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- Planning Commission: November 18, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m.
- Saucon Rail Trail Oversight Commission: November 22, 2021 @ 6:00 p.m. @ UST
- Zoning Hearing Board: November 22, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m.

I. OPENING

CALL TO ORDER: The General Business & Developer meeting of Lower Saucon Township Council was called to order on Wednesday, October 27, 2021 at 6:31 p.m., with Mrs. Sandra Yerger, presiding.

ROLL CALL: Present: Sandra Yerger, President; Jason Banonis, Vice President; Thomas Carocci, Priscilla deLeon, Kristen Stauffer (arrived at 6:34 p.m.), Council Members; Leslie Huhn, Township Manager; Tom Barndt, Chief of Police; Linc Treadwell, Township Solicitor; Diane Palik, Administrative Assistant; Kennedy Pacchioli, Jr. Council member.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ANNOUNCEMENT OF ANY EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF APPLICABLE) – Mrs. Yerger said Council did not meet in Executive Session.

PUBLIC COMMENT PROCEDURE

Mrs. Yerger said we do welcome input from everybody but we ask that you keep your comments to three minutes per item. If you want to speak, please raise your hand and come to the podium.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT – TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS ONLY – 3 MINUTE TIME LIMIT – NON-AGENDA ITEMS

- George Gress, 3703 Old Philadelphia Pike, asked what was the update on the Lower Saucon Road Bridge, it's not been closed for 19 months. Mrs. Huhn said the plan is in the design phase. We are waiting for some PPL work to be done, the line has to be moved. We are expecting work to start in the Spring of 2022. Also being in the design state, there is a backlog of product. Mr. Banonis said the bridge closed at a time when the DCNR could not conduct the BOG turtle survey and we had to wait for that. Mrs. Yerger said that was months and months. Mr. Gress said he thinks it was March 2020 when it was closed, it's 19 months. Mrs. Yerger said then it got hung up with PennDOT for months and months because they are involved as well. We do expect to have it on target for the Spring; hopefully, more towards February and March. Mr. Gress said is our crew doing that or is it going to be contracted? Mrs. Huhn said it's contracted. It shouldn't be long after that.
- Tom Roney, 2015 Sunderland Drive, said he wants to share something that happened yesterday. About 10 a.m., he was on the phone and heard an odd noise, looked across the street and his neighbor's tree split in three pieces. One of the pieces ended up on the road. He's in a cul-de-sac so it's not a real big thing. He called Police and reported what had happened, within five minutes, a cruiser went by, stopped, took off. Ten minutes after that, two trucks from the Township showed up, popped out, starting cutting it and within 30 minutes it was cleared. The road was clear, they had the blowers there, it was clearer than when they started there. He just wants to say thanks to everyone that was involved with that. That's the kind of stuff that makes you feel good about living in LST. Council said thank you very much. Mrs. Huhn said she will pass that onto Public Works and the Police Department.

III. PRESENTATIONS/HEARINGS

IV. DEVELOPER ITEMS – None

V. TOWNSHIP BUSINESS ITEMS

A. APPROVAL OF POLICE CONTRACT – JANUARY 1, 2022 TO DECEMBER 31, 2026

Mrs. Yerger said the Police Officers and the Township have agreed to the terms of their contract and it is now before Council for authorization to execute. Attorney Treadwell said in your packet, for the Police contract there is a change that has been made to what's in your packet on page 2. There is a chart that had "Position" and then the word "Stipend" and this is the additional pay for the Sergeant, Corporal, Detective/Corporal & K-9. Today Leslie removed the box. Mrs. Huhn said she removed the headings of "Position" and "Stipend". Attorney Treadwell said so those words are no longer in that section on the contract. Other than that, the contract remains as it is. It's his understanding that the Police Officers Association has approved it and agrees with its terms and it's ready for Council's vote this evening.

MOTION BY: Mr. Banonis moved for approval of the Police Contract from January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2026 and to direct the Township Manager to sign the contract with the amendments A.2. removing the words "Position" and "Stipend".

Mr. Banonis said he wants to thank Chief Barndt and he doesn't know if anyone else is here from the Department. He worked with them as the liaison to this negotiating group. He thought the negotiations were very constructive, good dialogue between us, and he appreciates the candor and the willingness to negotiate and bring this to a reality. This is important for the residents to have a solid police force to protect us for the next five year. You guys have done a great job in the past and he knows you'll do a great job in the future and he wants to thank you again for this.

SECOND BY: Mr. Carocci

Alan Mege, 1404 Walter Street, said he wanted to bring up Section G, there's no definition of District Court vs. County Court. There are times a District Court action is held from the County Courthouse. Is that considered a County Court or District Court? Attorney Treadwell said he will have to defer to the Chief as this language has been in here a long time. Mr. Mege said the reason he brings it up as there are differences. Chief Barndt said for his entire career it's been in the contract this way and any time we go to Easton to the Northampton County Courthouse, it's deemed as four hours overtime. Whether it is for security of a District Judge hearing, anything like that. Even with the upcoming possibility of central court being down there, if the hearing would be on an officer's day off, it would be a four hour overtime. Attorney Treadwell said it's basically the location that governs, not the title of the court. Chief Barndt said correct. Mr. Mege said that was his understanding, it might be beneficial to have a clarification of that, a footnote. Attorney Treadwell said we will make a note of that. Since this negotiation has taken awhile, he would hate to open it up for that issue, so they'll make a note of that and address it next time. It seems to him that the Chief and the Association are on the same page as to what it means. Mrs. Yerger said thank you for the information.

ROLL CALL: 5-0

B. APPROVAL OF AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN COVID-19 BONUSES FOR POLICE OFFICERS

Mrs. Yerger said at the October 6, 2021 Council meeting, Tom Carocci, Council Member, proposed providing the Police Officers with \$2,500 as a COVID-19 bonus and requested the funding be allocated from the American Rescue Plan.

Mr. Banonis said he'll make a motion, but he'd like to amend the proposal here and he would like to give them \$3,000 bonuses. He does that because he recognizes the difficult situation that they perform in their jobs. They were required to go into homes where they did not know the status of the person or the people they were dealing with. They were required to put criminal suspects in their police cruisers and essentially use the police cruiser as a holding cell as they would administer paperwork and deliver them to District Court and the Judges. They would react to emergencies in the Township that would require them to be in close proximity. He doesn't discount what Township staff had done and he's happy we gave Township staff the \$2,500 bonus, but he thinks the Police deserve a little bit more. He wishes we could give them more but we need to retain those reserves for other Township needs. He thinks they do deserve a little bit more than what the Township staff received.

MOTION BY: Mr. Banonis moved to give COVID-19 bonuses of \$3,000 to the Police from the American Rescue Plan.

SECOND BY: Mrs. Yerger

Mr. Carocci said he agrees. Their job was considerably more difficult during COVID and he thinks \$3,000 is an appropriate amount. Ms. deLeon said she pretty much thinks that's her comments from the last meeting when the decision was to not give the Police Officers, we kind of held them hostage in giving them their bonuses. She pretty much said the same thing that Jason said about them being out there in the front line when the other employees were here in the building being safe. Mr. Carocci said he takes somewhat exception to the "holding hostage". He has a lot of respect for our Police. He just doesn't think they can be bought out for \$2,500. He thinks it's based on integrity to negotiate

their contract. He respects that process. They are not in for a quick buck. To insinuate that they are being held hostage for \$2,500 when they are agreeing to a five year contract, that they would work for five years for a measly \$2,500 or \$1,500 after democratic taxes, you know, is ludicrous. They stood on principal as they should be. They negotiated in fair and good faith and no one was held hostage. For you to think so lowly of them, that they would be bought off by \$2,500 is offensive. Ms. deLeon said she thinks you have it reversed, Tom. She's allowed her opinion and she just felt it all should have been done last meeting so they'd get the money. Mr. Carocci said this money will be paid out and should be part of the motion as well, in the first paycheck of December and that's also when the Township staff is receiving their money. Leslie has to transfer the money into the account. The Payroll Department has to be notified as these are special paychecks with special deductions and the first pay period in December is when this is scheduled to be paid. The Police will get paid on the same pay date as the Township employees. Mr. Banonis said he'll amend his motion.

MOTION BY: Mr. Banonis moved to amend his previous motion to give COVID-19 bonuses of \$3,000 to the Police from the American Rescue Plan on the first pay date in December consistent with all the other bonus checks that are going to be paid to Township staff, and will process the checks at a single time for all bonuses.

SECOND BY: Mrs. Yerger amended her second.

Mr. Carocci said it's all going to happen at the same time as was always was the plan. Mrs. Stauffer said she thinks the point here is that both union and non-union employees have done a lot for us. She thinks it would have been fair of us to do the motions at the same time so as to avoid some of the discussion that's been presented here tonight. Thank you for all you do everyone and she wishes we would have been able to do them all at the same time. Mr. Banonis said he would just point out as well we had these discussions over a few meetings now and at any time has any Police Officer representative of the Police Union come forward with any concerns about our commitment to pay the bonuses, the timing of the bonuses, and he would hope they are pleased with the amount of the bonuses. Mr. Carocci said are you happy with the contract Jeremy? Mr. Hantz said yes sir. Mr. Carocci said are you happy with the bonuses? Mr. Hantz said yes sir. Mr. Carocci said thank you for all your hard work. Ms. deLeon said when you are put on the spot, you are going to say the right thing.

Bryan Evans, Susan Lane, said he's one of the few people in the Township, well it's often under challenging circumstances, and he'd still call it a pleasure of working with our Police Officers front line on a pretty regular basis in some very challenging circumstances. The last year was certainly one of them, especially early on when there was so many unknowns. We know a lot about COVID now, managing it and dealing with it is a lot different, but he literally did CPR side-by-side with our Police Officers in the early months of COVID when there were a ton of unknowns. These officers are leaving, going home to their families, when we didn't have a lot of confidence on how it was being transmitted, all these sorts of things. He doesn't typically shy away from an opportunity when we have this public forum to truly highlight the work we do. He personally is honored to work by them. It's probably never been a more difficult time in America to work in law enforcement. He thinks we are very fortunate to have the Officers and force we do in LST. Ms. deLeon said what is your title for the Township? Mr. Evans said first and foremost as he always says, he's a taxpayer in LST. He's the Emergency Management Coordinator and serves as a volunteer firefighter and a paramedic. Ms. deLeon said is there any reason Brien shouldn't be getting a bonus. He's side-by-side. Mr. Evans said if we want to give bonuses to all the firefighters and emergency personnel, that's a different conversation. He certainly needs no special bonus. It's a different situation, but he appreciates the gesture. Ms. deLeon said you were out there too.

ROLL CALL: 5-0

C. UPDATE ON ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

Mrs. Yerger said after speaking with the Director of Public Works, the Manager would like to provide Council with items and costs that can be accomplished under Phase I of the Active Transportation Plan (ATP) adopted by Council.

Mrs. Huhn said in your packet you do have a list of items that Roger Rasich put together in the way of some of the initial options we can do for the ATP. Starting with Skibo Lane the options were bike lanes and sharrows. You can see that he broke it out in the amount, the width, the man-hours, the materials. He looked at the different types of paint. We did have a discussion, he based this on a paint that would be a hardened paint, so it would not be subject to plows ripping it up in the winter months. You'll see what the paint and line paint is. He would have to get templates for the symbols and signs. So the bike lanes with a widening option with acquiring necessary Right-of-Way (ROW), which Linc may want to weigh in on this, and we can go back to that. The estimated man-hours listed for the total widening option is 710, material would be about \$20,000. To do the sharrow option, you are looking at no ROW's acquired, less man-hours and paint costs, you still need the symbols and templates. The man-hours would be 380 and materials about \$6,500. Those are the two options for Skibo Road. Meadows Road it is recommended using sharrows. It would be the symbols and templates which we would need in any option, the man-hours would be about 24 and the materials \$1,000 for a total of 304 man-hours and \$8,000 for materials. The other option would be Hickory Hill Pedestrian Crossing, Public Works could not install that so we'd have to bid that out. Mrs. Stauffer sees three question marks after the ROW. Would that also mean three dollar signs? Mrs. Huhn said that's just Roger saying he's unaware of the ROW.

Mr. Banonis said he appreciated that Leslie moved this forward. We passed this on September 1st and he asked it be moved forward and here we are less than two months later and we already have some pricing and plans in place, so thank you for doing that and thank Roger for doing that as well. Looking at Skibo and he'll defer to the road on the Township potential liability for what's being proposed, but if Meadows Road the option we have is a sharrow, Skibo would connect to Meadows Road so it would make it consistent to keep it a sharrow all the way through and it would also be a savings of some \$12,000 or \$13,000 doing that. That's just where he's leaning and he could be convinced otherwise, but that's where he's at. The other thing we would need to do is we get to the point where we're going to make a motion is direct you to RFP for a pedestrian crossing at Hickory Hill. Attorney Treadwell said he'll add based on what Leslie has said, if we can avoid acquiring ROW, we should. He's been through it many, many items and it's a long involved process and it can be expensive too. Mr. Banonis said Skibo has considerable width there, it's not a tight roadway and there's sidewalks there also. It may be adequate roadway to put in a sharrows and figure out the lineage to narrow the existing lanes to accommodate everything. Mrs. Huhn said if that's the path you'd like to go we can definitely have some drawings, some renderings and show it to you with the sidewalks and the width of the sidewalks and parking if there is some on either side and give you something to actually view. Mr. Banonis said we are at the beginning of November and none of this work will be done until Spring, so we have some time, but it would be good to have some plans in place and direction so Roger can plan for the work in the Spring. Mrs. Stauffer said when we are spec'ing out the costs with displays and maps, do we have a mileage summary of how many miles. She didn't see that data point here. Mrs. Huhn said sure.

MOTION BY: Mr. Banonis moved to develop plans consistent with the proposal for Skibo Road sharrows, in the amount of approximately \$6,500 for the materials and also for Meadows Road sharrows in the amount of \$8,000 for materials as well as submitting a request for an RFP for the Hickory Hill Pedestrian crossing.

SECOND BY: Mrs. Stauffer

ROLL CALL: 5-0

D. LOWER SAUCON FIRE RESCUE – UPDATE ON FIRE CALLS IN STEEL CITY

Mrs. Yerger said Lower Saucon Fire Rescue (LSFR) would like to provide Council with an update on calls and operations since they have started covering the entire Township.

Mr. Ty Johnson, Fire Chief of LSFR, said we were asked to put a small presentation together to our response to Steel City portion of LST. The PowerPoint covers pretty much of that. You can see the 161 purple portion is the Steel City zone. To date, there's been three calls in that zone, two within Steel City proper and two on the exterior, so it's four calls we are at now. We had just recently when

this slide was being put together, had a dump truck roll over outside of the Narrows, so the Redington Road East portion, we've had a propane leak inside Steel City, which mutual aid responded to with us. For that particular incident, he arrived within six minutes. The Battalion Chief arrived within nine minutes and Freemansburg engine was there in eleven minutes. That was the worst incident we had which was the smell of propane, but there was really no issue there. Other than that, the responses have been going pretty good. We had an event over there for the public and we got a lot of good feedback from it. It seems that everybody is pretty comfortable in the community there with what's going on and what we're doing. We've been asked to attend their Trunk or Treat and we will provide lighting for them at the church, so we'll have an engine crew going over there for that. We still don't have a piece of apparatus over there, but as he stated before, he doesn't see any change in fire protection from prior service. If anything, it's gotten better.

Mr. Carocci said he has Steel City stats from prior, and he wants to put up some information from how it was prior to LSFR taking over fire services for the entire Township. We have some numbers here from January through May of 2021 where you'll see the total number of calls, the arrivals, if they arrived and how many were in LST and the percentages. Just from January through May, Steel City out of the 28 calls in LST, only arrived on 12 of them, 43% of the time. You arrive at all the calls in LST, correct? Mr. Johnson said correct. Mr. Carocci said all 100%. Mr. Johnson said yes, it's tough to figure out that number as there are a lot of calls that we can be cancelled before we even leave the station like if the PD gets there and says it's unfounded, they'll cancel us. For 99% of them we are out the door for them. Mr. Carocci said we go to the response times, 26 minutes, 20 minutes, there's 46 minutes, a 44 minute response time, 19 minutes, a 109 minute response time in Freemansburg which is right next door to the fire station. The numbers are proven true that you guys are doing a fantastic job. The fire services are much improved from where they were and we look forward to bigger and better things and hopefully we get a fire truck located up there sooner rather than later. Mr. Johnson said that's what we are shooting for. Mr. Carocci said thank you guys for all you do and all the guys in the back thank you very much.

Mr. Banonis said he wants to bring up a point and it certainly is not a criticism from him. He attended the Saucon Valley Partnership (SVP) meeting, which is for the public's information. It's representatives from LST, HB and the SVSD. In the course of that meeting, HB Council President Tom Rieger made a comment toward the end wherein essentially he received multiple calls from Hellertown residents complaining about the speed at which LSFR vehicles are traveling on the streets in Hellertown. He didn't identify how many calls he got, he didn't identify who those calls came from, he didn't identify the dates of those calls, and Mr. Banonis was sort of taken aback by that comment. The information you just shared with us here, reflects that the most significant event was in Steel City of a smell of propane. This is not a structure fire, this isn't a building collapse, this isn't anything that suggests an immediate threat of life although the smell of gas could be a potential threat of life. He's wondering if you have a position on that. He brings that to your attention as he doesn't know if you received similar comments from anybody or did Council President Rieger contact you. He does know that he's running for re-election and his campaign signs exist at the Quest Pest Control property which he believes is owned and operated by Chris Snyder who is currently the Fire Chief for Steel City. He knows they were riding in the parade together on side-by-sides and he's wondering if there is any legitimacy to these allegations that are made, if you heard of them, and how you can address them if they need to be addressed.

Mr. Johnson said the night the SVP meeting was going on, he was contacted about what was going on and being talked about in the meeting, so he wasn't able to catch it live, but he did watch the recording on it. Just to touch base a little bit about the trucks responding through town, the particular call they are talking about because they specifically said the ladder truck and they also commented that the Township dynamics have changed for fire response and that they understand the trucks are going to have to get to the other side of the Township faster. Mr. Banonis said yes, that's what he said. Mr. Johnson said that is false. The ladder truck had a seasoned crew on that truck and beings they were going to be the fourth in truck, they are not flying through HB or through LST to an odor

of propane, especially when there's a Chief Officer on scene, established command, who started an incident action that didn't require a super emergency response. He reached out to Tom Rieger twice and he got no response from him. He happened to run into Mayor Heintzelman today and expressed his concern that if this was such a public safety issue, then why wasn't he contacted immediately after the complaints were made. Mr. Heintzelman agreed that should have been handled differently. Mr. Johnson said within an hour, he had a phone call from President Rieger. Mr. Johnson did not get back to him until 3:00 p.m. today and he had a conversation with him that he thought was a little bizarre given the prior conversations he had with him about fire protection in HB and how we can assist them and possible further relationships there. Mr. Rieger stated to him that the SVP was put together for complaints like this. Mr. Johnson asked that out of respect for his fire department and himself, that this kind of stuff you handle by calling the Fire Chief and you document times, dates, and which apparatus was the complaint made on. When we do our incident reports, everybody is logged what vehicle they arrive in, so the driver is logged what apparatus, the ladder truck Captain Mertl was the driver, the officer was Captain Krycia, so on and so on so we can kind of keep track. Some of the trucks have GPS, and we are working to get GPS on the rest of them. It's a costly thing as we have 13 pieces to outfit. We had three GPS units donated by Easton Coach, which we were grateful for as we had to go back to them for other incidents so he thinks that it's just uncalled for. Like the conversation he had with the Mayor today, as soon as those lights and sirens go on, you might as well add 10-20 miles an hour to the apparatus. The ladder trucks is an 80,000 lb. truck and is governed that it only goes so fast. We are not racing down Main Street in Hellertown with people crossing and parked cars on either side of the road and still trying to negotiate traffic when people aren't pulling over for you. That is a huge issue we have that people don't yield to us, so he thinks there is some back story to this whole complaint. Mr. Rieger asked how we can be gotten ahold of in future incidents and he said contact our webpage and we have an email on there that he gets the emails, the President gets them at the same time and they will go through it. Mr. Rieger stated to him that he didn't know who was in charge over here and Mr. Johnson said what do you mean in charge? He said that he's not sure how to get ahold of Ty, he's not sure who is running the fire department and who is telling him how to do it. Mr. Johnson informed him that LSFR is a separate entity of the Township, they are a private organization, and Mr. Rieger reiterated again that he still wasn't sure who to contact. He was kind of appalled at that from his standpoint as the Fire Chief of LSFR. He thinks they run a pretty tight ship. As a resident of the Township, he thought that was a dig to LST. So he didn't think that was very professional on Mr. Rieger's end. He has plans of talking to him face to face as he'd rather talk to him person to person so he can look him in the eye and we can settle this because there are other fire trucks that drive through HB that don't say LSFR on them and it's a constant race. His officers and he are going to be addressing that situation also with the Dewey Fire Department and there might be possibly changes in the structure dispatch to curb that. Mr. Banonis said he appreciates that response and he appreciates your candor and even more so he appreciates your diligence and efforts and time on this that you pursued this when you got the information. It's a testament to your character and the quality of the services that LSFR provides, not only to the Township, but also to HB and other neighboring communities.

Mr. Banonis said the other question he has and you may or may not have information on this, certainly there's a mutual aid agreement with HB and we provide services there and vice-versa. Couldn't Council President Rieger simply contact the President of Dewey Fire Company which is located within their municipality? Does the President or Fire Chief of Dewey have your contact information? Mr. Johnson said absolutely. Everybody is on Facebook and Mr. Rieger has contacted him through there before when he had questions about fire protection in HB. He's been contacted about the purchase of their ladder truck before it was purchased to get his thoughts on it. His name is out there everywhere, he's not hard to find. Mr. Banonis said we appreciate that.

Mr. Banonis said the other question he has is when Steel City was still providing services in LST, it had a mutual aid agreement with HB, correct? Mr. Johnson said yes, he believes so. Mr. Banonis said do we know if HB is still calling on Steel City to provide services in HB? Mr. Johnson said the last time Hellertown had a structure fire, Steel City's tones did go off. The 911 center is going to

keep dispatching them until Steel City contacts them and says they are unavailable to respond to calls or the municipality that does have them on for mutual aid removes them. LSFR removed them so their tones don't go off for any calls with them. Freemansburg, Bethlehem Township, Nancy Run have done the same. Hellertown as far as he knows has not. He had a discussion with one of their Captains a few weeks ago and they just weren't sure how to go about it and Mr. Johnson explained how you go about it, whether that's happened or not, he doesn't know. Their Chief hasn't reached out to him yet to talk about it, so he doesn't know. The 911 center stated to cover their end of things they are going to continue to dispatch just because if there is a life safety problem it isn't going to fall back on them. So until they are notified they are gone all together, they are going to continue to dispatch.

Mr. Banonis said one of the questions he has and he thinks the answer is fairly obvious, but he wants to pose it to you, is it fair to say that HB derives to benefit by having Steel City's apparatus available for mutual aid so HB doesn't have to purchase fire equipment when it has an ancillary fire company coming in and providing services in HB without having paid for the equipment that the LST residents have paid for. Mr. Johnson said he would say yes, it's a benefit for them to have that apparatus there, but how many members respond with that apparatus, he doesn't know or if that apparatus is going to end up in HB, he's not sure. Mr. Banonis said are there any discussion of Steel City merging with Dewey and taking its equipment and becoming a single fire department. Mr. Johnson said he hasn't heard anything official just the rumor mill, so he can't really comment. Mr. Banonis said you aren't aware of anything operational to that effect? Mr. Johnson said no. Mr. Banonis said keep us posted. Mr. Johnson said he'd like to know also.

Mr. Carocci said he had a question, Chief mentioned about the ladder check. You received the Township payment for the ladder truck this year? Mr. Johnson said yes. Mr. Carocci said and we are still on schedule to pay for 75% of the ladder truck? Mr. Johnson said I believe so, right Jim? Jim Rayner said yes, you said 85%? Mr. Carocci said no, 75% on the low end. Someone said the Council had refused to honor its promise to pay for 75% of the truck, it would be untrue, if we refuse to pay. We're on schedule to pay 75% of the truck. Mr. Johnson said as far as he knows. Mr. Carocci said good. Mr. Johnson said he hopes so. Mr. Carocci said for the record. Mr. Banonis said you said that would be untrue, right? Mr. Carocci said yes, it would be untrue as we are not refusing to pay for 75%, we've agreed to pay 75% of the truck and we're on schedule to pay 75%, so he just wanted to bring that point out. For the record, he's not on Facebook, but he's heard a lot of wonderful things about him on Facebook, maybe someday. Mr. Johnson said you are better off not being on. Mrs. Yerger said thank you again, it was a great report and we really appreciate you answering all the questions. Mr. Johnson said you are welcome.

Donna Louder, Steel City, said that fire call that had the gas was about a block and a half away from her house. They were eating dinner and all of a sudden they saw lights and everything else. Every fire truck that entered Steel City and went past her house up the road where she can watch it, was doing a safe speed; and she's sure because of children on bicycles and such. They didn't come flying into Hellertown, so that's ridiculous. The other thing you had mentioned that Mr. Rieger has signs at Quest. Mr. Banonis said that's what he saw when he drove by. Mrs. Louder said the restrictions of political campaign intervention by Section 501(c)3 tax exemption for organizations. This is what it says, she's not a lawyer so she might be reading it wrong. "Under the IRS code, all Section 501(c)3 organizations are absolutely prohibited from directly or indirectly participating in or intervening in any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for elected public office. Contributions to political campaign funds are public statements or position verbal are written made on behalf to the organization in favor of or in opposition of any candidate for public office clearly violates the prohibition against political campaign activity. Violating this prohibition may result in denial or eviction of tax exempt status and imposition of certain excise taxes".

Mrs. Yerger said you are correct. She works for a 501(c)3. When they apply for funding, they usually have to sign off on verifying that they do not, we had never advanced any political activities

or personnel and we have to do that repeatedly. You are absolutely correct in what you read. Ms. deLeon said she agrees with that, but what property are we talking about? Mrs. Louder said Quest has Rieger's campaign signs on it. Ms. deLeon said but isn't that a business property. Mrs. Louder said it's indirectly or directly is what this says, so indirectly or directly, somehow tying yourself to that when you have a 501(c)3 then you have a problem. Ms. deLeon said who has the status of a 501(c)3? Mrs. Louder said that would be the Steel City Fire Company. Ms. deLeon said that would be like her being involved with non-profit organizations and she's not allowed to put a sign in her yard, that's kind of the same thing. You have a property, she has a property. Mrs. Louder said Linc can you help me with this one? Ms. deLeon said that property doesn't say Steel City Fire Company. Mrs. Louder said it's Quest, but Snyder is involved with the 501(c)3. It sounds like a tangled web when she read it, it put up a flag for her. Attorney Treadwell said it's not anything that the Township is going to enforce. It's a Federal regulation is what it is. Ms. deLeon said she thinks Mrs. Louder is really stretching it. Mrs. Stauffer said there was some signs by Steel City a couple of years ago. Mrs. Yerger said Steel City what? Mrs. Stauffer said Steel City Fire Company. Mrs. Louder said that's our voting spot. Mrs. Stauffer said she knows. Ms. deLeon said she had to beg the Township a couple elections ago to take signs down from the schoolhouse property and they looked at her like she had three heads. Mrs. Louder said she's just putting it out there. She was doing research on it.

Mrs. Louder said the other thing she didn't realize or if you guys are aware of this, Steel City is in litigation with their insurance company for when the truck was damaged. Basically, Steel City took the insurance check for \$200,000 and the insurance company is trying to recoup their money and they are trying to ignore the request from the insurance company to send them the legal paperwork. Mr. Banonis said do you know who the attorneys are that are involved in that case and where the case is pending so we can investigate some of those details. Mrs. Louder said she does not, but she can give you a contact. She said she had a conversation this morning with the IRS, a Mr. Blaker, and he directed her on how to file an investigation into the Steel City Fire Company. Basically you have to do it in writing, so she wanted to put it out there, and he listened to all of her concerns, but again, he told her she had to do it in writing. She also had multiple conversations with the Attorney General's office asking them to help us get our firehouse back because obviously this is a game for Mr. Snyder, and she doesn't understand how Hellertown and Dewey Fire Company would even be interested in Steel City Fire Company when they are going to be driving 12 miles to the east to get a truck and then 12 miles to the west to go to the fire, so this is ridiculous that Hellertown is even involved in this.

Mrs. Stauffer said we don't know that for sure. We don't know that for sure. Mrs. Louder said yes, we do know that for sure because Hellertown is the only one that has Steel City on their call list. They are the only one on the roster for the County. That's the bottom line, get them off the roster. So, that's what eliminates Steel City from being a fire company. That breaks it. Mrs. Stauffer said have you gone to the Hellertown Council's meeting. Mrs. Louder said she was going to go, but she thought it would be safer for herself not to because she was livid that day when she found out. So she did not go and she doesn't know why Mrs. Stauffer would defend Hellertown, when you are sitting on a Lower Saucon Council, for God sakes woman, do you know what the line is? There's Hellertown and there's Lower Saucon. You are representing a Lower Saucon taxpayer by sitting up there. Mrs. Yerger said Donna, please, stop, stop, stop. Mrs. Stauffer said she is going to address her comments. Mrs. Louder said please don't. Mrs. Stauffer said it's fair to be civil with a partnership that we have with another Township and to not jump to conclusions when we don't have anyone from Hellertown here to represent what's going on. Ms. deLeon said she believes someone said it was the rumor mill.

Mr. Banonis said there seemed to be a jump to a conclusion when he was at the SVP so he agrees we should hold ourselves to a higher standard than that, but at the same time, the comments he heard were not of that standard. Mr. Carocci said he thinks Mr. Johnson was very clear that civility would have been for Mr. Rieger to get in touch with either Dewey or Chief Johnson and have a conversation if they truly were complaints. Ms. Andrea Wittchen got up to speak. Ms. deLeon said can she say

something first. She wanted to ask that they are on the call list for Dewey for them to respond if Dewey needs them. Dewey has not eliminated them like the rest of you guys have. Have they responded to a Dewey call? Does anyone know that? Mrs. Louder said they don't have Worker's Comp so they shouldn't be taking any trucks out. You're up there telling her. Mrs. Yerger said Donna, please. Ms. deLeon said stop please, she knows about W/C and all that. She doesn't have access to Northampton County records on whose dispatched and when. You should know that from being on Council, how would she know that, she has to ask. Mrs. Louder said do research. Ms. deLeon said, oh Donna, please. Mrs. Yerger said please, we need this conversation to stop. Ms. deLeon said this is ridiculous, I am apologizing. Mrs. Yerger said she also apologizes, please, state your name and address.

Ms. Andrea Wittchen, 1885 Dartford Road, said she just is clarifying 501(c)3's. She has established multiple 501(c)3's. She files annual reports on them every year. Mrs. Yerger is absolutely correct, you do have to indicate that you have not provided a support for a particular by name candidate, you can do issue supports, but you cannot do a personal name. Mrs. Yerger said Quest Diagnostics is a private corporation, it is a national corporation. She suspects the gentleman in question is a franchisee and what he does in his spare time as a volunteer, whether it's with a 501(c)3, 501(c)4, or his church, has absolutely nothing to do with what he is permitted to put on his place of business. He could put a sign on his business that says whatever he wants. It has nothing to do with what he does in his volunteer time. He is not doing it on behalf of the fire department, then it is a no issue. Ms. deLeon said thank you for that, she agrees doing research on her own. She supports that.

Mr. Gress said going back to the fire truck, you do plan on paying the 75% in full, correct, Tom? Mr. Carocci said we are on schedule to pay the 75% over the next couple of years and if that can be accelerated, we said that we'd look into that next year. We need to get the Steel City situation resolved first. There's money in the fund to pay, but we have to get the Steel City resolved. We don't know if they are going to keep the truck up there or under some type of lease agreement, if we can get the station, or if we are going to have to build some type of station. Like he said, we had multiple meetings before; and to be completely responsible to commit all that money in the fund to pay off the ladder truck at this time when we don't know what we are going to need resource-wise at Steel City. If you recall, last year we changed what we can use the Fire Services Tax for. Before it was pretty much exclusively it can only be used for fire trucks and we broadened that so it can be used for other types of equipment as well as fire houses so that money can be used for that. Hopefully we don't have to go that route. Hopefully Steel City will come around but we don't know that. We certainly can't say that tonight.

Mr. Gress said there's close to \$1 million in the fire tax fund at this point, \$900,000 some. Mr. Carocci said at this point. Mr. Gress said there's probably a couple thousand owed on the ladder truck yet to pay it off. He doesn't know what that number is. Mr. Carocci said he thinks it's over \$5, isn't it. Mr. Johnson said it's a little over \$500,000. Mr. Carocci said we can't spend that money when we don't know what's going on. Mr. Gress said so in the meantime you are going to force the volunteer organization to pay interest on a loan when that money is sitting in that account. Mr. Carocci said first of all, the Council never agreed to pay the interest and even Priscilla is on record stating that. This happened when the truck was acquired and Priscilla was President of Council. Ms. deLeon said she thinks what George is saying is that the longer they wait, the more interest they have to pay. If we have the money in our budget sitting there and we pay it off and accelerate the schedule, which will save them interest money. She's not suggesting that we pay the interest. Mr. Carocci said he did say that. Mr. Gress said yes, he did say that. The biggest concern with Steel City would be getting a truck. Am I right? Mr. Carocci said yes, if Ty agrees with that. Mr. Gress said if we had to buy a truck, that's two years out roughly? Mr. Banonis said his understanding from the last meeting is you guys had a truck you could park over there. Mr. Gress said we do. Mr. Banonis said then there's no pressing for a brand new truck. Mr. Gress said what is the immediate pressing need to keep that money sitting in the Fire Tax Fund and force a volunteer organization to pay interest on a loan that they don't need to. Mr. Banonis said because currently they don't have a structure to put

the truck in to keep it safe. Mr. Gress said that's great and in two years' time there will be another \$660,000 in that fund since you reduced it from 1 mill to 0.75 mill; otherwise there would be \$885,000 in there. In the meantime there's some \$900,000 sitting in that fund, where you could take that money, which is just sitting there, pay off a loan that you forced the fire company to take and pay \$70,000 in interest on a truck that doesn't need to be paid. Mrs. Yerger said stop.

Attorney Treadwell said gentleman, this is starting to sound like a political debate which is what this forum is not for, so let's move on with the agenda. Ms. deLeon said she's not allowed to ask a question. Attorney Treadwell said go ahead, ask a question. Ms. deLeon said can we put this on the agenda.

Mrs. Louder and Mr. Gress were talking while sitting at their seats. Mrs. Yerger said if you want to talk please go outside of the meeting room and talk, that's fine. Mrs. Louder said she'll behave, she's sorry. Mrs. Yerger said that was for both of you, if you want to have a conversation, especially at that volume, outside.

Ms. deLeon said in these hard times is there any way we can put this on the agenda and really get the facts as right now we're just kind of...Mr. Carocci said we can put it on the agenda next month. Attorney Treadwell said we had an agreement, he thinks it was a resolution adopted by Council as to how the Township would help LSFR pay for the ladder truck, and it's all in that document. He doesn't remember specifically what that document says, but he does remember specifically that the Township did not at that time, agree to pay interest on that loan. Ms. deLeon said if we pay it off early, nobody has to pay the interest. Attorney Treadwell said that is correct. Ms. deLeon said since she's been sitting here, we have changed resolutions. Attorney Treadwell said absolutely. Ms. deLeon said if we have this on the agenda next time, we can look at it and maybe come up with a figure and pay off or whatever to help the fire company. Attorney Treadwell said it's completely up to Council if you want to revisit that. Ms. deLeon said she thinks any Council member could ask to have something on the agenda and she's doing that now. Attorney Treadwell said it's up to Council. Ms. deLeon said okay. Mr. Carocci said great.

Mr. Bryan Evans, LSFR, said he wants to bring the conversation back to what's important to the fire company, if someone has a safety concern about the fire department there are multiple ways as Chief Johnson said to reach out. We are on Facebook and we monitor that page. We have a lot of interactions with the public that way. You can email us at info@lowersauconfire.org or obviously contact the Township Manager or Township staff as they have the ability to get in contact with us. When you have a large vehicle that's equipped with bright lights and loud sirens, perception versus reality at the speed that vehicle is actually traveling at. He knows as he's sat here and he's responded on emergency vehicles since he's been 15 years old. He sat here at a Council meeting and the crews left here for a call one night and the truck he thought was going to be speeding down Old Philadelphia Pike based upon the sound and you looked out the window and they were traveling at a very neutral speed, so the fire company is taking several initiatives to hopefully have some objective data either with cameras on vehicles to be able to substantiate any of this, but we want to make sure if there's any safety concerns they are immediately brought to their attention. Mrs. Stauffer said thank you Brien, which was very sensible.

E. DISPOSAL OF EXPIRED BALLISTIC VESTS

Mrs. Yerger said Chief Barndt is requesting permission to dispose of 32 expired Kevlar ballistic vests and Kevlar trauma packs. The vests will be shipped to Fiber Brokers International, LLC in Brent, AL where each vest will be deconstructed and recycled properly. The Township would only be responsible for shipping charges. Ms. deLeon said do we know what the shipping charges are? She doesn't remember reading that. Mrs. Huhn said she believes it was 50 cents per vest, so it's very nominal. Mrs. Yerger said so we're talking about \$16.00.

Chief Barndt said he does not know what the shipping charges are until we get them boxed up and weighed. They are Kevlar vests and older ones and are heavier than what we wear today, but he can't see it being that much money. If it's over a certain amount, he can talk to Leslie. Mrs. Huhn said she thinks this is the safest way to dispose of them and destroy them so they are not out in the public. Chief Barndt said they have been here as long as he's been here and we could never get rid of them or find a place that would get rid of them. He found this place and they will just charge for shipping. They will give us a certified record that they are decommissioned and recycled into anything from brakes to fire resistant gloves as they all have serial numbers on them. Ms. deLeon said is there a list or archive or a museum of police equipment or something. Chief Barndt said he's saving some, but he's not saving the vests.

MOTION BY: Mr. Banonis moved for approval to dispose of 32 expired Kevlar ballistic vests and Kevlar trauma packs.

Mr. Alan Mege said he just wanted to see if Council would have a possible delay on this action. He knows the vests are in a compromised format because of their usage and age, but he wanted to see if Council would consider temporarily delaying that and possibly leasing or loaning them or temporarily donating them to the District Court to cure some inefficiencies of the District Court. Mr. Banonis said the question he has and it's a great proposal to see these reutilized in some way if they could, but as he understands what the Chief indicated they are expired, so there may be other risk and safety issues by providing expired safety vests, although they may provide some sort of ballistic protection, they wouldn't provide adequate or certified ballistic protection that would be required here. For any governmental entity to take those expired vests and put them on an officer or an employee of the Court, would be a pretty big risk issue. He doesn't mind delaying this if you want to investigate it further, but his gut reaction is it's something that may not be feasible because of its expired status and the inability to get it recertified. Mr. Mege said he understands that. He put in budget requests through the County and through the State, so hopefully it's only a temporary usage until funding comes in so they can get 100%. As the saying goes, 80% of something is better than 100% of nothing. Mr. Banonis said he'll withdraw his motion and he'll amend it.

MOTION BY: Mr. Banonis amended his previous motion and moved to direct the Solicitor, in conjunction with the Police Chief, to investigate the feasibility of continuing using these vests or loan them to another organization with an express understanding that they are no longer certified and are expired and that there may be some concerns and there may also be some exceptions that allow that to occur.

Mr. Mege said he understands there's a liability waiver and agreement to be turned back over for proper disposal. Mr. Banonis said just from the Township's standpoint, he'd be concerned about our potential liability loaning them out and knowingly know they are not certified and adequate for today's standards. That's something we can look into and maybe there's an exception on an interim or temporary basis that would meet your needs and if we can bring everyone together to do that, he thinks it's a great idea.

SECOND BY: Mrs. Yerger

ROLL CALL: 5-0

F. AUTHORIZE ADVERTISEMENT – PUBLIC HEARING FOR MULTI-MUNICIPAL COMP. PLAN UPDATE

Mrs. Yerger said the Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan Update has been approved by the Saucon Valley Partnership and is ready for approval by Lower Saucon Township, the Borough of Hellertown and the Saucon Valley School District. A public hearing is required for adoption and staff is requesting authorization to advertise for Lower Saucon Township's public hearing.

Mrs. Huhn said if Council authorizes to do this, we will have it on the November 17th Council agenda. Hellertown plans on having it on their November 15th Council agenda, and the School District could not commit to when they would be able to review it, but will try to get it done in November as well.

MOTION BY: Mr. Banonis moved for approval of the advertisement for the Public Hearing of the Multi-Municipal Comp. Plan Update.

SECOND BY: Mrs. Yerger
ROLL CALL: 5-0

VI. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS ITEMS

A. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 6, 2021 COUNCIL MINUTES

MOTION BY: Mr. Banonis moved for approval of the October 6, 2021 Council minutes.
SECOND BY: Mrs. Stauffer
ROLL CALL: 5-0

B. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 2021 FINANCIAL REPORTS

MOTION BY: Mr. Banonis moved for approval of the September 2021 Financial reports.
SECOND BY: Mrs. Yerger
ROLL CALL: 5-0

VII. COUNCIL & STAFF REPORTS

A. MANAGER – Mrs. Huhn

- Chief would like to give a brief report. Chief Barndt said he wanted to let Council know that today our announcement seeking qualified police officer candidates was posted and sent to the PA Chiefs of Police to be on the job opportunities page of their website, and our social media sites. The applications have to be in by noon on Friday, December 3, 2021 and a written test will be administered on Monday, December 20, 2021. Any candidate who passes the written test will then take a physical assessment test at a later date. The second thing is we are hosting a K-9 training seminar out of the Leithsville Banquet Hall. The training is taking place in the Township and surrounding areas including Lehigh University. Training was put together by our own Officer Kunigus and K-9 Protectors of North Carolina, which is a non-profit who supports K-9 training. They also receive tremendous support from numerous community members from across the Lehigh Valley and beyond. There's 30 K-9 teams from NY, NJ, PA attending the training consisting of tracking, obedience, apprehension, odor detection, and it's being taught by instructors from across the U.S. and Canada, Florida, Arkansas, San Diego, Canada and PA. If you see a bunch of K-9 vehicles around, or you saw them, that's why. He'd also like to let Council know the department will participate in the No Shave November this year. They are going to forego their razors this month and donate to the cancer foundation. Ms. deLeon said did Titus win? Chief Barndt said we don't know about Titus yet, he thought he'd hear something today, but there's discrepancies whether it's one day or whether it's four to six days till we find out. Fingers crossed. Mrs. Yerger said she heard some glowing reports of him though. Chief Barndt said he'd let everybody know and he's sure K-9 Titus thanks everyone too.
- Mrs. Huhn attended the SV Spirit Parade on Sunday and they had a good time and a great turn-out. There were a lot of people on the sides of the roads and they gave out a lot of candy. It was also very nice to have the refill station which they utilized at the post office, so it was a good time.
- Saucon Valley Rail Trail resurfacing which they received the LV Greenways Grant for, Roger plans on starting that project on November 8th. It will be for the entire portion of our trail so the trail will be closed and we will get it out on social media and Constant Contact, we will also have signs up. We did communicate this information to the SRTOC so they are aware of it and we'll spread the word. Roger is hoping it can be done in a week unless there are any delays but they'd like to get it ready for the Thanksgiving Day holiday.
- Just an AV update for the Council room audio visual and life streaming, we did go over to HB and had a presentation and walk through on their system and they have a site visit scheduled for North Whitehall who also does the livestreaming and the Facebook. They also utilize our website designer so it would be in conjunction with that. Our website designer has also come in and looked at it and may be able to give us some pricing as well. She'll report back on that and hopefully have something scheduled for the 17th once we get some pricing.

- Council did receive a letter, via email that we were awarded the NORCO Round 2 grant. We received \$32,000 for the Police Department speed trailers and speed signage and we also received the \$25,000 we requested for the storage of those items for a pole barn for Public Works. Mrs. Yerger said thank you and thank Cathy for us.

B. COUNCIL

Jr. Council – Kennedy Pacchioli

- She said currently our Theatre Department has a new director which is very exciting news to hear. He's coming in from Notre Dame. We will decide what our play is this week, so that's exciting. Our Environmental Club is working on hosting an event with Tree-Plenish, which is an organization which mission is to build sustainable communities by leveraging the power of youth. With them, they will be helping them plant trees around our community in the near future. Debate is preparing to start off their season with a debate at Pennridge, which is November 11th. Mini-Thon is holding the trick-or-treat fundraiser tomorrow. It's their first activity fundraiser so she's very excited to see it kick off the 2021-2022 school year. Council thanked Kennedy.

Mr. Banonis

- He thanked Leslie and staff for their effort with the parade along with HB. It was a lot of work and he appreciates her efforts in putting it altogether and getting us a truck. Please extend to Star Pre-Owned Dealership for use of the truck. Mrs. Huhn said it was a nice truck they let her drive. Mr. Banonis said it was really great to have a parade after three years and have people go out and it was a sign of normalcy. It was great, thank you for that.
- He met with the representatives of Hellertown-Lower Saucon Little League, Diamond Sports and Lower Saucon Softball in regards to improvements out on Easton Road. They looked at the prior plans that were in place from 2012 and had some suggestions for modifications. He passed them along to Leslie and she will share them with the Township Engineer. Today he received from the folks involved in the softball organization some changes to the softball field we have here at Town Hall which he'll share with Leslie. Not really large scale, just some improvements to make it better for them. Mrs. Yerger said living out that way on Easton Road, the field is being used more than she ever seen it used before, it's really great to see all the young people using it.

Mr. Carocci

- He echoes Jason's thanks for the Spirit Parade and what the Township did. It was a great time and what Hellertown did.
- There's a Landfill Committee meeting November 18th at 1:00 p.m. and a Planning Commission meeting on November 18th at 7:00 p.m. Ms. deLeon said what did the Landfill Committee have to say regarding that DEP letter? Mr. Carocci said they said Rich Sichler looked at it and he didn't really want to comment until he sees a response. Scott Brown said the same thing and the Landfill said they would have a response in a couple of weeks, which he thought was good as they have 90 days, which would be December 24, 2021 and they said a couple of weeks, so he thinks we'll get something by Thanksgiving hopefully for Rich and Scott to look at and for Council to discuss.

Mrs. Stauffer

- The Historical Society in conjunction with the Saucon Source is doing a Witches, Warlocks and Wild Times, the history of haunting at Hexenkopf Rock on October 30th at 3:00 p.m. in Township Hall building. Come check it out if you want a great entertaining presentation.
- The Library will be participating in Trick-or-Treat as part of the community so come out 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Mrs. Yerger – No report

Ms. deLeon

- She said she's been hearing this noise, and she thinks it's coming from this speaker. Mr. Banonis said he thinks it's Kristen's tablet here that is sending off a signal close to the microphone. He noticed his phone was close to the microphone and sending off a signal. Mrs. Huhn said we'll have it looked at.

- October 28th from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m., \$10/person is Lost Spirits from the Past and Paranormal Experience at the Cave. She's planning on going and it sounds very interesting. It's a good thing to do and you can go inside the caves. Kristen already mentioned about Saturday afternoon.
- Leslie, what she would like to ask you to do is to please inform our consultants and other vendors and ask them to please specify a project when submitting a bill. Would you be able to do that? Mrs. Huhn said actually we could direct them to say please set this up as a project. Ms. deLeon said however internally. She knows she had asked for costs for the Solicitor's office and there was \$546.66 for work identified as litigation, but it was not specified for a project and Cathy did get back to her and that was regarding the vacancy in 2020 which would total \$8,221.66. She had no idea it cost that much money to have the Township fight the Judge's decision, to overturn a Judge's decision for a lawful appointment of a sitting Council person, am I wrong? Attorney Treadwell said are you...Ms. deLeon said she's reading what Cathy sent me. Attorney Treadwell said he has a little bit of an issue with the characterization of that. He didn't participate in any fight to stop someone from being appointed to Council. Ms. deLeon said then what was the vacancy for \$7,675. Attorney Treadwell said what are you reading from? Ms. deLeon said Cathy, Cathy sent her a chart and it said litigation. Attorney Treadwell said he doesn't have that in front of him. Ms. deLeon said she got it off your bills. Attorney Treadwell said is that his bill you are reading or is it a summary. Ms. deLeon said it's from Cathy. Attorney Treadwell said if you have a question about his bills, we had an email going around today, ask him the question. It's very easy for him to look at his bills and explain to you what it was for. He also doesn't think that number you just read, \$8,000, sounds high. Ms. deLeon said then somethings going on within our Finance Department that needs to be straightened out. Attorney Treadwell said he doesn't think it has anything to do with our Finance Department. If you want to sit down with him and go through all his bills, we can certainly come up with a number that represents the amount that was spent on the two hearings we had in Northampton County Court regarding the vacancy. Ms. deLeon said can you please talk to Cathy about this and get back to her. Mrs. Yerger said get back to all of us. Ms. deLeon said all of us, whatever, because it's a serious question. Mr. Carocci said those were hearings that Council instructed Linc to attend, as he recalls, as a Council. Mr. Banonis said as he recalls, we didn't instruct him to take a position, it was just to go so we understood what was happening and we could address it for the residents of the Township. Mrs. Yerger said exactly. Ms. deLeon said she doesn't quite remember it that way. Anyway, so will you get back to the whole Council then? Mrs. Huhn said yes.
- She said Halloween is Sunday, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Have fun and be safe.

C. **SOLICITOR** – No report

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS – NON-RESIDENTS ONLY

- Donna Louder said can she say one thing, she's a resident but thank you whoever (could not hear, did not go to the microphone).

IX. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY: Mr. Banonis moved for adjournment. The time was 8:00 p.m.

SECOND BY: Mr. Carocci

ROLL CALL: 5-0

Submitted by:

Leslie Huhn
Township Manager

Sandra B. Yerger
Council President