at Riegelsville Municipal Building off of Route 611.
- She said on May 18th is the 90th Annual Hellertown-Lower Saucon's Chamber banquet. Csencsits Auto will be on it and the key speaker is Rob Vaughn. The Township took out an ad. The tickets are \$50.00 per person.
- She said on April 28th is the annual Saucon Valley History Day. The three historical organizations in Saucon Valley, the Grist Mill, the Lutz-Franklin Schoolhouse and the Homestead will all have activities. At the Heller Homestead, they have a Civil War

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encampment and demonstrations. They also have the 5th Annual Artist receptions, Saucon Valley High School students are submitting art work, so that will be on display. They also have a plant sale, craft show, and spaces are still available for \$10.00. They will have house and garden tours, provided by SV Girls Scouts, a tricky tray and food and beverages, and also the Troop 319 with the Boy Scouts will be coming back and will be camping and helping volunteer with their efforts on any help they need. It will be a great day in Saucon Valley, at Water Street, the Hellertown-Lower Saucon Chamber is sponsoring pathway to progress. There are going to be booths there. Saucon Valley Farmer's Market will have a booth and businesses from Hellertown and Saucon Valley will have booths set up along the Saucon Rail Tree. Mr. Kern asked what tricky tray was? Mrs. deLeon said it's a Chinese auction. The more popular name is tricky tray. If you have anything to donate, they will be more than glad to take it.

- She said she went on the Township's website and just for the heck of it, she looked up the sign-up for the email page, and the only options we had were General Interest, Council meeting, Planning Commission meetings, EAC meetings, the newsletter and the Saucon Valley Partnership. We have several other committees or boards, the Library Task Force the Parks and Recreation Board, the Rail Trail, Saucon Valley Recreation Partnership. These are all appointed boards with public meetings and someone might be interested on getting advance agendas. Is there any reason we can't add them to the list? If we already signed up a year ago, we might not even know these options exist, so you'd have to go back in. As an already on the list person, you may want to sign up for these extra things, so maybe you can put on the announcement page that there are added selections for residents to click on.

Jr. Council Person

Council asked him if was attending the event on Friday with the connector trail? Mrs. deLeon said this is a Council event, and you are a Jr. Council person, so maybe the school district could let you out of class to attend.

C. SOLICITOR

Attorney Treadwell said he would like to have a short Executive session and then come back in case you need to vote on it.

D. ENGINEER – Absent

E. PLANNER – Absent

Council went into Executive Session. The time was 7:51 pm.
Council reconvened. The time was 8:10 pm.

Attorney Treadwell said the Executive Session discussion was about the Kiefer Zoning Hearing Board matter, and the Allentown NIZ litigation. Previously before the litigation actually began, Council had voted to support Hanover and Bethlehem Township subject to working out the financial details and the control of the litigation. Since the litigation has now been officially filed, if you want to continue with that support we would need a motion to officially join the NIZ litigation as party with Hanover and Bethlehem Township in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00, and to authorize the Council President or Township Manager to sign the necessary documents to effectuate that joinder.

MOTION BY: Mrs. deLeon moved for approval as stated above by Attorney Treadwell.
SECOND BY: Mr. Maxfield
ROLL CALL: 5-0

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Mr. Kern said he voted for this because this issue needs to be nipped in the bud. Mr. Maxfield agreed.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY: Mrs. deLeon moved for adjournment. The time was 8:12 pm.

SECOND BY: Mr. Maxfield

Mr. Kern asked if anyone had any questions? No one raised their hand.

ROLL CALL: 5-0

Submitted by:

Jack Cahalan
Township Manager

Glenn C. Kern
President of Council