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Zoning Hearing Board: September 16, 2019  
Township Council: September 18, 2019  
Saucon Rail Trail Oversight Commission: September 23, 2019 @ UST  
Planning Commission: September 26, 2019

**I. OPENING**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The General Business & Developer meeting of Lower Saucon Township Council was called to order on September 4, 2019 at 7:00 p.m., at Lower Saucon Township, 3700 Old Philadelphia Pike, Bethlehem, PA with President Priscilla deLeon, presiding.

**ROLL CALL:** **Present:** Priscilla deLeon, President; Ryan Stauffer, Vice President, Sandra Yerger, George Gress & Donna Louder, Council Members; Leslie Huhn, Township Manager; Thomas Barndt, Chief of Police; Cathy Gorman, Director of Finance; Roger Rasich, Director of Public Works; Attorney Treadwell, Township Solicitor; & Brien Kocher, Township Engineer. **Absent with prior notification:** Judy Stern Goldstein, Township Planner.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF ANY EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF APPLICABLE)**

Mrs. deLeon said Council did not meet in Executive Session this evening.

**PUBLIC COMMENT/CITIZEN AGENDA ITEMS**

Mrs. deLeon said if you are on the agenda, you have Council and Staff's undivided attention. If you do choose to speak, we ask that you use one of the microphones and state your name for the record. If you have a non-agenda item, she asks that you give your fellow public the courtesy of the floor. There's a sign-up sheet in the back of the room. You can follow tonight's agenda on the website on each of the agenda items. If you aren't signed up for agendas or newsletters, please go to our website and sign up.

**II. PRESENTATIONS/HEARINGS**

**A. INTRODUCTION OF JUNIOR COUNCIL PERSONS FOR THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR**

Mrs. deLeon said eleven (11) students from Saucon Valley High School and Moravian Academy, who are interested in participating in the Junior Council Person Program, are being recommended to Council for appointments to the Township Council, Environmental Advisory Council, Parks & Recreation Board, and the Planning Commission. Avia Weber, Tyler Dickens, William Werner, Madeline Lohr, Maclaine Oskin, Bela Silverman, Thomas Spirk, Mason Simms, and Sean Cherry were introduced to Council. Breanna Kemmerer was not present.

**MOTION BY:** Mrs. deLeon moved to approve Avia Weber, Tyler Dickens, Ethan Kennedy, William Werner, Madeline Lohr, Maclaine Oskin, Bela Silverman, Thomas Spirk, Mason Simms, Breanna Kemmerer, and Sean Cherry to serve as Junior Council Members on the various Councils, Commissions, and Boards for the 2019-2020 school year.

**SECOND BY:** Mr. Stauffer

Mrs. deLeon said she was instrumental in starting this program along with the former Mayor Tony Branco from Hellertown awhile back. It's a great program and this will look great on your resumes. Mr. Gress said thank you for volunteering, it's wonderful to see the youth in our community serve on these boards.

**ROLL CALL:** 5-0

**III. DEVELOPER ITEMS – None**

**IV. TOWNSHIP BUSINESS ITEMS**

**A. ZONING HEARING BOARD VARIANCES - DONNA FEIST – 4191 SHERRY HILL ROAD – REQUEST VARIANCE FOR SIDE YARD SETBACK AND IMPERVIOUS COVERAGE FOR DWELLING ADDITION**

Mrs. deLeon said the applicant is proposing to construct a 900 square foot addition to the single family dwelling requiring setback and impervious coverage relief at 4191 Sherry Road. This application was previously before Council; however, the applicant submitted revised calculations.

Stephanie Koenig from Fitzpatrick, Lentz & Bubba was present. She said there was a miscalculation in their application, the side yard setback is not changing at all. What has changed

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is the impervious coverage. The existing impervious coverage is actually 22.23% on the lot is existing today. The proposed impervious coverage will be 24.29%, an increase of roughly 2% instead of last time it was presented. This actually is a lot that was pre-existing; it's a one-acre lot. Larry Turoscy, Engineer on the project was also present. Mr. Gress said none of the setbacks have changed, Ms. Koenig said correct. Mrs. Louder feels it should be grandfathered as the ordinance based on when they purchased the property and now that we changed the ordinance, that's where they are going to have problems. Mrs. deLeon said that's a state regulation. Attorney Treadwell said the zoning ordinance changed and it changed a long time ago. Council took no action.

**B. TECHNICAL CONSULTANT COMMITTEE QUARTERLY REPORT ON THE BETHLEHEM LANDFILL**

Mrs. deLeon said Chris Taylor, Hanover Engineering Host Municipal Inspector, will present the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2019 Technical Consultant Committee Landfill report to Council.

Chris Taylor said the TCC met on August 20, 2019 to review and discuss landfill activities. Regarding the reports of submissions, all standard reporting has been received although one report was late.

Waste Acceptance and Management – waste disposal took place in newly-constructed Cell SE-1A during the 2Q. Tonnage was slightly higher than the previous quarter. Use of tarps was used as alternative daily cover. The Host Municipality Benefit Fee report and fee check were received by the Township. PADEP conducted one inspection during the 2Q. No non-compliance conditions were documented during that inspection. In late April, disposal area was moved to the south face. The Township received a complaint that daily operations had not ceased by the 6 p.m. cut-off time and garbage was still uncovered and machines were still operating. Those concerns were raised with the District Manager and there have been no repeated issues. The 2018 annual report showed the remaining life of the landfill as being 5.4 years from January 1, 2019. The Committee found no concerns related to Waste Management.

Landfill Gas Management – BRE was originally supposed to retire June 2019, but plant owner Exelon announced plans to sell the plant to another company. The landfill flare was online and burning landfill gas solely during the 2Q and there were no outages. Four odor complaints were received during the 2Q. There was a recent report from PADEP and they recorded two odor complaints in June, four in July and one in August. Gas royalty payments are up-to-date. The planning process for a second flare continues and recently plan approval for a second flare was granted by PADEP on August 7, 2019. The TCC had no concerns. Aria Energy is proposing to construct a Renewable Natural Gas facility on the landfill property. On August 13, 2019 the Township was notified that an application for plan approval has been submitted to PADEP. PADEP Air Quality program conducted one inspection during the 2Q. There were 19 locations documented and three exceedances. SCS conducted SEM on June 25, 2019 and documented ten locations exceeding 500 ppm. All ten have been remediated and have passed both the 10 and 30 day rechecks. The TCC found the concern related to this topic is the continuing occurrence of surface emissions of methane exceeding the permissible limits and odor incidents documented by complaints lodged with BLC and PADEP.

Leachate Management – detection flows in LMC-7 were 0 for all weeks during the 2Q except for two. Work conducted in May in LMC-7 indicates that all equipment in that chamber is functioning normally and that flows are accurately being recorded. Landfill personnel do not have an explanation for why the flows have dropped to 0. Detection flows in LMC-8 received 100 g/a/d for all weeks during the 2Q. Detection flows at Pump Stations 1, 2, 3 and 4 were between 0 and 33 g/a/d. All of the above leads to a concern that there is continuous flow of leachate and stormwater within the Leachate Detection Zone and recommend continuing to monitor the situation.

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Groundwater Management – the sampling continues to take place quarterly. The Annual Groundwater Trend Analysis is reported. The two residential wells along Riverside Drive continue to be tested with results that all parameters meet drinking water standards. The Groundwater Abatement System continues to function. Mr. Sichler stated that reports showed increasing ground water levels across the entire abatement well system which is to be expected due to high precipitation; however, the reports also indicate decreased pumpage flows from wells 1, 8, 9 and 10. This issue is being addressed by landfill personnel. The TCC is concerned about the volumes and are seeking an explanation.

Traffic Management – overweight trucks continue to be a problem with 7 trucks exceeding the 80,000 lb. weight limit by more than a ton and 15 trucks exceeding the 73,280 weight limit by more than a ton. Those numbers are down from the previous quarter. Spot checks indicate that trucks leaving the two Waste Connection transfer stations are under the weight limit when they leave. The Committee found the concern that the number of overweight trucks remained substantially elevated during the 2Q.

Stormwater Management – work to replace the main gabion down channel on the south face remains suspended on the 2Q. The PennDOT culvert under Applebutter Road continues to flow freely, no washouts were reported. The landfill's corrective action plan as required by DEP has been implemented. The Committee found no concerns.

Permit Applications to PADEP – the application for a second flare was recently approved by DEP and an application for plan approval for Aria Energy has just been filed by SCS Field Services and will undergo PADEP review. Operational Changes – a new District Manager, Astor Lawson was hired in early April. A new Operations Supervisor, Philip Garcia was hired in early August.

Regulatory Overweight – PADEP Waste Management Program conducted one inspection during the 2Q. DEP Air Quality Program conducted one inspection. The DEP engineer conducted the inspections for the months of April, May and June. No new violations were documented.

Mr. Taylor said inspection reports have been submitted by his office, citizen complaints can be logged through the Landfill and they received two complaints in April and 2 odor and 1 noise complaint in June. The Township received a complaint by email on June 10<sup>th</sup> along Applebutter Road and the concerns were addressed in a response letter on June 14<sup>th</sup>. Complaints logged with PADEP, were the two in April, 0 in May and the 2 in June, 4 in July and 1 in August.

Mrs. Louder asked what the daily allowance is according to the host agreement? Mr. Taylor said 1,375 tons as a quarterly average, 1,800 tons as a daily maximum. Mrs. Louder asked is there a permanent coverage going on for the phase 4 section. Mr. Taylor said not to his knowledge. Mrs. Louder asked when will that be? Mr. Taylor said he would find out. Mr. Lawson said as far as the capping goes, it is going to be capped next year.

Mrs. deLeon said since our last quarterly meeting, she found out there were more odor complaints. Do you know why we have this all of a sudden when we didn't have any for a long time? Mr. Lawson said he was going through the inspection from the PADEP and some of the odor complaints they've come to decide on, have been under 5 and at their last site inspection there was a waste train coming through and they got an odor from the train. They have been working on this. Mrs. deLeon said we all know the garbage on the trains is regular garbage and hasn't had a chance to produce methane yet. Mr. Lawson said there has been a mixture per the inspection. For the gas odors, they take full responsibility. With the trash odors, they want to fix that, and they don't want to be falsely accused of that. Mrs. deLeon said we need to look into the trains and get the story behind that. Mrs. Louder said or get another air quality test done in Steel City. She wants it done by the PADEP. Mr. Lawson said he talked to Amy about the train and what he does know is it's coming from Ridgewater Township and going to Ohio. Mrs. Louder said does PADEP regulate

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that. Mr. Lawson said Amy said they do regulate that. Mrs. deLeon said the other thing is leachate from the trains. She's reading the August 21<sup>st</sup> PADEP report and you have a standard to live by and she appreciates all you have done, which are improvements. If you have to comply with the standards, so does the Bethlehem Sewage Treatment Plant and the plant on Applebutter Road. If there are odors offsite and they are written in the PADEP report, and talking about sewage and garbage odors on Applebutter Road (Swint), it's not only the landfill. She's asking we look into the Swint thing. Mrs. Louder said Swint is a trash hauling company. That's where they have their garbage trucks parked, it's their parking lot. She doesn't think those trucks are washed down every night, so she's assuming in 90 degree heat, they are just cooking. Mrs. deLeon said on Skyline Drive light intermittent sewage odors were detected. This is not acceptable; our residents should not have to tolerate that.

Mrs. Louder said the overweight trucks, she knows BL has a policy in place, but have they contacted the PA State Police to do a spot check on their property. Mr. Lawson said one day they came out as he asked if they could do that.

Mrs. deLeon said regarding the TCC report, the following concerns have been detailed, landfill gas management continues surface emissions exceeding 500 ppm methane and off-site odors documented via complaints lodged with BLC and PADEP. Leachate Management presence of continuous flows in detection zones; groundwater management substantial drop of pumpage volume in four wells and traffic management continued elevated number of overweight trucks.

Mrs. Louder asked how long it takes for a truck to empty at the landfill. Mr. Lawson said it's about 10 to 15 minutes. Mrs. Louder said what about one that just rolls it off. Mr. Lawson said it's about 50 minutes. The tipping trucks are cut off at 3 p.m. Mrs. Louder said she read about the closing at 6:15 p.m. Mr. Lawson said that was in May and he was just getting used to the ropes of everything and it hasn't been an issue since that date.

**C. CONSULTANT REPORT CONDUCTED BY THE EVR ON THE SPECIFICATIONS FOR FIRE APPARATUS**

Mrs. deLeon said at the direction of Council, the specifications for the proposed ladder truck and the pumper/tanker were reviewed by Emergency Vehicle Response (EVR), who has been in business since 1998.

Mrs. Huhn said there are two reviews, one of the Steel City (SC) pumper tanker and Lower Saucon Fire Rescue's (LSFR) ladder truck. The reviews were provided to both companies, who had the opportunity to review them. We received a revised schedule from LSFR who took the recommendations from EVR and they asked the sales representative to make those modifications.

Mr. Gress said there were some concerns with some different things. Some of the things he saw were in different spots.

Mrs. Yerger said she's assuming there is going to be some price adjustment or they will change the contract. Mr. Gress said they received a letter from Chief Johnson and Pierce regarding the changes made in reference to that, so his question, what was addressed with Steel City's truck.

Mr. Ty Johnson from LSFR said he sent the report to their salesman and he sent a letter back addressing the concerns. Mrs. Yerger said it doesn't tell us what is being adjusted. Mr. Johnson said it goes by the line items, they are taking out the rear steer on the truck which is a savings. Mrs. Yerger said we didn't have a breakdown, is there a contract? Mr. Gress said they adjusted the prices accordingly based on the changes and provided a new final price for the unit. They only had a final price before. Mrs. Yerger said her understanding it was going to come down more with the rear steer coming out. Mr. Johnson said that's only a \$49,000 option, so until everything else is put back in, with the recommendations from the salesman, it put another \$25,000 back on. The price is

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\$1,475,700 and the other price was almost \$1.5 million. Mrs. Yerger said this is a top number, it doesn't explain it, it's more like an itemized document. Mr. Bryan Evans said there are 120 pages, and they haven't been presented with that. Mr. Gress said when he was involved with the rescue truck, they had like 150 pages, but they gave you a list of everything. Mr. Johnson said the only time it's going to be broken down is when they go to pre-contract and if they change something, that's where they will see the price. The truck is set up the way it is and not very much is going to change with it.

Mrs. Louder asked if they had a financial plan in place. Mr. Johnson said absolutely. Mrs. Louder said she'd like to see what the Township is responsible for and what LSFR is signing off on. Mr. Rayner said he has done some work on the breakdown of the numbers. They are asking with a revised price, for approval, so they can go ahead and move forward and secure the funds for 75% of the revised cost of the truck. The amount that they are asking for is \$1,174,106.08 and breaking that out over several years. The way the process would work is because the Township fire fund does not have enough funding in it to cover the full 75%, then LSFR will take out a loan for that amount but they would like the Council to provide the funding they need in order to make payments. They will secure a loan through Volunteers Financing Services in Johnstown, PA. There are no upfront fees to be paid on the loan. The loan payments start one year after they sign the loan so the first annual payment would come one year when they sign it. They are asking for \$425,600 this month from the fire fund so that when they order the truck they can put that money down with it. They got that number because if you look at the cost of their trucks and the latest estimate from Steel City's proposal, theirs is about 64% of that if you add the two amount together, so they are asking for 64%. That reduces the size of the loan they have to take out and reduces interest. They would look to pay the loan off in four years so they'd be asking for \$187,126.51 from the Township out of the fire fund to be given to them annually starting next year and continuing for four years.

Mrs. Louder said with all that said, this is an election year, so half the people get voted off and new people get voted in and they wipe out your fire tax, what happens to the Township then? We don't have that in the bank, do we? Mr. Johnson said then they are done. Mr. Gress said that would be a silly move for Council to do that sort of thing. Mr. Evans said it would be awkward to put the citizens in that position. This is the plan that they developed based on the fact that the Township did not want to pull money out of reserves to fund that and repay it with the fire tax over the years. Mrs. Louder said she takes every option, everything that possibly could happen and she looks at it. She supports the fire company more than anybody knows. Mr. Evans said the study was conducted, this is not a blind decision. These proposals have been verified by outside experts. The fire tax has been increased, the taxpayers have started to pay that, and now is the time with due diligence, it was approved and was a grant process request, we completed our application for that. Council's discretion during that process was that they could send us back to an outside consultant for review, which was done. That finding came back and the summary quote for the LSFR vehicle was the general summary of LSFR specifications indicated a well-balanced and straight forward aerial platform. Mr. Johnson said keep in mind at the end of September the truck goes up another \$35,000. It doesn't sound like a lot, but they are footing the bill and they give their time for free.

Mrs. deLeon said if she gets re-elected you have her support for this. This is very important that we have fire protection and you do your best, getting called out 24 hours/day to protect lives. Your numbers may be a little bit off. We have \$660,000, is that correct? Mr. Rayner said in the July numbers, the financials showed \$675,699 in the fire fund. Mrs. deLeon said we aren't going to deplete that in giving some to SC and some to LSFR. She'd like to keep a little bit in for a cushion. Mr. Rayner said if you look at the first green line, that's the down payment for this year, then he made an assumption that you would want to leave about \$10,000 in the fire fund. That would leave for SC \$239,400 this year and even if the two amounts are given out this year that would still leave a balance of \$10,399 in the fire fund. Next year with the \$430,000 coming in, then again with the annual payments they would need \$187,126.51. He made an assumption again and he doesn't

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know what the final numbers are, but you can see with the \$430,000 going in, you'd be paying out \$298,000 and you'd still have the fund growing. In 2023, when the loans are paid off, they come out with a balance of \$536,201.

Mrs. deLeon said we all agreed we'd pay 75% and you pay 25%, so at the end of four years, she doesn't want to pay more than 75% of what that cost was. She supports the fact you need the down payment and you need it tonight as you don't want to spend more money on the fire truck, so we have to give you a percentage of the money we have set aside, and she's looking at 60/40 rather than 64/36. It's an easier number to work with. Mrs. Gorman said if you are looking at the percentage of the total obligation of the Township that you're assuming at the 75% cost, if this percentage is going to be utilized ongoing, she would make sure it's a flat amount like a 60/40. If the next piece of apparatus comes around and we get to a point where we are doing two again...Mr. Gress interrupted and said they talked about this two months ago and he had 66/34, but the numbers may have changed. The only reason he brought it up was the DCED report said both trucks are needed. If you figure out the cost of both trucks, add them together and divvy it up, based on that number to pay both trucks off equally, in a fair amount of time, if both of you are given money to pay the trucks off at the same amount of time, 64/36, 64% to one company, 36% to another company, and then the same amount of time both trucks are paid off. Their original thought was 50/50 but the only issue is if you run 50/50 straight out, one company will have their truck paid off a lot sooner and the other will be paying a lot more interest. In the necessity of fairness, DCED says both trucks are equally needed, let's just fund them both percentage wise so they are both paid off in the same amount of time. The next time we need to do this with a different truck, it's a different ballgame.

Mrs. Gorman said it makes sense to her. One thing that is different and Council needs to know is that they are assuming you are paying the interest on their loan. The amount they are obligating themselves to the 25% in the grant application, they said a 1% loan from their savings, so based on the statement they provided, they have enough to cover their 25% obligation without going for the loan. Mr. Rayner said there's a state loan at 2% that they can get and they will be taking that loan out. They don't want to take the full amount for their 25% out of their savings, they need to have some contingency there too. They will have two loans.

Mr. Gress said the 2% loan you are getting for your portion. Mr. Evans said the 2% loan they reference is PEMA offers a voluntary fire department low interest loans. That loan is capped at \$300,000 so that's why they are taking two separate loans. If they could get a loan for 2% they would just go for one loan. Mr. Gress asked if there were any loans out there with a lower interest rate. Ms. Gorman said not for their purpose. Mr. Gress said the interest shown on here, is there interest added in on the loan. Mr. Rayner said correct.

Mrs. deLeon said when she agreed to the 75/25, she wasn't including interest. Mr. Evans said there is an alternative and that is to borrow from reserves for the fund now and then interest is not a question. That was discussed in meetings and that was not the direction the Township was willing to go. Mrs. deLeon said we are helping you and we are trying, how many municipalities are doing that. Mr. Johnson said a lot. Mrs. deLeon said that's great, can you find out how they are doing it. Mr. Johnson said call any one of them, they support their fire departments in funding. The fire service today, they can't run the fire calls, go to training, and make hoagies, that's not going to happen. There's multiple municipalities around us that they pay 100% of the trucks, they are grateful for what you are going to give us. Mr. Rayner took the time to put the numbers in and it's a pretty good plan. We need to get to the point, we have to order this truck by the end of September or we lose our build slot. Right now, we're sinking money into the ladder truck. Mr. Evans said they understand the finances and charges, it's difficult for them to swallow also. Mr. Stauffer said have you added up the numbers and what is our share and your share. Mr. Rayner said the amount of interest that the Township will pay is \$67,331.00. Mrs. Yerger said it's costing us more by \$67,000? Mr. Gress said because we don't have the money in there right now. Mr.

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Rayner said that's a lot of money if they are expected to pay that interest as well, then they are paying more than 25%. They have to pay interest on the \$300,000 loan they got.

Mrs. Louder said if we take the \$67,329 out of the \$100,000 we are giving you in January, are you good with that? Mr. Gress asked out of the operating fund? Mrs. Louder said no, you know how the Township gives your operations allotment, then you would end up with \$30,000. Mr. Rayner said that won't work.

Mrs. deLeon said she'd like to know the municipalities that pay 100%, could you please provide that. Mr. Johnson said Hellertown and Upper Saucon are two that pay 100%. Mr. Gress said Chief Snyder what are your plans for the amount from the Township. Mrs. Yerger said let's get this one settled first. Mr. Gress said he's trying to find out if they are going to have to take out a loan and what their plans are for a loan and if they are going to be charged as well. We committed as the Township pay 75% of the cost of the truck. Mrs. Louder said not the interest. Mr. Gress said that's what we agreed to, we don't have it to give them right now. Now instead of us saying we don't have it, we'll figure out a way to get it, now we are telling them we are going to give you 75% but you are going to have to take out a loan right now and you are going to have to pay the interest. Mrs. deLeon said they knew that months ago. They knew we didn't have the money, we only had the amount of money that was in the line item that was from the fire tax. Mr. Rayner said we knew we had to take out a loan but to your point as well, his assumption was that the Township was going to cover the interest for the loan. Your assumption was that we were going to pay the interest, so that part never got talked about. Mrs. deLeon said the cost of the truck, period. Mr. Rayner said could we agree to split the interest, would that be a reasonable compromise. Mr. Gress said if we had the money, we wouldn't even be talking about this. Mrs. deLeon said we knew we didn't have the money. Mr. Gress said if this was 6 or 7 years down the road, we wouldn't be having this conversation.

Mr. Stauffer said is this accurate what we'd be getting in the fire fund revenues? Ms. Gorman said their assessment doesn't really increase all that much, so it's approximately that. His numbers on the report are accurate. Mr. Gress said by the end of 2023 both trucks would be paid off and we'd have \$533,000 in the account. Ms. Gorman's said we are only expending \$298,000 a year as opposed to the maximum. We are still able to put some money in there. It also depends on the Steel City situation.

Mrs. Yerger said they are taking out the loan, it's their truck, but what happens if can't pay the loan? Mr. Gress said it's on them. Mrs. Yerger said then what. Mrs. Gorman said we discussed that and we would get the Solicitor to draft a contract agreement just like we do with grant applications that if there was a default, we .....Mrs. Yerger interrupted and said they'd have to agree to that too. Mr. Johnson said the fire company is signing on the dotted line. Mrs. Yerger said you need to see what this is all going to look like then and that's her concern. Mr. Johnson said they know what it's going to look like.

Attorney Treadwell asked, what's the process? How much is the down payment on the truck? Mr. Rayner said there are a lot of options, they can put nothing down, they can pay 100% up front or anything in-between. The more they put down, there's opportunity to save a little bit of money off the cost of the truck. Attorney Treadwell said what are you proposing to put down? Mr. Rayner said they'd like to get approval from Council so they can secure the loan and put down 75% on which will save them some money. Attorney Treadwell said that would be covered by the \$425,600 and whatever loan or loans you take out. Mr. Rayner said it would be the \$425,600 plus they would take out the balance to cover the \$1,106,775 and they are going to put in their difference as well. Their amount is over \$300,000. The state does not allow the loan until after the truck is delivered. Attorney Treadwell said when does Pierce expect the balance? Mr. Rayner said at delivery. Mr. Evans said they need a valid certification and that can't be done until it's produced and then they officially award that money. Attorney Treadwell said how long does that

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process take? Mr. Johnson said that's done at the plant before the truck even leaves Pierce. Mr. Evans said the loan company works with several of the manufacturers and this is their standard process and this is why Jim worked with them because there are a lot of moving parts and dynamics. Attorney Treadwell said what's the collateral for the loan? Mr. Johnson said the truck. Attorney Treadwell said, not a Township guarantee? Mr. Evans said the loan is Lower Saucon. Mr. Rayner said as part of that loan process, the only thing the Township has to do is provide a financial statement from last year, the Township is not signing the loan or anything like that. There is no liability on that loan. Mrs. deLeon said the truck will be titled to the fire company? Mr. Rayner said correct.

Mrs. Louder asked Mrs. Gorman if she had any recommendations on the best scenario? Mrs. Gorman said at this point, you know how much you have and the ball is in your court. That being said, they are going to put down as much as they can, but if things go wrong, you could potentially lose that unless you get a performance bond.

Mrs. Louder said does the offer still stand to split the interest amount? Mr. Evans said he was not authorized to speak about that, and the treasurer and president are not very happy with him right now.

Mrs. deLeon said when we approved this policy, it says Council approved a \$1 million fire tax which is \$430,000 cap annually for the replacement of fire equipment. Council has agreed to donate to the volunteer fire companies a portion of the cost towards the purchase of the cost of a new vehicle. Then it goes down to say Council bases grant awards/donations on 75% of cost upon review of the specifications To her, interest is not cost. Mr. Evans said then the question is can we take the \$1,106,755 from reserves and can we have that in full and we can immediately transfer the \$425,600 from the Fire Tax Fund and that will be almost half repaid now with our portion and the interest is gone. Mrs. deLeon said we don't have that much money, we can't wipe out that fund.

Mrs. Gorman said in your reserves, you would have to have a resolution to do that. With that being said, she knows Council is concerned about that. Mrs. deLeon said we talked about it and we'll be talking about it in October. Mr. Rayner said if we have to pick up the interest and part of it, then he'd like to ask for the max. down so they can minimize that loan. Mrs. deLeon said what do you mean by the max? Mr. Rayner said we can leave \$10,399 in the Fire Fund and ask for \$665,000 as a down payment, which will reduce the size of the loan they have to take out and will save them \$23,000 in interest. Mrs. deLeon said what would that leave as a balance? Mrs. Gorman said that would leave Steel City with \$10,000. Mr. Gress said that's not fair to them. He said no one wants to pay \$67,000 in interest, he's looking at it from the other side of things. If they had to go get a loan on their own, they'd be paying the interest on it. If the Township decided to buy that fire truck in full and own that fire truck, what would the Township do to buy that fire truck? We'd have to get a loan and we would have to pay interest. They are paying interest on their 25%, and if we have to pay interest on our 75%, for right now, for these two trucks if that's what it takes till the fund comes back up, we shouldn't have had that issue in theory. In theory, this should be a once and done, yes, we agree we'll pay 75%, he understands it says cost, guess what, interest is cost. Mrs. deLeon said she disagrees with that. Mr. Gress said if you had to get a loan on your car, you'd be paying interest.

Mrs. deLeon said if someone was saying they were giving her a grant for the cost of a car, that would be the car. It wouldn't be well if you want fancy tires, etc. Mr. Gress said that's fine, if we give it to them in full, then he'd say okay.

Mr. Evans said just as a piece of reassurance, the purpose of the outside consultant review is to verify that the items in the truck are necessary. That's a nice validation as well as what we are presenting is within reason. Mrs. deLeon said she thanks them for making the changes. Mrs.

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Gorman said she did forward the information to the consultant and he did indicate that they addressed his concerns and he was satisfied.

Mrs. deLeon said going back there was supposed to be one fire company, we still have two and you still get your \$150,000 and they get their \$50,000. Mr. Gress said he's sure we would all love to see one fire company. Mrs. deLeon said she's been wanting to see that for years. Mrs. Louder said she still doesn't know why we don't have one fire company. Mr. Gress said that's an argument for another day.

Mrs. deLeon said she doesn't want to wipe out that account. Mr. Gress said Mrs. Gorman's original down payment was leaving \$10,000 in there. Mr. Gress said and you were comfortable with it? Mrs. Gorman said we paid the consultant already and we have \$600,000 in there now. You have to make sure that the payment that is done, we're not going to give that \$430,000 on January 1. If their payment is when our revenue is coming in, they need to coordinate that. Mr. Johnson said the loan payment is one year after they sign. They may sign September 30<sup>th</sup> and the first loan payment would be September 2020.

Mr. Rayner said if the Township would be kind enough to cover the interest for that portion of the loan to try and minimize that interest. Mr. Evans said they would like to pay the loan off in four years to minimize the interest while letting the fire fund build up on the back side over the years.

Mrs. deLeon said legally will there be a contract between them and us? Attorney Treadwell said that hasn't been discussed, but he doesn't know what the Township would be giving them in the contract. Mr. Evans said it was going to essentially be a grant award and that would be the language. That was the application they had submitted. Attorney Treadwell said the first grant would be using your numbers. The grant for 2019 would be \$425,600, then in 2020 you would ask for a grant for \$187,000 until 2023. Mr. Evans said their vision is they would be awarded a grant payable over four years. Attorney Treadwell said you just told four future Council's what they are going to do. Mrs. deLeon said when they allocated money, that grant was from this date to that date. She understands what he is saying about binding future Council members, but they applied for a grant, we approved the grant and it covered a four year term saying they were going to get so much money. We already made this decision. Attorney Treadwell said sometimes we work in worst case scenarios, but the concept of a future Council eliminating the fire tax while everybody thinks it's a horrible idea, doesn't mean it isn't going to happen. It's a possibility, so if you have promised either fire company that you are going to make these payments over the next five years, and the fire tax disappears, where are you going to be getting this money?

Mr. Evans said for example if the Township was going to buy a dump truck that they were going to take a loan out on and pay it off over five years, how does that scenario not commit? Attorney Treadwell said that's a whole different process, you have to go through Harrisburg and get approval from Harrisburg to borrow money and that is what allows us to say we are purchasing this piece of equipment now and paying it over time as the State of PA has approved us doing that, which binds the future Council's which is why I asked the question as to whether any of the lending people that anybody is talking to has asked for a guarantee from the Township. If the Township is going to get a guarantee, we have to go through the same process in Harrisburg which means sending it to Harrisburg, that process is not quick and it's not easy. Mr. Gress said you are saying based off the fact the money is coming in by tax, that you think it should be a grant award every year. Attorney Treadwell said yes, he thinks Council each year should authorize a payment of whatever the request is. The concept of 75% is there if you give five grants, that totals the 75%, but to guarantee you are going to make those payments, we don't know what's going to happen in the next five years, we have no idea. That is more tricky on the Township's part because if that fire tax isn't there, where are you getting it. Mrs. Gorman said she thinks they would have to renegotiate their loan and spread it out over more years.

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Mr. Rayner had Tracy on the phone who works for Volunteer's Financing Services, and she's been helping him run numbers for the loan. It was asked what the Township's obligation was on the 75% of the loan. The question is, what do you need from the Township as part of that loan application. Tracy said she is sure that the bank and PEMA would need some kind of a letter that says we are the Township and we are supporting our fire company by donating 75% of the payments of the loan on this truck purchase through our account and if something were to happen in the future, then the fire company could always do something like refinance this loan, term it out longer if need be, things along that line. They just need something from the Township that will let them know what the idea behind this whole process is going to be. They will need the last three years of audited reports to show them where you stand financially and this is something that you'd be able to do.

Attorney Treadwell said he can't tell you off the top of his head whether that's something Harrisburg has. He thinks what she's asking for is some type of a commitment letter or letter of intent or something like that, which is a little bit like a loan. Harrisburg has the rules on municipalities on borrowing money, which are very complicated and the definitions may include that. Mr. Gress said even if the Township isn't borrowing money. Attorney Treadwell said yes, because we're guaranteeing it basically. Mrs. Gorman said we are guaranteeing their money through the grant process. Mr. Evans said he interrupted what she said as simply the discussion and resolution with the identifying plan of granting x amount now with the intention of reapplying in the future would probably suffice that well knowing that could change. It's almost like applying for a personal loan, you are using your personal income and credit score at the moment. You aren't guaranteeing three years down the road that you are going to have that same income and credit rating, etc. Attorney Treadwell said the banks taking that risk based on the collateral that you provided which is your house. So Tracy helps facilitate the loans from a bank, she doesn't work for a bank. We don't know what the bank is going to say. She said they will probably ask for something with three years of audited financials, etc., but it's possible a bank could come back and say they want the Township to guarantee it. Mr. Rayner said the bank she is talking about is the one she uses for numerous fire companies in the State of PA and she knows what the process is.

Mrs. deLeon said if other municipalities have done these grants, what do they do in a case like this? Mr. Evans said he doesn't know of other municipalities that necessarily have done a grant in the same way. There are other municipalities that have purchased and own the fire apparatus which is the direction that LST has indicated they did not want to do. Attorney Treadwell said the one in the paper was Forks Township and they borrowed \$1.5 million out of their sewer fund and then basically promised themselves they would pay it back with a reserve, but that's not guaranteeing a payment to a bank over five years.

Mrs. Yerger said do we have to check this out with Harrisburg? Attorney Treadwell said we certainly don't want to do it and have Harrisburg come back and say, we have a problem. Mr. Johnson asked how it was done with the last truck? Attorney Treadwell said we went to Harrisburg. That was a loan the Township took. Mr. Evans said if this is approved tonight and we were unable to get a loan, if it came up what we provided was not sufficient, that's where we go back to the drawing board and then Harrisburg needs to get involved. In theory, at this point in time, we aren't asking anything of them. Attorney Treadwell said the minute Council says we'll give you \$425,600 if that's the number they decide, then you're going to Pierce and everyone is obligated to Pierce. Mr. Rayner said we want to get our loans in line first before we sign on the dotted line with Pierce. The next step is we have to go to take the loans, and secure the loans, then sign on the dotted line. Mrs. deLeon said when's the price going to increase? Mr. Johnson said September 30<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Louder said is the fire company in a position right now to go on your own, take all the loan out, purchase your truck knowing that you have the fire tax coming in? Mr. Johnson said nobody is willing to guarantee that right now. Mrs. Louder said we have a fire tax in place that says it has

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to be for fire equipment. That's pretty much a guarantee to her. Mr. Rayner said only for this year. It could change. He said he can't string the fire company out for \$1.5 million. They can't make it work. Mrs. Louder said to her you are almost guaranteed the money from the Township of the tax, but in the same token, it's still a gamble for you because of changes, but again, they'd be pretty stupid to change that fire tax. Mr. Evans said realistically if something were to change in the fire tax, we'd probably be looking at the way fire services is provided in LST, which is a whole other conversation, and would probably end up being more expensive than funding the fire tax for apparatus. LST has a history of making intelligent decisions related to public safety and provides premier public safety to the residents and visitors of the municipality, so he thinks there is a certain level of trust and confidence.

Attorney Treadwell said what was the reason why we didn't like the last model? Mr. Evans said liability was cited to them at the time that the Township felt they had increased liability owning the apparatus. The issues come up of who pays the repair bills, who pays to get it inspected every year, all those types of things which adds a whole other component of operations. For the last 1.5 years, we've operated under that and that's how we got to where we were.

Mrs. deLeon said she wasn't expecting this monkey wrench. Mr. Gress said you are basically looking for a letter from the Township saying over the next five years, this will be the money that would be distributed out of the fire tax to assist you in paying for your loan. Mr. Johnson said correct. This was talked about in the Fire Services meeting, so this is nothing new. Attorney Treadwell said he's saying it's all dependent on whether somebody in Harrisburg is going to think that's a guarantee. Mr. Rayner said why do we need to go to Harrisburg? Attorney Treadwell said it's the guarantee concept that we are guaranteeing a payment of money over a period of five years and they don't view that any differently than if we borrowed it ourselves as it's the same thing. Borrow it or guarantee it, we're still on the hook for it. Mr. Evans said the problem would go away then if reserves were utilized.

Mr. Johnson said what if we do the first years payment to get the ball rolling and then you check with Harrisburg for the following year? Mrs. deLeon said how much do we have in our reserves? Mrs. Gorman said it's around a little over \$2 million. Mrs. deLeon said so there's strings attached to that because we did that policy. Mrs. Gorman said if that money is in the operational reserves, you need to come back to Council with a resolution. Mrs. Gorman said the only way out of it which would make the Township go on the hook would be with a future Council and that would be up to them, and it would kind of force the issue to keep the fire tax saying that tax is paying back the operational reserve fund. Mr. Gress said we don't want to drain that operational reserve fund. Mrs. deLeon said what if something catastrophic would happen. Mrs. Louder said we have stormwater and other things going on right now. Mrs. Gorman said you wouldn't have to pay it back, it's your own money. Mrs. Yerger said we have other issues in the Township. Mr. Evans said it would be less than \$1.7 million because it would be the difference of the two trucks minus the \$66,500, so it would be closer to half.

Mrs. Louder said what's in the fire fund right now? Mrs. Gorman said \$676,947. Mrs. Louder said we put the \$10,000 right on the top, we give them their 60% of that \$600,000, the other part goes to Steel City – done. The next year we come around again, the rest is on them. That is the best we could possibly do. Reserves aren't an option. This Township has a lot of little loopholes that need to be addressed and we know Black River Road came up at \$1.0 million and if that really blows open, there's going to be even more problems and the Township is going to be caught with their pants down. Mrs. Yerger said that's just one of many. Mrs. Louder said the whole mountain is just leaking. You would walk away with x amount of dollars, \$400,000. That's what you would get in 2019, and that would get you started and then you have to secure the rest with your financing until September again when we get the fire tax money and then you get that portion. That's what you can count on. Mr. Gress said what they are saying was without that letter from the Township that the intent is to pay that, we'd have a hard time getting that loan. Mrs. Louder said we have the fire

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tax in place, that's the money they are entitled to. You are going to get the \$150,000 and your gas money and the insurance is covered. What else do we do? Mrs. deLeon said Worker's Comp. Mrs. Louder said is this feasible, something you can work with? Mr. Rayner said isn't that what we're asking for. We're asking for the \$425,000 now and then next year get the amount. Mrs. Louder said but you're not going to put anything in writing and you are guaranteed the fire tax today.

Mrs. deLeon said Attorney Treadwell said if you do that, that's guaranteeing it, then we'd have to go to Harrisburg to get the permission. Attorney Treadwell said we can have that conversation with the Attorney General. Mr. Rayner said can we say we have this fire apparatus tax that's allotted for fire equipment. Attorney Treadwell said that's going to be the issue on what will the bank accept.. The collateral is the fire truck and I really don't want a fire truck if I'm a bank because what am I going to do with it, so the issue's going to be will the bank accept the concept that we have a fire tax in place. The fire tax is there to fund equipment purchases. Is that enough for them or do we need to say then we promise to pay x amount of dollars from it for the next four years. He doesn't know the answer to that.

Mrs. Louder said can you check with your financial people to see if that letter will be admissible. If you can tell them we have a fire tax and we'll give them a copy of the ordinance, that's the best we can do for right now. Mr. Gress said if we give them a statement showing them the fire tax, would that be sufficient. Attorney Treadwell said we're just stating a fact. We haven't promised anything, we just need a statement.

Mr. Rayner said Tracy is on the phone again. There's a question about the letter that is needed by the Township. Attorney Treadwell said do you think the bank would accept a letter from the Township stating that we have a fire tax, the fire tax brings in \$430,000 a year and the purpose of that fire tax is to purchase equipment. Just a statement of fact without a promise or anything similar to a promise to make payments over the next four or five years. Tracy said there is kind of a standard letter that they do ask for that you can fill out what the intentions are. She has in the past received letters from municipalities that are just stating, "hi, we're the municipality and we're bringing in a fire tax, the amount of the fire tax, and the reason for the fire tax is for truck purchases and loan payments toward these trucks". That's kind of spells it out to the credit department. Also, looking at your financials would back you up to show what you have and what you use it for. Last time we spoke, she did say PEMA, but we don't have to worry about that. The bank is much more lose with the credit and the letter, it's the state that is difficult with the letter. Mrs. deLeon said we have to be careful for future years binding us with decisions as there may be different people up here, so we're just trying to come up with a way to help the fire company out.

Mrs. Gorman said since the truck is going to be in the fire company's name, the truck is the collateral. Tracy said correct, the truck is the collateral. Mrs. deLeon said then we're good for 2019.

Mrs. Louder said does anyone have any objection to this situation. Mr. Rayner said then the process is we go through the requesting process again. Attorney Treadwell said yes, go through that process again next year and please ask her to send Mrs. Huhn a copy of the letter she wants us to sign so we know. He said you didn't address the interest question yet. Mr. Rayner said we don't have to address that until we come back next year and ask for an amount. Attorney Treadwell said that's true, you have time to negotiate that. Mr. Rayner said what's our number now – 60/40? Mrs. Louder said she's comfortable with 60/40. Mr. Evans said as long as the record shows that's going to increase the amount. That 6% is money that won't be applied to the down payment, so that will carry over into the loan, so the \$67,000 interest is going to be a little bit higher. Mrs. Gorman said it would be a clear projection if we had a firmer number for what Steel City's would be. For what we have right now, it's probably the best scenario.

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Attorney Treadwell said if that's what you want to do, then you would make a motion to give LSPR a grant in 2019 for the amount of \$425,600 to use towards the down payment of the \$1.5 million Pierce Custom Arrow 100' Aerial Tower Truck.

**MOTION BY:** Mr. Gress moved for approval of the Pierce Fire Apparatus as stated above by Attorney Treadwell.

**SECOND BY:** Mrs. deLeon

Someone said he understands there is more cost at the end with 60/40, which is \$25,000 difference. Mr. Gress said you add them all together and divvy them up, 36% would be the total share of your drop and 64% would be the total share of their truck out of the total cost of all of them. DCED said both trucks are important and need to be replaced. That way, every payment forward, would be proportioned out with the same amount that both trucks, depending on your loans, would be paid off in the same amount of time. If you did it 50/50, your truck would be paid off in two years and theirs would be paid off in five years. This way both trucks will be paid off at the same time. Mrs. deLeon said we'll need the information from you for us to look at. What would be the balance after we give them their 64%? Mr. Rayner said it would be approximately just like a couple hundred dollars under \$250,000. Mrs. Louder said did we take off the \$10,000 first? Attorney Treadwell said the balance of the account would be \$250,000 which will leave about \$240,000 for Steel City.

**ROLL CALL:** 5-0

Mrs. deLeon said we compared it and this is what numbers came up, it was either 50/50 or these numbers. She said Part B of this is Steel City. Chris Snyder, Fire Chief was present, along with Mr. Randy Smalley, Sales Representative from Toyne, and Scott Nocek, Jr., Assistant Fire Chief of Steel City. Mrs. deLeon said you received the review letter. Mr. Snyder said yesterday. Mrs. deLeon said we didn't want to hold up the loan process.

Mr. Gress said if you look at their report, on page 10, just reading it, it talks about it being extremely complex, but there are things in there that talked about different pump sizes, etc. He understands the truck is to be a pumper tanker, but some of the stuff they talked about, there were concerns with getting stuff out of the top compartment. You talked about the height of it too, the raised cab. Someone said the height of the truck right now is 10'7", their current truck is 11'4". It's obviously shorter in height than their current apparatus. As far as the cover, there is no real good way to make a walkable cover. Mr. Smalley said even if you wanted a walkable cover, it's still not OSHA compliant as you still have the fall risk. There are no handrails up there. Someone said as for the pump itself, they used the current truck for large water moving for large fires and the calves are not used. For house fires, the calve is used. It's a dual purpose truck, that's the whole reason behind that.

Mr. Gress said it looks like it's long. You won't have any issues with turning it around in Steel City. Someone said no, the biggest thing with that is the 24" bumpers on the front and back, the body of the truck is only 33' long. They still use the front bumper line for suppression, and the back of the bumper is the pump valve. Mrs. deLeon said she's comparing the length of your fire truck to the length of an average trailer or bus. Someone said the truck is coming in at 37' 7". The average truck right now is usually around 35'. He believes Hellertown trucks are 35' just for a regular engine. Lower Nazareth is 35' long, 12' high. The average truck is usually between 32' and 35' on average. Mrs. deLeon said does anyone know how long a trailways bus is? Someone said 45'. Mrs. deLeon said she did a barn tour a couple of years ago and they had busses, and said they could fit through the country roads, and two weeks before the barn tour they said they couldn't do it as the bus is too long, so she just wants to make sure this will work. Someone said years ago they had one 36' and they were able to go through everything even the cul-de-sac.

Mrs. Louder said what was the truck recommended to be purchased during the DCED study for Steel City? Mr. Gress said the DCED study suggested Scrapin, and several trucks. It was one or both of Steel City's and the study talked about replacing it with three or four different trucks. He

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thought the fire companies had gotten together and gone over the report and came up with this plan as a cheaper alternative to what DCED really wanted.

Mrs. deLeon said you keep talking about the better flow and foam, what is that. Someone said basically air is introduced into the lines along with foam itself and makes the water more soluble. It puts out fires faster. Mrs. deLeon said the one paragraph says the department needs to decide if they are truly committed to compressed air foam or should completely drop compressed air foam for a high volume water design. Mr. Snyder said that's where it's a dual purpose truck. (Could not hear what else he said).

Mrs. Louder said if you arrive at a fire and there's a fire company already there using water, will your truck use water too? Someone said yes, it can use either one. Mrs. Louder said you can't mix the two, if they are using water, you have to use water. Someone said you can add calves to it, but if someone is going to put water on the calves, it just dilutes it and is a moot point. Mrs. Louder said are there other municipalities that have this foam? Someone said Bethlehem Township and Upper Saucon. Mr. Gress said it's much better using this than water.

Mrs. deLeon said the highlights of the report, are you changing anything? Someone said he read through it and a lot of stuff was in the specs. Mr. Smalley said he offered to come here tonight, because by the time he saw this, there's no way that he can get you anything back in writing. As he went through it, he responded to every one of the gentleman's concerns. The problem with it is exactly what was brought up earlier. You were advised buy multiple trucks. What your fire departments have done is combine. The easiest way he can tell you what is going on here is if you have this box, he can only fit so much in this box. After you want to add this or subtract that, it's not that easy at that point. Some of the things he came up with are all in the spec; all the measurements are in the drawings which aren't there, NFPA and FEMA have requirements and you get all of that. Once this process gets moving, you're in the very beginning stages of it. Every single document he requests, you will have in a packet. This isn't just something you go and say okay, we're going to build this truck and there's a ton of weight you have to be concerned with, NFPA doesn't allow this truck to go over 60 MPH. We have to gear the truck and he references that so it does not go over 60 MPH. There are engineers that are way smarter than he is. They put this all together and every single inch of the truck is engineered.

Mrs. deLeon said we're at the point where you got the recommendations. You just told us you have answered and responded. Where are you in the process to move this along. Mr. Snyder said there are two minor changes they agreed to which will be minimal in the price and they are ready to move forward with the truck.

Mrs. Yerger said one of the things she's concerned about is the specification summary. How is this all being addressed? Mrs. Huhn said he's willing to continue his review of this so this might be something you could speak to him about. Mr. Smalley said if he wanted to contact him personally or their company, he'd be glad to speak to them. Mrs. Huhn said is this what we sent to him to review. Your saying he reviewed something different. Someone said he reviewed everything except the drawing. Everything in the box is covered in there.

Attorney Treadwell said right now Council has a review from the consultant you hired that basically says it needs changes. We've had the same review for the previous truck and changes were made, it went back to the consultant and the consultant said okay, now I'm good, so we need to follow the same process. Let's send whatever changes are back to the consultant and/or you point out to them you missed A, B, C, D, E or F, so you as a Council can get comfortable with what the consultant now says. Mrs. Yerger said that's all she wants. She's concerned about the safety issues.

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Mr. Smalley said that's what he really needs to know. Are you comfortable with the idea of having calves because the consultant isn't. Mrs. Louder said resubmit it to the consultant with the changes and bring it back. The next meeting is September 18<sup>th</sup>.

**D. REVIEW OF GRANT WRITER – FIRMS TO ASSIST FIRE COMPANIES**

Mrs. deLeon said the Director of Finance and Manager met with the representatives from two Fire Companies to determine how best to assist them and what grants they would like to pursue.

Mrs. Huhn said there is a memo that Mrs. Gorman wrote which is a review of what was talked about. Mrs. Gorman said we were looking at the fire apparatus vehicles for this grant. Both grant writers indicated that it would be a waste of money to do. LS Fire Rescue's vehicle is too young for Federal funding and Steel City's demographics, they don't support that. If you are considering retaining a grant writer to assist the fire departments in other apparatus they needed, that's what they would be recommending. We had discussions with the fire departments and they know other fire departments that used Firehouse Grants and had success with them. They are the more expensive of the two, but the issue at hand is timing. The grant opens up and they give you a certain amount of weeks to apply for them, yet they also need the demographics ahead of time to get prepped before the grant goes to the respective agencies. They keep those demographics year after year and update them as the fire companies give them data. The Federal grant, if there's a trigger item that the Federal Government wants you to use the money for, they try to push those types of projects. They're really not aware of what would be a high classification of an award until the grant is released and then they only give you two weeks to put it together. She's not sure if you are inclined to move forward with one to give the demographics and apply for something at the next round of Federal funding. She believes a Safer grant is just for personnel.

Mrs. Louder said would it be beneficial at this time? Mrs. deLeon asked for a show of hands. She said they want to do this. Mr. Gress said you would work with the grant writers to see what is the best item. Mrs. Gorman said they should come back to us first. Mrs. Yerger said write up your wish list.

Mr. Stauffer said Mrs. Gorman wrote that Steel City's vehicle is old enough, but the demographics. If the demographics included the entire Township, would they be in a better position to get this grant. Mrs. Gorman said she doesn't believe you can because you are not merged and not one. If they were merged, they might have a better chance. Mrs. Louder said good point Ryan.

Mrs. Gorman said what's before Council tonight would be to recommend which RFP to accept and then she will communicate with that person and see what we can do for the fire companies

Scott Krycia, LSFR said he spoke to Firehouse grant guy about a year ago about writing an RFP for them, but we just got the material altogether too late. Mrs. Yerger said if you start now, you'll have more time. Mr. Krycia said according to PEMA, the 2018 grant cycle fund law, has to be dispersed by September 30<sup>th</sup>. We're on Round 2 already and they are already giving that out. He can guarantee in October or November, they'll start the next round.

Mrs. Louder said after reading the application from Firehouse, which was the one she was going to lean towards. They say they are successful with more than \$20 million of grant money whereas the other one says it was successful up to or nearly close to \$20 million. This one actually seems to be a more successful company. She would go with Firehouse.

Attorney Treadwell asked what is the fee? Mrs. Gorman said Firehouse will charge \$4,045 for the grant application. Attorney Treadwell said it's a flat rate. If you submit a grant for \$200, it's \$4,045 for the fee, and if you submit a grant for \$2 million, it's the same amount. Mr. Gress said that's for the AFG grant. The Safer grant is actually \$6,500. Mr. Krycia suggested the AFG grant. Mrs. Yerger said can you give us a ballpark. Someone said for Steel City, you'd be looking at air

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packs which are roughly \$90,000 to \$100,000. Mr. Gress asked Mr. Krycia what they would go for. Mr. Krycia said maybe turn out gear. We have to get guidance from FEMA and then they can tailor it.

Mrs. Louder said is this once and done or is this an every year grant writing event. Mr. Krycia said they do it every year. Mrs. Louder said will he teach you how to do it. Mr. Krycia said they've been doing it already for a couple of years. He's not a grant writer, this guy lives and breathes this grant writing. Every year the FEMA budget gets smaller and every year more companies apply and it gets very competitive.

Mrs. deLeon said is it one grant just for the year. Mrs. Gorman said it's for one grant and she's wondering if this is ongoing, you'd want to keep the same one for a certain time period so they have your demographics on file.

Mrs. Yerger said do you want to just hire them and put a cap on it. Attorney Treadwell said is it \$4,500 per grant. Mrs. Gorman said yes. Attorney Treadwell said if Steel City and LS Fire Rescue both apply for a grant, it's \$9,000. You need to know ahead of time what you are hiring them to do. Mr. Evans said ideally we would go for a regional grant, however, some of our equipment is at different ages and some are older than others. What we found when we applied for a Federal grant for air packs a few years ago, we had replaced some of our equipment with insurance money after the fire at the Leithsville Station, but the air packs at the Southeastern Station were older and qualified, but because we went in with Se-Wy-Co and Southeastern together, the equipment was not old enough to be eligible for the grant and it held Southeastern back from being awarded the grant. That would be one limitation while we would want to do it if the grant writer says Steel City may be eligible on their own, but combined they wouldn't be. They used to tell us in March that the grant cycle is open on October 1<sup>st</sup>, here's the guidelines and priorities, you had six months to work on it. We are literally working in the blind and they don't even announce when awards are coming out. He's not sure if you should do a "not to exceed".

Mrs. Louder said 20% discounts in the same program for a year and additional discounts for multiple department applications. Mr. Gress said did we authorize an amount. Mrs. Gorman said no. Mr. Gress asked where would the money come from. Mrs. Gorman said this would have to come out of our General Fund as it's not for vehicles. We would take it out of the Fire General Expense and as of today, we have enough money. Mr. Gress said is there something feasible that both companies could go for regional. Mr. Evans said air packs are the hot topic. They are trying to get a grant for air packs so from a safety perspective they can operate two different types. We need some sort of approval to work with the grant writer as last year it was a two-week period in which you had to submit the application. Mr. Gress said is this something you would be able to call them up and tell them you want to go with air packs for an AFG grant, and so many this age, and that age, do you think it's feasible before we apply. Will he give you an answer.

Mr. Krycia said he'll give you an answer based on his experience but he won't give an answer based on the AFG. It changes every year. Every fire company is doing the same type of thing. Mr. Gress said if we would approve spending the \$4,500, would both companies be able to go in with the Firehouse Grant, provide them demographics and information and prepare for a joint grant of some kind to be ready when the time comes. Mrs. deLeon said they have 15 days. Mr. Gress said if we have everything in order and what they need. Mr. Krycia said it's an idea, he doesn't know the specific needs. Mrs. deLeon said does the criteria change every time? Mr. Krycia said apparatus was a big thing years ago, it does change and they discount the mutual aid calls now. He'd have to talk to Bryan and Ty and see what their vision is. They have SCBA's that's four and five years old, they want to see something that's 15 years old. Mrs. deLeon wants to support you but doesn't want to waste the money and just give the fire companies the money. Mr. Krycia said why don't you approve it up to a certain amount and let the fire companies talk to the grant writer and see what's feasible and we'll send Mrs. Huhn an email on what we can do. Mr. Gress said

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we'll approve it based on you coming back to Leslie with a viable option. Mr. Krycia said yes. Attorney Treadwell said what are you approving, one, two, how much money. Mr. Krycia said one grant. That will tie them into doing a regional or one company doesn't do a grant. Mr. Gress said if that's the determination, figure out who will do it this year. Mr. Stauffer said if they were to do two grants, would the 20% count towards it. Mrs. Gorman said she's sure that they were referring to, you'd get the discount. Mrs. deLeon said you are working to get your loans for your truck and now we're throwing another thing at you.

**MOTION BY:** Mr. Gress moved to spend \$4,499 pending coming back to Leslie after the meeting of the two fire company's viable options to Firehouse Grants.

**SECOND BY:** Mrs. deLeon

**ROLL CALL:** 5-0

**E. RESOLUTION #67-2019 – LOCAL SHARE ACCOUNT MONROE COUNTY – GRANT**

Mrs. deLeon said Resolution #67-2019 has been prepared for Council's review. Staff is requesting approval of a resolution required to submit a grant application to the Commonwealth Finance Authority Local Share Account Monroe County for the replacement of windows at the Michael and Margaret Heller Homestead Widow's House, which is listed on the National Register.

Mrs. Gorman said replacement of the windows at the Widow's House has been on the list for quite some time and we've applied to PHMC a couple of times and have been rejected. There is limited funding. We thought this might be an opportunity to try this grant. The amount is not to exceed the amount he put in there. This is for the wooden windows with the special glass. If at some point when we come back to Council if we are awarded this, and you change your mind, and you want insulated glass. Mrs. Huhn said this is the most expensive option and we would not exceed this. Mrs. deLeon said there are all different windows. Mrs. Gorman said we want to make sure they are all the same style. Some windows have 3, 6 or 12 panes and some house windows. Mrs. Huhn said this grant is closing September 30<sup>th</sup>. A match is not required, but it always looks better if we put money in ourselves.

Mrs. Louder asked how much was in the Historical Fund? Mrs. Gorman said close to \$20,000. Every year we locate another \$20,000. By next year we should have \$40,000. Mrs. deLeon said she knows at some point this house received grants from PHMC and they had to get approval from Karen Arnold. She was always wonderful and she said we could always call her and she'd advise us on the windows.

Mrs. Huhn said did you want to discuss a match? Mr. Stauffer asked about the success of the grant with a match. Mrs. Gorman said it significantly helps, but usually with a grant like this, 15% is what they are looking for, which is a little over \$8,000. That would come out of the Historic Capital Fund.

**MOTION BY:** Mr. Gress moved to approve Resolution #67-2019 to support the submission of a grant application to the CFA Monroe County grant program for the replacement of windows at the Michael and Margaret Heller Homestead Widow's House not to exceed \$57,480.00.

**SECOND BY:** Mrs. Yerger

**ROLL CALL:** 5-0

**MOTION BY:** Mr. Gress moved to agree to a 20% match on the grant application in the amount of \$57,480.00 to come from the Historical Fund.

**SECOND BY:** Mrs. deLeon

**ROLL CALL:** 5-0

**F. SUBMISSION AND REVIEW OF 5-YEAR CAPITAL PLAN**

Mrs. deLeon said the Director of Finance has prepared a draft of the 5-year Capital Plan for Council's review and discussion.

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Mrs. Gorman said the 5-year Capital Plan includes your vehicle replacement schedules which the PD replaces their vehicles every two years, PW every ten to fifteen years. That's the majority of expenses that are recognized. Management is still focusing on storm water issues, MS4 compliance and the road work that Roger and the road crew are trying to do every year. That being said, in the 2020 budget, what's going to be presented to you, the PD is replacing Unit 164, and Unit 163, which will total \$86,000; and for PW vehicles, we're looking at replacing the backhoe, the skid loader and purchasing a pick-up truck and we'll offset some of those cost with our liquid fuel funding which we're permitted to do. All of those fall within their replacement cycles. As for projects, what they have slated for next year, PW still has to put a lean-to on the garage and it's been scheduled for some time. It's not a priority, but it is something they requested. PD, we applied earlier in the year for a school violence safety grant so they can be in communications with other officers at the school. Council permitted \$81,000 which was a 15% match. If we don't get the grant, we aren't going to spend it. The Chief does recommend getting new radios, and that will be presented in the General Fund budget. The other items that the PD are requesting are records management system, the need to replace their existing to communicate with Northampton County. We have the Lower Saucon Bridge that's going to be scheduled when we get the approvals from PennDOT for the grant we got. That will trigger Mr. Kocher to go back on the clock and get all the permitting done. The water line issue is another DEP issue and will drag out. In the Parks is the handicap equipment if we get that grant. Roger will be getting the paving done at Polk Valley Park. We will be going for another grant. The Capital Plan is for any expense over \$25,000. Mrs. Louder said the Capital Plan is subject to review. Mrs. Gorman said correct. The expenses will be presented at the October budget meeting.

Mrs. Louder asked if we can expect to see the list of areas with the storm water issues along with this budget when it comes in. Mrs. Huhn said we should have something. Mrs. Louder said the list of roads that are in this packet, are those the ones completed or ones to be worked on. Mrs. Gorman said he hasn't seen the list. The roads on this list are what is submitted to PennDOT.

Mrs. Louder said Parks & Rec budget is pest control, can we buy some praying mantises at the Bug Company. Can we get them and put them in our parks. The praying mantises will devour the Spotted Lantern Fly. Mrs. Huhn said we can get information.

Mrs. deLeon said on page 9, over the years we held money from developers, what are we going to do with this. Mrs. Gorman said when something comes up and its applicable to it, we can use it and bring it back to Council. Mrs. deLeon said there's a lot of money in there. Can we see if we can use it for something else. Mrs. Gorman said she can review the money with Roger and if there's something coming up which would be an additional improvement to road and use the money for that.

Mr. Stauffer said on page 9, he sees \$0 for traffic signal on Polk Valley Road, can you explain that. Mrs. Gorman said we had a little over \$400,000 earmarked for the installation of a traffic signal at Route 412 and Polk Valley Road. Hellertown at that time walked away from assisting and getting it done as there were zoning issues. Mrs. deLeon said there were major issues. That was all to put a light there.

**G. REVIEW OF QUOTES FOR SECURITY CAMERAS AT PUBLIC WORKS BUILDING AND TOWNSHIP PARKS**

Mrs. deLeon said in the 2019 Budget, Council appropriated funds for security cameras to be installed at our Public Works Building and in our Parks. The Director of Finance has obtained quotes for this work to present to Council.

Mrs. Gorman said in our budget we appropriated funding of \$16,000 for installation of cameras. Mr. Rasich contacted three vendors, the quotes are provided to you. TDS came in as the lowest quote and you are under budget.

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Mrs. Louder asked who would monitor this. Mrs. Gorman said it's motion detectors so it would work similar to what our cameras work here do. Mr. Rasich said the recording device would be in the PW department just because it's closest. As needed, it would be utilized to play back wherever need be. Leslie would be able to look at the cameras from her office.

Mr. Stauffer asked how far back you can go? Mr. Rasich said it depends on the size of the recorder and how often it's being recorded. They don't record 24 hours a day. They start and stop. You'd probably have a month that you could go back. These 16 cameras would be mounted on the PW building for the driveway, the fuel station, the back of the PW building, the playground equipment at the bottom, the dog kennel.

Mrs. deLeon said the agenda items says "in our parks". She thought it would be in the parks. Mr. Rasich said the second part is on conjunction to our water line replacement. When that's being done we will run a fiber optic line from PW up to the restroom facility at Town Hall pavilion with capabilities of adding cameras. We would like to run lines to the kennel to provide heat in there in the winter months; and also to run the fountain in our Memorial Pond. The water line will be electric conduit and fibro optic and the camera lines will be in the same trench. Mrs. deLeon said she's glad we are having security cameras here at Town Hall Park, but there are other parks that need cameras as there was just an incident that she read. At Steel City, someone knocked over the port-a-john. If we had a camera there, we'd know. Mr. Rasich said we are also exploring the feasibility of doing that with our Compost Center and the Dog Park. We are looking into utilizing solar powered cameras with range extenders, then we'd need a place to put it. We're hoping to come back with some sort of proposal on that once the pole building is completed at the Compost Center. You have to have a place that is secure enough to store the recording device. Mrs. deLeon said other places have security cameras, so they've been able to figure it out. She thinks it's unfortunate that we have to be at this stage.

Adam Kallen, 4263 Roberts Avenue, said it was his understanding that the P&R Board had recommended you not install security cameras in our parks. Can you explain why you want to go in that direction. Mrs. deLeon said she didn't know that. Mr. Gress said why did they recommend not to install them? Mr. Kallen said there are several individual reasons. This was from a meeting in June at Southeastern Park when the question was raised. We had decided not to recommend that. The general tone was that it would change the attitude of the parks and generally detract from the desirability of going there. In short, we felt that people would not want to be spied on.

Mr. Gress said after the recent incidents with vandalism, a brand new playground with vulgar things written on the playground equipment where little kids can see it and readily view it; he's all for surveillance to prevent the vandalism. Whoever it was, it was uncalled for and unnecessary. If the installation of a few cameras negates that, we can figure out who that is and prosecute them, he's all for it.

Mrs. deLeon said she's a little upset they didn't get that information. Mr. Kallen said there will be a meeting on Monday at Steel City, so he will bring that to their attention. Mrs. Louder said if you are in a public spot, you can be videoed and can have your picture taken, no one can really stop it. Mrs. deLeon said we're being recorded right now.

Mrs. Louder said she'll tell you a little story about a port-a-potty being dumped over. She was coming home and she saw the children in the park. She saw the port-a-potty on its side. She pulled in and said to the kids, what do you know about this. She said she wants you all to know right now there's a camera in here, so tell all your buddies we know who did this. The little children just looked at her and said we know. So that was one incident. Another incident she was coming home from work and there's this little guy with a roll of toilet paper. She pulls into the parking lot and walks over and asks him what he's doing. He says he's washing the pavilion. She

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asked him how are you going to reach the roof as that's where he was throwing it and she asked how are you going to get it back down. She asked him where she got it. He said his house. She said no you didn't, did you get that out of the port-a-potty. He looked at her and said yes. She said clean it all up and don't do it again, then we sat down and talked about tax dollars. This child had absolutely no interest in tax dollars, but at least she had his attention and all he kept saying was he's sorry. She said don't do it again. She went home and walked back down with a roll of toilet paper. She saw the child still there and asked him to put the roll of toilet paper back where you found it, so in case PW guys come and have to use the bathroom, they have toilet paper to use. He went in the port-a-potty and then she gave him a candy bar. She doesn't know who tipped over the port-a-potty, but the kids all think they are on camera and somebody is shaking in their boots. A camera down there would be quite helpful even though the neighbors are watching. Mr. Kallen said what guidelines would Council be putting in place to guarantee the privacy of anyone who would be on the tape. Mrs. deLeon said there are cameras on the parking lot already. Mr. Kallen said this is not a public park. Mrs. deLeon said the Town Hall parking lot is public. Mrs. Louder said the only way the pictures would be viewed if there was an incident. Nobody will be going through them unless there is probable cause. Mr. Kallen said is that in writing or could it be. Attorney Treadwell said he can put anything in writing. Mrs. Yerger said why don't you take it back to P&R and see what your board suggests. Mrs. deLeon said she already asked for a public RTK of a video of tapes meeting in the hallway and parking lot. We are being recorded right now without our permission as we are in a public place. All our parks are public places. We have to look in the legality of this. In the future, if P&R is going to recommend something, they should follow up with a letter to us so we know.

**MOTION BY:** Mr. Gress moved to approve quote with TDS Technologies/TDS Security in the amount of \$11,919.00

**SECOND BY:** Mrs. Louder

**ROLL CALL:** 5-0

**V. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS ITEMS**

**A. APPROVAL OF AUGUST 21, 2019 COUNCIL MINUTES**

Mrs. deLeon said the August 21, 2019 Council minutes are ready for Council's review and approval.

**MOTION BY:** Mrs. Yerger moved for approval of the August 21, 2019 minutes.

**SECOND BY:** Mr. Gress

**ROLL CALL:** 5-0

**VI. PUBLIC COMMENT/CITIZEN NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

- Mr. Gordon Gress, 2371 Black River Road, wanted to speak about zoning rules in the Township. He wanted to discuss some of the problems he ran into with your inconsistent and unfair zoning rules. His son applied for a permit for a garage at 1362 Trotter Lane, and were told we were going to be a little bit over the impervious surface, and we had to get a variance. His son measured and they came out with 34%. For our area, which is R12, we are allowed 30%. It went to the ZHB and your latest appointee to the board asked if we had accurate figures. It might be complicated, but they came out with 4% over. The latest appointee said the garage is going to be 800 square feet over. Mr. Gress said that's not correct, it's 672 square foot over. The appointee said you're wrong with your measurements. You need to have accurate figures. We had to go get an engineer. We were told it has to be down to the impervious, down to the 30%. You must tear out your driveway to get down to the 30%. We just had that put in last year for \$9,000. Lower Saucon driveway regulations say that all driveways should be paved within the ROW and to a point 20' back from the ROW. Driveways for single family residential subdivisions shall be no less than 10' in width, but should not exceed 20' in width. This was a narrow driveway and we were coming down the side and into the mud. We made it wider, got a permit, talked to Roger, no problem, it was beautiful. Suppose we did tear it out to get down to the impervious, what do we replace it with? We can't use stone, LST says stone is an impervious surface. What about pervious pavers? They just approved them and they're environmentally correct. LST doesn't recognize impervious

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pavers. LST doesn't recognize driveway pervious blacktop. Keystone Engineering comes in for us at a cost of \$4,000, calculating 34.8% over. We were .8% off, 120 square feet off, which was not acceptable for the ZHB. After getting Attorney Dennis Benner to the ZHB, we were told that every ZHB meeting, after the May 28<sup>th</sup> meeting, there were many more that were approved in excess of 4.8%. In Upper Saucon if you are 5% or less, it's a given. They don't bother with you. We had Keystone in there, measure it up, and it's 4.8% over. Dennis Benner comes in and argues we were 4.8% over, 600 square feet over. What's the ROW? The ROW in front of the building is 15' wide by 90' long. \$5,500 later, thanks to the very friendly LST ZHB, and being a taxpayer for 61 years, we got the permit. Council appoints these people on the ZHB and he would urge you to be very careful who you appoint to these boards, that they are somewhat knowledgeable. That's his complaint tonight. Jim Young settled the issue. He's working on it with Leslie and Linc. If you go and cut a tree down in the Township, you need a permit. There's so many inconsistencies. After that ZHB meeting when they were denied, he was not upset, he was furious as no common sense prevailed. Mrs. Louder said she did have a conversation with Mr. Young at one time, and he too, is not impressed with the zoning ordinances in the book and he actually made a comment that he would like to throw them all out and start fresh. She knows he sorted through some stuff and he's working on it. He said from where he came from before, this is so complicated. Here as you look up one thing and it refers you to another thing. He's also frustrated with the zoning and he's working on cleaning it up. Mr. Gress said he's a blessing. Mrs. Louder said it should have not cost you that much money for the impervious coverage. Mr. Gress said because we didn't have professional engineers behind their name, they didn't get it. Every one of those meetings he went to where they were approved with some all the way up to 58% impervious coverage, they all had an engineer and lawyer with them. They didn't. He just doesn't think it's fair. Mrs. Louder said we're working on it. Mr. Gress said Mr. Young is on the right track and has sense.

**VII. COUNCIL & STAFF REPORTS**

**A. TOWNSHIP MANAGER**

- Mrs. Huhn said there's a draft of suggested language for the plaque for the dedication of the ADA loop trail at Woodland Hills Preserve in honor of Glenn Kern. It was sent to his family and they approved the language so we're asking for Council approval so we can order the plaque, and once we receive it, we can schedule a date and time for dedication. The family said Monday's and Tuesday's work best with them, so we'll look at a date. Mrs. Huhn read what will be placed on the plaque.

**MOTION BY:** Mrs. Yerger moved for approval of the plaque for Glenn Kern in the amount of \$650.00

**SECOND BY:** Mrs. deLeon

**ROLL CALL:** 5-0

- Mrs. Huhn said this Friday we are having a Movie in the Park at Town Hall Park at 5:30 p.m. There will be a food truck and drinks. They will show the movie "Sing".
- Mrs. Huhn said Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup> the Small Business Roundtable will be held at Braveheart at 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Mrs. Huhn and Mrs. Hartranft will be updating the Chamber.

**B. Mrs. Yerger**

- She said she's pleased to let you know that she got a call from Jerry Holom and he forwarded a letter he received from the PHMC and his property will be reviewed to be put on the National Register on Tuesday, October 1, 2019. He asked if we would consider having the Township write a letter recommendation for him. Mrs. Yerger said it's called the Wagner Farmstead. Mrs. deLeon said now we will have four properties listed on the National Register. His property is beautiful.

**MOTION BY:** Mrs. deLeon moved to direct the Manager to write a recommendation letter as stated above.

**SECOND BY:** Mrs. Yerger

**ROLL CALL:** 5-0

**Mr. Gress** – No report.

**Mrs. Louder**

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- She said this afternoon she tried contacting the owners of the restaurant up on the corner of Philadelphia Pike. She's hoping to hear back from them. On her way in here today, there was a truck there and the door was open. She stopped and went in and there were two workers in there and they were building and fixing and it looks beautiful in there. She asked them what they were doing and what are you making this and when will it be done? The answer she got for all of her questions was "I don't know". Yonney's is still being remodeled or refurbished, hopefully that will be a business back in the Township.

**Mr. Stauffer**

**Mrs. deLeon**

- Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at Ella's Restaurant, there is a ribbon cutting from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, September 19<sup>th</sup> Clover Boutique will be having a ribbon cutting from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. On Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at the Black River Farms, there's a wine and pairing with a cost from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- She said there has to be some law that allows us to put cameras up. She would like the P&R board to have copies of the law. Chief Barndt said from the PD standpoint, the more cameras, the better for deterrence and he'd gladly go to one of their meetings. Everyone is being watched. You get stopped by a policeman, the cameras are on. We don't even have to give warnings to anyone anymore. Ten years ago, we had to tell you. Body cameras – you can walk into someone's house and you don't have to give a warning.

C. **SOLICITOR** – No report.

D. **PLANNER** – Absent with prior notification

E. **ENGINEER** – No report.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION BY:** Mrs. Louder moved for adjournment. The time was 10:28 p.m.

**SECOND BY:** Mr. Gress

**ROLL CALL:** 5-0

Submitted by:

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Leslie Huhn  
Township Manager

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Priscilla deLeon  
Council President