General Business & Developer	Lower Saucon Township Council Agenda	November 18, 2015 7:00 p.m.

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I. OPENING

CALL TO ORDER: The General Business & Developer meeting of Lower Saucon Township Council was called to order on Wednesday, November 18, 2015 at 7:00 P.M., at Lower Saucon Township, 3700 Old Philadelphia Pike, Bethlehem, PA with Mr. Ron Horiszny, presiding.

ROLL CALL: Present: Ron Horiszny, President; Thomas Maxfield, Vice President; Dave Willard and Priscilla deLeon, Council members; Jack Cahalan, Township Manager; Leslie Huhn, Assistant Manager; Linc Treadwell, Township Solicitor; Mike Beuke, Township Planner; Brien Kocher, Township Engineer. **Absent:** Glenn Kern, Council Member

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ANNOUNCEMENT OF ANY EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF APPLICABLE)

Mr. Horiszny said Council did not meet in Executive Session since the last meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT/CITIZEN AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Horiszny 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. We ask that you state your name for the record so the transcriptionist knows who is speaking in the minutes and please speak into the microphone.

II. PRESENTATIONS/HEARINGS

A. INTRODUCTION OF CANDIDATES FOR JR. COUNCIL PERSON PROGRAM

There were four students from Saucon Valley High School who applied for the Jr. Council program. They were Rachel Panek, Ryan Smith, Kelsey Gatchel and Jake Nichols (not present). Each candidate introduced themselves and explained why they wanted to be a Jr. Council member.

MOTION BY: Mr. Horiszny moved to approve the Jr. Council member positions as follows: Rachel Panek & Kelsey Gatchel for Council; Ryan Smith for Parks & Recreation; and Jake Nichols for the Planning Commission.
SECOND BY: Mr. Maxfield
ROLL CALL: 4-0 (Mr. Kern – Absent)

B. RESOLUTION #86-2015 – RECOGNIZING JOSH POPICHAK FOR SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

Mr. Horiszny said Josh will be honored at the Saucon Valley Community Center's annual dinner.

MOTION BY: Mrs. deLeon moved for approval of Resolution #86-2015.
SECOND BY: Mr. Willard
ROLL CALL: 4-0 (Mr. Kern – Absent)

C. RESOLUTION #87-2015 – RECOGNIZING MARYANN SNYDER, ILSE STOLL, AND LINDA FREDERICK FOR MEADOW PLANTING PROJECT AT READING DRIVE TRAILHEAD

Mr. Cahalan read Resolution #87-2015. Maryann Snyder and Ilse Stoll were present.

MOTION BY: Mr. Horiszny moved for approval of Resolution #87-2015.
SECOND BY: Mrs. deLeon
ROLL CALL: 4-0 (Mr. Kern – Absent)

III. DEVELOPER ITEMS

A. IESI – BETHLEHEM LANDFILL – APPLEBUTTER ROAD – FOLLOW-UP DISCUSSION REGARDING BERM ASSOCIATED WITH LAND DEVELOPMENT

Rick Bodner and Joe McDowell from Martin and Martin; and Maryann Garber, Attorney were present. Ms. Garber said they were here to discuss the landfill's proposed Southeastern realignment and there is a pending land development/site plan application and also an application before the ZHB for a hearing on December 21st. As a follow-up from last month's meeting, there were some concerns with waiving the berm and Council felt that they didn't have enough information about the project to be in a position to consider waiving the berm. They are here to present some proposed revisions to the plan. They will submit a revised plan with these changes.

They presented a PowerPoint where Mr. Bodner explained the access road and the MSE wall. He outlined the revisions to the MSE wall and road.

Mr. Willard asked how are they able to eliminate the MSE wall, how it affects the disposal area and is the vegetated slope equivalent to an earthen berm? Mr. Bodner explained they tapered the wall and the two to one slope behind it. They did not change the disposal area and the vegetated slope is not equivalent to an earthen berm. Mrs. deLeon said she was concerned with the property owners and vegetated slope.

Mr. Bodner showed an overall view of the landfill with the proposed grading and access roads. There was discussion regarding the different height elevations. There was discussion on the lines of sight from various locations shown with photographs. Mrs. deLeon said the photos were taken when the leaves were on the trees. Ms. Garber read what DEP wrote about the sight lines. Mrs. deLeon said DEP can change the condition as this is a new application.

Mr. Maxfield asked what the distance was from the southeastern corner of the closest property line to where the new location of the road is? Mr. Bodner said it's 450' plus or minus.

Mrs. deLeon asked what the regulations are if you are a resident that borders the landfill? Mr. Bueke said there is a requirement for an earthen berm to be placed no closer than 50' around the perimeter of the landfill.

Mrs. deLeon asked how they are proposing to address the concern with a prior condition of approval from the April 6, 2005 decision. Ms. Garber said as the Boucher & James and Hanover Engineering comment letters noted, there was a condition to one of the revisions of the Phase IV land development approvals which was also turned into a provision in the modification to the land development agreement which speaks to a limitation in areas to the southeast portion of the premises and then there are some inconsistencies in the wording of the condition and the wording of the provision agreement. It's our position that those limitations and the conditions in the agreement don't limit anything they are proposing in the SE Realignment. Mrs. deLeon said you failed to mention the word "covenant". Attorney Treadwell said he's aware of that condition and he will continue to have discussions and they will come to what they believe is the correct interpretation of that provision.

Mr. Peter Bresnick, 2417 Applebutter Road, said the landfill surrounds his property on two sides. He said the Manager of the landfill came to him and said the landfill will make him an offer on his property. He'd like to have something in writing and on record that they make him an offer. Mr. Schleyer said he would talk to their corporate office and they do intend to make an offer on the two properties. Mr. Maxfield said this is nothing that we as a Township can be involved in and it doesn't change our requirements from property lines.

Ms. Donna Louder asked the setback is from the work face to these properties? Mr. Bodner responded with distances. Ms. Louder said she had conversation with Roger Bellas from DEP, and he said the setback should be 900' from an occupied dwelling. Ms. Louder said she lives one mile from the landfill and she hears the noise, smells it and sees headlights on top of the mountain and this man is less than 500' away.

Mrs. deLeon asked the IESI representatives to address the 900'. Mr. Bodner said to the extent that Roger Bellas said that, they think he's wrong. It's a permanent footprint and they made all the applicable setbacks and that's what their Form D and application states. Ms. Garber said whether we need the DEP setbacks or not, that will come out as part of the review process. The regulations are complicated and there are grandfathering clauses and things like that. Mrs. deLeon said you need a permit from the State to have an approval from the Township. Ms. Garber said that's a

typical condition and the municipality doesn't have to wait for those approvals and case law says the Township can't deny an application based on an applicant not having those approvals.

Mr. Gene Boyer had questions regarding the prior discussion on the height to which Mr. Bodner further explained.

Mr. Matt McClarin, Riverside Drive, had questions about how this affects storm water to the neighboring property owners? Mr. Bodner explained their storm water management plan and how it works. Mr. McClarin asked why not take the slope all the way across instead of putting the wall there? Mr. Bodner said if it weren't for the basin, they could do the whole thing without the wall.

Mr. Maxfield said do you currently have an approved disposal area that's closer than 900'? Mr. Bodner said yes, much closer.

Mrs. deLeon showed various pictures from Freemansburg and that she took on April 14, 2015 of the water tank, the pole, and the MSE wall and from the Bresnick property.

Ms. Garber said their plan is to go to the P/C and provide them this same information. In the next few days, they will submit revised plans that will go through the review period. Tonight they are not requesting that Council take any action. Mrs. deLeon said you are expecting neighbors to come out on December 21st? Ms. Garber said they originally were hoping it would be heard by the ZHB in October, and then in November.

Mrs. deLeon said a waiver is a SALDO requirement. Attorney Treadwell said the berm requirement is in the zoning ordinance, which states Council has the authority to waive the berm. Mrs. deLeon said she can't support their application. Mr. Maxfield said IESI has already stated they are not asking for support tonight, and he's looking at the presentation as what the P/C would consider a sketch plan to which we would offer comments and guidance and move along.

Mr. Bresnick asked Council not approve anything until the matter is settled with the landowners and until he's satisfied. Mr. Maxfield said he hopes it works out for Mr. Bresnick but that's a private matter. Attorney Treadwell said legally we have certain timing requirements that we have to meet, but if there aren't extensions, we have to make a decision in 90 days. Mrs. deLeon asked Mr. Cahalan to forward to Roger Bellas and his peers at DEP the letter from Boucher & James and Hanover Engineering as additional information.

MOTION BY: Mrs. deLeon moved for approval to forward the B&J and HEA letters to DEP.
SECOND BY: Mr. Maxfield
ROLL CALL: 4-0 (Mr. Kern – Absent)

IV. TOWNSHIP BUSINESS ITEMS

A. WILDLANDS CONSERVANCY PROPOSED REMOVAL OF TWO DAMS ALONG THE SAUCON CREEK

Mr. Cahalan said Wildlands provided information to the EAC about two dams on the Saucon Creek that are jointly owned by Hellertown Borough and LST. One at the Water Street Bridge and one near Tuminello Park. They are asking support from LST to pursue grant funding that would pay for feasibility studies.

Mrs. deLeon felt this should go to the SV Partnership for discussion. Joe Sofka, VP of the Hellertown Historical Society said the dam provides water to the Grist Mill and they would oppose that being stopped.

MOTION BY: Mr. Horiszny moved that we indicate to Wildlands we are in general support to have them look for grants on the dam removal for Saucon Creek.
SECOND BY: Mr. Maxfield

Mr. Willard said looking at the narrative they met with Hellertown Historical Society and expressed interest in keeping the flow in the mill race. Mr. Cahalan said part of the feasibility study will be to determine if the dam can be partially removed and still maintain the flow of water to the mill race. Mrs. deLeon said she's not opposed to the idea, it's just a little too early to vote on it.

ROLL CALL: 3-1 (Mrs. deLeon – No; Mr. Kern – Absent)

B. RESOLUTION #89-2015 – TRANSFER OF MONIES

Mr. Cahalan presented a memo and resolution outlining the transfers Ms. Gorman is proposing. Mrs. deLeon said she asked Ms. Gorman to provide her with the comparison of the increases of the old non-uniform contract to the new contract of all the benefits the contract provided.

MOTION BY: Mr. Horiszny moved for approval of Resolution #89-2015.
SECOND BY: Mr. Maxfield
ROLL CALL: 4-0 (Mr. Kern – Absent)

C. RESOLUTION #90-2015 – USE OF OPEN SPACE FUNDS FOR MAINTENANCE OF PRESERVED PROPERTIES

Mr. Cahalan reviewed the resolution which states that under Act 115 of 2013 there are several options for the use of the funds to develop, improve, design, engineer and maintain open space acquired with dedicated open space taxes. The two options permitted would allow the use of up to 25% of the accumulated balance or to create a separate maintenance fund and deposit up to 25% of revenue into the fund. Mr. Cahalan provided Council with the cost for money spent in 2015 on open space properties in 2015. The amount was $23,363.33.

Mr. Cahalan said the Planner has provided a definition of maintenance which covers a variety of stewardship and management techniques, which could be undertaken for future open space properties.

Mr. Maxfield said the EAC was very concerned how the money is spent. The general feeling was the referendum spelled out very clearly its purpose which the voters voted on. Whether Harrisburg has decided we can do something different now, doesn't really matter. The EAC is of the opinion that it's disingenuous to use this for some of the things that were proposed. We have in the past used open space funds to establish open space by paying for appraisals, legal expenses, surveys, but when it got down to the paving and mowing, he agrees with the EAC in opposing the money be used for that.

Attorney Treadwell said we discussed at your last meeting that when the State legislature amended the Open Space Act, they provided that the money obtained through the tax could be used for things other than acquisition. It does not require the Township to do that, it authorizes it if you want to and any action taken would have to be voted on by Council. You could vote for Option 1 or 2 or look at it on an item by item basis and Council could vote to approve all, some or none of the expenditures.

Mrs. deLeon said she's spoke to different residents that support the use of these funds to pay for the maintenance and other people that haven't. Mr. Maxfield said the EAC discussed this, the referendum is very clear. When we're talking about paying to establish items that's one thing, but paying to pave roads and equipment rental, this is not what the voters intended. If we're talking 25%, that's up to $1 million on things like this. The EAC would be happy to examine the recommendations on a case-by-case basis. We're not totally opposed to the use of open space money to serve open space needs.

Mr. Tom Carocci, 2063 Pheasant Court, read part of the language of the referendum. He said that's what the voters voted for in 2011. He spoke to the concern that it's unethical, inappropriate and borders on a fraud on the taxpayers to be using this money for maintenance because that word

doesn't appear in the referendum. The referendum wasn't meant to cover maintenance since the state passed a law that says it can cover maintenance two years after the voters voted. He expressed his concerns about the amount of money Council could potentially use if this is approved. There's a lot of open space in LST that could come on the market and be purchased. He suggested other options like put a referendum on the ballot in 2016 that asks if Council can use 25% of the money for maintenance or wait until 2017 and make clear and put the word maintenance in the referendum. Nothing was put in the newsletter or on the website to notify the public.

Mr. Willard said this came up at the last meeting. Mr. Carocci said his point is the residents at large have not been notified that something they voted for is going to be contradicted and disregarded. Mrs. deLeon said she talked to a lot of residents about the open space program, and we have way too many parks now.

Mr. Willard said he did research on the voters who voted on the referendum. Both times it passed. He doesn't think most of the people in the Township care and he would support the resolution.

Mr. David Jauregui, 1557 Surrey Road, said he is a member of the EAC, but wants to speak as a resident. The voters voted for something and now there's a proposal to change what they voted for. The Council has the authority to accept this and do what they can as it came from Harrisburg. He asks that Council use ethical judgment on this situation. You are authorized but don't have to act on it. This authorization has been around for two years and it just now being discussed. Mrs. deLeon said at the last budget discussion she brought this up. Mr. Jauregui said the opportunity for Council to put together a solution and give to the residents has been around since 2013 and now it has become a hot topic. He didn't see a reason to rush into trying to make a decision.

Mrs. deLeon said we need money to maintain these properties. She spoke to many residents on election day and they were shocked. Mr. Jauregui asked how many. Mrs. deLeon said she didn't know. She talked to a lot of people. Mr. Jauregui said did you talk to 7,000 voters? Mrs. deLeon said no, because they didn't all come out to vote. Mr. Jauregui said no one is opposed to trying to maintain these things. What we voted for is not what was proposed. How you act is a reflection of the voters. Mr. Maxfield said everyone was voted into office won on less numbers than the referendum question.

Mr. Jeff Fegley, 2027 Majestic Overlook Drive, said he's not extremely knowledgeable about this act but he's quite insulted by Mr. Willard's comment that the voters don't care. Whether the voters turn out in small amounts or big amounts, the system is in place that the voters are important and every single vote counts. To say they don't care is ignorant of yourself. Mr. Willard said he appreciates his comment and he doesn't consider himself ignorant. Mr. Fegley said the language does hide the fact that it's $1 million. Attorney Treadwell said the resolution is to approve $23,000.00. Mr. Fegley said we're talking about $1 million which is available. He was never told at the time of his vote that this would be the case. We can say the state authorizes it, it doesn't mean that everyone doesn't have a responsibility to everyone in this room to do what the people want. Attorney Treadwell said you said hidden in the resolution was to spend $1 million and that's not correct. Mr. Maxfield said he doesn't think he said it was hidden in the resolution, he said it was an available amount if Council decides to spend up to $1 million. Mr. Fegley said no matter how you look at it, authorization of $23,000.00 is dipping into an amount that could go up to $1 million. That's not what we voted for the day we voted for this referendum. We elected you to represent us and what we're trying to say is that you should listen to us and if you want to do something with the $1 million it should be published in flyers and on the website.

Mr. Ken Guito, 2051 Dennis Lane, said with all due respect to the act and amendment, it is disingenuous of this Council to use funds for this purpose. That's not what the taxpayers voted for. The $23,000.00 is opening the door and it's a slippery slope. We can say it can be on a case by

case basis, but this could be a resource the Council could vote for. Put another vote in front of the taxpayers to use the 25% for maintenance purposes.

Mr. Ted Beardsley, Meadows Road, said the resolution gives two choices on how the money can be spent. You need to decide which it should be. He asked Mrs. deLeon to provide statistics that we have too many parks. Mr. Beardsley said it's still a tax and he's still paying the same amount of taxes. This money isn't spent on parks. It's spent on farmlands and farmland preservation. Mr. Beardsley said it should be taken back to the voters. It's collected for the sole purpose for open space. When the money is gone, the money's gone and the Township has to budget for maintenance anyway. In the meantime, you are going to take money away for buying open space. Mrs. deLeon said unfortunately, a lot of residents don't even know we are talking about this tonight. There could be 30 people here saying they don't want to use general funds to support anything with the open space acquisition. Attorney Treadwell said the only thing the resolution does is authorize $23,363.00 to be spent out of open space for this calendar year. Mr. Maxfield said it will set a precedent. We haven't spent any open space money on these types of things before and if you do it once, you're going to do it again.

Mr. Willard apologizes for any offensive comments. He realized he took a strong position and he does feel it's appropriate; however, looking at the votes of two referendums, it was clear; all the public comment tonight is opposing this resolution, he doesn't feel he should vote for it. He does listen to the public and does understand how the system works.

Mr. Bruce Petrie, 2626 Redington Road, said he agrees this resolution should be put on a referendum for the voters as they voted for one thing. It is good government. All these people had comments on the professional level and he agrees with them.

Mr. Gordon Gress, Black River Road said when you buy something, you have to maintain it. Suppose no open space becomes available, where does that $4 million go? Attorney Treadwell said that's a question the legislature has not seen fit to answer yet.

Ms. Donna Louder asked if this could be something that could be put out as a public notice in the newspaper instead of being a referendum? Attorney Treadwell said he thinks you could probably advertise whatever you want to advertise. It would only be for people to come to a public meeting. You can't do a referendum on that specific question. The next question is on the 2016 ballot when you could ask that question and include maintenance. Ms. Louder said why not .27% and include the maintenance. Attorney Treadwell said the highest you can go is .25%.

Mr. Horiszny said we should not pass this resolution. He attended the EAC meeting and knew they were against this resolution. There are two other items coming up and one is the Parks Survey. We should put this question on the survey and put it on the website and see what people think.

Mrs. Sandra Yerger wanted to clarify the EAC was in favor of it, but if you look at our recommendations, we were in favor of having certain things that are inherent with the acquisition of open space, such as surveys, appraisals, included in the process of acquisition. Parks aren't the only piece of open space purchases. We have preserved farmland and other natural areas that are privately owned that don't cost the taxpayer a dime after the acquisition. We keep throwing in the parks and how it's costing money, but the majority of open space is still privately owned and maintained by the owner. It just means it's going to not be developed and it's going to stay pristine in its natural state providing all the natural processes that keep our Township and our water and air supplies pure, clean and a decent place to live. Mr. Horiszny asked if the EAC would review the maintenance and stewardship memo from Boucher & James and comment on it.

Mr. Gene Boyer said we are discussing $23,000.00 for this year and it doesn't have anything to do with 2016. Mr. Boyer said next year we can put it on the referendum and get what monies we

need. Do you realize your taxes went up 22% last year. The taxes this year didn't go up a penny, but they took $680,000.00 out of our budget and put it in the process so there wasn't a tax increase.

MOTION BY: Mrs. deLeon moved for approval of Resolution #90-2015.
Motion failed, no second.

D. <u>ADOPTION OF 2016 PRELIMINARY BUDGET</u>

Ms. Cathy Gorman presented the proposed budget. Modifications to the draft updating figures which also incorporates the transfer resolution you approved. She reviewed increases for 2016 which are based on the receipts to date. A decrease in anticipated revenue was based on Council not charging the fire departments for fuel. The general fund balance is $7,367,790.00 and the total budget is the $10,621,224.00 which includes the open space funding and state liquid funding.

Mrs. deLeon asked about medical costs for employees. Ms. Gorman said it's actually an increase in their deductible plus dependent cost of medical. Mrs. deLeon asked if the employees had to pay like their dependents pay, what number would we be looking at? Ms. Gorman said she looked at different case scenarios and it's a liability issue and an ACA issue in a lot of cases. She will continue to look at it through the course of the year. Mrs. deLeon said you can't do anything about it until the contract changes.

Mrs. deLeon said when the Miracle League was formed we donated the first year. She would like to donate annually to this. Mrs. deLeon said for 2016, a donation of $2,500.00 would be a nice support for them. Ms. Gorman asked if she wants the expense in 2015 or just 2016? Mrs. deLeon said if we can do it this year, it's a worthy cause.

MOTION BY: Mrs. deLeon moved for approval for a $2,500.00 donation to the Miracle League out of the 2015 budget.
SECOND BY: Mr. Maxfield
ROLL CALL: 4-0 (Mr. Kern – Absent)

Ms. Gorman said she can make the change for 2016. Mr. Maxfield asked if when we make donations, they come to Council for a vote? Ms. Gorman said it's presented to you within the budget.

Mrs. deLeon said she asked for more information from the Saucon Valley Conservancy. She's disappointed there's no activity on fixing the sidewalks, the cement, the porch. Mr. Cahalan said the Conservancy was working with its members including Mr. DeGruchy and Mr. Hauseman who were going to put together a plan for the repair of the steps. He hasn't received anything. Ms. Gorman said there's still $23,000.00 in the fund if the Conservancy says they have a plan on what they want to do. She hasn't received anything from the Historical Society. Mrs. deLeon spoke about other projects including removing the trees inside the barn ruins, the staining and mold in the sunroom, the damaged floor and we need to look what needs repairing there. Mr. Cahalan said these are capital projects and on the list he indicated these are future projects. Everything else has been completed and all items have been looked at or deferred by the Conservancy. They've been keeping the house in good repair and major repairs that have been done through the last ten years. Mrs. deLeon mentioned the windows, the floor boards, painting of windows, a slate is missing, the inside of the widow's porch is rotted and the masonry missing from the chimney. Mr. Cahalan said he is looking into the masonry work for the chimneys and looking into the slate repairs.

Mrs. deLeon asked what the reason is to put insulation in the building. Mr. Cahalan said the Conservancy said it would help cut down their heating costs for both of the buildings. The estimate would have to come back to Council to be approved. Mrs. deLeon said they are asking us to put insulation in, but to her, that's not a repair. Mr. Cahalan said they will ask the Solicitor on his opinion and get back to her on that.

Mr. Willard said the year to year decrease in the General Fund is $607,208.00? Ms. Gorman said it's only a .4% increase from last year.

MOTION BY: Mr. Maxfield moved for approval to advertise the Preliminary 2016 Budget.
SECOND BY: Mr. Willard
ROLL CALL: 4-0 (Mr. Kern – Absent)

E. PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE SURVEY

Mr. Cahalan said Council requested we do another survey of parks and we expanded it to include recreation and open space. Boucher & James prepared a draft of survey questions which has been reviewed by the Parks & Recreation Board. The EAC reviewed it and their recommendation was that because of the regional nature of recreation that Council consider input from the SVP. Mr. Horiszny suggested putting a question on there about the use of open space funds for maintenance of open space. Mr. Maxfield said this would have to be limited to Lower Saucon residents only then. Mrs. deLeon said she doesn't know why the SVP should be involved in this. Mr. Maxfield said most people who participate in youth sports around the valley don't pay attention if they are in HB or LST. There was further discussion regarding open space parcels and easements.

Mr. Willard said this is a good draft and we have to be concerned about how long it gets. He had a comment on the third question about a 5 point scale. Mr. Cahalan said the survey document needs more work and in the meantime, he'd suggest it be put on the SVP agenda and ask if they want to participate.

F. APPROVAL TO COMPLETE SURVEYING OF DRAVECZ PARCELS

Mr. Kocher said they were able to find all of the pins except the southernmost parcel. There's no metes and bounds description in the deed which makes it very difficult to survey. Mr. Cahalan said the cost estimate is not to exceed $2,000.00.

MOTION BY: Mr. Maxfield moved for approval to complete the surveying of the Dravecz parcels at a price not to exceed $2,000.00 and take the money from the Open Space Fund.
SECOND BY: Mr. Horiszny
ROLL CALL: 4-0 (Mr. Kern – Absent)

V. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS ITEMS

A. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 28, 2015 & NOVEMBER 4, 2015 COUNCIL MINUTES

Mr. Horiszny said the October 28, 2015 and November 4, 2015 minutes are ready for Council approval.

MOTION BY: Mr. Horiszny moved for approval of the October 28, 2015 and November 4, 2015 Council minutes.
SECOND BY: Mr. Maxfield
ROLL CALL: 3-1 (Mrs. deLeon – No; Mr. Kern – Absent)

B. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 2015 FINANCIAL REPORTS

Mr. Horiszny said the October 2015 financial reports are ready for Council approval.

MOTION BY: Mr. Willard moved for approval of the October 2015 financial reports.
SECOND BY: Mr. Maxfield
ROLL CALL: 3-1 (Mrs. deLeon – No; Mr. Kern – Absent)

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT/CITIZEN NON-AGENDA ITEMS

- Mr. Bruce Petrie, 2626 Redington Road, said there was a bad accident on Redington Road going onto Lower Saucon Road. The speed limit sign is 30 MPH at the Pichel Farm and as you start climbing, before Buttermilk, it goes back to 40 MPH. He'd like to see the speed limit reduced to 25 MPH from there to Williams Township. Mr. Maxfield said that is a PennDOT road. Mr. Cahalan said he will talk to Chief Lesser ,get some recommendations and bring it back to Council.

VII. COUNCIL & STAFF REPORTS

A. TOWNSHIP MANAGER

- Mr. Cahalan said Alan Kunsman looked at the chimneys on the Widows House and estimates a cost of $2,750 per chimney. He's waiting for the SVC comments and it would have to be approved by PHMC.
- Mr. Cahalan said the library renovations have been delayed to December 7, 2015.
- Mr. Cahalan said PennDOT responded to the request on the school bus stop ahead sign for Friedensville Road and they turned it down. Public Works suggested the bus stop be moved to another location and they are talking with the school district about this.
- Mr. Cahalan said Chief Lesser provided the information on the weight scales that Mrs. deLeon requested.

B. COUNCIL

Mr. Maxfield

- Heritage Conservancy is presenting a speaker for "Gain a Better Understanding of Potential and Ecological Impact of Appalachian Shale Energy Development Including Pipelines" on Friday, November 20th.
- He's glad Steel City Park has been started. He understands that Northampton County has said we are not eligible for any additional funds to develop recreation in the Township until we finish Steel City Park. Mr. Cahalan said hopefully we can get the majority of work done by the end of next year.

Mrs. deLeon

- She asked if the Parks & Recreation Board recommendations on the open space survey were incorporated in the draft they got? Mr. Cahalan said yes.

Mr. Kern – Absent

Mr. Willard

- He wanted to welcome the new Jr. Council Members.

Mr. Horiszny

- He attended the LSA meeting and they have completed their budget. He said the Wildberry/Deer Run connection is being completed. In 2016, they have a $400,000 water project and for 2017 they have an $800,000 project scheduled.
- He said last night there was a fire and the Fire Company said there was no sign on the street.

D. SOLICITOR – No report

E. PLANNER – No report

F. ENGINEER – No report

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY: Mr. Horiszny moved for adjournment. The time was 10:49 p.m.
SECOND BY: Mr. Maxfield
ROLL CALL: 4-0 (Mr. Kern – Absent)

Submitted by:

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Jack Cahalan	Ron Horiszny
Township Manager	Council President