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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, December 3, 2014 at 7:06 P.M., at Lower Saucon Township, 3700 Old Philadelphia Pike, Bethlehem, PA with Mr. Ron Horiszny, presiding.

ROLL CALL: Present: Ron Horiszny, President; Tom Maxfield, Vice President; Priscilla deLeon and Dave Willard, Council member; Jack Cahalan, Township Manager; Leslie Huhn, Assistant Manager; Cathy Gorman, Director of Finance; Judy Stern Goldstein, Township Planner; Linc Treadwell, Township Solicitor; Brien Kocher, Township Engineer; and Matt Smith, Jr. Council member. Absent: Glenn Kern, Council member.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ANNOUNCEMENT OF ANY EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF APPLICABLE)

Mr. Horiszny said Council did meet in Executive Session this evening to discuss personnel issues and possible property acquisitions.
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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. He asks that you give your fellow public the courtesy of the floor. We ask that you state your name for the record so the transcriptionist knows who is speaking in the minutes. If you are up at the table, please speak into the microphone. Mr. Cahalan said III.A. Silver Creek Country Club Living Proposal has been tabled.

II. PRESENTATIONS/HEARINGS

A. RESOLUTION #75-2014 – RECOGNIZING PRISCILLA DELEON FOR HER SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

Mr. Horiszny said Resolution #75-2014 was prepared recognizing Priscilla deLeon for her service to the community for over twenty-five (25) years. This resolution was presented at the SV Community Center dinner held November 21st and Council should now ratify the resolution.

MOTION BY: Mr. Horiszny moved for approval of Resolution #75-2014.

SECOND BY: Mr. Willard

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

ROLL CALL: 4-0 (Absent – Mr. Kern)

III. DEVELOPER ITEMS

A. SILVER CREEK COUNTRY CLUB LIVING PROPOSAL – 700 LINDEN STREET

Mr. Horiszny said this agenda item has been tabled.

B. GREENWOOD COURT SUBDIVISION – CUL-DE-SAC (ROSKO ESTATE) (7:12 pm)

Mr. Horiszny said the developer of Greenwood Court is deceased and the estate is requesting the Township accept dedication of the improvements. Attorney Treadwell said normally the subdivision ordinance would require 80% of the dwellings be occupied before the Township took dedication of the roadway, however the attorney of the estate informed us the estate is insolvent and they do not have the ability to take care of the roads so they are asking we waive the 80% requirement and take dedication as soon as possible. He reviewed the draft motion with four conditions that the applicant needs to take care. Mrs. deLeon asked who has been providing the snow plowing. Attorney Treadwell said the Township did it for the most recent snow event. Mrs. deLeon said what would be the downside of doing this? We have said no to this request in the past. Attorney Treadwell said the reason for the 80% requirement is so that construction vehicles don't rip up a road we own while trying to build the remainder of the houses. The only potential

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downside is some of the trucks could damage the road. We will have a maintenance bond that would cover that for nine months. Mr. Horiszny said to not do it, will hurt the five families living there. Attorney Treadwell said since Mr. Rosko passed away, this is the best we're going to get. Mr. Maxfield said the risk of it not being completed at all is a reality too.

MOTION BY: Mr. Maxfield moved for approval of the draft motion and to accept the Greenwood Court cul-de-sac dedication.

SECOND BY: Mr. Horiszny
Mr. Horiszny asked if anyone had any questions? No one raised their hand.

ROLL CALL: 4-0 (Absent – Mr. Kern)

IV. TOWNSHIP BUSINESS ITEMS

A. ZONING HEARING BOARD VARIANCES (7:17 pm)

1. JOHN & SUSAN BLAIR – 1412 WALTER STREET – REQUEST VARIANCE FOR REAR AND SIDE YARD SETBACK TO CONSTRUCT A DETACHED GARAGE

Mr. Horiszny said the applicant is seeking relief to reconstruct and enlarge an existing non-conforming garage. Mr. Maxfield said in Mr. Garges memo it states that the building proposed will be in compliance with zoning regulations. The applicant owns the surrounding properties also. Council took no action.

2. BILL BAKOS, TRI OUTDOOR, INC. – 3560 ROUTE 378 – REQUEST VARIANCE TO EXCEED ALLOWABLE HEIGHT FOR EXISTING BILLBOARD

Mr. Horiszny said the applicant is seeking relief to reconstruct an existing billboard with a smaller digital billboard, which will exceed the allowable height. Mr. Paul Harak, attorney was present. He said this existing sign is non-conforming. It's 42' x 12'. The proposal is to put in an electronic billboard within the 300 square foot ordinance. The property where the board sits is on a grade, that's why they need a 6' variance. This is on Dr. Feelgoode's property. Attorney Treadwell said the proposal is to shrink the size of the billboard and the square footage, but the request is to allow it to be 6' higher than what it is now. Mr. Harak said they will shrink the board almost 40% from what it is currently. The reason they are doing this is they want to raise it up as there are trucks at that site and they didn't want anyone to back in to the sign. Mr. Maxfield said under hardship it quotes safety and asked if that's the safety of the billboard. Mr. Harak said yes. Mr. Maxfield said he doesn't really see the connection between what the stated hardship was and the specifics on the site. If the hardship is the safety of the billboard, there are other ways to accomplish that. You would gain some height because of the grade itself. It's still a pretty sizeable billboard. Mr. Harak said it's too low to the ground, they don't know if someone will climb on it. Mr. Maxfield said it's been a functioning billboard for a long time. We're not saying we're not allowing you to have it on that site, we're saying we don't want an additional 6' in height.

Mr. Maxfield said he would oppose it. Mrs. deLeon said she would let the ZHB decide. Mr. Willard said he's concerned about setting the precedent that every application is going to be a 24' billboard if we do this. Attorney Treadwell said the actual height of the billboard is 10' high. Mr. Harak said even if a truck backed into it, it wouldn't hit the board.

MOTION BY: Mr. Maxfield moved to oppose this application.

SECOND BY: Mr. Horiszny
Mr. Horiszny asked if anyone had any questions? Mr. Bakos said he would like go on record saying he did this for safety reasons. Mr. Willard said he'd rather let the ZHB make the decision. Mr. Matt McClarin, Riverside Drive, said he doesn't see any neighbors here opposing this variance. Is this extra 4' going to shine lights into the neighbor's windows? Mr.

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Horiszny said there's a law that says it should be 18' and there doesn't seem to be a real good reason that 18' hasn't been a good number in the past.

ROLL CALL: 2-2 (Absent – Mr. Kern; Mrs. deLeon and Mr. Willard – No)
Motion failed.

3. MODY & NICOLE GERGES – 2024 HILLTOP ROAD – REQUEST VARIANCE FOR SIDE YARD SETBACK FOR FENCE (7:38 pm)

Mr. Horiszny said the applicant is seeking relief to construct a 6' tall fence in the required front yard. Their parcel is irregular in that it contains two front yards.

Mr. & Mrs. Gerges were present. Mr. Gerges said they have long term plans to put in a pool, so they are trying to do things in bits and pieces. They are on a corner, so the back yard goes up to the road and they were looking to put a 6' perimeter fence around the back yard. They can only come in 25' if it's a 4' fence and 55' if it's a 6' fence, which would put the fence in the middle of their yard. Along the road where they are putting the fence in, there are five large pine trees, so the fence would be in the inside of that and wouldn't affect the view from the road. Mr. Horiszny asked where the fence would be? Mr. Gerges showed Council on the picture where it would be. Council took no action.

B. COST ESTIMATES AND STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT TASK FORCE ACTION ITEMS (7:42 pm)

Mr. Horiszny said Council asked Staff to provide cost estimates for the completion of the short-term tasks in the Economic Development Task Force Report and recommendations for the formation of the citizen committee.

Ms. Mallo reviewed the memo she provided to Council regarding the six tasks, including the cost for each task. The total cost estimate would be \$8,180.00. Mr. Cahalan said the second document provided to Council was the scope and charge for the citizen committee that would be formed to review the Township policies and permitting procedures. They put this together to cover what they feel would be appropriate for this group.

Mrs. deLeon asked how many members would be on this committee? Mr. Cahalan said he thinks Dave reported that all of the members of the Task Force indicated they would like to serve. Mr. Willard said there were 15 members of the Task Force and they asked how many would be willing to continue with this project and they all said they would. The committee is intended to address things in the report. They would dig more deeply and work with our staff. If there are other people who would like to join this committee, let Mr. Willard know. Mrs. deLeon said someone should explain the ordinances so they fully understand the process. Mr. Willard said there should then be a report on where we stand when this work is done.

Mr. Maxfield said as he reads through this, there are a lot of interesting things. He feels the tasks are really open-ended in some ways. There are things we could check off the list right away that we don't need to do as we are aware of the things that exist. He would ask the committee do Task 2 with guidance from Chris and Jack. There are areas that P/C could point out to the Task Force that would be suitable for some type of modifications to make some of these projects useable. Mrs. deLeon said aren't they going to be handed this task list? Mr. Maxfield said most of these tasks are assigned to other people. He'd like to see the committee really take a forward role on this. Mr. Cahalan said the task list Ms. Mallo was talking about was to be completed by Boucher & James and Chris Gerges, except for Task No. 1 which was creation of a committee. Mr. Willard said the committee should be formed and then move on from there. Mr. Cahalan said they can start reaching out to the members of the Task Force to find out if they are interested in being part of this process. They can also do a revision to the scope and charge. Mr. Willard said he, Mr. Horiszny and Mr. Cahalan will be meeting with Northampton County Economic Development and Lehigh

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Valley Economic Development Corporation and they may be able to offer some support for some of these tasks including financial support.

Ms. Sandra Miller said it was stated the meetings would be throughout the year of 2015. If you follow the plan's timeline, it's much shorter than that. Mr. Cahalan said getting the Task Force and running, he doesn't know if it's realistic to say they will be meeting in January.

Mr. McClarin asked when the next time the Comp Plan has to be revised? Maybe you can work some of this into that as there's a lot of good information in there. Mr. Willard said the Task Force was given the Comprehensive Plan as a reference guide. Mr. Cahalan said the Comp Plan was a multi-municipal plan and a lot of focus was on downtown, Main Street Hellertown. A lot of this is in the Township, which wasn't done before.

- MOTION BY:** Mr. Maxfield moved that Council ask Jack and the staff to form the new committee that will be in charge of economic development recommendations.
- SECOND BY:** Mr. Willard
Mr. Horiszny asked if anyone had any questions? Mrs. deLeon said could something be put on the website asking for other interested residents and submit a letter to the Manager.
- ROLL CALL:** 4-0 (Absent – Mr. Kern)

C. UPDATE ON MEETING WITH PENNEAST REPRESENTATIVES (8:07 pm)

Mr. Horiszny said Council requested that this matter be placed on the agenda to provide an update on the November 12th meeting with PennEast Pipeline representatives and to solicit input from Township residents.

Mr. Cahalan said they gave Council documents handed out by PennEast at the meeting or have since been sent in by PennEast. He went over the meeting notes from the November 12th meeting with PennEast Pipeline and the various topics discussed such as monitoring of their pipelines, the approval process, the pre-filing process. There will be scoping meetings which will be held in January. The route would be finalized in 2016. Up until that time, the Township would work with them to coordinate the route. There will be a temporary construction easement. Council members had questions for the representatives and they answered those questions.

Mrs. deLeon said we asked them about emergency response and they said they would work with our responders. They talked about the pipeline going under the Delaware River. They didn't talk about streams.

Mr. Horiszny said we asked about co-location with other pipelines and they said those are nearly impossible. We asked about export and they said none of the gases were intended to be exported. We asked about the advantage to people in Northampton County and their comment was if you use PA gas rather than Louisiana gas, everyone eventually benefits. They said landowners who are affected need to talk to them as soon as possible.

Mr. Maxfield said the talking point is very important. One of the worst things you can do is shut your door and not talk to the representatives. They are trying to avoid eminent domain. They are willing to make minor adjustments to the plan. They said you can farm over the top of the line. A lot of farmers think their land is being cut in half, and that's not true. The only thing you can't do is plant large things like trees, no swimming pools or buildings can be built over it. We asked about tree replacement and they didn't indicate they would be replacing any trees. They quoted 80% domestic use of the gas going through the line.

Mr. Willard said he went to the open house at Hanover Township along with Mrs. deLeon. This is part of the pre-filing process. Most of these applications are approved, and the only cases where they aren't approved is where there is overwhelming public opposition and the pipeline companies

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choose to withdraw. He knows a couple of Townships have opposed the pipeline by doing a resolution. Mrs. deLeon said she's aware of two, Moore Township and Riegelsville Borough. Mr. Maxfield said it leaves us in an odd place as no one up here wants to see a pipeline go through, but yet, we've been told there's nothing we can do to stop it. We will continue to meet with them.

Kathy Pichel-McGovern said she has many concerns and that it will encompass her entire farm. They will take a 150' easement down to a 50' permanent right-of-way. Yes, they can farm, and the pipeline must be deeper than 4'; however, she went to a meeting in Lancaster and learned that the heat that comes off the pipe makes the soil on top of it arid and not useable. She has to worry about her property value. She said Keith Dorman from UGI said we don't need any gas in Northampton County. We have all the supply we need. Her second property on Applebutter Road will also be affected by the pipeline. She asked where the other 20% of the gas will go? Mr. Maxfield said he understands southern Jersey. Ms. Pichel-McGovern said she heard when it connects to Diamond Cove, they have been approved for export. Mr. Willard said when Mr. Maxfield said domestic, he thought that meant within the United States. He thought all of it was going to NJ residents from the answers they gave him. Mr. Maxfield said from their explanation, they have multiple users in the Trenton area. They were very unclear as to who else would be using it. They were hoping it would be UGI and tapping into the little substation on Easton Road. That plant also gets gas from Columbia Gas. Ms. Pichel-McGovern said they also need compressor stations, and we haven't heard where they will be.

Mr. Willard said he doesn't see any benefits to the residents of LST from having this pipeline. The Hellertown lateral is a PR ploy. Even UGI is denying they need the gas in LST. Ms. Pichel-McGovern asked about a resolution for opposition and the process. Mr. Willard said none has been proposed at this point. Maybe if we scream loud enough, we may have some influence. Mr. Maxfield said we need to examine the resolutions as other Township's have different goals. Attorney Treadwell said you have an Environmental Solicitor, Charles Elliott, and he's spoken to him and he's fairly knowledgeable with this, so he'd like to continue talking to him.

Ms. Pichel-McGovern questioned the size of the pipe. Mr. Maxfield said the only statement they gave was Calpine uses lots and lots of gas. Mr. Maxfield said they said this will make us energy independent, and he wasn't buying that.

Mr. Clarke Snicker said he lives at 4193 Sherry Hill Road and their property backs up to Ms. Pichel-McGovern's farm. No one has given them answers as to how it affects the wells, the water, and their property values.

Mr. Willard said he'd like this Council to pass a resolution in opposition to it, but as stated, it has to be the right resolution with the right goals. He's encouraged by our Solicitor's comments. Attorney Treadwell said he doesn't want to give anyone a false impression, doing a resolution is one thing and stopping it is a whole other thing. Mrs. deLeon said we should have a draft resolution by next meeting. Ms. Pichel-McGovern said they still haven't finalized the exact route. Mr. Maxfield said we can do a resolution, but if we get stuck with the pipeline, we have to make it the best possible situation we can. You get to talk to them after that and make them aware of plans on your property. Attorney Treadwell said the FERC process is based on the Federal Natural Gas Act and he wouldn't want to say FERC would never turn something down. The PUC turns things down.

Mr. Keifer said if it goes eminent domain, they are going to make them prove it's going to help us. Mrs. deLeon said eminent domain doesn't have to prove anything. They just come in and do it. Mr. Maxfield said none of our ordinances will trump Federal ordinances. Attorney Treadwell said each individual property owner needs to make their own decision whether you want to talk to them or not. Every piece of paper or article you read, the first thing it tells you to do is talk to a lawyer and get the best advice you can

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Mr. Keifer said what happens to their taxes? Mr. Maxfield said that is something your lawyer should address. Attorney Treadwell said Northampton County could do a county-wide reassessment and when you get your tax assessment in the mail, you have a right to appeal that to the County.

Ms. Pichel-McGovern said if a sewer line or water line had to be put down, what happens to the tax assessments. Attorney Treadwell said historically, it's a different situation as when a water or sewer line goes in close proximity to your property; it raises the value as you have public water and sewer. This gas won't provide you gas for your property. There was discussion on taxing of easement. Bruce Petrie said PennEast contacted him and wanted to survey. It said in the agreement that if they do any damage, they are responsible for repair. Mr. Petrie also discussed UGI wanting to do a survey on his property. He asked what they were going to do with crossing creeks? Mr. Horiszny said they said they would move the water to the side, dig, then replace it, put the pipe under, move the dam and let it fill up by itself. Mr. Petrie said on the eminent domain, if you have a landowner that closes the door, does the landowner get to show up in Court and say this is the value? Attorney Treadwell said absolutely. Most eminent domain court proceedings are mostly about the value.

Mr. McClarin presented the idea of getting the best-worst possible scenario and working together to find a route that's good for everyone, and maybe have the backing of Council to say we want the pipeline to go here and then taking it to the state level.

Mr. Willard said he'd like to have a resolution in opposition. Our next meeting is December 17th, but probably by the middle of January we should be in a position if we are going to publicly oppose this.

MOTION BY: Mr. Willard moved to direct staff to research resolutions for opposition of the PennEast Pipeline.

SECOND BY: Mr. Maxfield

Mr. Horiszny asked if anyone had any questions? Mrs. deLeon said she wants to support this, but she wants to do it quicker than that because of the scoping meetings they are going to be having in January so they know where we stand. Mr. Willard said there wasn't a timeframe the way the President restated it. If it could be done sooner, we don't know the exact dates of those meetings. Mr. Fran Callery asked with your meeting with PennEast was there anything said that the easement would only be for the pipeline or can they put utilities or cable next to it? Mr. Horiszny said they do not co-locate.

ROLL CALL: 4-0 (Absent – Mr. Kern)

D. FINAL ADOPTION OF 2015 BUDGET – RESOLUTION #76-2014 (9:13 pm)

Mr. Horiszny said the 2015 Final Budget has been prepared and advertised for final adoption. Prior to budget adoption, Council will need to approve Resolution #76-2014 based on prior discussions.

Mrs. deLeon said she wasn't at the last meeting, but did read the minutes. She isn't convinced that we are holding the line on spending in the Township. We're raising taxes, and she heard a lot about the wants and the needs of the Township. She supported the budget format, but now it's harder to analyze spending over the last several years. She doesn't feel it's a barebones budget and we should be tightening our belts. We also have labor negotiations that have been dragging on.

Mr. Willard asked if we got any projections from IESI? Ms. Gorman said yes.

Mr. Maxfield said he thought during our discussions that Ms. Gorman was pretty clear about the kind of spiral that we would be going into if we did not increase our revenue, so he's in support of the budget.

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MOTION BY: Mr. Maxfield moved for approval of Resolution #76-2014 – final adoption of the 2015 budget.
SECOND BY: Mr. Willard

Mr. Horiszny asked if anyone had any questions? Mr. Gene Boyer said last meeting he talked about cuts and Priscilla was basically saying the same thing. He doesn't know how the Council can approve this budget. He had several questions regarding the budget. Ms. Gorman reviewed her memo to Council with the budget changes for 2015. Mr. Boyer questioned the handouts he received. Attorney Treadwell said the entire budget document has everything in it and it's on the website. Ms. Gorman explained to Mr. Boyer what we are estimating is our ending fund balance for this year, subtracting out what Council will be approving tonight as revenue coming in, expenses coming out and how much each one of those funds will have by the end of 2015. That's what that sheet shows. Attorney Treadwell said when you look at that all together, you get the total picture? Ms. Gorman said yes. Mr. Boyer said how can Council approve a budget with inaccurate figures? Attorney Treadwell asked Mr. Boyer what are the inaccurate figures? Mr. Boyer explained the numbers, which he thought were inaccurate. He had asked for figures for the Steel City Park and they couldn't give it to him. Mr. Cahalan said you asked for a document that didn't exist regarding the Steel City Park costs, Mr. Cahalan said they are estimates of cost. Most of that work will be done by Public Works and when you see the costs which will be done by actual contractors, that's the difference. Ms. Gorman said there is no error in the 2015 budget and she said audits have never been an issue.

Mr. Willard said Mr. Boyer is telling us that we are not controlling spending and there are numbers that are discrepant. We don't necessarily agree with those statements. That's why he's ready to approve the budget tonight. Everything you are talking about comes before the Council before anything is spent.

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

E. RESOLUTION #77-2014 – FIXING THE GENERAL PURPOSE TAX LEVY FOR 2015 (9:47 p.m.)

Mr. Horiszny said Resolution #77-2014 has been prepared fixing the general purpose tax levy for 2015 at 5.14% and sets a tax rate for fire equipment purposes at 0.25%.

MOTION BY: Mr. Maxfield moved for approval of Resolution #77-2014 fixing the General Purpose Tax Levy for 2015.

SECOND BY: Mr. Willard

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

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

F. RESOLUTION #78-2014 – FIXING EIT, REAL ESTATE TRANSFER TAX & LOCAL SERVICES TAX FOR GENERAL PURPOSE (9.50 p.m.)

Mr. Horiszny said Resolution #78-2014 has been prepared fixing the EIT, Real Estate Transfer Tax and Local Services Tax for 2015. Attorney Treadwell said these taxes have already been in effect. They are established by different ordinances and this resolution confirms they are not changing for the 2015 year. It's your EIT, property transfer tax and \$25 local services tax, which are the same as it was in 2014.

MOTION BY: Mrs. deLeon moved for approval of Resolution #77-2014 fixing EIT, Real Estate Transfer Tax and Local Services Tax for General Purpose.

SECOND BY: Mr. Maxfield

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

ROLL CALL: 4-0 (Absent – Mr. Kern)

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G. REVISION TO DISPOSAL OF SPOILS POLICY (9:51 p.m.)

Mr. Horiszny said Staff has made draft revisions to the Disposal of Spoils policy. Mr. Cahalan said the dirt pile at Public Works has grown from various road and LSA projects and from street sweepings. We had discussed an arrangement where we could transport this to the IESI landfill. It involves sending the dirt to DEP for testing. In the meantime, Hellertown approached us and said they would also like some of the dirt. They have agreed to share the cost for the testing with IESI. There is a disposal of spoils policy that has been in effect to regulate where those stones or dirt could be dumped. Three changes have been made to the policy, which are included the Request for Spoil material form and this is posted on the Township website.

MOTION BY: Mr. Maxfield moved for approval of the revision to the Disposal of Spoils policy.

SECOND BY: Mrs. deLeon

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

ROLL CALL: 4-0 (Absent – Mr. Kern)

V. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS ITEMS

A. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 5, MINUTES (9:55 pm)

Mr. Horiszny said the minutes of the November 5, 2014 Council meeting have been prepared and are ready for Council's approval. Mr. Horiszny said page 2, line 15, the number should be \$575,000.00. Page 6, line 5, the roll call should be 3-0 (Mr. Kern & Mrs deLeon – Absent). Page 7, line 19, it should say offer instead of offering. Page 7, line 23, it should say vets and/or low income seniors.

MOTION BY: Mr. Horiszny moved for approval of the November 5, 2014 minutes, with corrections.

SECOND BY: Mr. Maxfield

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

ROLL CALL: 3-0 (Absent – Mr. Kern; Abstained – Mrs. deLeon)

B. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 2014 FINANCIALS (9:58 pm)

Mr. Horiszny said the October 2014 financials have been prepared and are ready for Council's approval.

MOTION BY: Mr. Willard moved for approval of the October 2014 financial reports.

SECOND BY: Mr. Maxfield

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

ROLL CALL: 4-0 (Absent – Mr. Kern)

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT/CITIZEN NON-AGENDA ITEMS

- Mr. Matt McClarin said the room tonight is completely empty and you have voted to raise taxes. It shows that any time this room is ever full of people is when people don't want something or don't like something. As long as you keep spending to a minimum, everybody can be fine with it. We need to have a serious conversation as this landfill isn't going to be here forever.
- Mr. Boyer said he's passionate about the numbers for the budget, but he finds when he looks at it that there's a lot of things in there that don't progress numerically and he can't understand that.

VII. COUNCIL & STAFF REPORTS

A. TOWNSHIP MANAGER (10:03 pm)

- Mr. Cahalan said he would like ratification for the snow emergency the day before Thanksgiving which ran until the following morning.

MOTION BY: Mr. Maxfield moved for approval for ratification of the snow emergency for Wednesday, November 26, 2014.

SECOND BY: Mr. Willard

ROLL CALL: 4-0 (Absent – Mr. Kern)

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 - Matt Smith, Jr. Council** – None
 - Mr. Maxfield** – No report
 - Mrs. deLeon**

- She said Tuesday, December 9th, the SVC will hold their annual holiday gathering and Sandra Eckert Artist Reception from 7 pm to 9 pm.
- She said Tuesday, December 16th is the pipeline meeting at Leithsville at 6:30 pm.
- She asked for an update on the Leithsville sewer project. Mr. Cahalan said they have not heard anything from the Authority after they pulled back on the plan to go through Hellertown which was discussed several years ago. Mr. Horiszny said he thinks the 537 plan is still in place. Mrs. deLeon asked him to take it back to the LSA and get an official update.
- She said despite changes made in the gas collection at the landfill, we're still getting complaints of landfill gas odor. She received about 5 calls from residents.

Mr. Kern – Absent

Mr. Willard

- He said he will be absent on December 17th so he appreciates putting the budget on tonight's agenda so he could vote.
- Based on the long dialogue with Mr. Boyer and Mr. McClarin's comments, he believes one of the recommendations in the budget report we received from the outside consultant is that we have a budget committee in the Township and he'd like to look toward implementation of that for next year.

Mr. Horiszny

- He said the Historical Society has a holiday gathering on Saturday, December 6th from 1pm to 3pm.

- C. SOLICITOR** – No report
- D. PLANNER** – No report
- E. ENGINEER** – No report

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY: Mrs. deLeon moved for adjournment. The time was 10:07 pm.
SECOND BY: Mr. Willard
Mr. Horiszny asked if anyone had any questions? No one raised their hand.
ROLL CALL: 4-0 (Absent –Mr. Kern)

Submitted by:

Jack Cahalan
Township Manager

Ron Horiszny
Council President