

1. **OPENING**

A. **CALL TO ORDER**

The General Business & Developer meeting of Lower Saucon Township Council was called to order on Wednesday, May 15, 2024 at 6:32 p.m. with Ms. Priscilla deLeon presiding.

B. **ROLL CALL:** Priscilla deLeon, President; Laura Ray, Vice-President; Victoria-Opthof-Cordaro, Jason Banonis, Thomas Carocci, Council Members, Cathy Gorman, Acting Manager, Assistant Manager & Director of Finance; Steve Goudsouzian, Solicitor; Brien Kocher, Engineer; Stacy Werkheiser, Administrative Assistant.

C. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

D. **ANNOUNCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF APPLICABLE)**

Ms. deLeon said Council did not meet in Executive Session...Mr. Banonis said may he be recognized, please? Mr. Carocci said yes. Ms. deLeon said you do not have control of this meeting, Tom, okay so any outbursts from you are not recognized. What do you need Jason? Mr. Banonis said he just wants to address the public. The public probably saw some deliberations and activity back in the Council meeting room which is normally where they have Executive Session. They did not have any Executive Session that he's aware of although sometimes he's not informed of things that take place supposedly in Executive Session, but what he would like to bring to the public's attention is what took place back there was service of a lawsuit by the Bethlehem Landfill Company (BLC) against Lower Saucon Township (LST), Priscilla deLeon, individually; Victoria Opthof-Cordaro, individually; Laura Ray, individually; as well as Steve Goudsouzian, individually. Based upon his cursory review of the pleadings, they are quite voluminous. It appears that the landfill has sued the Township and the individuals involved in undertaking the illegal activity that we talked about at the past two or three Council meetings and in those meetings you may recall what took place was there was supposedly activity that took place in Executive Session with regard to litigation concerning the landfill and LST and activity and actions taken by the solicitor supposedly with authority, and again, there was no discussion of that activity or the direction to be taken in that litigation and it's also our position that the solicitor undertook those activities without any authority from Council unilaterally. So, as he indicated earlier, it's very likely that the Township would get sued as a result of their violations of the Sunshine Act and also undertaking activities in violation of the authority, or lack of authority, and that has now come to fruition. So, he regrets the need to share this with the public. This is not something that is good for the Township, it's not good for the landfill. It's quite regrettable but unfortunately it appears that the landfill has had no alternative but to pursue this because of the illegal conduct that was undertaken here. So, what the landfill is seeking based upon his cursory review of this is declaratory judgment, injunctive relief, precluding Victoria Opthof-Cordaro from participating in deliberations and voting on matters related to the landfill due to conflict of interest because her parents are involved in litigation against, or were involved in litigation against the Township, as well as her public statements with regard as being opposed to the landfill and the financial impact that it may have upon her parent's property. This has been brought to our attention previously by Maryanne Garber who is the attorney for the landfill. She stood up two meetings ago with regard to these issues and addressed it again at the last meeting as well. He thinks what is significant here in addition to the relief that he talked about is that the landfill is seeking \$1.1 million of LS taxpayer money for reimbursement for costs and fees that were incurred as a result of these activities. So, that's in addition to other relief that they are seeking. So as of now, it looks like the Township is squarely in the cross hairs for this litigation. It's unfortunate. He sure hopes that Mr. Goudsouzian is going to be putting his legal malpractice carrier on notice of this because this Township should not be responsible for these fees and these activities and these things that have happened without approval from Council and he also believes that this Council and this Township should not be paying for the legal fees to represent, defend, and indemnify the perpetrators of all this. Excuse me. The perpetrators of all of this because they undertook these activities individually and without authority and without being under the color of LST. If they choose to act individually, then they need to be able to stand up and defend themselves individually. He expects we will be having more conversations about this in Executive Session at some point, perhaps after this meeting or prior to a subsequent meeting. He wanted this out there to the public because he's sure they had questions as to what was taking place with the sheriff from Northampton County (NC) here serving papers on these individuals and on the Township as well. You know, he wanted to be fully transparent to the public so that they know what's taking place because this Council has not been transparent with you in a number of ways. So, he's sure you will hear more about

this and he just wanted to put this out there because Executive Session would be the appropriate time. You may have thought there was an Executive Session but there was not that he's aware of.

Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said may she have point of order please? Ms. deLeon said sure. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said thank you very much. She will say this, she thinks it was extremely troubling that Mr. Banonis took it upon himself at this meeting to make statements which, at least in her opinion, appear to be on behalf of the landfill. It appears that Mr. Banonis has had whatever this filing is ahead of time. It appears that he obviously had a prepared statement to discuss what was ever here...Mr. Banonis said where's his prepared statement? Where's my prepared statement? Where's your evidence that he had this...Cathy, did I review this in your office? Cathy, did I review this in your office? Ms. Gorman said yes, you did. Mr. Banonis said I'm sorry, I didn't hear you. Ms. Gorman said yes, you did. Ms. deLeon said you are out of order. You are out of order. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said call a motion to recess.

MOTION BY: Ms. Opthof-Cordaro called for a recess.

SECOND BY: Ms. deLeon

Ms. deLeon said all in favor.

Mr. Banonis said she is shooting her mouth off without information, okay, that's what she does. Ms. deLeon said okay, they are recessing. Mr. Carocci said Jason, you reviewed it in Cathy's office? Mr. Banonis said he reviewed it in Cathy's office, let the record reflect that. Mr. Carocci said yes, absolutely. Mr. Banonis said and when they go back on the record, he's going to say that again. Mr. Carocci said yea, in the meantime they can talk (*audio was turned off at this time*)

Ms. deLeon said she'd like to resume the meeting and the time is 6:41 p.m. We are moving on to Public Comment. She's sorry, Ms. Opthof-Cordaro was speaking.

Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said was finishing her comment in response to what happened. Again, she thinks that this is very troubling that we see somebody on Council speaking on behalf of a business...Ms. deLeon said can she just interrupt for one second? People in the audience, you need to be quiet. You can't be speaking while there is somebody up here speaking. Thank you so much, go ahead.

Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said she thinks it's very troubling that instead of hearing perhaps the announcement of this situation by the landfill who is the apparent plaintiff in this matter, we hear it from a Council member. She questions when and how Mr. Banonis received information of the filing? She questions when he... Mr. Banonis said I already answered that question, he read it because Cathy had it. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said she is finishing her statement. She is finishing her statement. Ms. deLeon said she is speaking. Mr. Banonis said she has a question; he is giving her an answer. She wants an answer, he gave it to her. Cathy let him read it. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said she wants to finish her statement. Mr. Carocci said if you don't want an answer, then don't ask a question. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said she will finish her statement. Mr. Banonis said let the record reflect that Cathy left him read it before he spoke about it. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said she will continue to repeat, she questioned why he felt it was his responsibility to discuss things for the landfill. Mr. Banonis said because you hide things in Executive Session from the public and they need to know what's happening. Ms. deLeon said Jason, you are not allowed to speak right now. Mr. Banonis said sure he is. Ms. deLeon said no, he's not. Mr. Banonis said sure he can. She asked him a question and he's giving her an answer, there it is. I've been questioned, I answer. How's that?

Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said she is going to finish speaking...she has the floor; you have not been recognized. You have not been recognized. Mr. Carocci said he recognizes him. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said she gave him his opportunity to speak and she did not interrupt him. Mr. Carocci said he recognizes him. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said she allowed him to provide his statement to the public so she asks for the same integrity. Mr. Banonis said you don't have integrity. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said you gave a statement to the public in response...Mr. Banonis said he doesn't believe she has integrity. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said that's fine...Ms. deLeon said you are violating the Code of Conduct. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro

said you should let people finish their statement. Mr. Banonis said oh now, we are going to enforce the Code of Conduct, all of a sudden, when you get sued, you are going to enforce the Code of Conduct. That's how it works, okay. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said you should allow her to finish her statement. She's going to finish her statement. She's going to finish her statement. Mr. Carocci said it took her until May 15th to enforce the Code of Conduct. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said are you finished talking so she can finish her statement? She gave him the respect to let him finish his statement. Mr. Banonis said it's not a statement, she asked him a question and he answered her question. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said no, she didn't ask him a question, it's rhetorical, it's rhetorical. Mr. Banonis said oh, oh, okay. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said she will finish what she has to say. Mr. Banonis said, okay, thank you for clarifying. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said she thinks it's incredibly troubling. She calls into question why and how Mr. Banonis has the information about litigation that was filed by the landfill. Mr. Banonis said he answered that question, stop asking that question. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said when we get to agenda item O., this will be another example of the kind of things that Mr. Banonis and Mr. Carocci do to support the landfill. That is her statement. Mr. Banonis said okay. Ms. deLeon said thank you.

Mr. Carocci said he'd like to be recognized. Everybody else was, he gets his chance Priscilla. Ms. deLeon said sure, go right ahead Tom. Mr. Carocci said thank you. Ms. deLeon said no interruptions for Tom. Mr. Carocci said yes, he knows, he's special, no interruptions. Ms. deLeon said she would hope that. Mr. Carocci said well he just hopes that you all would do right by the taxpayers and since you took these actions as individuals and then collectively that you pay your own legal fees for the defense of this action out of your own pocket. There's no reason why taxpayers should be paying for this illegal activity of yours, for Mr. Goudsouzian either. So, he hopes you all commit tonight that you will not use taxpayer money to defend lawsuits when they've been filed against you individually. Thank you, Priscilla, thank you.

Ms. deLeon said you're welcome. She has a question. These are all alleged, alleged....right? These are all.....Mr. Goudsouzian said where we are right now is we were handed some documents right before the meeting started. He's not had a chance to review them. He doesn't know what they say. We'll address them in due course, that's all we can do. Ms. deLeon said okay, thank you.

Ms. deLeon said now she'd like to get into public comment procedure. Laura, did you have anything to say since everybody else did.

Ms. Ray said yes, so she will just read from the Administrative Code since it never gets followed here, Chapter 5, Subsection 5-8, Section D, where it explains how meetings are run. She'll just read two sentences. The President of the Council shall preside at all meetings of the municipal Council. It also says the Council shall also choose one of its members as Vice-President to preside in the absence of the President of the Council. There's nothing in our code that enables another member of Council to be running meetings; therefore, every time we have this, "I acknowledge you, I give you the floor", that is not how a meeting is run per code, so pay attention.

Mr. Carocci said what part of the code says that? Ms. deLeon said okay, she just said it if you were listening. Ms. deLeon said moving along. Mr. Banonis said let's talk about the lawsuit. That's what we are talking about, right? You are talking about that? Ms. deLeon said no, we are done talking about that. Mr. Banonis said he thought we were talking about the lawsuit. Mr. Carocci said he recognizes Jason if he wants to talk about it. Mr. Banonis said thank you, Tom. Ms. deLeon said we are going to the next agenda item, which is Public Comment Procedure. We should all pay attention.

- E. POTENTIAL ACTION ON EXECUTIVE SESSION ISSUES (IF APPLICABLE) - None**
- F. PUBLIC COMMENT PROCEDURE**

Ms. deLeon said Council shall determine its own rules of procedure, not inconsistent with ordinance or statute. All meetings of Council, regular or special, interested citizens with legitimate matters to lay before Council shall be granted the right and privilege to address the Council. The Council may prescribe procedures for citizen presentation to ensure decorum at all times and to prohibit personal or insulting language, total irrelevances and harassment either on the part of members of the Council or members of the assembly at the meeting. Tonight, we have a very long agenda. Mr. Banonis said are you going to follow

those rules because in past meetings you have failed to follow those rules...Ms. deLeon said she is speaking now. You do not have the, don't you understand English? Mr. Banonis said he understands it very well but you don't follow the rules that you just read so he wants to know. Are you going to follow them, and are you going to enforce them? As President of Council, are you going to enforce them. You got a brace on your hand with the gavel, so he guesses she's ready to go.

Ms. deLeon said she's going to continue her meeting as she prepared it. We have a long meeting tonight. She asked that all audience members to please keep your comments on topic and within the 5-minute time limit. If your comments are not on topic, or last longer than the 5-minute allotment, she will ask you to return to your seat. If you go off topic, she may remind you to please stick to the agenda item being discussed. She also asks that audience members please refrain from engaging in conversations with your neighbors during the meeting. It is very disruptive to the meeting and very difficult for anyone watching to understand what is going on. If you would like to hold a conversation, please take it in the hallway. If audience conversations occur, she may ask you to go outside. She reminds everyone that you may not lodge personal insults or derogatory comments against each other, audience members or members of Council. Members of Council she asks that you please not engage audience members during Public Comment Period as speaking out of turn. Mr. Banonis said he will not agree to that. Ms. deLeon continued or interrupt during Council comments or audience comments is disorderly and prevents us from getting through the agenda. Please be respectful of everyone's time. So, we also have Resolution #31-2024. There are copies out in the hallway that we passed on January 2, 2024 which goes through and really goes through and tells you what you can or can't do. She won't go over all of them. We have 5 minutes for public comment and we have two items on the agenda tonight, which are hearings and that's a 3-minute public comment period.

Mr. Banonis said you failed to address that non-residents and non-taxpayers are permitted to speak under your rules. Ms. deLeon said she's not reading the whole thing. There's a copy of that resolution out in the hall if anybody would like to read it. So, stop interrupting Jason, it's very rude. You wouldn't do this in a courtroom. Mr. Banonis said he wouldn't but he's not in a courtroom because he has respect for the person who runs the courtroom, not the person who runs this meeting. Mr. Carocci said thank you for the clarification Jason, he appreciates it. Thank you for the clarification. Mr. Banonis said you're welcome, Tom.

Ms. deLeon said so next on the agenda we have presentations and hearings.

2. PRESENTATIONS/HEARINGS/ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

- A. Ms. deLeon said Resolutions have been prepared recognizing the following Jr. Council Members who served on the 2023 /2024 school year: Rudra and Nitya Thakkar, both served on Township Council; Cole Hubert and Samuel Van Norman - both served on the Parks and Recreation Board; Harrison Vicic served on the Environmental Advisory Council. Are you all here tonight? Can you all stand so everyone can see who you are and state your name for the audience?

Council members stood up and audience clapped. Ms. deLeon said this is a very, she loves this program. This program was started some years ago with the then President of Hellertown and we both initiated the programs for our communities and it's been going and it's going to look great on your resume because a lot of people aren't going to have it, so you are going to stand out amongst everyone. So, thank you for all you do and attend the meetings and just remember government is by the people and it's not always what you see here tonight, so. Mr. Carocci said you forgot to ask them, the Jr. Council members, if they had a report. Mr. Banonis said thank you for running the meeting, Tom. Mr. Carocci said you're welcome, unless she forgot.

Ms. deLeon said do the Jr. Council members have a report for tonight, she forgot to ask that. Did you have a report?

- G. **JR. COUNCIL MEMBER REPORT** – Rudra Thakkar said Saucon Valley...Ms. deLeon said we can't hear you, you got to talk in the microphone. Mr. Carocci said can you go to the podium please, thank you. If she'd run the meeting right. Ms. deLeon said usually they are sitting up at the table. Rudra said so on

Friday, May 31st, Saucon Valley's hosting their senior graduation so the ceremony is going to take place up at the football stadium at Saucon Valley High School, so it should be a good event. A lot of the community should pop out. He thinks each senior was given ten tickets so again, he thinks a lot of the community should be there, it will be a good ceremony. Mr. Banonis said he hopes they have good weather. Ms. deLeon said thank you and good luck. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said thank you.

Ms. deLeon said we have Resolutions #48-2024 through #52-2024. Proclamations recognizing Jr. Council members. She read a summary of resolutions. (*See attached summary*)

MOTION BY: Ms. deLeon moved for approval of Resolutions #48-2024 through #52-2024.

SECOND BY: Ms. Opthof-Cordaro

Ms. deLeon said would anyone in the audience like to speak regarding this issue, could you please come to the podium?

Someone came to the podium and said heck of a good way to be Jr. Council members here. You understand the full width of everything that goes on and...Oh, Dave Boulin, he's sorry. Ms. deLeon said thank you. Mr. Boulin said five minutes, good. You get to understand the full width and breadth of what goes on. It's a good thing in this country, at least he says, there are a lot of people that love to shove things under the rug, but when you come here, you can hear it for yourself. There's no filters. There's no news media that tells you what you should be doing and listening to. You always need to take part in the government and he thinks that's part of the problem we have here. We see the friction that occurs. There are certain people that want to do things and have been told maybe that's not such a good idea. Well, now we are going to find out. Right, because hopefully it will go to the courts and it will get adjudicated and this could be, hopefully, happening in the rest of this country when people do things illegal no matter where they are. So, thank you. He sees you guys every other week and it's great seeing you here. He really appreciates it. They've given their time to this town. Yes, it looks good on your resume but it's a lot more than that. It's something that will carry you through your life. He'd like to make one comment. We have not had the ability to speak about what was just discussed here and he'd like that to occur. Ms. deLeon said it's not happening now. We're on this agenda item. Mr. Boulin said so is it going to happen because he's saying he wants to speak about that. He will not understand it to be moved to 3:00 in the morning.

Mr. Banonis said to be clear, the public was not given the opportunity to speak as to the matter...Ms. deLeon said she made a motion and it...Mr. Banonis said it doesn't have to be a motion, it's a matter...Ms. deLeon said she's sorry, he's out of order and we are on this agenda item and it will be discussed under non-agenda items tonight if he wants to speak on it. Mr. Boulin said non-agenda. All right public, there you go. Ms. deLeon said okay, so we have anybody else would like to speak on this agenda item?

Ms. deLeon said okay, so we have a motion on the floor, may we have a roll call please. Mrs. Gorman called roll call. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said thank you for your service in LS and the best of wishes in what you do in your future endeavors.

ROLL CALL: 5-0

Ms. deLeon said she'd like Rudra, Nitya and ...who is not here? Who? Harrison, okay. Cole and Samuel to come up and get your certificates. She said can we have a picture? Would Council stand behind them? She said thank you Stacy.

B. RESOLUTION #53-2024 – EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES WEEK – MAY 19 – 25, 2024

Ms. deLeon said Resolution #53-2024 has been prepared designating May 19-25, 2024 as "EMS Week" in Lower Saucon Township recognizing Dewey Fire Company for their dedication and lifesaving services. She read the resolution. (*See attached resolution*)

MOTION BY: Ms. deLeon moved for approval of Resolution #53-2024.
SECOND BY: Ms. Ray

Ms. deLeon said any discussion by Council? Jason? Mr. Banonis said he thinks we are blessed in this community to have excellent emergency services, both fire services as well as ambulance and paramedic services and he certainly thinks it's appropriate to recognize the EMS personnel. They work tirelessly as volunteers. They show up at all hours of the day regardless of the situation and the weather conditions. They take time away from their families. We are blessed to have quality people like that who are willing to assist us and he wants to thank them personally for all their efforts.

Ms. deLeon said Tom? Mr. Carocci said yes, he wants to say thank you as well. They are an important part of the community; they do a great job and he appreciates all that they do. Thank you.

Ms. deLeon said thank you. She goes way back and you guys have always done a great job and really appreciates what you do for us. So, thank you and be safe out there please.

Ms. deLeon said Victoria? Ms. Ophof-Cordaro said she won't say anything more than thank you. Everybody else has said many things and she'll also say...sorry, she'll take that back. She'll also say she appreciates all your work at the Township and your volunteerism is what makes Lower Saucon great.

Ms. deLeon said Laura? Ms. Ray said yes, thank you all for your service. It's very reassuring to know that you are there just a phone call away, day or night, any day of the week to help us. Thank you.

Ms. deLeon said public comment, five minutes, who wants to go first? Seeing none, can we have a roll call, please. Mrs. Gorman called roll call.

ROLL CALL: 5-0

Ms. deLeon said and again, thank you for all you do. She'd just like to back up the parents, she knows your mom is here, other parents who aren't here, please thank you because you help them do what they do. So, she knows she appreciates that.

Ms. deLeon said she has to give somebody a resolution. So, who is going to accept the resolution for Dewey? Can you state your name for the record? Kyle Bartholomew said he's the Chief of the ambulance squad and this is his assistant Matt. Ms. deLeon said thank you, and be safe.

C. PUBLIC HEARING CONSIDER ADOPTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE #2024-01 – SETTING COUNCIL TERMS

Ms. deLeon said Ordinance No. 2024-01...okay, if there's any talking you are going to have to go out in the hallway. Ordinance No. 2024-01 has been advertised for the public hearing for the consideration and adoption to amend the Code of Lower Saucon Township based on the November 2023 ballot referendum.

Mrs. Gorman said this is an ordinance that was reviewed and approved for advertising at the April 3rd meeting. It was advertised appropriately through your public hearing. This is brought to Council to approve the term limits voted on by the residents last November and it will be modifying the terms to two consecutive term limits.

Ms. deLeon said Steve, did you have anything to say at this point? Mr. Goudsouzian said not at this point. Ms. deLeon said okay, so at this time, she'd like to make a motion.

MOTION BY: Ms. deLeon moved to open the hearing.
SECOND BY: Ms. Ophof-Cordaro

Ms. deLeon said Council discussion, Jason? Mr. Banonis said this just formalizes the will of the voters. The will of the voters spoke very loudly and clearly. We had presented this last year and it was on the ballot in November and if he recalls correctly, this referendum passed overwhelmingly at almost 80%. 80% in favor of it and roughly 20% against it. You know, the intent of this is to eliminate the dead wood on this Council. Those that would seek to be a placeholder as opposed to moving the Township forward and addressing legitimate Township interest in a constructive way and he's glad that the voters spoke very loudly and clearly about this. He thinks it's incumbent upon this Council to listen to the will of the voters and to enact this ordinance because this is what the public wants. He's happy that this is what they want. It makes for a better government by having term limits and hopefully LST is better for it.

Ms. deLeon said Tom? He said yes, he agrees. It's what the voters voted for. It's what they want. It should be enacted.

Ms. deLeon said she'd like to make a comment in saying this is her 10th election and this also entitles her to two more terms.

Ms. deLeon said Victoria? She said she doesn't have anything new to add.

Ms. deLeon said Laura? She said she doesn't have any new comment on this one.

Ms. deLeon said public comment. You are limited to 3 minutes.

Mr. Boulin said so okay, here we go again. The public has spoken and he was really pleased when he got the results from Northampton Board of Elections here that it was cross party lines. Period. It crossed every line. So, it's not like it's this group or that group or whatever not, so he thinks it's probably a good thing. It's a good thing for those that are serving. It's a good thing for those that want to serve and it shows you that you are not there forever. He thinks we have some real problems when you get to that status, you become like Gods or something and you feel like you can do anything. Not a good situation. That's the problem that he has. That's why he let his kids grow up and do their own thing. Ha ha. Thank you.

Ms. deLeon said Bob Blasko, are you going to speak? You were signed up to speak. No. okay. Sonja Miller, no, okay.

Ms. deLeon said anyone else who is not signed up? You are welcome to come up to the podium. Mr. Banonis said when did we start this sign-in sheet because we never used sign-in sheets since the beginning of the year and that was never anything that was put in place in terms of our procedures, so he's questioning that. Ms. deLeon said you are more than welcome to read the resolution that you guys passed two years ago which...Mr. Banonis said which you replaced. Ms. deLeon said no, no, they only replaced one. There were two resolutions. This is Resolution #75-2022 and it says that there is a sign-in sheet. Mr. Banonis said may he see that? Ms. deLeon said certainly, just give it back. Mr. Carocci said for hearings? Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said the hearing procedure that you all passed. Ms. deLeon said did you find it? She has it underlined. Mr. Banonis said he's reading it. Mr. Carocci said give him a minute, what's the rush. Mr. Banonis said okay, thank you. Ms. deLeon said you are welcome. Okay, so back to the meeting, anyone else would like to speak? You have three minutes. If not, then she will make a motion.

ROLL CALL: 5-0

MOTION BY: Ms. deLeon moved to close the hearing.

SECOND BY: Ms. Ray

ROLL CALL: 5-0

Ms. deLeon said now the hearing is closed, she'd like to make a motion as follows:

MOTION BY: Ms. deLeon moved for adoption of Ordinance #2024-01.
SECOND BY: Mr. Banonis

Ms. deLeon said any other Council discussion after the motion? Mr. Banonis said he finds it very telling that if voters spoke loudly and clearly and rather than acknowledge the voice of the voters, Priscilla had to speak up and brag about being on Council for 10 years...for 40 years and that she's eligible to be on Council for another two terms. Rather than acknowledge the will of the voters and understand that she served five times more than what's permitted by this proposed ordinance, and have a willingness to move on and off into the sunset, she instead has telegraphed what her intentions are. He thinks that speaks volumes.

Ms. deLeon said Tom? He said he thinks this is meant to prevent something like this from happening again where someone just hangs out for 40 years, collects a paycheck and doesn't accomplish much. You know, it's good that in the future, that probably won't be allowed to happen.

Ms. deLeon said and her intentions are, she'll speak right now, are secret. She'll decide what she will do in four years from now and everybody will know then. Mr. Banonis said there's a lot more than that that's in secret.

Ms. deLeon said Victoria? She said she don't agree with the comments made by Mr. Banonis and Mr. Carocci about people's intentions and certainly lack of progress. So, for the last how every many years Ms. deLeon has been on Council but she doesn't have any other comments. She appreciates the voter's input and she approves the motion.

Ms. deLeon said Laura? She said she has no comment to make on this.

Ms. deLeon said public comment, you have three minutes, who would like to go first?

Ms. Diane Hollowell said just really quick, just remind the audience and the Council that the voters in the Township were loudly, voted loudly and clearly the will of the voters, the ladies won the landslide election, across party lines. Tons of Republicans in her neighborhood voted for Democratic women, just to remind you. Ms. deLeon said thank you Diane. Mr. Banonis said may he get clarification? Do they regret their votes? Mr. Carocci said he and Jason won by a landslide too. Mr. Banonis said valid point. Mr. Carocci said we won...Ms. deLeon said here we go again, Kathy please.

Kathy McGovern Pichel said Priscilla, thank God you have been with us for 40 years because otherwise we'd have condos and landfills. So, she's grateful that you are here and she crossed the party line, no problem. No problem. Thank you for your service. Mr. Carocci said we do have a landfill...Ms. deLeon said Tom, you are out of order. Out of order. Mr. Banonis said wasn't Priscilla President of Council under the three expansions? Mr. Carocci said yes, Priscilla voted for every landfill expansion. That's why we have a landfill. You're exactly right Kathy. Mr. Banonis said thank you Tom. Mr. Carocci said but thank you for that clarification, Kathy, you are exactly right. Ms. deLeon said we have a resident that would like to speak. Are you going to be rude and ignorant? Mr. Carocci said Priscilla voted for every landfill expansion, that's why we have it. Ms. Ray said point of order. Ms. deLeon said point of order is right. Mr. Carocci said exactly right. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said you should be respectful to the people waiting to speak. Mr. Banonis said you shouldn't call Tom ignorant, that's insulting to call Tom ignorant. He's certainly not ignorant, he's highly enlightened. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said it's insulting to be disrespectful to the lady at the podium. Mr. Banonis said now you are going to talk about insulting, okay. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said it's insulting to her. She's still waiting. Mr. Banonis said he guesses when you get sued, all of the sudden things are insulting. Ms. deLeon said she is sorry; she is trying here.

Ann Marie Slavick, LST, said...Ms. deLeon said you like these people so that's what you get, so... respectful they are to you...Ms. Slavick said that's okay. She understands what's going on here, she

really does, it's okay. Ms. deLeon said yeah, good. Ms. Slavick so, she just wants to say in agreement what some of the people that spoke is that there is a tendency of public office, public people and public political positions to get their feet dug in for many years. She thinks that most people in the country are aware of this that our government was never set up for people to pitch a tent. That's not what our government was meant to do. Our government was meant to get people in the public. People in private sector, people who know different things. People might have different jobs to get in the government and give their, let them help the government. So, different people from different walks of life getting in public office and then eventually leaving public office and going back to their old jobs or their old businesses or whatever. She'd also like to say that in past elections, she knows that we had crossover from the Democrats to give us majority rule on the Republican side and it goes back and forth. That's what happens. It also happens when you have deceptive marketing. Ms. deLeon said she's not familiar with that piece of paper. Ms. Slavick said it doesn't matter, but it's deceptive marketing and there is a superior court filing and she just wants to bring this up quick. There was a superior court filing in the State of PA that overturned a NC Court that found that the Super PAC of the landfill did not donate to the three candidates, the Republican candidates. That was a court case overturning the NC, so anybody who is putting this kind of stuff out, should be held accountable in the public courts. It's deceptive marketing and you can win elections in a landslide when there's deceptive marketing. Thanks. Mr. Banonis said to clarify your point, they have been sued and others will be sued and he won't stop until it's done. Ms. Slavick said yea. The court spoke and Judge Panella actually presided on that court, if anybody knows what he is. Mr. Banonis said he's one of the three judge panelist of Superior Court that found unanimously that the case was valid and there was actual malice plead in the defamatory statements against himself, Tom Carocci and Jen Zavacky. We'll talk about that a little bit more later. Ms. Slavick said looking forward to it, thank you.

Ms. deLeon said anyone else? Mr. Carocci said for the record, she didn't ask Priscilla if she had seen that piece before. Priscilla just blurted it out while she was talking yet she has the gall to chastise us. She has the gall to chastise us if we say something. Ms. deLeon said may we have a roll call please? Mr. Banonis said rule for thee, not for me. Mrs. Gorman called roll call.

ROLL CALL: 5-0

D. PUBLIC HEARING CONSIDER ADOPTION OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE #2024-02 – AMENDING SECTION 125.6A OF CHAPTER 25 ENTITLED PEDDLING AND SOLICITING

Ms. deLeon said Ordinance No. 2024-02 has been advertised for a public hearing for the consideration and possible adoption to amend the Code of Lower Saucon Township. Did Steve or Cathy want to take over for this? Have we met all the requirements and all that?

Mrs. Gorman said this is an ordinance again that was reviewed and approved for advertising at the April 3rd meeting. It's been advertised appropriately for your public hearing. It was brought to Council that the dates and times that in our current ordinance were not to standards of what the State law provides. So, we are amending the ordinance to revert to the State times. Ms. deLeon said we're fixing it. Mrs. Gorman said yes. Ms. deLeon said how long has the other ordinance been in effect, probably 21 years, right? Mrs. Gorman said probably, a long time. Ms. deLeon said she'd like to make a motion as follows:

MOTION BY: Ms. deLeon moved to open the hearing.
SECOND BY: Ms. Opthof-Cordaro
ROLL CALL: 5-0

Ms. deLeon said Council discussion, Jason? He said just so that the public is clear, by voting for this, this Council, at least him, he's not necessarily in favor of peddling and soliciting but unfortunately, we are bound by State law and this is designed and intended to match State law so that the Township isn't subjected to litigation for being more restrictive than what the law allows. He would remind everybody in the public who does not a solicitor or peddler knocking on their door that the Township does have a no peddle, no solicit list. You can register for that by contacting the Township Manager and be placed on that list. That list is given to vendors or peddlers that are going out in the community so that they

know not to bother you and come to your home. He would caution that Township staff is heavily burdened now because they are short-staffed because of personnel changes, but nonetheless if you wish to be on that list, he would encourage you to contact Township staff to get you placed on that list. That's all he has to say.

Ms. deLeon said Tom? He said he has no comment.

Ms. deLeon said she has no comment.

Ms. deLeon said Victoria? She said she doesn't have any comments. She thinks you should put yourself on the list if you don't want anybody to solicit.

Ms. deLeon said Laura? She said she thinks her comment might be that Stacy was showing how you can get to the link and she believes you can do it through the agenda here. It's right on our front page, there you go, get on the list.

Ms. deLeon said okay, now everybody knows how to get on the list. So now she will open it up to the floor for public comment, you got 3 minutes. Do we have a list? Nobody signed the list, okay. Would anybody like to speak on this? Seeing no one, so with that, she will make a motion as follows:

MOTION BY: Ms. deLeon moved to close the hearing.
SECOND BY: Ms. Ray
ROLL CALL: 5-0

MOTION BY: Ms. deLeon moved for adoption of Ordinance #2024-02.
SECOND BY: Ms. Opthof-Cordaro

Ms. deLeon said any Council discussion, Jason? He said no.

Ms. deLeon said Tom? He said no.

Ms. deLeon said she has nothing.

Ms. deLeon said Victoria? She said no.

Ms. deLeon said Laura? She said no comment.

Ms. deLeon said we have to open it up for public comment, anyone out there would like to speak? She does not see anyone, so can we have a roll call. Mrs. Gorman called roll call.

ROLL CALL: 5-0

3. DEVELOPER ITEMS

A. APPROVAL FOR LANDFILL CONSULTANT REVIEW OF PHASE V HYDROGEOLOGIC WORK PLAN

Ms. deLeon said Council will consider approving their Landfill Consultant, Rich Sichler, to review the Phase V Hydrogeologic Work Plan. Approval of work not to exceed \$2,500.00. Cathy?

Mrs. Gorman said Ms. Opthof-Cordaro had brought this to the Landfill Committee requesting that our landfill consultant hydrologist review the application that was in your packet and the DEP response letter dated on February 26th. She did reach out to Mr. Sichler and he is available to do that review for you and he advised her it would not cost more than the amount that is provided in your packet.

MOTION BY: Ms. deLeon moved for approval of Rich Sichler review the Phase V Hydrogeologic Work Plan, not to exceed \$2,500.00

SECOND BY: Ms. Ray

Ms. deLeon said Council discussion, Jason? He said he's not sure why we are spending Township money when we have a letter here from DEP that says they have reviewed the proposed work plan associated with the Phase V Hydrogeologic Work Plan. They offer their opinions in this letter. This letter is dated February 26, 2024. It seems like it's duplication of effort by the Township. Certainly, there's expertise involved at the DEP level. He's inclined to defer to DEP's expertise because they are the ones that oversee the safe operation of landfills and here we are, as Lower Saucon Council proposing to hire somebody to second guess what DEP is doing and even if that occurs, he's not sure what sort of persuasive or binding effect that would have on anything we're dealing with here since DEP is the authority, has the authority over this landfill, so he thinks it's a waste of taxpayer money to do this. Ms. deLeon said are you finished? Mr. Banonis said he is.

Ms. deLeon said Tom? He said yes, he just thinks it's a blatant fishing expedition to fund Ms. Opthof and her family's litigation against the landfill. They want, Ms. Opthof is the one that suggested that we spend \$2,500.00 in taxpayer dollars, not her own money or her parent's money or the Petrie's money who was actually suing the landfill. They want the taxpayer money to be used on this fishing expedition and use Mr. Sichler to dig up information for their lawsuit and he thinks that's disgraceful. You know, the Petries received \$500,000.00 for the Township to conserve their property. Ms. Ray received \$200,000.00 and they have plenty of money to pay Rich Sichler to go out and do this or pay anybody to go out and do this but they want to put that burden on the taxpayer.

Ms. deLeon said okay, you know what, you are making disparaging remarks against a resident, you can't do that. Mr. Carocci said it's not true that they received \$500,000.00 for their property? That's a fact. Ms. deLeon said and you are saying other things...Mr. Carocci said Ms. Ray received...Ms. deLeon said that is a fact. Mr. Carocci said well then that's not disparaging, how's that disparaging? Ms. deLeon said no, the stuff you said before that. Mr. Carocci said what did I say before that? Ms. deLeon said I don't know. Ms. Ray said what does that have to do with the hydrologic review? Mr. Carocci said you said he said something disparaging and he asked what that is and you are like "I don't know". You said, you alleged he just said, she alleged he just said it. Right, so for the record, Ms. deLeon is saying that he said something disparaging. He asked her what it is and she said she doesn't know, right. She just doesn't like, she doesn't like (*inaudible as two Council members speaking at the same time*) Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said she thinks it was the implication of people getting their land conserved was somehow a problem. Ms. deLeon said Victoria, wait, one at a time and you can speak then. Mr. Banonis said can you gavel her as she is interrupting him? Can you gavel Victoria and enforce the rules please? Ms. deLeon said she is. Mr. Banonis said please. Ms. deLeon said please, please. Mr. Banonis said bang the gavel, you love to bang it, you got the brace on, you are ready to go all night long, right? Ms. deLeon said no, she doesn't have the brace on for the gavel, okay. Mr. Carocci said he's not done yet. Ms. deLeon said okay, well when you are finished, then Victoria will go. Mr. Carocci said that's right, again. Mr. Banonis said will you stop muttering over here? Mr. Carocci said again, this \$2,500.00, it doesn't sound like a lot, but it's just their modus operandi; use taxpayer dollars to fight a private lawsuit between the Petries and the Opthofs against the.....now, now, the landfill and the Township and he thinks it's a disgrace. It's disgraceful, it's not just that it's \$2,500.00. It's the whole principle and the lack of integrity and ethics of spending \$2,500.00 to fund and do a fact-finding witch-hunt with taxpayer money. Thank you.

Ms. deLeon said Victoria? She said thank you. First and foremost, she thinks historically, the Township, up until year 2021 or 2022, when Mr. Carocci and Mr. Banonis came on Council, the Township had always had technical consultants who reviewed DEP matters and reviewed applications by the landfill over the periods of time that they had expansions. There were multiple technical consultants. We don't have as many anymore. Those were reduced under the direction of Mr. Banonis and Mr. Carocci but we do still have a hydrogeologist which Mr. Banonis and Mr. Carocci did keep on board. So, he had remained on board and he remained on board this year. We now are looking at a potential Phase V expansion so certainly we would want to have our technical consultants review that. The area under expansion as many of you may know, has a karst topography. Karst topography is where you have

sinkholes and we have a lot of Township ordinances and regulations concerning areas of karst topography. So, what was submitted by the landfill in January was a request to approve certain drilling that the landfill wanted to do in order to identify where the karst topography lines were on the properties for their Phase V expansion. Clearly the matter has a lot of interest for LST because we would not want any karst topography underneath a landfill. Our ordinances prohibit that. In addition to that, the DEP has welcomed to have the Township's input. We have a host municipal inspector. The host municipal inspector is none other than the Township's own review of what the DEP does. We've had a host municipal inspector under Mr. Carocci and Mr. Banonis so to now argue that we are duplicating what the DEP does, it seems they pick and choose when they want to duplicate. She thinks it's very important to have the hydrogeologic testing reviewed. The DEP has welcomed it. They have asked for us to submit the Township's comments. Whatever they do with them, they do with them, but certainly to protect the Township's interest, and not having a catastrophe on karst topography would be very important. She doesn't know whether Mr. Sichler's reports will or will not support the DEP. That's not her, that's his expertise, it's not hers. Furthermore, she will say that it's her understanding that her parents are not involved in any litigation with the Petries. They are not suing the landfill. They are not involved in any of the litigation that's currently pending, so to continue to make that statement, she doesn't think is truthful so, and she would ask that anybody that does make a statement about that, that they remind themselves, remember there is no litigation right now involving her parents, none. So, that's all she'll have to say that she approves this and she thinks it's important and it's in keeping with our historical oversight of the landfill's operations. Thank you. Mr. Carocci said your parents, your parents and the Petries appreciate you saving \$2,500.00. Ms. deLeon said Tom, you already had your turn. Mr. Carocci said he'll go again; I'll go as many times I want.

Ms. deLeon said Laura? She said she'll talk about a different angle of this. So, our main thing that we do is protect the health, safety, and welfare of our residents. Key among that would be having clean, safe drinking water. About half of our Township households get their water from private wells. Also, within our Township, we protect the water sources for both Hellertown Borough and Springtown. So, she thinks it's very important that we do everything we can to protect that water. Therefore, I am very supportive of having our landfill consultant review this plan proposed and provide any additional suggestions or feedback that they have to the DEP. As was mentioned, DEP does welcome and asks for that. A fact that she learned last night at our Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) meeting, PA is only one of three states in the whole country that does not have state regulations covering private wells, so it's really important that we make extra effort to protect them. This is our drinking water. Thank you.

Mr. Banonis said if you want to talk about health, safety and welfare of the public, what about the Bethlehem Sewage Plant that pumps raw sewage, raw untreated sewage, into the river that passes by LST. Talk about hypocrisy. Ms. deLeon said you know what...Mr. Carocci said that's Ed Boscola and Lisa Boscola. Ms. deLeon said it has nothing to do with this agenda item. Mr. Banonis said sure it does, she brought it up, health, safety and welfare. Ms. deLeon said yes, it's a broad area. Mr. Banonis said we're addressing health, safety and welfare. Mr. Carocci said she brought it up. Mr. Banonis said sure it is, it's selective enforcement is what it is. Ms. deLeon said it's not selective. Mr. Banonis said sure, it is, sure it is and you know it is. Mr. Carocci said it's selective and he wanted clarification, and are we going to ask....if we are protecting drinking water for Hellertown and Springtown, are we going to ask them to chip in for this \$2,500.00? Ms. deLeon said okay, we have comments just floating around. Mr. Carocci said that's what Ms. Ray said. That's what Ms. Ray said...Mr. Banonis said he'll make a motion to ask Hellertown and Springfield to chip in. Ms. Ray said a percentage of our Township residents get their water from wells. Mr. Carocci said he'll second that motion, he'll second that motion. There's a motion on the floor. Mr. Goudsouzian said there's already a motion. Ms. Ray said we already have a motion on the floor. Mr. Carocci said this is a second motion. Ms. Ray said you can't do that. Ms. deLeon said that has nothing to do with the agenda item. Mr. Carocci said sure it is. Mr. Banonis said sure it is. Mr. Goudsouzian said there's an existing motion on the floor and that's what's before you. Mr. Carocci said but it does have something to do with the agenda item Ms. Ray said this is to protect their drinking water that we need to send Mr. Sichler out there. We know it's for the lawsuit against the landfill, but Ms. Ray is saying it's for the drinking water. Mr. Goudsouzian now we do Public Comment.

Ms. deLeon said Laura is finished with her report. You guys already went. Public Comment, 5 minutes. Mr. Banonis said we can go as many times as we want. Mr. Carocci said yea, there's no limit on times we can go. Oh yea, crazy Larry out there.

Donna Louder said regarding, first of all let her say that Rich Sichler had served the Township for many years when she was on the Landfill Committee. A lot of what he researched and reports that he did give was basically the concentration that was within the cells at the landfill. The homes that were downhill from the landfill were always tested water quality-wise and they've always passed. She doesn't believe, first of all, this is an incomplete study. So, if you look at page 14 at the bottom, it says the water levels in the area investigated will be continued to be monitored monthly through May 2024. So, the study isn't even completed yet. She doesn't think that we need him to review this just yet. She has the summary in front of her of this report from Meiser & Earl and it says completed an investigation of a carbonate geology area in the northern portion of the Phase V area in the spring and summer of 2023. The purpose of this investigation was to define the geological contact between the carbonate Leithsville Formation and the non-carbonate Hardyston Formation and to address LST ordinance requirements for carbonate geology areas. Below is a summary of M&E's findings applicable to the ordinance requirements. So, pretty much they answered all the questions that the Township requested because the Township requested that this to be done by the landfill and they complied, so we have this. The geologic contact between the carbonate Leithsville and the non-carbonate Hardyston Formations was defined by exploratory drilling and an inferred thrust fault. Observations made during drilling correlated with the geologic interpretation by the USGS. She's sorry she doesn't know what that stands for. Mr. Banonis said US Geological Survey. Ms. Louder said thank you. Fractured traces, outcrops, and caves were identified and located during the investigation. Fissures, which are fractures in rocks, were mainly observed by M&E to be filled with quartz. No lineaments were found within the Bethlehem Landfill property boundary. Depressions were evaluated using LiDAR mapping and were field verified. Depressions identified in the area and investigation were mainly found to be related to man-made structures, excavations or historic exploratory pit services mining activities. There were no sinkholes identified in Phase V carbonate area investigation. Previous surface mines and quarries pertained to historic operations for iron-flux smelting material. Ghost lakes, disappearing lakes, disappearing streams, calcareous fens, surface and subsurface pinnacles, soil mottling and springs were not identified in the carbonate geologic area. Surface draining infiltrating into the ground was observed on July 11, 2023, in the water course for the flow the spring box located approximately 600' south of the contact between Leithsville and Hardyston Formations. The extent of flow observed was influenced by variability in flow from the spring box. Groundwater elevation contours show a groundwater flow direction toward the Lehigh River and indicate that the Bull Run is likely a perched stream, which means it is dried up and it's not getting fed. The depth to water in the carbonate area is deeper than the depth to water south of the contact between Leithsville and Hardyston Formation, similar to elevation in the Lehigh River. Given the relatively flat gradient observed in the wells in the carbonate area, the seasonal groundwater fluctuation is expected to be minimal. Water levels in the area investigated will continue to be monitored through May 2024. To her, this summary says there are no red flags. Nobody's well is going to be damaged because the water is flowing towards the Lehigh. Now, the other thing is Mr. Sichler...Ms. deLeon said okay everybody. Mr. Banonis said can you get control of the crowd? They are mocking and laughing at the speaker. Ms. deLeon said I just said...Mr. Carocci said you never gavel them. Ms. Louder said that's okay. It's a maturity thing, she understands it now. That's why she has her pepper spray. It's a maturity thing. So...Ms. deLeon said you better stay away from her with that pepper spray, girl. Mr. Carocci said what was that, what is that? Mr. Banonis said why are you threatening her? Ms. deLeon said she's not threatening her. She said she has pepper spray. She doesn't know why she'd come...Mr. Banonis said maybe because Mr. Ozimek approached her and she had to contact....and you didn't do anything about it. Mr. Carocci said you didn't do anything last time. Mr. Banonis said maybe that's why. Ms. Louder said it happened at the last meeting. She has nobody on her target. Ms. deLeon said, okay I am glad to hear that. Ms. Louder said if somebody approaches her, then there's going to be a problem, but until somebody approaches her. She has a permit to carry a gun. She could walk in here with a gun if she wanted to, but she chose pepper spray. Ms. deLeon said absolutely. Ms. Louder said so anyways, let her go on with her story. She doesn't appreciate you being interruptive. Mr. Carocci said yea, stop interrupting her Priscilla. Ms. deLeon said well the times ticking

away, so are you going? Mr. Carocci said he had them stop it because you keep interrupting. Ms. Louder said so what she is saying is she would say table this second opinion by Mr. Sichler and save the \$2,500.00 for taxpayers. Again, again, Mr. Sichler is going to be going up against his peers in a report. This report isn't throwing a flag, have a good day. Mr. Carocci said the report is inconvenient to Victoria and her parents and the Petries. Ms. deLeon said would anyone else in the audience like to speak? Mr. Carocci said and Ms. deLeon and Ms. Ray, the report is inconvenient for them, that's why they have to get Mr. Sichler to try and refute the (*inaudible*) instead of doing that privately and paying their own money to do it, they are going to use taxpayer money.

Ms. deLeon said she's sorry, the resident has the floor, please state your name. John Hulsizer said Laura Ray commented that we are trying to protect the water supply. Donna made a comment that the wells were tested. He knows of five homes on the Lehigh side of the river, are they being tested now and who pays for that? Does the dump pay for the testing? Do the homeowners pay for the testing? Does the Township pay for the testing? Who is monitoring these five wells? Ms. deLeon said that's a good question. (*someone in the audience was speaking*) Ms. deLeon said wait a minute, you are out of order. Mr. Carocci said he has a point of clarification. Ms. deLeon said Donna you are out of order. Mr. Carocci said you didn't stop people from interrupting her. Mr. Banonis said she's quick when people interrupt her. Mr. Carocci said you didn't stop people from interrupting her. Mr. Hulsizer said if she has an answer, that's fine. Ms. deLeon said no, no, no. Mr. Carocci said they know the answer. Ms. deLeon said it doesn't work that way. She already had her turn. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said direct your comments to Council. Mr. Carocci said he didn't hear the answer. Ms. deLeon said now you're on the podium. Mr. Hulsizer said he knows of five homes that are not on Lower Saucon's water supply because the road that the Township was going to go down, wasn't on the map and the Township wasn't going to repair the road that somebody else spent their hard-earned dollars to put in place. He's pretty sure, and he might be speaking out of his other end, but he don't believe the Township maintains this road yet to the day because in Steel City, the forgotten land, there's a lot of paper alleys over there that nobody wants to touch until they need them for something. Then it's okay. So, those five homes were never connected to the water system. So, is there a way we can check and see if these homes are being paid for to have the water tested and who has to pay to have them tested? Ms. deLeon said Cathy can we send a letter to DEP and ask them that please? Mrs. Gorman said yes. Mr. Hulsizer said he doesn't want to add any more work to the Township because he knows we are shorthanded but he's just concerned here because there are five homes that are drinking water that comes out of that mountainside. There's a lot of stuff that flows uphill, but it ain't water. Ms. deLeon said okay, thank you, anyone else.

Lawrence Opthof said he noticed that they keep calling his name and he keeps coming in and he's financing all these projects and all these lawsuits and he'd like to know, he'd like an apology because his name is on no lawsuits. That's the first thing. Mr. Carocci said it was on the initial lawsuit. Mr. Opthof said he finds it most disingenuous.....Ms. deLeon said he is speaking, point of order. Mr. Banonis said have you ever sued the landfill? Mr. Carocci said I have seen his name on the law.....Mr. Carocci said it was on the initial lawsuit. Mr. Banonis said did you ever sue the landfill? Mr. Carocci said he's seen his name on the lawsuit. Mr. Opthof said where is my name on a lawsuit at the present time...Ms. deLeon said she would like Council members to be quiet, Mr. Opthof is speaking. Mr. Carocci said I have seen your name on the lawsuit. Mr. Opthof said where is his name on a lawsuit at the present time. Mr. Banonis said have you ever sued the landfill? Ms. deLeon said Jason you are out of order. Mr. Banonis said have you ever sued the landfill, Sir? Mr. Opthof said and he find it most disingenuous that you people here, Mr. Banonis and Mr. Carocci are worried about \$2,500.00 being spent for this fellow to check on to see what's going on with the water problem...Mr. Carocci said why don't you pay for it? Mr. Opthof said does he get to talk or are you going to talk? Ms. deLeon said Tom, you are out of order. Mr. Opthof said why don't you come down and talk and we will sit together, come on, what do you say? Mr. Carocci said I'll come down. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said she thinks we should allow the speaker to finish their public comment period and if anybody wants to comment after he's done from the Council, they can talk after he's done. Mr. Carocci said \$2,500.00...Mr. Banonis said you can refer to him as my dad, not the speaker...Mr. Opthof said it's disingenuous that they are now worried about \$2,500.00 when you spent \$3 million on a baseball field and he doesn't see the Yankees going there to play. Mr. Banonis said it looks great. It looks great. Mr. Opthof said so what's going on there? Every time he

drives by there, there's a big construction project and that was okay? But now \$2,500.00 is not? Mr. Carocci said yeah. Mr. Opthof said also, he wants to thank you guys for screwing up the library. That was another wonderful one you did. So, let's talk about what your \$2,500.00...Mr. Banonis said it's the same library you were against sir, right? Your wife and you were against that library. Mr. Opthof said are you worried about them finding something that you don't agree with? Ms. deLeon said stop interrupting, you are being rude. Mr. Banonis said let the record reflect that Steve is directing her to gavel us. Steve is directing her to gavel us so he's running the meeting now. Mr. Goudsouzian said let the record reflect if people keep interrupting members of the public which is disrespectful, and rude. Mr. Banonis said it's not. Mr. Goudsouzian said it is. Ms. deLeon said it is. It's in our code. Mr. Goudsouzian said and just to be clear...Mr. Banonis said you don't even follow your code, so how can you talk about it's in our code...Mr. Goudsouzian said and you interrupt him. Mr. Carocci said that's no big deal, Susie. Mr. Goudsouzian said very well, but...Mr. Opthof said all he can say is you must be filled with anger and bitterness because you lost the election and you can't be tolerated anymore. Mr. Banonis said he's smiling and he is still sitting here, he didn't lose. Mr. Opthof said yes, you did. Mr. Banonis said he's still sitting here Mr. Carocci said he's sitting here too. Mr. Opthof said then why are you so worried about \$2,500.00 being spent? Mr. Banonis said because it could benefit...Mr. Opthof said \$3 million okay but \$2,500.00 is not good? Mr. Banonis said because it's a beautiful baseball field. Mr. Opthof said he wants to know when the major leagues are going to come and play over there off of Easton Road. Mr. Carocci said yeah, it's going to be a beautiful baseball field. He can't wait to see it. Mr. Opthof said yea, for \$3 million, but you are worried about \$2,500.00 now. Ms. deLeon said the baseball is not the topic. Mr. Carocci said he brought it up. Ms. deLeon said the topic is ...Mr. Carocci said he brought it up. Ms. deLeon said she knows he did and she's telling him that that's not on topic. He has to talk about the agenda item, she's sorry. Mr. Opthof said his agenda item is he feels that the study is important to be done. We don't know, he doesn't understand what the problem is with funding this \$2,500.00 and find out what the deal is here. He means if there's nothing to be concerned about then he won't find anything, but if he does find something then there's a problem, so let's put him out there and see what he finds. What are you worried about? Mr. Banonis said wasting money. Mr. Carocci said well funding...Mr. Opthof said \$3 million. Ms. deLeon said okay, okay. Mr. Carocci said he's worried about funding a private citizen's lawsuit, funding a private citizen's lawsuit is what he's wondering. Why are taxpayer dollars being used to fund a private citizen's lawsuit...Ms. deLeon said unbelievable.

Robert Blasko, Lower Saucon Township resident, he's a member, he guesses what you would call it of the Park and Recs Board, okay. At the Easton Road ballfield right now, there is...Mr. Carocci said is this on topic there, when it comes to Mr. Blasko, it's on topic, right. Ms. deLeon said we are talking about spending \$2,500.00...Mr. Blasko said Mr. Carocci, Mr. Banonis, and Priscilla, if you allow him to continue you will see where this is directly on topic. At the Easton Road ballfield right now, there is a problem with installing the 65' poles for the netting because of what's under the ground. Wouldn't it have been nice to have spent \$2,500.00 to determine whether these poles could be installed beforehand? Now, it will probably cost thousands more to have these poles properly installed. \$2,500.00 instead of that? Seems to him that you and you are the ones that really went after having to have this ballfield if you go back to minutes from a couple of years earlier, Mr. Banonis was really hammering this and then he mentions at different meetings, well Priscilla, Victoria and Laura well you should have known this. You should have checked this; you should have checked that. \$2,500.00 study should have been done on this \$3.2 million ballfield and if that would have been requested, you can bet you would have approved that. Ms. deLeon said okay, thank you. Mr. Banonis said Brien can you address this, is there a problem with the lights going in at the Easton Road ballfield because people stand up at that podium, they shoot their mouths off without information and it goes out there in the public. It gets legs and people take that and they think that it's an issue, so can you address it now? Is there any issue with the lights going in at the Easton Road ballfield? In fact, he drove by and he thinks the lights were in and the poles were in, weren't they?

Mr. Kocher said the contractor has not brought anything to his attention. Mr. Banonis said okay, so the contractor, the expert in this, the people that are building this haven't brought this issue to your attention...to the Township Engineer. Mr. Carocci said he had his 5 minutes. Mr. Banonis said you are

going to listen to Mr. Blasko stand up here and spew that. Mr. Blasko said I can say anything about...Mr. Carocci said is he going to go a second time again? You wouldn't let Mr. Boulin go a second time. Mr. Blasko said you can read the minutes...Ms. deLeon said oh my God, one at a time. Mr. Blasko you cannot come back a second time. Mr. Blasko said he asked him a question. Mr. Goudsouzian said it doesn't matter. Mr. Banonis said he didn't. Ms. deLeon said it doesn't matter, he's not allowed to ask you questions. Mr. Blasko said okay, he's good with that. Ms. deLeon said she apologizes. Mr. Carocci said he didn't ask you a question.

Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said she just wants to say a point of clarification, there is an agenda item later on that talks about change orders for the ballfield. Just to reflect, there is a total of \$100,000.00 increase in the cost of the ballfield for unexpected things. Mr. Carocci said it's not true, it's \$19,000.00. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said she said a total of \$100,000.00 for the ballfield project, a total. That means not just the one...Ms. deLeon said we'll talk about that when we get to that agenda item, she's sorry. Okay...Mr. Carocci said well that's a lie.

Marybeth Zingone, LST said she is insulted by you and you, \$2,500.00 to protect the children of this Township and you know what, that report that this people back here are talking about was done before the earthquake. Ms. deLeon said wait, wait, wait, Marybeth you have to speak to us. Ms. Zingone said before the earthquake, maybe the earthquake, maybe that's a consideration that we need to do another report. Don't turn sideways on me, Mr. Carocci. This is an insult. They have jumped over under your leadership, Mr. Banonis. They jumped over environmental issues to get this thing through and she'll pull out...Mr. Banonis said what are they, what are they? Ms. Zingone said she'll pull them out, she'll pull them out and bring them in. Mr. Banonis said share them with him right now, tell him. Ms. Zingone said she doesn't have them right now, but she will...Mr. Banonis said okay, alright. Ms. Zingone said they've jumped over that. They've jumped over zoning. We didn't go in front of the ZHB with the landfill. Mr. Banonis said nor were they required to. Ms. Zingone said come on. Mr. Banonis said they weren't. Mr. Carocci said they weren't. Ms. Zingone said you aren't a very good civil servant. Mr. Banonis said Ma'am, if you understood the law and way this works, they were not required to...Ms. Zingone said that's why she has a Council here. Mr. Banonis said well then maybe you shouldn't stand up there and speak. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said she thinks we should just have the audience members comment, make your comment period and then if there's a point of clarification by Council they can (*inaudible*)...Mr. Carocci said you want to change the rules now. Zingone said and the last thing she's going to say is...Mr. Banonis said she is making accusations against him and he is going to respond to these, he's sorry. Ms. Zingone said don't try and talk me down. Mr. Banonis said I am not talking you down, I am responding to your question. Ms. Zingone said you are a trial lawyer, whack, whack, whack. She knows. Mr. Banonis said he's responding to your questions. If you are going to stand there and shoot your mouth off with baseless accusations, he's going to respond and ask he's going to ask you for information, so please do. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said call for a point of order if they are in the middle of their comment period. Ms. Zingone said she will apologize, she will bring in all the environmental issues that this company has gone ahead and jumped through and you jump through the zoning, you had business to get the Township's people, their opinions on the zoning for it also. You jumped through everything and you know what, we didn't get anything from these people. We could have gotten a library, at least Chrin when he...Mr. Banonis said \$80 million is nothing? Ms. Zingone said she's not done talking yet. Mr. Banonis said \$80 million is nothing? Ms. Zingone said she's not talking...Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said she is not finished talking, let her finish talking. Ms. Zingone said yeah, you gave fifty to the library to Southern Lehigh while Treadwell was on his knees, but that's not the topic, she knows. Ms. deLeon said she is going to ask you to stick to the topic on the agenda item. Ms. Zingone said she will tell you that these big, big tough lawyers here that we have sitting here these two, Duquesne and Weidner here, you know what you got? You got screwed without getting kissed. We got nothing and she hopes you got a new boat and everything else. Ms. deLeon said if you are going to talk, please...Ms. Zingone said you boys didn't even take it to the table to get us anything, no libraries. You could have got a park, you could have had this new, this building over here refurbished for senior citizens. You got nothing from them. You are a joke. My God, if you defend your clients that way. Banonis said \$80 million, \$80 million in host fees Ma'am, that's not nothing, okay. Ms. Zingone said

you're a joke. Mr. Carocci said you're a joke. Ms. deLeon said okay, who'd like to go next after that? Mr. Banonis said wow. Mr. Carocci said you're a joke. Get a picture of that joke.

Mr. Boulin said you lose control because you don't follow your own rules. What he wanted to address was he thinks that the first look at that report, doesn't have any red flags, and he thinks if Laura Ray had of actually, did you review that? If you did, you would know that, alright. Ms. Ray said she did review it. Mr. Boulin said alright, and did you find a problem with it? Ms. Ray said and she finds it better to have a second set of eyes go through this that this Township selects. Mr. Boulin said, no he asked if you...Mr. Banonis said it's word salad for no. You are going to gavel him but not her? Ms. deLeon said you were interrupting. Mr. Banonis said she's interrupting him. You are not gaveling her and he's going to keep doing it because you do not uniformly apply the rules. Ms. Ray said he just asked her a question. Ms. deLeon said well you know what opinions are like Jason. Mr. Banonis said yea. Mr. Carocci said Dave, basically the report didn't agree with their lawsuits, so they got to try and find a different (*inaudible*) and they want taxpayers to pay for it. Ms. deLeon said and there goes Tom again. Mr. Goudsouzian said here's what he recommends moving forward, hold on. Mr. Boulin said he won't hold on. It's my turn to talk. Mr. Goudsouzian said to maintain order. Mr. Boulin said you told me I could talk. Mr. Carocci said yes, it's his turn to talk. Mr. Boulin said there's nothing that Laura Ray said or that Tom or Jason said that precludes you from taking my time and he will tell you once again if you didn't hear it, that woman there, Opthof-Cordaro at that, he won't call it the dump because it's another slander, the landfill, after talking 20 minutes and he got up to talk, she jumps up and shuts everybody down. He doesn't like it and he doesn't care whether it's her, him, that one, this one, it's not right. That's why you lose control. You need to follow your own rules. Regardless, what he was saying is he thinks that report, if you've all read it and maybe there should have been a report by Laura Ray, her first look at it. Why is it we have to have somebody in the audience spend long hours doing all of that, to get a report instead of EAC and people that have been on it and he thinks there's somebody else that sits on this Council that's EAC. Why is it we don't know about that? We never hear any reports about EAC. It doesn't exist. Not anymore. Mr. Carocci said keep it quiet. Mr. Boulin said anyhow, what he was trying to say is he thinks the report is very interesting and gives some glimpses. Now, internally if we had reviewed that, we could have said, hey, we don't see this, we don't see that, and we don't see the other thing, maybe we should think about hiring somebody to fill in the holes, but we don't get that. It's just let's throw some more money out there, okay. Now, answer this gentleman back here and he can't look at him, but the bottom line is that he asked about his well. Absolutely important. He used to live up on Stonestrow Road, up there in South Mountain. He had a well. Guess who paid for that, endlessly, because he was interested. The water came back pristine. He realizes it's not on the side of the, by the landfill but he'll tell you there are other places that he wouldn't want a sink, a well no matter what and if had Bethlehem Steel attached to, whether it was in Redington with all of those goings on in the early history or whether it was from where all of these nice sealing truck haulers are that doesn't seal anything. All of that pollution and it's endless from coke, it's there from smelter, smelting and on and on. You want to look for pollution? Just take yourself right over there or better yet get the agreement, the warehouse owners had to sign with Bethlehem so that they would never uncap it and they think it's safe because it doesn't go down in the ground and it doesn't leach out to the right and the left and other places. Guess what? Yes, it does. Does anybody look at that? So, when you talk about pollution in the Lehigh, think about that. Not, the landfill. He doesn't see anybody has presented, a lick of evidence that the landfill has done anything. So, what he would suggest is that gentlemen, yea, he would go and ask the Township, hey, I don't have water, can you put in city water? But yea, maybe once in a while check it, he doesn't know. You buy a house, you're responsible for it and everybody wants the government to pay for everything. You need to take some responsibility yourself. So, he thanks you for that few minutes of speech.

Ms. deLeon said okay, thank you, would anyone else like to speak? Mr. Carocci said the report didn't have any holes in it. That's what the consultants meant to hide to do, to try and put some holes in it. Ms. deLeon said would anyone else like to speak on the agenda item for the Phase V hydrological...Mr. Carocci said they want to use taxpayer dollars to do that instead of out of their own pockets.

Sal Galliano, LST said he agrees with Laura. He is on well and he thinks that it would be well worth the while, pardon the pun, to have this gentleman look over to see if everything is up to par. He doesn't know how much of an expert anybody else is. He's not, but he would certainly welcome his opinion as to whether or not our water, that they get from the ground, which is, he doesn't know which way it flows, but he's very close to that landfill. His property is probably within a half of a mile or a quarter mile and it travels and he'll tell you this. Since he moved here, almost 8-1/2 years ago, when he moved in, his water was contaminated. He put in a system, and his water was clean. Over the past three or four years, his water is now, he's getting a lot of brown dirt. He never had that problem. He is going to take the initiative and am going to get his water tested and he will bring the results back to Council and make a statement on that. That's all he has to say but he does agree we should monitor and check. He'll take the accountability on his own, his own well and get it checked. After that, he may have to ask you guys what can you do about it? What will you do about it? Thank you for your time.

Ms. deLeon said anyone else? No other public comment, may we have a roll call please. Mrs. Gorman called the roll call.

ROLL CALL: 3-2 (Mr. Banonis and Mr. Carocci – No)

Mr. Banonis said before we move on from this point, he'd like to have the floor, may he have the floor? Ms. deLeon said sure. Mr. Banonis said so all of us on Council, he doesn't know if everyone else read this or not, but we had received a copy of a letter. This was dated May 10, 2024 from the DEP and it's addressed to Tad Miller, City Clerk, City of Bethlehem. The DEP reviewed the Proposed Official Sewage Facilities Plant Update Revision Plan dated January 23, 2024 that was received by the DEP and submitted on behalf of the City of Bethlehem, and it identifies, and this is a six-page report, he believes, with attachments. It identifies a number of significant technical deficiencies and it requests that these deficiencies be addressed and responded to. So, on one hand, we have DEP which has no found deficiencies with regard to hydrogeological issues, and we're hiring a landfill consultant using taxpayer dollars to go after that issue. Here on the other hand, May 10, 2024, just five days ago, we have DEP notifying us that there are deficiencies with regard to the waste water treatment plant that's operated by the City of Bethlehem, and perhaps utilized by LST residents in part. Yet, we're not applying the same standard of concern or review to have a consultant look at that. Can anybody explain that to him? Why we're not doing that? Anybody? Can anybody explain that? So, he guesses that...

Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said she will say to him we just received that report five days ago. Our agenda was created last week. There is no way to put this on the agenda. You didn't put it on the agenda. She'd be happy to consider it. Mr. Banonis said yep, he's going to be putting it on the agenda, that's his next move when he's done asking. Thank you for answering that question saying that in the past five days you didn't have time to review this letter that is of...Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said that's not what she said. She said we just received it five days ago, the Township can't act...Mr. Carocci said it didn't involve her parent's lawsuit against the landfill, so she didn't have time to review it. Ms. deLeon said you are mixing topics again, Tom.

Mr. Banonis said let's talk about health, safety, and welfare of the public. This seems to be legitimate health, safety and welfare to the public because DEP itself, he understands you don't like DEP because DEP doesn't do your bidding. They actually approach these things in an objective manner as they are supposed to but nonetheless, why aren't we having a consultant look at this issue for us. He thinks that's money better spent than money to support the issues...Ms. deLeon said didn't you just hear Victoria say that...Mr. Banonis said don't interrupt him. Would you stop interrupting him as he's speaking? Does he have the floor? Ms. deLeon said she's speaking to him right now. Mr. Banonis said does he have the floor right now because Mr. Galliano is yelling out at him, and he'd like you to get control of this meeting. Ms. deLeon said okay residents, you know what, you got to listen, okay? Thank you, she really would appreciate it because it's very difficult sitting up here and she's trying really hard, so she would really appreciate your cooperation because this is what she has to deal with. Mr. Carocci said he would have been through the agenda. Mr. Banonis said you don't have to, you can resign if you don't like it. Ms. deLeon said absolutely not, no. Mr. Banonis said then don't complain about it. Ms. deLeon

said she's not complaining. Mr. Banonis said you are, it sounds like you're complaining. Ms. deLeon said she's smiling right back at him. Mr. Banonis said no, you're not enjoying it. Ms. deLeon said yea, she can, sure. Mr. Banonis said no, you're not. Mr. Carocci said he would have had this meeting over at 8:30. Mr. Banonis said are you flirting with him Priscilla?

Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said point of order, the point of order was...Ms. Ray said point of order, point of order, point or order, we will have this on the next agenda. Mr. Carocci said Jason has the floor he's not done yet. Mr. Banonis said he's not done yet. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said they'd be happy to consider it, just put it on the agenda. Mr. Carocci said he's not done yet, that wasn't his only point. Mr. Banonis said he's not done yet. So, he's just pointing out this issue because it seems to be of much greater concern than the issue that three people on this Council voted in favor of and he thinks we should put this on the agenda for the next Council meeting. We've been talking about these issues with the sewage treatment plant for a year if not more and yet nobody seems to want to address that issue. He doesn't know why.

Ms. deLeon said well we just got this letter five days ago, as Victoria said and the process is to send an email to the Township Manager to ask...Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said she'll join Jason in putting it on the agenda. The point of order is the issue with the waste water treatment plant. If she's not mistaken, she brought to this Township's attention, at a Landfill Committee meeting, when they received, there was a notice published in the Morning Call that talked about a 24-hour no swim or no go into the Lehigh River when there's large rainfalls over 2" and it was regarding the waste water treatment plant. She brought it to that Landfill Committee meeting. She brought that to the Township's attention. So, to say that she doesn't care about the issue is, she thinks you should go back and look at those minutes. Mr. Banonis said were you the one who...Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said she's happy to put it on the agenda, so let's do it.

Mr. Banonis said were you the one who asked to have this put on the agenda, the approval for landfill consultant review of Phase V hydrogeologic work plan? Mr. Carocci said yes. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said absolutely. Mr. Banonis said so you were able to put that on the agenda, but you couldn't put this other issue on the agenda that she knew about and...Mr. Carocci said it didn't involve her parents...Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said we received it five days ago...Mr. Carocci said with the Petrie's and her parents litigation...Mr. Banonis said she just admitted that she brought it to the attention of the Landfill Committee...Mr. Carocci said it didn't involve the Petrie's and her parents litigation against... Ms. deLeon said okay, arguing, it's not getting anywhere, let's go to the next agenda item. Mr. Banonis said Cathy will you so note that on the agenda for the next, do you need him to send an email or...Mrs. Gorman said no, she has it. Mr. Banonis said thank you. Mr. Carocci said it didn't help her parents; it didn't help the Petries. Ms. deLeon said okay, so now moving on to Township Business Items. Can she have quiet up here?

4. TOWNSHIP BUSINESS ITEMS

A. APPOINT STAFF MEMBER AS CUSTODIAN OF RECORD AND TOWNSHIP REPRESENTATIVE AT ZONING HEARING BOARD MEETINGS

Ms. deLeon said Cathy would you like to explain? Mrs. Gorman said as Council is aware, our Zoning Officer had submitted his resignation and we need a custodian to handle the records to the ZHB that's a Township representative. We're asking that Molly Bender, who would normally be at those meetings, to be that person.

Mr. Carocci said didn't we have to put on the agenda to accept his resignation first before we appoint somebody else? Ms. deLeon said no. Mr. Carocci said what kind of show are you running here? Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said we're not appointing a Zoning Officer; we are appointing a records custodian. Mr. Banonis said a records custodian in the form of the Zoning Hearing officer. Ms. deLeon said he reports to Cathy, the Manager, so we don't have to do anything with the Zoning Officer. Ms. deLeon said so you are recommending Molly? Mrs. Gorman said she is recommending Molly Bender to be the custodian of record for the Township.

MOTION BY: Ms. deLeon moved for approval to appoint staff member, Molly Bender, as custodian of record and Township representative at ZHB meetings.
SECOND BY: Ms. Opthof-Cordaro

Ms. deLeon said Council discussion, Jason? Mr. Banonis said yea, for the public's information, you may not be aware that Jim Young has retired as the Township Zoning Hearing Officer. He had been here for a number of years and he was very capable of the job that he did. He's one of a growing list of individuals who worked for the Township who have left since this new majority took over. He pointed out previously in response to RTK requests that Jim Young appeared to be a marked man. There were communications by members of this Council, not himself, and not Mr. Carocci, that suggested an agenda to get him and to get rid of him. He thinks that's regrettable. He thinks that it created a hostile workplace for him. He's sad to see him go. He's sad that the Township is going to be left even more short staffed. We lost the Township Manager. We are now on our third solicitor. We have our Assistant Manager and Director of Finance, who is filling in admirably as the Township Interim Manager. We've got Township staff that have stepped up and now another one goes down. He thinks it's unfortunate that those that remain are being unduly burdened by this, by the climate that's been created and he thinks it's unfortunate that we even have to talk about this as an agenda item. It just makes no sense to him. He wishes Mr. Young the best. He's sure he will be successful wherever he goes. He hopes we can find a competent and qualified Zoning Hearing Officer. It seems to be elusive to try to find a replacement Township Manager. He's not aware of any interviews having taken place. Maybe they have, maybe they haven't but he hasn't been part of that. Tom, have you? Mr. Carocci said no. Ms. deLeon said stick to the topic of the agenda item, please. Mr. Banonis said he is speaking, don't interrupt him please. Ms. deLeon said she is interrupting him because you are off topic. Mr. Banonis said he's not off topic. Ms. deLeon said yes you are. You are talking about the Manager. Mr. Banonis said we are talking about appointing staff and he's talking about the loss of staff on your watch. Ms. deLeon said you are off topic. Mr. Banonis said he knows it's embarrassing for her...Mr. Carocci said in his opinion, you are on topic. It's his opinion you are on topic. Mr. Banonis said it's embarrassing for you that another person left on your watch because of the climate that's being created by the three of you but it's the reality of this and the public needs to know about it.

Ms. deLeon said yes, if walls could talk. Mr. Banonis said yea, if walls could talk, they'd tell a lot of stories because they'd also validate the secret meeting that never took place back there when you supposedly authorized this guy to take action on behalf of the Township 180 degrees from what it was. Ms. deLeon said stick to the topic Jason or you...Mr. Banonis said she's the one talking, he's just responding to that. You're the one that changed the, expanded...Mr. Carocci said he's on topic. Ms. deLeon said she said if walls could talk. Mr. Banonis said yea, if the walls could talk...Mr. Carocci said that's right. Mr. Banonis said they wouldn't speak favorably of you. So...Ms. deLeon said it's a matter of opinion, Jason because...Mr. Banonis said it is, and he's entitled to his opinion, he's entitled to his opinion, so don't question his opinion. He knows she has a problem with is opinion, it's not his problem. Deal with it. Thicken your skin a little bit. Ms. deLeon said oh my God. Mr. Banonis said alright, that's all he has on this point and he just thinks it's very unfortunate.

Ms. deLeon said alright. Mr. Carocci said may he be recognized? Ms. deLeon said Tom, well you are next on this list, she goes alphabetical so Jason, Tom you're next, be ready. Mr. Carocci said he's ready. He's ready. He also finds it disturbing of the staff turnover under this new leadership. He thinks it shows...Mr. Banonis said leadership is generous Tom. He wouldn't say that. Mr. Carocci said none of them really have professional experience. Priscilla hasn't been in an office in 40 years or whatever. Laura Ray neither and Victoria may be a little bit, but they don't understand modern workforce where you have good people. You have to retain them. The turnover is because of the work environment that they've created. That they've created and it's unfortunate but he sees that continuing because they just don't know how to create a good work environment. When Jason was President of Council, we, Leslie Huhn left but that was about the only person that he recalls leaving. She left to...Mr. Banonis said to be closer to home. Mr. Carocci said closer to home so, and we had no problem getting applicants for the position whatsoever, so it's not the case now because of the environment they created and they don't,

they are really incapable of creating an environment that will work because they don't have the professional experience to do that and they are not used to dealing with professionals. Thank you.

Ms. deLeon said she had no comment other than she thinks Molly will do a good job so, she appreciates you appointing her.

Ms. deLeon said Victoria? She said she just wants to thank Molly very much for stepping up and doing this. She does take exception to some of the accusations made. She doesn't think they are true. A lot of them are assumptions and opinions made by Mr. Carocci and Mr. Banonis. She also, in looking at things that have happened, she clearly recalls on our last Council meeting on May 1st, there was a line of questioning that she thought was rather argumentative or combative that wanted to know why Mr. Young wasn't here, where would he be, we demand that he come to the next Council meeting, we want to see him, and she thinks that the conduct of our Council members, some of our Council members here, indicate that whenever one of them calls somebody to the podium, they are going to be interrogated. They are going to be insulted, they will be shouted at. They will be talked over. She certainly has never done that to Mr. Young and she hopes nobody else has ever done that or anybody else has ever gone to his office and asked him to throw things away or demand that he show up because they need to ask him questions and interrogate him. She hopes that didn't happen. She does wish Mr. Young the best of luck and thank you Molly for stepping up. That's all she has.

Mr. Carocci said Priscilla made him come out to her house with a police officer on January 2nd because she thought a tree was cut down in her yard, so when you talk about treating him poorly...Ms. Ray said it was her turn to talk...Mr. Carocci said and there's a police officer recording of this, a body camera of...Ms. deLeon said you know what, Tom. Mr. Banonis said clarification. Ms. deLeon said and she's like to respond that...wait...Ms. Ophhof-Cordaro said point of order...Ms. deLeon said as a resident of this Township, she is entitled to everything everybody else is and if you look out your window and you see a big tree falling down and it falls on your property when they are doing logging operations. Mr. Banonis asked does it make a noise? Ms. deLeon said and she calls the Zoning Officer and says she needs somebody to come out here and see whether or not somebody is on her property or not. That is a very legit request. She didn't ask the police officer to come. Mr. Carocci said it's body camera...Ms. deLeon said she is talking. Mr. Carocci said she had a police officer come out there too. Ms. deLeon said no, she did not request...Mr. Carocci said wasting his time as well and that's why there's body camera footage of it. It's on January 2nd, anybody who requested the RTK...Ms. deLeon said she did not...Mr. Carocci said she had a police officer and the Zoning Officer come out there...Ms. Ophhof-Cordaro said can you be respectful and let her finish...Ms. Ray said point of order. Mr. Carocci said she thought she was out in court...Ms. deLeon said she did not request a police officer everybody, she did not. Tom Louder showed up, it wouldn't have been her preference but he showed up. Mr. Banonis said what's wrong with Tom Louder? Mr. Carocci said what's wrong with Tom Louder? Ms. deLeon said Tom Louder showed up with the Zoning Officer. Mr. Banonis said why wouldn't it be your preference? What's wrong with him? Ms. deLeon said she wouldn't have asked...Mr. Carocci said why are you taking a shot? Ms. deLeon said she wouldn't have asked for an officer to come out. Mr. Banonis said you said he's not your preference, who is your preference? Who is your preference? What's wrong with Tom Louder? Mr. Carocci said right. Someone you could bully, an officer you could bully? Ms. Ray said point of order, let's recess if we're not discussing...Mr. Carocci said you remember when you insulted Mr. Hantz. Ms. deLeon said she just wants to defend herself Laura because she has every right just like everybody else has a right to call the Zoning Officer and have somebody come out and that's what she did. She didn't ask for the police officer, just for the record. She did not ask.

Mr. Banonis said so you defended yourself, he's going to defend himself because Victoria suggested that Jim Young resigned because they were questioning the violation notice that was issued with regard to the Beethoven Waldheim Holdings LLC. As he pointed out at that time, they wanted to get information from him as to the basis for his violation notices because we were being asked as a Council to take official action that had the potential to deprive a resident and taxpayer of property rights. So, that's the reason why Victoria. She was here and she knows that but instead she's trying to disparage

him by suggesting that there was something untoward by him asking to have him here to ask him questions about what his findings were. You know that very well but now the public knows exactly what was going on at that point. And to suggest it...Ms. deLeon said we're moving on...Mr. Banonis said no, we're not moving on because he's defending himself. Ms. deLeon said no. Mr. Banonis said you got an opportunity to do it, he's going to do the same thing. To suggest that somehow, he was going to rake him over the coals or give him a hard time is totally unfounded. We, as a Council, and the person that was found to be allegedly in violation of this has the right to understand what the charges are against him, to find out what the violation was and if we are going to be spending taxpayer money to go and enforce the zoning rules, which we don't do uniformly. He can point you just up the street to where there's a commercial compost center operating in violation of the zoning rules but we don't apply the rules equally over there but you are going to apply them here. He thinks we have a right to know from the Zoning Officer and hear from him since he's bringing these charges and he's going to be the person who is prosecuting this before the ZHB exactly what it is and what the basis is for his charges. That's why he asked for him to be here and to suggest that he resigned because of Mr. Banonis, wanting to have answers to those questions, he begs to differ and the reason he begs to differ is because he has an email from Laura Ray that suggests we are out to get him, how are we going to get him, and how we are going to get rid of him. It's in the RTK request. You know it because you were part of it. You and Priscilla were part of that, he would call it a conspiracy to create a hostile work environment for this gentleman who worked for the Township for a number of years unimpeded and did his job and now he's gone and now we're left holding the bag with no Zoning Officer and putting additional burden on an administrative person to have go to the Zoning meeting to pick up the pieces because of the mess that's been created by the three of you. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said she thinks you are (*inaudible – several council members speaking*) and it speaks for itself. Mr. Carocci said and all Jason did, all Jason did was ask him...Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said you can't even be kind and speak...Ms. deLeon said one person can only speak. Mr. Carocci said all Jason did...Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said she couldn't expect anything less. Mr. Carocci said all Jason did was ask him to come to a meeting...Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said she would not expect anything less...Mr. Carocci said all Jason did was ask him to come to a meeting, a public meeting at the Township he worked for...Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said she would not expect anything less. Mr. Carocci said Priscilla ordered him and a police officer out to her house. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said she would not expect anything less. Mr. Carocci said to her house. Ms. Ray said why don't we recess. Mr. Carocci said there's a big difference there when you are asking someone to attend a meeting, a public meeting as a Township (*inaudible*).

Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said she thinks there should be a point or order at this point in time. Ray said she makes a motion to recess. Ms. deLeon said she's banging and nobody is being quiet. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said she seconds the motion to recess. Mr. Carocci said Priscilla is ordering him out...Ms. deLeon said to recess, okay motion on the floor to recess. All in favor. Okay. Mr. Banonis said no. Mr. Carocci said there's a big difference between someone asking the Zoning Officer to attend (*audio was turned off at this time*)

Ms. deLeon said okay, she'd like to reconvene the meeting at 8:21 and we were on agenda item, she guesses appointing Molly. They were going through discussion. Laura did you go yet? Ms. Ray said she didn't go. Mr. Banonis said did we reconvene because we had a motion to recess. Ms. deLeon said we don't need a motion to reconvene, we only need a motion to recess. Mr. Banonis said oh, but not to take us out of recess. Ms. deLeon said nope. Mr. Banonis said okay. Ms. deLeon said Laura?

Ms. Ray said she's not going to waste her time trying to counterpoint all the ridiculous comments that were made.

Ms. deLeon said okay, so public comment, five minutes, who would like to go first?

Ms. Kathy Pichel-McGovern said she doesn't think you are going to be able to find a Township Manager to take this nonsense. Mr. Goudsouzian, she thinks we should pay him \$5,000.00 a minute to put up with this nonsense. Thank you for supporting us. She's glad Mr. Young is gone so ever since Mr. Garges has been gone, the Township is just gone downhill. So, she's hopeful we have a new Zoning

Officer that's a little bit more astute. Thank you very much. Mr. Banonis said kick him on the way out the door. Mr. Carocci said kick a guy while he is down. Ms. deLeon said anybody else like to go?

Mr. Banonis said could you control the audience that seems to be laughing at Mr. Boulin? Mr. Boulin said she can't, don't worry about it. Ms. deLeon said she's not going to tell the residents they can't be laughing or whatever. They are not making any noise. Mr. Banonis said or mocking, they are allowed to mock, okay. Ms. deLeon said no, they are not allowed to mock. Mr. Banonis said he can hear them. Ms. deLeon said well she can't. Mr. Carocci said you should get your hearing checked. Mr. Boulin said that's fine. He knows they work with you and VOC here...Ms. deLeon said okay, you're supposed to work with her so please behave. Mr. Banonis said now you are going to do it. Mr. Carocci said now you are interrupting, now you are interrupting. Mr. Banonis said embarrassed into it. Mr. Boulin said that's what he just said that's why you can't control things because it's good for one but not the other. Ms. deLeon said okay.

Mr. Boulin said and that goes for both sides. Where were we? Jim Young, yeah. If you guys didn't know Jim Young was going to leave, you're tone deaf. You are just flat out deaf. He knew that over a month ago. Yea, he talked to Jim and he talks to a lot of people and if you don't know what's going on here, ha, but he knows you know what's going on and just like this other speaker said, "thank God we got rid of him". Yea, he knows. He knows which side of the aisle she sits and who she sits with and talks to, look at that frown on that woman over there, God, they found out; and RTK, boy, best thing that ever happened. Wait till he gets into some of those and then we will have an answer about a lot of these things. He already knows a couple of reasons of why other people have left and it's true. Hey, three attorneys in less than a year, less than half a year, alright. One, 23 years. Ha, alright, so back to Jim Young. This is a very important job. There's no doubt about it and it's high profile and it looks like we are going to talk about Waldheim tonight and who is going to come and answer these questions? How do you have a resident and you tell them, no, you can't do that. Well, what's the charge? Well, here's the charge but we don't have anybody to give us details. So, yes, asking about is he gone? Can he come back for just this hearing? No, we're just going to throw it in the hopper and hope it comes out right. So, that's really sad and he hopes the public is paying attention because this costs dearly. Every time you have a new employee, we got plenty of minutes here. Ms. deLeon said she was just looking to see what time it was, she's sorry. Mr. Banonis said why are you interrupting him? Mr. Carocci said yea. Ms. deLeon said he's asking why...Mr. Carocci said no he didn't. Mr. Banonis said he didn't ask you anything. Mr. Carocci said he didn't ask you anything. He said we have plenty of minutes here. He didn't ask you anything but you had to open your mouth.

Ms. Ophhof-Cordaro said she thinks there's a point of order. She did hear the word "why" which she thinks starts a question. Mr. Boulin said excuse him, Ms. Motor Mouth, he's sorry for that slight. Ms. deLeon said you cannot be disrespectful. Mr. Boulin said she's being disrespectful. She just goes on whenever she wants. Ms. deLeon said she didn't hear what she was saying, okay? Mr. Boulin said you can't hear what she's saying. Let's take a few minutes out and she can talk to you, go ahead. Ms. deLeon said you have the floor; she'd like to hear what he has to say. Mr. Boulin said he doesn't have the floor because she doesn't control the floor. Ms. deLeon said whatever, she...Mr. Boulin said he would like her to do that. Ms. deLeon said she would like him to keep talking, please. Mr. Boulin said well, he keeps getting interrupted, it's a little hard to lose your train of thought and then bring it back. What he was saying and he knows, Laura Ray isn't paying attention, she's looking at her whatever she's looking at. So, yea, it's important to listen. If he can be here as a citizen who pays taxes, and watch some of these people sleep up on the podium, that's really bad. Just go home and watch it on TV. No comments, no inputs from some of these people, that's atrocious. Ask about EAC, about the pollution, yada yada, yada. Nothing, dead silence. Alright, back to Jim Young, every time you lose somebody, you've lost somebody for more than just the period they are out. Bringing somebody new on board, it is exceedingly costly and let's see you add that up in the number of hours it takes. So, he sees it already from Linc Treadwell. Gosh, darn, reading the minutes from earlier back. Man, just right there, knew everything about all of that, gave answers when they were asked for, comment was there. He knows why he's gone and he didn't leave willingly. He knew too much and guess what? Hey, that's an

expression he knows who says that and guess what? Bottom line is Jim told him, yea, he got a on my back. Okay, so it's no secret, he knew that months ago. Sad.

Ms. deLeon said anybody else want to go next? Okay, your name for the record. Jim Rostkowski said he lives in Steel City. He wants to tell you, you, you, and you, he supports you 100%. Mr. Banonis said what does that have to do with the topic? What does that have to do with the agenda item? Oh, if it's congratulatory, it's okay. Mr. Carocci said that's a compliment there, so she's not going to call him out on that. Ms. deLeon said next. Mr. Opthof said he's listening to Mr. Carocci and Mr. Banonis blame you guys for everything. And I was curious, were you guys involved in the Kennedy assassination because they haven't mentioned that yet. He gets a kick out of it. They are the ones that caused the problem and then they blame you for it. Mr. Banonis said he wasn't around then, Sir were you? Mr. Carocci said Priscilla, are you old enough? Ms. deLeon said she is. She does, she remembers that. Mr. Carocci said he wasn't old enough.

Ms. deLeon said okay, next. She said public comment is over, may we have a roll call for Molly? Mrs. Gorman called the roll call. Mr. Banonis said this is to have Molly as custodian of record for the Zoning, not to go out to Priscilla's property when a tree falls down right? Is that what this is? Mr. Carocci said right, just custodian of record. Mr. Banonis said it's weird to have somebody go out to actually just look at a private tree. Mr. Carocci said Priscilla was still trying to order around, he's sure. Mr. Banonis said it's to appoint Molly, yes and he has a motion to come after this.

ROLL CALL: 5-0

Mr. Banonis said he's going to make a motion before we move on to the next item, to increase Molly's pay because she's taken on added duties just like we've recognized Carol and Stacy and Cathy and to provide them with added compensation because of the added duties that have been thrust upon them because of the actions of this Council and the departures of certain personnel so he would make a motion, Cathy, how much did we increase Stacy and Carol's compensation? Mrs. Gorman said it was \$5,000.00 a year, Council passed that amount up until a new Township Manager is hired. He's going to make a motion...

Ms. deLeon said she's union, right? Mr. Banonis said she is union, yea. Ms. deLeon said she is union; you didn't know that? Mr. Banonis said no he did know that, he appreciates that reminder Priscilla, yea. Mr. Carocci said we give bonuses; we give bonuses to union. Mr. Banonis said he doesn't know if we can do that. Maybe we can consult with our new employment lawyer as to what we're permitted to do and not permitted to do to recognize this person who is union...well, if we're putting added duties on here, aren't we in violation of the agreement? In other words, are her duties outlined in the agreement and now we're in violation of that Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) by requiring her or asking her to do added duties. He doesn't know the answer to that.

Mr. Carocci said Susie's working on other client's matters on his laptop there, double billing the Township and whatever client he's working. Ms. deLeon said Cathy, were you going to say something? Mr. Banonis said I think we should consult with our employment lawyer. Ms. deLeon said can we let the Manager...Mr. Banonis said specialized employment here. We have a specialized employment lawyer that we should probably consult on these issues before we make this effective. Right? So, he's going to make a motion.

MOTION BY: Mr. Banonis moved for approval to increase Molly's pay because she's taken on added duties just like we've recognized Carol and Stacy and Cathy.

Mr. Banonis said he'll withdraw his motion.

MOTION BY: Mr. Banonis moved for that before Molly's duties go into place and before she's provided with instructions to take on these added duties, that we consult with our newly identified employment

lawyer to see whether or not the added responsibilities are appropriate under the Collective Bargaining Agreement for which Molly works.

SECOND BY: Mr. Carocci

Mr. Goudsouzian said before we do anything else, he would remind Council that there's rules with regard to expenditure of funds so whether or not she is a union employee or non-union employee, you can't simply make a motion at a meeting to expend funds. You have to properly put it on the next agenda where there would be public notice and there would be an opportunity to be heard. So, you can't have that motion. Mr. Carocci said he is asking for the labor attorney...Mr. Goudsouzian said he understands that. Mr. Banonis said he isn't making that motion. Mr. Carocci said stop working on the other clients. Mr. Goudsouzian said he was explaining to the rest of Council, why you could not make that motion, why it was wrong. Mr. Banonis said he didn't make it. Ms. deLeon said he withdrew it. You did make it. Mr. Carocci said he withdrew it. He withdrew it. If you weren't working on your other clients, and you were paying attention to the Township. Ms. deLeon said let's be truthful. Mr. Banonis said he did withdraw it as if it wasn't made. Ms. deLeon said right, right. Mr. Carocci said Susie's on his laptop working...Mr. Banonis said so it was not brought to a vote, it's a pretty straight forward motion. He doesn't know what the debate is about. Let's talk with the employment lawyer who's been hired because of his specialty in employment law, to look at this to make sure that what's being asked is appropriate and also to determine whether or not she can be compensated differently than what she is currently being compensated due to the added responsibilities that she is taking on.

Ms. deLeon said can she ask a question, Cathy? Mrs. Gorman said yes. Ms. deLeon said when's the next ZHB meeting? Mrs. Gorman said the 20th. Ms. deLeon said is there something on that Molly would have to be there to do, like is there something somebody has to do? Mrs. Gorman said there is a variance that is on the agenda. Mr. Carocci said but she's there anyway. Mrs. Gorman said she is there anyway. Mr. Carocci said she always attends the ZHB meetings and the Planning. Ms. Ophhof-Cordaro said she thinks that's a good point. So, if she's there anyway, she doesn't know why there would be any change to her requirements if she's not attending a meeting that she wouldn't otherwise not attend. Mr. Carocci said it's a different capacity. Mr. Banonis said different responsibilities. Mr. Carocci said it's a different capacity.

Ms. deLeon said between now and the 20th, we are not going to have a meeting to authorize, you know, payment to her, right? Mr. Carocci said you can do it retroactively. You can always pay retroactively. Ms. deLeon said can she finish? Will you stop interrupting? Mr. Carocci said you can always pay retroactively. Ms. deLeon said yes you can and she could say that too, she was going to. Mr. Banonis said it's good you said it, Tom. Mr. Carocci said I know, after he gave her the idea. Ms. deLeon said you guys are unbelievable. Mr. Banonis said no, they are, they are believable, highly believable. Mr. Carocci said thank you. Ms. deLeon said she wouldn't think that's very proud but that's your state of whatever. Mr. Carocci said thank you.

Mrs. Gorman said we can accept the motion contingent upon the labor solicitor. Mr. Goudsouzian said no, no, no. He thinks there was a motion that's already been passed to appoint her to that position. That's done. So now the next question is do we want somebody to look at it and the timing is when? So, there's a motion and a second at this point, and what you can do if we so choose, is to have either the labor attorney or anybody else take a look at this and report back but his recommendation would be not tie it to any time period because what we have is an upcoming ZHB meeting.

Mr. Banonis said he's not understanding his motion. We are placing added responsibilities on her by virtue of this motion. We can pass the motion fine, but to actually implement what has been passed by the motion, he thinks is the greater concern. The concern he has is there's a CBA and the CBA identifies her as a union employee and in that agreement, presumably, there are delineated responsibilities and duties that fall within her category or her position and are we now putting on her added responsibilities that could be in violation of that CBA and therefore exposing the Township to legal liability because of that? So, his suggestion is and his motion is that we run this by the employment lawyer and that we get

an answer to those questions and until that happens, that she not receive instructions to do anything else because it could be in violation of the CBA. That's what his motion is. Do you understand that?

Mr. Goudsouzian said understood, the practical problem is you have an upcoming ZHB meeting...Mr. Banonis said that's not his problem. That's not the Township's problem. It's not the...Ms. deLeon said she'd like to, she'd like to add to what he just said. Can she comment on his motion? Mr. Banonis said Tom, did you second his motion? Mr. Carocci said yes, he seconded it. Ms. deLeon said she'd like to say that, and again, somewhere in the Administrative Code she thought she read under the Manager duties, that the Manager can act as the Zoning Officer. Can we look that up on line? She's not very good at that. Mrs. Gorman said she would be considered the Zoning Officer, unfortunately, she is away. Ms. deLeon said oh, that's right. It could have worked out maybe, we are coming to get you.

Mr. Banonis said let him ask you a question, what is on the agenda for May 20th that is such importance that must be decided on May 20th? Mrs. Gorman said there is one variance. Mr. Banonis said what is it? Ms. Ray said a garage for that guy. Mrs. Gorman said it's the garage. The Gombosi variance. Ms. deLeon said is that the steep slope thing, or no? Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said she thinks it's the garage. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said that happened already. Mrs. Gorman said that's the gentleman that wanted to subdivide his lot. Mr. Banonis said Mr. Gombosi subdivided the lot and...Ms. deLeon said is there any way we can talk to that person and see maybe they can give us a continuance to the next meeting. Mr. Banonis said this is the man you voted to oppose and now you are going to ask him to cooperate with you? Ms. Ray said this is the garage, building a garage. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said the Gombosi thing went to ZHB already. Mrs. Gorman said this gentleman is the garage. Mr. Banonis said what Cathy said to him was it was Mr. Gombosi so don't tell him he's getting it incorrect Priscilla. He's basing upon the name that was given to him. Mrs. Gorman said that was her error. Mr. Banonis said he knows she likes to get little digs to him every time she can...Ms. deLeon said and you do too. Mr. Banonis said that was the name that was given. Mrs. Gorman said that was her error, she apologizes. Mr. Banonis said thank you.

Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said she thinks she's comfortable, first of all she attends these meetings anyway. Her biggest concern would be if she had to attend a new meeting that wouldn't be part of her regular responsibilities but the fact is that she attends the meetings and she answers questions while she's there, this issue that she's hearing is that she literally hands up the records to the ZHB. It's not like she's giving testimony. It's not like she's being a Zoning Officer. She's not acting as a Zoning Officer. She's simply a custodian of records which she would be there for. She is comfortable with having...Mr. Banonis said are you sure, because if you are not, I would say stay in your lane. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said she is comfortable having the labor solicitor review it. She doesn't want it to jeopardize anything that would happen on the Monday hearing. If the applicant is willing to give us a continuance to the next meeting, so that we can get an answer from our labor attorney, that would be even better. Mr. Carocci said so why don't we ask? Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said she's not going to, she's not comfortable with going to the ZHB, if the applicant says they must have it, she's not comfortable going there and saying that Molly can't be there until everything that we do here is stayed until we hear from the labor attorney. She doesn't know what...Mr. Banonis said he's not comfortable with dealing with the union grievance...Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said she's just saying what her comfortable level, a level of comfort is.

Mr. Goudsouzian said what he would recommend is this. Is if you want to have the labor attorney look at it, have the labor attorney look at it and if there is a problem, he should identify it before the ZHB, before the next ZHB meeting. Then that way if it's not a problem, then we can move forward with the administration and the process.

Ms. deLeon said see Victoria when the union people, they have duties and there's a list and it might conflict with something on that list. Mr. Banonis said thank you Priscilla. Ms. deLeon said and then we'd be in trouble with the union. Mr. Banonis said right, and then we have a grievance, now we are defending the grievance, we're spending legal fees on that and other things, so that's where his level of comfort is. Ms. deLeon said in our opinion, yes, it looks very innocent, but according to their...Mr. Banonis said contract, CBA. Ms. deLeon said God we agree, can you write that down? Mr. Banonis

said that we finally agreed on something? Ms. deLeon said yea. Did we? Mr. Banonis said I don't know, there was a0...Mr. Carocci said it's the most common sense...Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said she's comfortable with what Mr. Goudsouzian said. Mr. Carocci said that's the most common sense that Priscilla said all year. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said she's comfortable with what Mr. Goudsouzian said. Mr. Carocci said thank you. Ms. deLeon said so is that going to be a motion or just a direction?

Mr. Goudsouzian said there's a motion on the floor and there's a second so he thinks his inquiry is would you be willing to change the motion to have the labor solicitor, have the labor lawyer look at this and if there's a problem for him to identify it before the next ZHB meeting. Mr. Banonis said he thinks we need a shorter period than that. He would say Friday, simply because Cathy needs to be able to administer this if there is an issue, she needs to get in touch with the applicant for the variance to see if he's willing to continue it until that issue gets fleshed out. So, he thinks we need to put a stricter time frame on it.

Mr. Goudsouzian said when's the next ZHB meeting? He's sorry, he didn't catch it. Mrs. Gorman said the 20th. Mr. Carocci said Monday, the 20th. Mr. Banonis said Monday. Mr. Goudsouzian said this Monday? Mr. Carocci said this Monday. Mr. Goudsouzian said he can't speak for his time period but he would recommend we ask him to do it as quickly as possible.

Mr. Banonis said he thinks if he can't get us an opinion by noon on Friday, to give Cathy sufficient time to deal with this administratively, then in the alternative Cathy reaches out to the applicant to see if they would voluntarily agree to continue that matter until that legal issue has been satisfactorily answered. So, he'll amend his motion to reflect that. Does he have to say the whole thing again?

MOTION BY: Mr. Banonis amended his previous motion that if the labor attorney can't give us an opinion by noon on Friday, to give Cathy sufficient time to deal with this administratively, then in the alternative Cathy reaches out to the applicant to see if they would voluntarily agree to continue that matter until that legal issue has been satisfactorily with an answer.

SECOND BY: Ms. Opthof-Cordaro

Ms. deLeon said so we have a motion on the floor. Any other discussion before she opens it up to public comment. Anyone in the audience like to speak on public comment regarding this new motion?

Mr. Boulin said he would say this, you put it on the agenda, and somehow nobody looked at it, thought about it, and asked the attorney, let's talk about this. That's why it takes us forever and ever and ever to get done because there's nobody it seems, aside from one or two people, that really look at these things and understand them. Then they get booed for taking up time. Well, he'll tell you. You get into a lawsuit with that union and you are going to have a lot of cost and he's not really happy with people who say their attorney's and have all these, well, my feeling is, no, we need good solid answers like Treadwell used to give and we need them before the meeting so when you come you are all prepared to go with a little bit of talk. So, that's his grind here for a minute. Mr. Carocci said the solicitor is doing to work right now. He's typing on his keyboard.

Mr. Banonis said point of clarification for you. Linc Treadwell did negotiate that contract and he would know the terms of that contract intimately because he was involved in negotiating with. So, we don't have his legal mind and expertise and experience on that issue, so he just wanted to bring that to your attention. Mr. Carocci said our solicitor now is typing on his laptop probably to another client and billing both of us. Mr. Goudsouzian said not that he needs to answer this, but he's emailing the labor lawyer. Mr. Carocci said okay.

Mr. Boulin said well Mr. Goudsouzian, it would really be nice if you had reviewed this from the beginning and made this clear to everybody, that's what he would say. No, is that wrong Priscilla? He sees her shaking her head. Ms. deLeon said she disagrees, but you can say whatever you want and you are, and you are entitled to do that. Mr. Boulin said thank you. That's very kind. We're not a dictatorship yet. We are getting there, so he would say that's part of Mr. Goudsouzian's responsibility

just like going over anything else is to look at these contracts, to look at this agenda and say, hey, we got a hot spot here, let's get together and talk about this before we just go out blindly in the public and spend a few hours and everybody gives their gut feeling without having any kind of legal representation to say well, finally it was dragged out here. If we all had to have just said, yep, let's hire Molly and stick her right in there. Boy oh boy, we'd be, the Township would be up to its ears in other alligators or maybe alligators, crocodiles and hippos and nobody seems to care, he hopes the public does because man, it's coming down on us.

Ms. deLeon said anybody else like to speak, five minutes. Okay can we have a roll call please? Mrs. Gorman called the roll call.

ROLL CALL: 5-0

B. APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR BEETHOVEN WALDHEIM HOLDINGS LLC AND ANY OTHER SPECIAL PROJECTS ON AN AS-NEEDED BASIS

Ms. deLeon said Cathy. Mrs. Gorman said as we know, the variance items that are going to be at the ZHB may require our special counsel that was appointed at a previous meeting, we are requesting Council to appoint Mr. Steve Hoffman to attend that meeting as representation of Council.

MOTION BY: Ms. Opthof-Cordaro moved for approval of special counsel, Steve Hoffman, for Beethoven Waldheim Holdings LLC.

SECOND BY: Ms. deLeon

Ms. deLeon said any other discussion? Mr. Banonis said he does. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said she thinks it's just in general appointing the attorneys as counsel on an as-needed basis so it's the Waldheim matter and on an as-needed basis so that moving forward they can handle anything that may come up.

MOTION BY: Ms. Opthof-Cordaro amended her previous motion for approval of special counsel, Steve Hoffman, for Beethoven Waldheim Holdings LLC and any other special projects on an as-needed basis.

SECOND BY: Ms. deLeon amended her second

Ms. deLeon said Council discussion, Jason? Mr. Banonis said yea, we talked about this at the last meeting. This was exactly what he brought up when Mr. Goudsouzian was appointed as the interim Township solicitor, his conflicts of interest because of his local legal work and this is the perfect example of it. He recused himself from this matter because he has a conflict because he represented Beethoven Waldheim Holdings in legal matters recently and you know, credit to him for identifying that conflict and coming forward with it. He guesses he had no alternative but to do that. It concerns him that we have to incur added costs. This special counsel is at a much different rate than Mr. Goudsouzian's rate. As he recalls, it was \$210.00 an hour when Mr. Goudsouzian is \$180.00 an hour so he's not sure why we're spending more money because Mr. Goudsouzian has a conflict and is unable to represent this matter. He thinks if we are going to be using them for other special projects on an as-needed basis it should be at the same rate that we are paying our Township solicitor, which is \$180.00 an hour. He doesn't see any added value to paying them a higher rate. The other question he has is he's not sure why we need to have a special counsel for the Beethoven Waldheim Holdings LLC matter. He's not sure how that matter can be prosecuted. Jim Young, who was the Zoning Hearing Officer, who made these determinations is no longer with the Township. The property owner has a right of due process and in that right of due process, they have the right to confront and cross-examine and question their accuser and that will not happen here, so he's not sure how the Township could sustain its burden of proof in that matter by not having the witness who is, who brought forth these alleged violations and there to substantiate them through his testimony, he just doesn't know how the Township intends to do that. It seems to him that you are subjecting the property owner and the taxpayer, to deprivation of their property without proper due process. So, he doesn't know. Can someone weigh in on that to explain to him, is the Waldheim variance matter going forward? Cathy, do you have any information on that? We don't have a Zoning Officer to prosecute it, how is this going to go forward?

Mrs. Gorman said she believes it's on the agenda following this for discussion, so at that point...Mr. Banonis said maybe we are getting ahead of ourselves here because if that matter is not going forward, then why are we taking the step to appoint a special counsel, putting the cart before the horse here. He thinks we have to first determine if that variance matter is going forward and then if it is, then there may be a need to have an attorney, a substitute attorney because Mr. Goudsouzian has conflict but unless and until that matter is going forward, why are we talking about appointing special counsel for it? It just seems to be premature. Waste of more time for these people.

Ms. deLeon said she thinks we need to appoint a special counsel to represent the Township because of the conflict that Steve has and we have to, it's on the agenda, on number D., that this was tabled, so...Mr. Banonis said I can read it, he sees it's there. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said she thinks the motion was to appoint counsel to the Waldheim matter because that's the matter that's next, but then also to all special projects that may be identified, so it's not specific to, it includes the Waldheim matter certainly, but she thinks the next agenda item is the Waldheim so...Mr. Banonis said he thinks our solicitor can answer the theoretical legal question of can a Township move forward with prosecuting an alleged violation without the Zoning Officer who reportedly found, identified and brought forward the violation? He doesn't know how you could do that. You need a witness and testimony and the property owner and taxpayer has a right to confront their accusers. It's fundamental due process. Without having the accuser as an employee of the Township, and there, in furtherance of the Township's interest, how do we do that without subjecting the Township to more legal liability? That's all he has.

Ms. deLeon said can you answer that? Mr. Goudsouzian said he can't answer it in theory with the understanding that he does have a conflict. We can discuss that in the next item that we are going to discuss, he believes, so he thinks what we should do is get through this and when the time comes, we can address that.

Ms. deLeon said she guesses her recollection at the previous meeting, we did appoint Steve Hoffman and Hlavac firm for special projects, didn't we do that already? She thinks she has a resolution here from the last meeting. Mr. Carocci said then why are we doing it again now?

Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said it just identified them as special counsel but not to do any work. So, this motion or this agenda item identifies that they will now be appointed to do work. Mr. Goudsouzian said then what it is, this item has them as special counsel for the Waldheim as well as anything else, so they are essentially available, when needed, if and when needed. Ms. deLeon said so this will have to come back on the agenda? Mr. Goudsouzian said every single time.

Mr. Banonis said so this isn't just specific to the Waldheim, you are appointing them for this as well as other special projects to be determined. You are giving them an open checkbook, or an open opportunity to jump in and who determines what other special projects on which they are going to be assigned? Ms. deLeon said isn't that kind of what Eckert Seamans did under your Presidency? Mr. Banonis said they were appointed. Ms. deLeon said well we should read the resolution, but anyway, so she doesn't have a problem appointing special counsel for this project and we'll talk more about it at the next agenda item.

Mr. Carocci said he thought he was next. Ms. deLeon said is there a motion on the floor? Mr. Carocci said he didn't comment on this yet. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said there was a motion and a second and we were going through comment. Ms. deLeon said right we are in comment, so Jason, right, she has his circled.

Mr. Banonis said his comments were this makes no sense, you are putting the cart before the horse. He doesn't know how you prosecute this without depriving the property owner of due process. Why are we appointing counsel if there can't be a hearing on the matter?

Ms. deLeon said okay, Tom, your comments? He said well Priscilla said that you know Susie had a conflict with the Waldheim and that's why we had to get into this, but Susie still has a conflict with the

Hoffman firm. He identified them. He negotiated the rate. He admits he accepts legal referrals from them, cases for money, his firm does and he's refused to pledge that he won't do that again in the future so in his opinion, he still has a conflict, you know, there's just no integrity there. All he has to do is say, you know, I did take from the past before I was made solicitor of LST, and now that they are going to serve as a special counsel on special projects, that you know, my firm won't take any more referrals from them until that relationship no longer exists, but he won't do it.

Mr. Banonis said Tom can he get clarification? He needs clarification on something Tom said. Mr. Carocci said yes. Mr. Banonis said you mentioned as to only Mr. Goudsouzian. He doesn't remember at the last meeting, did you bring this topic up with regard to Victoria Opthof-Cordaro, who is also a licensed attorney, he believes, and who also has the opportunity to refer cases. He doesn't remember if there were any questions about any business relationship that she may have with the Steve Hoffman firm. Did we talk about that?

Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said she'll just answer his question to move the meeting along. She doesn't have any relationship with them. Mr. Banonis said do you pledge not to? Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said absolutely. She doesn't have any business with them and she never has. Mr. Banonis said okay thank you.

Mr. Carocci said will Mr. Goudsouzian? Mr. Goudsouzian said we've gone over this. Ms. deLeon said you know what, we went over this at the last meeting. This is tonight's agenda item which is different. Mr. Carocci said we are voting on it, this is why he's voting on it. Ms. deLeon said this is up to you then, you vote your conscious, okay and you have your comments and you noted them.

Ms. deLeon said she doesn't have an issue with this.

Ms. deLeon said Victoria? She said she thinks she identified it's important to appoint them for the Waldheim and all other matters that may be needed on an as-needed basis, so she's in favor of it. Mr. Carocci said payback for Mr. Goudsouzian.

Ms. deLeon said Laura? She said she has no new comments on this. Ms. deLeon said public comment, five minutes.

Someone came to the podium and said she's having hip replacement in two weeks. She's not staggering for any other reason. She said her name is Maia Simon. She lives in LST. She said it seems to her that we can appoint a special counsel and then if he's not needed, then he doesn't present a bill. You know, it's not that hard. He's got the job. If there's work to do and if it turns out there's no work to do, he doesn't present an invoice. Ms. deLeon said that's a good point thank you.

Ms. deLeon asked if anyone else wanted to speak for five minutes? Okay, seeing none, may we have a roll call please? Mrs. Gorman called roll call.

Mr. Banonis said is the motion to appoint Steve Hoffman as special counsel for the Beethoven Waldheim Holdings LLC variance matter? Is that what the...Mr. Goudsouzian said and other special projects on an as-needed basis? Mr. Banonis said we haven't identified those other special projects and what triggers it as to how the gets those assignments, so who determines what other special projects or assignments? What's the mechanism for that? Mr. Goudsouzian said that's the motion before you. Mr. Banonis said you are just going to give him a blank check? No, this is ridiculous. Ms. deLeon said so your answer is no? Mr. Banonis said his answer is no, it's ridiculous.

Ms. deLeon said okay. Cathy, she's sorry. Mrs. Gorman continued with roll call. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said she votes yes and she will point everybody to the resolution from January of 2023, which did the exact same thing.

Mrs. Gorman said Mr. Carocci. Mr. Carocci said no, he thinks with any other special projects, that's the expenditure of money without it being an agenda item. He thinks it's a violation of the Sunshine Act. So, he would say no. Not to mention Mr. Goudsouzian's conflicts with this firm.

Ms. Ray said she votes yes.

ROLL CALL: 3-2 (Mr. Banonis and Mr. Carocci – No)

C. BEACHWOOD CT. LANDCO LLC VARIANCE #04-24 / BEACHWOOD CT. LANDCO LLC/2337 BEECHWOOD COURT

Removed by the applicant.

D. BEETHOVEN WALDHEIM VARIANCE #02-24 / BEETHOVEN WALDHEIM HOLDINGS LLC / 1991 WALDHEIM ROAD

Ms. deLeon said this variance was tabled from the May 1, 2024 Council meeting. Applicant is appealing the Notice of Violation dated February 27, 2024.

Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said can she make a motion? Ms. deLeon said yes. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said she thinks in light of the fact that we have lost Jim Young as our Zoning Officer, he is the one that issued the NOV and he would be unable, now that we are on this agenda item, we can say on the agenda item he is unable to attend the ZHB on Monday. She would make a motion.

MOTION BY: Ms. Opthof-Cordaro moved to withdraw this NOV against the Waldheim at this time and also ask if and when we appoint any interim Zoning administrator or Zoning Officer or company that they investigate and review the matter and that now that we have a special counsel to handle the Waldheim matter that they can consult with that counsel without any conflict.

SECOND BY: Ms. deLeon

Ms. deLeon said Council discussion, Jason? He said he thinks this makes sense. There's no Zoning Officer to prosecute this. He can't imagine how it could go forward without having an individual on behalf of the Township to prosecute it, so he thinks it must be tabled. That's all he has to say.

Ms. deLeon said Tom? He said in your three emails, you are talking about how Jim has to go because he's not up to snuff according to you guys, then Ms. McGovern gets up and says same thing but you are all fired up about the Waldheim. They are all fired up about the Waldheim and what he did there. You can't have it both ways. So ridiculous.

Ms. deLeon said just for the record, she'd like to say there was a RTK request from a December email that had some things in there about Jim Young but from December until today, she never, ever had any problems with, she's always had good conversations with Jim. Mr. Carocci said of course when you order him to your house, he came with a police officer. Ms. deLeon said I didn't bring him out to her house, as a resident she was allowed to do that just like everybody in this room would be able to do.

Mr. Banonis said let's not gloss over some things. You know, just some things. You, it was very clear that there was an effort underway to get him. Ms. deLeon said no, that's your opinion. Mr. Banonis said it's very clear. It's very clear. Ms. deLeon said okay. Mr. Banonis said he'll bring the email and he'll talk about it. Ms. deLeon said whatever, it's public record. She doesn't have a problem with it. Mr. Banonis said well it is because it came out with the RTK and he appreciates the RTK law. It allows us to find these things. Ms. deLeon said she does too, she loves the RTK law. Mr. Banonis said sure you do, when you don't send him things and then you realize that it's exposed in your draft box. Ms. deLeon said she knows, she's not the technical person. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said may we have a point of order. She thinks we all had an agreement, look Jason, you thought what she said was a good idea. She knows that sometimes he thinks she's stupid, but you didn't this time, so let's just vote. Come on, let's go, just agree.

Ms. deLeon said it's under discussion for the moment. So...Mr. Carocci said it's still no reason to treat Jim Young the way you did. Ms. deLeon said she didn't have a problem with it.

Ms. deLeon said Victoria, you support it. Ms. Ray? She said she supports this as well from her understanding we can't move forward with this at this time, so yes, we'll withdraw.

Ms. deLeon said five-minute public comment. Anybody in the audience like to speak on this?

Jennifer Helton said she would like to ask the Zoning Officer decided to leave, but she finds it very difficult that we aren't going to not be able to, if she's a citizen and she puts in a complaint to the Zoning Officer, he goes out and investigates and leaves, she's now affected, so the Smiths, who live across the street in the farm, they are not here to speak and she's speaking a little bit for them because it's unfair. She thinks it's great this has been tabled, so that...Mr. Banonis said did they authorize you to speak? Ms. Helton said she is speaking and she thinks it's important that we have policies in place when people leave, the citizens aren't left hanging and so she finds it very frustrating at this point and she thinks it's important that we all respect each other and talk nicely and get through these meetings. Thank you. Ms. deLeon said thank you. Mr. Banonis said point of clarification, did the Smiths authorize you to speak on their behalf? So, you won't answer that question. Thank you. Ms. deLeon said okay, public comment, next person.

Mr. Carocci said Priscilla you should listen to Ms. Helton about being nice and respectful. Ms. deLeon said next.

Sal Galliano said he is absolutely amazed. The simplest thing is to state that okay, you don't have a Zoning Officer, and the person that is actually bringing these charges. You can tell them you are going to drop the charges at this point in time because we need to appoint somebody else to take that position. When that is filled, that leaves us the right to reapply those whatever, violations, thank you, if so found. That's as simple as it can get. Is there a big problem with that? Thank you.

Ms. deLeon said anyone else, five minutes? Seeing none, roll call. Mrs. Gorman called the roll call.

ROLL CALL: 5-0

E. SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER UPDATE

Ms. deLeon said Chief Barndt will provide the status of his discussion with the Saucon Valley School District regarding the School Resource Officer (SRO).

Chief Barndt said first he'd like to thank Council and the Township for honoring National Police Week this week and Peace Officers Memorial Day which is today, so he'd like to thank you on behalf of the department. In the middle of April, he met with Ms. Vlasaty and Mr. Bonenberger at the school to open up the discussion of SRO as he was asked to. The discussion was very well received and Ms. Vlasaty stated she would get back to him as she processed it through the board. On Monday, April 29th, Ms. Vlasaty informed him that an update was provided to the board level and a SRO will be considered as one of the options considered for the 2024-2025 school year and that the district would make a decision in the coming weeks. As of Monday, she has no further update. That's all he can provide at this time, but it did go very well.

Mr. Banonis said Chief, just so the public knows, Ms. Vlasaty is the Superintendent of the SV School District and Mr. Bonenberger is the Director of Finance, or Business Manager. Chief Barndt said Business Manager, that's correct. Mr. Banonis said just so the public knows who they are. He thinks this is a favorable development. He's glad Chief had an opportunity to meet with them. He's happy that they did reject this out of hand. It seems like they are interested in it and they are going to consider it. He hopes that the discussions and the dialogue continue and he hopes it comes together so that we can provide quality police services at the SV School District to keep our children and educators and administrators and everybody that works there, safe from all these crazy threats going on in the world.

Chief Barndt said and they do it from the police department as well. Chief Barndt said sure you do. He didn't mean to take that away from you, but it would be great to have somebody there on site to be able to provide an immediate response. He means our police officers could be back here and there's a little bit of a delay. To have somebody there, trained, law trained and under the direction of the supervision of you would give great comfort to the community and he appreciates that.

Chief Barndt said he is in full support of a SRO program as well as the department and the union. They have addressed it. Mr. Banonis said thank you. Fantastic.

Chief Barndt said any other questions? Mr. Carocci said he thinks it's important. He always has but certainly now in light of this report that came out about the Hellertown police, and how they are understaffed and the leadership, there's a leadership vacuum over there. It seems like the problems are somewhat endless. Maybe you can tell the public, so if there's a problem at the school, first call comes to LS, right? Chief Barndt said that's correct. Mr. Carocci said would the primary backup be Hellertown? Chief Barndt said Hellertown, yes. Mr. Carocci said okay, but there's some problems down there was this report that was issued on Monday states and you know, he just thinks if we had a SRO, we wouldn't be as reliant on this backup that seems a little bit unreliable to say the least. So, please keep moving forward and good luck. Chief Barndt said they will, thank you.

Ms. deLeon said thank you. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said thank you for the update.

F. PA CHIEFS OF POLICE ASSOCIATION REPORT CONCERNING HELLERTOWN BOROUGH

Ms. deLeon said Jason asked to put this on the agenda. Mr. Banonis said yes, he did. He thinks it's important for the public to be aware of this since we obviously share a school district with Hellertown and there's been a lot of media coverage about alleged malfeasance and theft to the tune of \$120,000.00 within the Hellertown Police Department. Stacy, to bring up the one picture that he sent to her. She said you sent it recently? Mr. Banonis said this evening. It's titled Hellertown 66-2. Did you get it by email, it didn't come through? It's not that important. That's okay. Here's the report folks if you haven't seen it. This report is dated April 2024. This is from the PA Chiefs of Police Association. He knows Chief Barndt has seen this and this is a critique of the issues that are going on in the Hellertown Police Department and he believes, Hellertown Borough as a whole. This was requested by the Borough of Hellertown and significantly the report was provided in a draft form to Hellertown Borough for review prior to being finalized. So, they had an opportunity to provide input on this, and the purpose of this evaluation by the Chiefs of Police was analysis of the efficiency, effectiveness and comprehensiveness of the police policies and procedure resources. There are some important points here that you should be aware of. First of all, the Borough Council was acknowledging that there was friction between the Council, members of the collective bargaining unit, i.e., the police department as well as the Interim Chief of Police. This is really what is concerning is that there's a lack of leadership for a period of years as the former chief was essentially hands off and created a leadership vacuum. There was lack of experience in the administrative position. Staffing was handicapped by a lack of depth of numbers, requiring excessive use of overtime, compensatory time, the policy manual had not been updated in over 20 years. There were all sorts of problems here and one of the findings was the pervasive issues and the Hellertown Police Department are the result of several long-standing interrelated defects. These deficiencies include but are not limited to organizational oversight, structural component supervision, policies and procedures, budgetary expenditures and scheduling. It says here that the Mayor and the Borough Council were facing difficult decisions, all of which would have fiscal effect on the borough. The options included reducing services, contracting supplemental public safety resources from another municipality, relying on the State Police for services, or investing in their department to achieve professional great quality services in the Borough. There were a number of people who were interviewed before this. They included Mayor David Heintzelman, Borough Manager Cathy Hartranft, Council President Tom Rieger, Councilman Andrew Hughes, Patricia Talarico the Police Administrative Assistant, Tina Krasnasky their Finance Manager and Treasurer, and Magistrate Judge Mege, Chief Barndt, of course from LS Police Department as well as the District Attorney Stephen

Baratta, and the labor attorney for the police union. So, what's concerning about this is when you look at the table of organization for this, the Hellertown Police Department, its right here, on page 10 if you get a copy of the report. The head of all of this is the Borough Mayor, he's the one who is responsible for this and the item he was asking Stacy to pull up is Hellertown Ordinance 66-2 and that talks about the chief of police who works under the direction of the mayor shall be in charge of the police department and shall have supervision over the members of the department and exercise the power of duties and authority. So, this report does a couple of things. One is, it shows what a competent, qualified well-led, well-trained, well-equipped police force we have here in LST and we should be thankful for that. This provides a stark contrast of literally a dumpster on fire. He doesn't think he can overstate that. This report is not flattering in any way towards Hellertown and the way that it manages its police services and he thinks that's reflective overall of how Hellertown manages its borough. It concerns him greatly that we have a mayor, who is responsible for this department and in charge of this department, who has allowed these things to happen on his watch, has been found to be so derelict in his duties, as well as the Borough Council and leadership in Tom Rieger, who have been wholly absent, or largely absent in how this police department is functioning for the betterment of the community. We had talked about this previously in prior meetings, the concerns we have that LS would be looked upon or relied upon disproportionately because of all these problems that they have and fortunately he knows that chief had been monitoring this and we have not seen an uptick in calls even though there have been gaps in coverage all together where they have not had municipal police services and instead had to require the state police to come in including on weekends. He's happy that we are not in the situation but he thinks it reflects very poorly on Hellertown and you know, he read an article, he wasn't present for this meeting, but he read that there was an emergency meeting was called on Monday and that emergency meeting was to address the findings of this report and to try to figure a path forward and that was Hellertown that called that meeting and not many people showed up for it. That's surprising to him because you would think that people would be concerned about their public safety and the dumpster that's on fire. He thinks it reflects poorly on the leadership there and we have members of this Council who have politicized library issues and have indicated their intention to become much more closely aligned with Hellertown and you have to ask yourself, what's going on here? And what's going on is, and we've said this at many meetings, Hellertown needs money and they want our money and they want us to subsidize their malfeasance and their mismanagement. They would rather, they received tens of thousands of dollars in American Relief Fund money and rather than use that money for public safety, and to shore up a failing police department, their leadership chose instead to politicize the library issue and to throw money at a library that is subject to ongoing litigation, has not been transparent in its dealings and the Office of Open Records expressly found that the library is an extension of the Hellertown Borough, significantly controlled by the Hellertown Borough and subject to RTK laws. Those are the kind of people that are there. He's not saying that everybody in Hellertown is bad. He has family and friends that live in Hellertown, residents, and he feels badly for them that they have such mismanagement but he also feels badly for the residents of LST because with the makeup of this Council, he can assure you that they are going to be looking to help to subsidize their buddies over there and just on Monday, during this meeting, it was mentioned that for them to be able to fund their police department, they are going to have to raise local municipal taxes 35%. Now consider that, 35%, it's more than a third that local taxes are going up and that's on top of a substantial increase in trash services because he thinks their trash services bill went up 15 or 16%. So, it's not sustainable for them and they are going to look to LS to try to sustain that and he hopes that the members of this Council recognize that their obligations are to the residents and taxpayers of this community, not to bail out their neighbor. You know, he's all about helping his neighbor. If his neighbor has a problem, his neighbor's house is on fire, he'll be the first one over there with a hose and bucket trying to put it out but when his neighbor keeps lighting his house on fire over and over again and asking him to help put it out and then to rebuild it because he lit it on fire, he's not going to do that and he hopes that, that simplistic analogy penetrates with some people on this Council and certainly resonates with the residents of the Township, otherwise, your taxes are going to go up. We've already heard that the school district has released a preliminary budget and the preliminary budget shows a tax increase of he thinks 2.3 or 2.7%. We've done a good job in this Township to keep taxes down by finding alternate revenue sources, like the landfill, which pay about a third of our tax burden and now we're being sued by the landfill, not we, but the Township and three members of this Council and the solicitor are being sued and the amount that is being sought there is

over \$1.1 million. Where's the money going to come from? If the landfill goes away, where's the money going to come to help pay for what we have here, the quality of life that we have. He doesn't know. They've not provided us with any explanation for that. They haven't provided any alternate source of tax revenue, just the landfill is bad, it must go away, but yet we are going to incur a lot of expenses to fight this, to settle a lawsuit. Can you stop? Can you stop? (*audience members speaking*) Ms. deLeon said she's not hearing her make any noise. Mr. Banonis said we all know who Kathy Pichel-McGovern is. We know where she falls on these issues. She doesn't want to hear from me, Bill. (*audience members speaking*) Mr. Banonis said we are talking about the Hellertown police and all the other things. He knows you don't like it because they are your buddies. He's not done. He knows you don't like it...Ms. deLeon said point of order. Mr. Banonis said he know you don't like it. Right, because facts hurt. He's sorry they hurt.

Ms. deLeon said Jason let's go back to your presentation. Mr. Banonis said he's talking about his presentation. His presentation is don't bail out incompetency and malfeasance. That's the theme here and this report reinforces the incompetence, the lack of leadership from the top of the organization, from the mayor himself. It implicates the mayor directly and the Township Council and you folks want to get in bed with them. It's absurd. That's all.

Ms. deLeon said any other discussion on this agenda item? Mr. Carocci said yes. He agrees with what Jason said but also two of the big recommendations there were to look to either farm out their police services meaning hire another municipality to help them and he thinks, unfortunately, we would probably be the municipality that they look for. Now, we have 20 officers that do a great job in LST, and we can afford because we have landfill revenue to have that department, but he doesn't want to double the amount of people that are responsible for it, another 5,000 people in Hellertown or Hellertown. They should be responsible for their own. If they were fiscally responsible, they wouldn't be in this problem, but they're not. He hopes the members of this board would make a strong public statement tonight that they are not interested in spending LST taxpayer dollars supporting police services in Hellertown. The other recommendation was possibly they looked for state police coverage. That will also put a burden on our officers because the state police aren't going to be around all the time there is a call and we'll be called on that. They'll put a burden on Fountain Hill too and Bethlehem, he's sure. So, you know, he asks to make a strong public statement. You should all commit to not spending LS taxpayer dollars on Hellertown policing. Mr. Banonis said he'll second that motion, Tom. Mr. Carocci said that's a motion that we should make that statement tonight. Ms. deLeon said could you repeat that motion please?

MOTION BY: Mr. Carocci moved that we will not use LST taxpayer dollars to fund policing in Hellertown in the future meaning we can certainly be of mutual aid and the mutual aid agreements.

Mr. Carocci said if they go to a state police or if they want to contract out, you'll give them a sweetheart deal he's sure if they are your buddies Priscilla, you are marching with them in your anti-police parades down there in Hellertown but so the motion is we won't spend LST residents taxpayer dollars on policing in Hellertown besides what the mutual aid we do right now, currently do.

Mr. Banonis said he wants the record to reflect Tom, that as you were talking, both Priscilla and Laura were over here saying well we can't vote on this because it's not on the agenda, and it is on the agenda. The findings from this report and the recommendation from this report are on the agenda. We talked about it and this is furtherance of this...Mr. Carocci said not only that, not only that, you are not voting to spend money. You are voting not to spend money, not to spend money. Ms. Ray said there's no request for us to spend money on the Hellertown police force in this...Mr. Carocci said you are just making a public statement, a public vote that you won't in the future but he knows you probably don't want to make that commitment because you do want to help your buddies out and you do want to spend LST taxpayer dollars in Hellertown. Mr. Banonis said quite clearly Tom, they don't want to have to take a vote on this issue avoiding the motion...Mr. Carocci said cowards...Mr. Banonis said you made the motion and he seconded it so let's have a vote on it. Mr. Carocci said let's have a vote cowards.

Ms. deLeon said we will after there's more discussion, Jason went, Tom went, she has to go, and she just want so say she hears your motion, but there's a lot of what ifs and she just can't support it as stated. Mr. Carocci said there's no what ifs. It's agreeing to not spend money. Ms. deLeon said she has an opinion and that happens to be it. Mr. Carocci said it's no what ifs. Ms. deLeon said like it or not. Mr. Carocci said no what ifs.

Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said if she could have a point of order. The only comment she has is there was a lot of discussion of putting the cart before the horse just a couple of agenda items ago and that's her comment, the cart before the horse. Mr. Banonis said you did put the cart before the horse. Ms. deLeon said Jason, you are talking over Victoria. Mr. Banonis said no, he's talking with her. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said she trusts Chief Barndt and she thinks if there was a concern that Chief Barndt had and anything that happened in Hellertown, he would bring it to our attention thank you.

Ms. deLeon said Laura? She said right, she would agree with that line of thought. She means she hasn't heard anything from what was discussed before when the SRO was talked about at this meeting and the prior meeting when that was talked about. There didn't seem to be any concerns about how much coverage Hellertown relies on us for and she did read the whole report and apparently, they've been understaffed for a long, long time, many years. It just didn't happen overnight so she doesn't think there's an immediate concern. There was nothing in here where they requesting that we subsidize their police department, so yea, she doesn't think it's appropriate to vote on something because we have nothing really to vote on. Mr. Carocci said the report clearly recommends looking into outsourcing their police department or turning it over to the state police. Their report clearly recommends that. Ms. Ray said it didn't happen yet. Mr. Carocci said it clearly recommends that, Ms. Ray. He's sorry you can't understand to read that. It clearly recommends that.

Ms. deLeon said public comment, five minutes. Anybody? Mr. Banonis said he's going to speak again with regard to what Laura said. Perhaps she wasn't here but the SRO deals with the school district property itself which is located within LST for which LST police have jurisdiction. He's not sure why you're confusing the two. Maybe she wasn't here for that part or paying attention for that part of the meeting. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said we discussed Hellertown being mutual aid to LST and you're concerned about it. You are the one that brought in Hellertown school resources. Mr. Banonis said they are not providing mutual aid at the school as far as he understands. Mr. Carocci said right, no, infact.....Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said you just pointed out they are the second to come after LS.

Mr. Carocci said there was a couple of months ago, maybe weeks ago, there were a bomb threats and the school was closed for three days. Chief Barndt came and talked about that at a Council meeting. We asked him was Hellertown on site. He said well they came, they stayed in the parking lot a couple of times, but for searching the school, and correct him if he's wrong Chief, you said it was LST police, some Williams Township police who had a dog as well, some school employees who helped in searching the school, but the no Hellertown officers were inside that school and he asked him why and didn't want to say and he understands because he has to work with these people in Hellertown but again, he thinks it says a lot when you have people inside a school looking for a reported, a supposed bomb, and the Hellertown police were not invited inside that school and there's a reason for that. He doesn't care, he doesn't care what anybody says, there is a reason for that, whether the chief wants to state that reason publicly or not, there is a reason for that. There's all hands-on deck except the Hellertown police, and Chief have they used the state police in recent weeks? Chief Barndt said he has no idea. He hasn't been notified. Mr. Carocci said they haven't been notified? Chief Barndt said he hasn't been notified and he has no idea. Mr. Carocci said okay, they did notify you when they have in the past? Chief Barndt said that's correct. Mr. Carocci said why would they notify you? Chief Barndt said communication to me for backup.

Ms. deLeon said okay, so she's going to open up for public comment, five minutes for anyone would like to speak on this agenda item.

Ms. Marybeth Zingone said can you give her clarification if a Council member is in any type of litigation with Hellertown, would that make them biased or would make them not able to discuss this? Mr. Banonis said this Council is in litigation with Hellertown but he's not aware of an individual who is. Ms. Zingone said you were in litigation with them for a while. Mr. Banonis said who is, me? Ms. Zingone said yes, that is what she was told. Mr. Banonis said no, you're wrong Ma'am. Ms. Zingone said for property, for a property on Easton Road? Mr. Banonis said he doesn't own any property on Easton Road. He never has, he never has. Ms. Zingone said your in-laws, she was told. Mr. Banonis said that's different than him, so if you are going to make accusations towards him, be clear and be accurate. She's wrong, she's wrong. He's never been involved in litigation. Ms. Zingone said because there is a big bias against Hellertown all of a sudden. Okay, just wondered, thanks. Mr. Carocci said no bias against Hellertown...Ms. deLeon said anybody else like public comment. Mr. Banonis said bias against the incompetence. Ms. deLeon said go ahead. Mr. Carocci said if Fountain Hill, if the Fountain Hill police department...Ms. deLeon said Tom, there's public comment right now, you have to be quiet. Mr. Carocci said he would be saying the same thing about Fountain Hill, so...Ms. deLeon said Tom, you are out of order. Mr. Carocci said it's not a Hellertown bias, it's the same thing if it would be Fountain Hill. Ms. deLeon said Tom, you are out of order. Mr. Banonis said that's true Tom, he agrees. Mr. Carocci said he speaks when he wants to speak.

Larry Opthof said he has this new report so he can't speak on that, but he has a question. Was there any mention in that report about the library? Was it mentioned? You said something that you implicated the libraries as a general overview of the whole business, and he's asking you, was there something in there that said the library had a problem? Mr. Banonis said yea, it talked about Hellertown's finances and the finances...Mr. Opthof said he's asking you whether it said something about the library. Mr. Banonis said Sir, it talked about their finances. Someone said...Ms. deLeon said okay, one at a time, you both can't talk. Someone said Southern Lehigh...Ms. deLeon said you both can't talk. Mr. Banonis said he saw him drooling right now, he just saw him drool, he just saw it drop down, you're the guy that needs the towel. Literally, it just dropped out of his face. You're the one who is telling him he needs a towel, he doesn't need a towel Sir. You need the towel, here...Ms. deLeon said you are being rude. Mr. Banonis said and here's some tissues. Ms. deLeon said you are being rude to a, come on...Mr. Banonis said no, he's not. Ms. deLeon said yes you are. Mr. Banonis said he's not. This gentleman...Ms. deLeon said she's sorry. She would never do that. Mr. Carocci said you'd do much worse. Ms. deLeon said okay, Mr. Blasko.

Robert Blasko said he brings this up because Mr. Banonis brought it up under this topic. He brought up ways of making money for the Township to keep taxes low and to keep up the quality of life for LS residents. What about the quality of life of those that live where the landfill wants to expand that you have been backing? What about the people living there? Their quality of life doesn't matter to you because they are on the other side of the Township from you.

Ms. deLeon said anybody else, five minutes. Mr. Carocci said quality of life. The landfill is there a lot longer...Ms. Anne Marie Slavick said she was up here a few weeks ago and she just happened to point out that there's a series of things going on in the Lehigh Valley, all over the country if you read the news about fraud. Fraud in government, fraud in organizations, fraud in non-profits and she would love to just say that it's funny, well there aren't a lot of people here she would say that, the majority of people here she understands what side you are on, but she thinks it's kind of funny that there's no insight, there's no insight. Laura Ray you are telling us there's no connection between what's going on in the Hellertown police department and there could possibly be fraud and why are we covering up and why was the court, Judge Daly ordered the documents for the HAL be released and they weren't. Then, also they said that there's no reason that the library shouldn't release the records. Well, why weren't they? She asks you this a few weeks ago. Why weren't the records of HAL released, why? Why is it such a problem? She wants to say to all the people, and she knows she's not supposed to address anybody, but she's never seen adults act the way they are acting about a library in her life, ever. With all the problems we have in the world, with all the problems we have in the country, with police departments that are low on employees, with crime running rampant, she's never seen adults cry and whine about a library. It's insanity. There are libraries all over the Lehigh Valley. Go to a different one but you have, but you

have, well, that's not how it works when she was in Whitehall. Anyway...Ms. deLeon said members of the audience, please. Ms. Slavick said anyway, the point is if you are just going to walk away, turn your head, you don't want to hear it, it's an inconvenience, we shouldn't talk about it, why are we going on about it, why are we wasting time about it? That is why there's fraud in our government. That is why people steal money every day. Do you read the paper? Do you know what's going on in Catasauqua? Does anyone know what's going on in Catasauqua? Same thing, fraud. Fraud, people lying about their hours they worked. People that had to get dismissed. It's like and you are all pretending that we shouldn't look into it or we shouldn't associate a problem with a budget in Hellertown with another problem with the budget. That's not insightful. You have to open your mind and realize that something is going on here. You just have to. Mr. Carocci said thank you.

Ms. deLeon said would anyone else like to comment on this agenda item? Mr. Boulin said that's a hard one to follow-up on. He absolutely agrees now that we got HAL on the radar too. Here we are, we're talking about a police force who, that if any of you had read, what is it, a 40-page result. He means, it's devastating. This is not the first police chief that's gone for the same thing. Mr. Banonis said to answer your question, it's 44 pages and Laura just told him that so she presumably read it and is familiar with it, 44 pages. Mr. Boulin said okay, that's really good. Maybe we could have a chat about that later, no, okay? Yea right, he read it. The bottom line is the second one. Does anybody get the pattern here? Is anything being done about it? So, you ask yourself, alright so this fellow who is running this office, is taking this money, claiming pay that's not due, from what he understands. Alright, and this is the second time and let's see, who sits above him? Ah, the Mayor Hellertown and then there's the finance director and then there's auditors. Wait a minute. He tried to find an audit of Hellertown's financials. He thinks the last thing he saw was online, 2021 and he reported about some other financials about our fire company which has got a wide open, everything is available including the cost of toilet paper and yet HAL, we're talking about Hellertown not having any data on its library system, financials, what's going on, okay. Well, if you don't know, gee, he guesses you really have your head in the sand. Two police officers, chiefs, gone for corruption, and there's no change. No change and we want to be buddy, buddy with these people. Gee, let's join them in the library. Hey can we see...Treadwell nailed it and by the way, anybody here have any doubt about why Linc Treadwell is no longer our solicitor? Just go read, go read, he'll talk about that when we come up about HAL, alright? It's all right there. There's at least ten pages of discussion on HAL and guess what? This Council under the new leadership voted 3-2 to just give them \$100,000.00 because we feel they deserve it. Well, he guesses maybe the chief deserves...he thought he deserved it too. The finance director, you got to wonder. Does anybody know what's going on over there? That sort of reminds him of some other little Township's with about 3/10th of a square mile. Yea, you got problems all over the place and the town doesn't pay attention and when somebody gets up and speaks about it, like that lady back there, people go, oh, yea, he heard somebody at the last 1:30 meeting that we are at, call her a b-i-t-c-h. Don't look perplexed. He'll send it to you. It's on video. Obviously, you weren't here then. So, right, you think and other people get accosted in this chamber? Whoa, what's going on? He'll tell you what's going on. The wolves are running the chicken coup here and it's got to stop and no, he's not in favor of helping out a library or a police force or a town that repeatedly does bad things. By the way, some of the people on the HAL board are tied up to people here and no, he doesn't believe in hiring anybody that's in a position of being the attorney if they have to invoke some kind of "I don't want to be held responsible for any previous issues of any kind". No, no, open record. Who do you know? What did you do? Why did you do it? Who employed you and the whole nine yards? Otherwise, you are going to have, hey, we're just like Philadelphia. Wow, and by the way, if you think you don't need a police force, just go to get your haircut in Hellertown like he did and was told, yea, I saw the pictures of that bus that pulled up in front of Ace Hardware, anybody know about that? And all these sort of maybe people south of the border, pile out, jump in the cars and they are gone. Wow, that's the third one, and does anybody understand that Northampton is one of these safe counties? Mr. Banonis said sanctuary. Mr. Boulin said sanctuary city, thank you Mr. Executive. Take a look, anybody have any questions? Anybody want that document? He'll give it to you. It's not, thank you.

Maia Simon said she hears a lot of arguments about why we shouldn't vote for the Mayor of Hellertown but she didn't think we had the right to do that anyway. Hellertown is its own thing, and nobody's

asking us to take over their police department and the HAL was an area library right from the beginning. She could be mistaken. She hasn't been here that long but the HAL, as she understands it, was a joint project between Hellertown and LS and when LS refused to pay for our head count, the next administration with integrity, did pay them for the services that they had rendered for a whole year that they had not been paid because the previous administration didn't like them. So, the library is one issue but all of this stuff about how terrible Hellertown is, well guess what. We don't have any power over what happens in Hellertown. She resents taking our time in our Council meeting to bad mouth our neighbors for no purpose. There's nothing we can do about it. Mr. Banonis said Ms. Simon, could he get a point of clarification from you? Ms. Simon said yes.

Mr. Banonis said so you are saying that LS is completely separate from Hellertown and as a result of that, Hellertown should do its own thing and we should do our thing, correct? Is that what her position is? Ms. Simon said largely. Mr. Banonis said okay, he doesn't disagree with her. Where his problem is, is our tax dollars going there to support bad behavior, bad decisions and mismanagement. Ms. Simon said and where are our tax dollars going to do that? Mr. Banonis said he'll give you an example. We gave \$100,000.00 to a library without any contract. We paid two-thirds of the bill for the library from the time that LS joined the library, but yet we didn't have two-thirds representation on that board. We asked them to provide usage data to justify what we anticipated would be three quarters of a million-dollar contract over a five-year period. They refused to provide that data to us. They wouldn't provide us with financial information to substantiate where the money is going. So, that's where the problem is. It's not because he's against libraries, far from it. What he's...Ms. Simon said we have twice as many people in our Township than they do. Mr. Carocci said there's one other thing...Mr. Banonis said we don't have two-thirds board representation. We are paying two-thirds of the bill; shouldn't we have a portion of representation to make those determinations? No, they don't want that. They just want our money and they want us to shut up. Mr. Carocci said there's one other thing...Mr. Banonis said we're not going to do that.

Mr. Carocci said there's one other thing too about the money. We are talking about a SRO. When we discussed that earlier, it was going to be paid 75% by the school district, 25% from LST and it was going to be a full-time LST officer. Ms. deLeon said that is not the agenda item we are talking about. Mr. Carocci said Hellertown kids go to the school district. They are part of the school district. Ms. Ophof-Cordaro said point of order. Mr. Carocci said nobody asked Hellertown for none because they can't afford it. They can't afford it and we don't want them involved anyway because their officers don't meet the standards of our officers. They don't have the training of our officers and they don't so that's another, you asked where the money goes, you are asking where the money goes. We already, if this SRO goes through, we'll already be subsidizing Hellertown. Ms. Simon said thank you. Mr. Carocci said you're welcome.

Mr. Mark Ozimek said yep, that's him, Mark Ozimek and he's been told to just stay in the back and be quiet, but...the number one thing he wants to point out is within this Township, within Allentown, within the City of Bethlehem, within the borough of Hellertown, there's a moral issue. There's a moral issue going on in the world. When you can't respect the Ten Commandments, you got a moral issue. Mr. Carocci said did you respect the Ten Commandments when...Mr. Ozimek said you laugh. Mr. Carocci said when you ran over that guy? Ms. deLeon said Tom, that's inappropriate. You're rude. Mr. Ozimek said harassment, under the definition, he thinks it falls under harassment, but that's okay. The District Attorney turned down all your stuff too, but he set up an appointment with him. Anyway, as far as Hellertown, LS goes. LS has issues and Hellertown has issues. He doesn't think either one should get involved with the other until your home base is settled. You don't, you don't lay down with a pig and expect not to get up muddy. He's not referring, he's not using that for cops either. The point is Hellertown needs to take care of their business whether they need six more officers or not, he doesn't know. He read the report, or most of it. As far as the chief stealing money, it's a criminal act. They broke the law. They stole it in front of their own people that they are supposed to be protecting. That has nothing to do with us. The other thing he'd like to say is he doesn't even know why Hellertown and this topic is on a LST board meeting here tonight anyway. Ms. deLeon said Jason asked to have it on. Mr. Ozimek said of course he did, anything for politics or publicity or whatever you want to call it. The

problem is whether it's the dump. Whether it's the school, there's moral issues behind all of it and those have to be resolved. Here, and over there. Mr. Carocci said we are getting lectured on moral issues from a man who ran over...Ms. deLeon said oh my God...Mr. Carocci said an innocent man...Ms. deLeon said don't even go there Tom. Mr. Ozimek said he got two minutes; he got two minutes and 32 seconds left. Mr. Carocci said he says...Mr. Ozimek said he got the mic here. Mr. Carocci said he says, can't help that some poor asshole got in the way and got killed...Ms. deLeon said oh my God. Mr. Ozimek said he has the floor. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said insulting, harassing. Mr. Carocci said that's what he said. That's what he said. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said there is no legitimate purpose. Your statement, there is no legitimate purpose and it's harassing. Mr. Carocci said we're being lectured on morals by him. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said your statement serves no legitimate purpose; it is harassing Mr. Banonis said he would add to that, that he's also made death threats against members of Council. Ms. deLeon said she'll make a motion to...Mr. Banonis said he has made death threats against members of Council. He's taken a picture of his wife and covered up his wife's picture and used it as his Facebook picture and my kids...Ms. deLeon said she's calling for a recess. Mr. Banonis said and you are going to lecture us on what good behavior is? Ms. deLeon said is there a second? Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said she seconds. Ms. deLeon said Cathy, roll call. Everybody Ah? The time is now 9:44. Mark you will be next on the agenda.

Ms. deLeon said the time is 9:44. Mr. Carocci said and don't forget he has a motion on the floor. *(audio was turned off at this time)*

Ms. deLeon said and the time is 9:51 p.m. Mark you were up at the podium. She doesn't know if he was finished. Ms. deLeon said okay, can we have quiet in the room please? Mr. Banonis said start the clock please. Mr. Ozimek said you're not the boss. Anyway, you can start the clock. As you can see, like he said, for what everybody just witnessed, people have a moral issue and that's what it is. Did he go out and kill somebody? He sure did. Did he hit them with his truck? He sure did. Was he put behind the wheel? He sure was. Was he put behind the wheel by a cop, by a Bethlehem detective? He knows his name. Yea, that's right, you keep shaking your head because that's what happened. People in the hospital were furious. Ms. deLeon said he is speaking right now. Mr. Banonis said he's going through his laundry list of crimes. He's asking if...Mr. Ozimek said as far as...Mr. Banonis said against Council or a Council member. Ms. deLeon said let Mark speak. Are we going to go into recess again because you can't behave? Mr. Banonis said he doesn't care; we can recess all night long. Mr. Carocci said he would have had this meeting over by 8:30. Mr. Ozimek said hey, Banonis you want to sit here and pick on Hellertown. Why don't you pick on the chief of police of Allentown, went up the third floor of the apartment building and killed his wife or his girlfriend because he was cheating on his wife. Do you remember that? Mr. Banonis said he's not giving money to Allentown Sir. He's not being asked to give money to Allentown, he's being asked to give money to Hellertown. Mr. Ozimek said whose asking you to give money to Hellertown? He doesn't think anybody asked to give money to Hellertown. Mr. Banonis said sure they do. Mr. Carocci said we are already dealing with a SRO. Mr. Ozimek said Hellertown has nothing to do with it. Mr. Carocci said but the kids go to that school. Mr. Ozimek said so what. Mr. Carocci said so they should kick in for it. Ms. deLeon said okay, okay, address the Chair please. Mr. Ozimek said you just don't quit. Like he said it's a moral issue. You don't know where to leave things be. You don't know how to stay on your own side of the fence. You don't know how to leave things alone. You know how to lie, cheat and steal to get what you want. Mr. Banonis said how about there? Where's your code of conduct there? How about that? Ms. deLeon said he can say that. Mr. Banonis said lie, cheat and steal accusing us of crimes? Ms. deLeon said he didn't say that. Mr. Banonis said he just said lie. Ms. deLeon said she didn't take it that way. Mr. Banonis said he heard it. They are words. It's English, he understands English. He's sorry she doesn't have an education...Ms. deLeon said Mark has the floor. Mr. Banonis said sorry she doesn't understand the meaning of those three words, lie, cheat, and steal suggests some sort of crime. Ms. deLeon said she knows what lie, cheat and steal means. Mr. Banonis said oh, now you do. Ms. deLeon said oh yes, she does. Mr. Banonis said now you do, before you didn't. Okay. Glad you do, glad she had that education in you. Mr. Ozimek said for everybody that's watching, like he said, it all goes back to a moral issue. Ms. deLeon said whatever, so can the thousands...Mr. Banonis said keep performing for them Priscilla. Ms. deLeon said she's sorry Mark, he has the floor. Mr. Banonis said keep performing. Mr. Ozimek said it's like

he said to somebody in the police department, one of the officers, he doesn't remember who. If everybody just told the truth and was honest, we'd be in a much better position. Apparently, a whole lot of people don't know how to do that. Mr. Banonis said there's a mirror in the bathroom you can look in. Mr. Ozimek said what. Mr. Banonis said a mirror in the bathroom that you could look at. Mr. Ozimek said what about it. What do you want him to go...Mr. Banonis said about being honest, about being honest and truthful, go look in the mirror. Ms. deLeon said she told you that last meeting Jason. Mr. Banonis said go look in the mirror. Mr. Ozimek said give him the topic he's supposed to go look in the mirror about. Mr. Banonis said yea, how about the death threats, death threats against Council? How about that? Mr. Ozimek said where are they? Show him. Mr. Banonis said where are they? Mr. Ozimek said show him. Mr. Banonis said we will in court Sir. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said point of order. Mr. Banonis said I'm not going to litigate this crime here; you've already been found guilty by the District Justice. You appealed it and it's going to be in front of the Court of Common Pleas and it will be prosecuted there and we'll deal with it there, okay? Mr. Carocci said you were found guilty of that. Mr. Goudsouzian said okay, times up. Ms. deLeon said times up. Okay, alright. Mr. Banonis said that's it, move along, move along. Mr. Carocci said yea, move along. Mr. Banonis said move along. Mr. Carocci said you got to move along, he's had enough. Ms. deLeon said paybacks. You guys will get it one day.

Russ Sutton said he'd like to know, Saucon Valley School District, what, where's it located? Ms. deLeon said Saucon Valley School District in Lower Saucon. Mr. Sutton said in Lower Saucon, so the SRO is naturally part of LS. It's not Hellertown. Mr. Banonis said the library is located in Hellertown but we are paying for the library, right? Mr. Sutton said he's not talking about the library. Mr. Banonis said you are talking about physical location of what's being paid for and so is he. Mr. Sutton said it's in the Township so we are responsible for it, right? Mr. Banonis said so is the library. The library is in the borough of Hellertown and it's responsible for that. Mr. Sutton said he's not talking about the library; he's talking about the school. Ms. deLeon said Jason stop interrupting. Mr. Banonis said Sir you are talking about where something is physically located and its financial responsibility...Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said let him finish. Mr. Banonis said it's the same thing that applies to the library. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said let the public comments finish and then you can talk. Ms. deLeon said can you let him speak, do you have a problem with that? Mr. Carocci said Jason's allowed to comment. He's an elected member of the...Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said exactly, but let's just do it orderly without interrupting people. Mr. Banonis said he's misrepresenting what the facts are...Ms. deLeon said let the resident speak, whether right or wrong, the resident has the right to speak. Mr. Banonis said go ahead, go ahead, he's not stopping him from speaking. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said you are stopping him from speaking. You are being disorderly. Mr. Sutton said LST...Mr. Banonis said he is not stopping him from speaking. He is not stopping him from speaking. Stop yelling at him. He's not your husband, don't yell at him. He's not your husband, he doesn't respond to that. He doesn't respond to that. He doesn't respond to that, maybe your children and your husband do, but he doesn't. Mr. Goudsouzian said why don't we do this. Mr. Sutton said is the school in LST that's his question. Mr. Banonis said that's been answered, move on. Mr. Sutton said what was the answer? Mr. Banonis said she already said yes. Mr. Sutton said okay, then the SRO should be from LST, right and pay for it, right? Ms. deLeon said it's not that easy. Mr. Sutton said so what's the problem. Mr. Banonis said so the library is located in Hellertown and Hellertown should pay for the library by the same analogy, Sir. That's what his point is. He knows he doesn't like facts...Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said go back to your seat. Mr. Carocci said he walked away. Mr. Sutton said he's going to give you a bunch of fact in a minute pal. Mr. Banonis said he can't wait. He's here, he can't wait. Ms. deLeon said okay, anybody else like to speak on this.

Mr. Roskowski, LST said if you want to make these meetings shorter, go back to the way it was with the last Council where you were only allowed to talk at the beginning of the meeting. You had no say. You couldn't say anything and everything fell on deaf ears with you about the landfill. Mr. Carocci said yes. Mr. Roskowski said the way the people came out here and pleaded with you to not go through with it, and what do you do? Mr. Carocci said he agrees, go back to the old way.

Ms. deLeon said anybody else like to speak? Mr. Carocci said he agrees with you Sir. Ms. deLeon said seeing none, so we're going to have a roll call please.

Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said can we repeat the motion? She doesn't know what the motion was. We took a recess. Mr. Banonis said to make a public statement that this Council will agree not to fund police services for Hellertown Borough. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said thank you. Mr. Banonis said make a public statement that we will not do that. Mr. Carocci said because the report says they should have somebody do that. Ms. deLeon said wait, say the motion again. Mr. Banonis said Tom can clarify the motion, ask him, he made the motion. Mr. Carocci said what you just said. What you just said that we make a public statement that we will not, in the future, fund police services for Hellertown beyond the mutual aid assistance. That's it. Mr. Banonis said he'll second that.

SECOND BY: Mr. Banonis

Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said they had made a motion that in the future? Mr. Carocci said now. Ms. deLeon said, yeah because I want to vote the right way. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said can somebody please make sure she has it correct, she asked to repeat the motion. Now she thinks she heard the motion...Mr. Carocci said you can't understand, you can't understand...Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said in the future, we're making a motion that we're not going to ever send any money to support any police services in Hellertown Borough, in the future. Mr. Carocci said from now, from today, from today. Mr. Banonis said beyond mutual aid. Mr. Carocci said beyond mutual aid. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said oh, beyond mutual aid? Mr. Carocci said yes, so we're not going to contract out to them. We're not going to cover if they don't have, if their police goes belly up. It's pretty simple. Mr. Goudsouzian said what the motion is, it's prospectively...Mr. Banonis said just to be clear here, Priscilla is asking Steve Goudsouzian how she should vote and "it's a no, right?", is what her question was. So, she's getting her counsel from the guy who was the former solicitor in part for Hellertown Borough so "I should vote no, right Steve?" Okay. Mr. Carocci said, how should she vote? She can't understand it, how should she vote? Mr. Banonis said he hopes that comes out clearly on the record because he just put it out there. How should I vote?

Ms. deLeon said this is a weird vote, okay? And it could be a yes or it could be a no obviously and she wants to make sure she's understanding your direction. Mr. Goudsouzian said so the motion is as follows: Prospectively, moving forward, to not fund or assist financially the Borough of Hellertown and their police force, except for mutual aid. Ms. deLeon said and you just love laughing at people Jason, so you just go right ahead. She can take it, okay. Mr. Banonis said what are you talking about? He's not even looking at her. He's protecting his eyes.

Ms. Ray said so it's a ridiculous motion. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said it's a double negative. Ms. Ray said there is no request of Hellertown asking us to pay for their police force. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said nobody's ever asked us...Ms. deLeon said I'm sorry Laura, what? Ms. Ray said it's a ridiculous motion. The Hellertown is not requesting us to pay for their police force. There's nothing that says that. Mr. Banonis said but the report makes a recommendation...Ms. Ray said there's no request. Mr. Banonis said the report makes the recommendation to seek.... Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said but there is no request. Mr. Banonis said the report makes a recommendation and we're taking a proactive...Ms. Ray said it didn't happen yet. Mr. Banonis said he knows it's hard to be proactive, I know you like to react to everything that happens. Ms. Ray said it didn't happen yet, let's do roll call. Mr. Banonis said it's proactive to state what your position is publicly on this issue so that it doesn't come to us, but instead you want to...Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said it's a cart...Mr. Banonis said instead you want to leave the door open and invite that and give taxpayer money in the future. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said it's a cart before the horse. Ms. Ray said we're not giving taxpayer money.

Ms. deLeon said okay, roll call. Mrs. Gorman called the roll. Mr. Banonis said before he votes, he knows his vote doesn't matter, but there you have it. You know what is going to happen. They've told you. They are going to take your taxpayer dollars...stop making faces Ma'am, he's not talking to you and rolling your eyes and everything else, you are...Ms. Ray said and we did not say that. Mr. Banonis said he's not even talking to you. He's talking to the person behind her. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said keep the comments to Council, why are you shouting at people in the audience for? Mr. Banonis said because

she's back there making faces at...Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said no, she's not. Mr. Banonis said yes she was. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said she doesn't see anything. She's waiting for him to move on. Mr. Carocci said you can't see, you don't have your glasses on. Mr. Banonis said you need new glasses, so there it is, you see, you see what's going to happen. Your tax dollars are going to be going. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said you are disorderly. You are being disorderly. Mr. Banonis said he's voting yes. This is an appropriate motion. He's sorry that you want to give away taxpayer money to subsidize malfeasance. There it is. Ms. deLeon said that wasn't the motion. Mr. Banonis said yeah it is. Mr. Carocci said and not only that, they want to signal that to Hellertown, come ask for it. Mr. Banonis said come on over, coffers are open, come on in, the pool is great. Mr. Carocci said your Democrats, we'll give you our money...Ms. deLeon said order, please.

ROLL CALL: 2-3 (Ms. Opthof-Cordaro, Ms. deLeon, Ms. Ray - No) – Motion fails.

G. 2024 SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Ms. deLeon said the Township has reviewed this plan. Cathy, do you want to talk about it? Mrs. Gorman said yes. We received Springfield Township's Comp Plan and they are requesting comments within the 45-day period. We forwarded it to Park and Rec and EAC, both committees have no comment. Planning Commission did not meet so they did not make a comment. There's only two items in here that reference LS and that's regarding their road maintenance to coordinate with the PW departments and coordination of LS with the expansions of their water supply. Ms. deLeon said okay, so we can direct you to send...Mrs. Gorman said if you have no comment, just direct her to send a letter indicating no comment. Ms. deLeon said okay, she'll make that motion.

MOTION BY: Ms. deLeon moved to authorize Mrs. Gorman to send a letter to Springfield Township that LST has no comment.

SECOND BY: Ms. Opthof-Cordaro

Mr. Carocci said he'd like to make a motion that we promise not to fund the Springfield Township police department now or in the future. Ms. deLeon said there's already a motion on the floor. Mr. Carocci said will you second that Jason? Mr. Banonis said he'll second that Tom. Ms. deLeon said there was already a motion on the floor. Your motion does not count. Mr. Banonis said you never made a motion. Ms. deLeon said yes. Mr. Carocci said he made a second motion; he made a different motion. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said Priscilla made the motion and she seconded it. Ms. deLeon said you are not paying attention. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said did you have your ears open? Mr. Carocci said I can still make my motion...Mr. Banonis said there was no motion. There were no words associated with the motion. Ms. deLeon said I made a motion to send...to send. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said yes there was. Mr. Carocci said he can make his motion. Mr. Banonis said there were no words associated with the motion. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said ask Cathy. Mr. Banonis said second Tom. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said ask Cathy if there was another motion on the floor. Mr. Banonis said there wasn't. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said if you don't trust her, ask Cathy. Mr. Carocci said he didn't hear it. Ms. Ray said pay attention, there was a motion. Mr. Banonis said don't tell him to shut up. Don't tell me to shut up. Mr. Carocci said but it doesn't matter, his motion can still be heard as long as it's on the agenda. Ms. deLeon said your motion doesn't count. Mr. Carocci said Springfield Township is on the agenda. Ms. deLeon said get with the program Tom. Mr. Carocci said Springfield Township is on the agenda. Mr. Banonis said make a motion, say the words. Ms. deLeon said we did. Mr. Banonis said he knows it's tough for you. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said you are disorderly again. Mr. Carocci said he's going to make a motion that we don't do that. Ms. deLeon said the motion on the floor is a motion to have Cathy send a letter...Mr. Banonis said no, it's not. Ms. deLeon said yes, it is, we talked about it, to send a letter out that we have no comments and Victoria seconded it. In the meantime, he was being rude and talking amongst us. Mr. Banonis said the record will reflect that you did not make that motion. Ms. Ray said she did. Ms. deLeon said sorry, the motion...Mr. Banonis said she said she makes that motion, what motion?

Ms. deLeon said okay, so Council discussion, Jason on the motion, her motion and Victoria seconded it. Mr. Banonis said his review of this and correct him if he's wrong is that Springfield Township has

not asking us to provide any sort of funding or subsidy using LST taxpayer dollars, right? Mrs. Gorman said correct. Mr. Banonis said he thinks we should more closely align ourselves to Townships like that, that are self-sustaining, fiscally responsible, and manage their affairs in an above-board way and are not subject to criminal investigation for theft of taxpayer dollars and not needing reports that come from the Chiefs of Police Association concerning all the incompetence and malfeasance and lack of leadership. So, since that seems to bring Springfield Township, they seem to be a good neighbor able to attend to themselves, so he will say this is a good thing and he thinks we should agree to it.

Ms. deLeon said Tom? He said yea, they don't seem to be hat in hand like Priscilla's friends and Goudsouzian's friends down in Hellertown. So, if they are good neighbors, he's all for their comprehensive plan.

Ms. deLeon said she agrees that we had, we did do our due diligence. We reviewed everything and that's what we came up with, so she doesn't have a problem.

Ms. deLeon said Victoria? She said she's comfortable with it.

Ms. deLeon said Laura? She said she thought it was a well-prepared plan. We did review it. We will be talking in the future about source water protection, specifically with Springfield Township.

Ms. deLeon said she'll open it up to public comment, five-minute comment period under the Springfield Comp Plan, would anybody would like to speak? Audience member said can you restate the motion please? Ms. deLeon said it is to direct Cathy to send a letter to Springfield Township telling them that we have no comments. We reviewed the plan. She's sure Cathy can put it in a bit more words than that, but basically, we have no comments on the plan presented.

ROLL CALL: 5-0

H. 2024 UPPER SAUCON TOWNSHIP – PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO TOWNSHIP COMPREHENSIVE RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE PLAN

MOTION BY: Mr. Carocci moved that we merge fire services with Upper Saucon and they put that in their comprehensive plan that we explore that, merging fire services with Upper Saucon.

SECOND BY Mr. Banonis

Mr. Carocci said thank you, motion on the floor. *(someone from the audience speaking out)* Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said how does this have anything to do with the comp plan? Mr. Banonis said will get control of the audience yelling out? Ms. Ray said you can't put...Mr. Carocci said it's a comprehensive plan, about fire services. Fire services is covered in the comprehensive plan. Ms. deLeon said she doesn't understand how this has anything to do with the comp plan. Mr. Carocci said it does. It's their comprehensive plan and our comment on is consider...Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said oh now it's a comment, or your request. Mr. Carocci said a request. We're going to put a comment for them to request that they look at this. That we study it together, jointly. Mr. Banonis said he seconds that, Tom. Ms. deLeon said there's a motion on the floor. Mr. Carocci said he made a motion. His motion was first. Ms. deLeon said she knows that and she would like him to repeat it. Mr. Banonis said he just did. Mr. Carocci said he would like to, the motion is for us to, as part, before this comprehensive plan is approved by us, that we approach them and look into merging fire services with Upper Saucon Township as part of their comprehensive plan, and ours eventually as well but see if they are open to that. Ms. deLeon said you seconded it; did she hear that? Ms. Ray said it's a recreation and open space plan. Ms. deLeon said so there's a motion on the floor, and Jason did you have any further comments?

Mr. Banonis said he thinks it makes sense. He means Upper Saucon Township is a fiscally sound Township. It's well managed. It has good leadership. It doesn't misuse taxpayer funds. It doesn't allow its funds to go stolen. It doesn't require police and District Attorney investigation. It doesn't require Attorney General investigation. It doesn't require Chiefs of Police Association doing

investigations and reporting on them. It's good to have good neighbors, at least we're flanked on part of our community by good neighbors that conduct themselves in an appropriate way, so he supports this wholeheartedly.

Ms. deLeon said Tom? He said there's been about two embezzlements at the Dewey Fire in Hellertown. Mr. Banonis said at least. Mr. Carocci said none that he knows of in Upper Saucon and you know, these are the type of people we should be partnering with. One, they can pay their share, their own way as we can; and these are exactly the people we should be looking to have a comprehensive plan with about fire services, so that makes total sense to him.

Ms. deLeon said she's not supporting this because first of all, that has nothing to do with the comprehensive rec and open space plan with the fire. That just makes no sense.

Ms. deLeon said Victoria? She said she agrees. It doesn't make any sense to be talking about fire services in a parks and rec comp plan. We don't have any other, at least she's not aware of any other mutual agreements with Upper Saucon and certainly she wouldn't want to get into that before discussing it with our own fire company. Mr. Carocci said we have mutual aid and fire and police with them. We joined the fire and police with them. What do you mean you're not aware...Ms. Ray said okay yes so as she did say, this is regarding an amendment they are making to their comprehensive plan recreation and open space plan so there are two properties that they are looking at to include in their open space plan and that's what this is about. It has nothing to do with other services, so. Mr. Carocci said not until he got...Ms. Ray said they did look at the plan. It's nice that they provided us this information because we use things like this at EAC when they look at open space because they try to build a contiguous area so it's good to keep in touch with what our neighbors are doing.

Mr. Carocci said where are the properties? Ms. deLeon said okay, so now we'll open it up to the floor. Anybody in the audience like to speak on this item? Mr. Banonis said can he get clarification from Tom just for a minute. Mr. Carocci said yes. Mr. Banonis said Tom, just so he understands, when he was the liaison to fire services with LSFRR, you were looking at properties or considering properties along the Polk Valley Road area including properties that may be within Polk Valley Park and that would be part of recreation and open space, right? Mr. Carocci said yes. Mr. Banonis said okay. He just wanted to make sure. Mr. Carocci said yep. Mr. Banonis said so if those plans were to move forward, there could be implications to open space and recreation areas just as there could be here so that's why this is appropriate under this topic. Mr. Carocci said it's appropriate under the topic. They are just small minded when they won't expand their horizons.

Mr. Boulin said so the question was Laura Ray. What have we done so far with them? You were talking about contiguous space. What kind of contiguous space and where? That's a question. Mr. Goudsouzian said this is public comment so comment. Mr. Boulin said the comment is if we don't know anything about what they've done in the, what this organization's done in the past, then what do you plan on doing? We hear all these we are going to do's, we are going to do's, well how about some here's what we've done. Alright, he's really getting tired of all this stuff. It's just like you know the side of the hill gets denuded and we're going to protect the environment, and then boom, the whole side of the hill gets chopped down and nobody says anything and everybody looks around like this Council lady over here. She wouldn't even look at him. She'd like to have some ideas of what we've done before we enter into some more agreements about what we are going to do.

Mr. Banonis said would you stop the public from over talking while the gentleman is at the podium? Mr. Boulin said that's right. That's why he moved away from the cackling crew over here, thank you. Mr. Banonis said they just shot you down and they tried to make you feel uncomfortable so you don't show up here to speak. Ms. deLeon said okay, next. Mr. Banonis said that's why people don't come. Now, she's addressing him. Get control, bang it, harder. Ms. deLeon said you can't be talking. Mr. Banonis said put some effort behind it.

Marybeth Zingone said I'll shut up for that stuff. It's kind of a moot point, isn't it or hypocritical to talk about open space considering what we did with the open space protected in perpetuity up on top of the dump hill? You know, like really? You are going down this path. You know what's going to happen, they could buy that out from you for the dump again. She just wanted to mention about merging, oh Mr. Carocci, he's never really looking. She just, you're over here. She just wanted to mention it if you do discuss this merging of Upper and Lower Saucon, okay, if it comes to that...Ms. deLeon said she doesn't know, it's a motion on the floor. Ms. Zingone said be careful because you know everybody thinks about Lower Saucon on this side of Lower Saucon. We live all the way out in Wassergass. How long is it going to take for a fire engine to get from there to her house or our house? They almost go up to 611, so there's a big consideration there she thinks needs to be paid attention to. Thank you.

Ms. deLeon said anybody else? Roll call please. Mrs. Gorman called roll call. Ms. Ray said it's very inappropriate to have a motion like this because it wasn't on the agenda. It's totally off topic. Mr. Banonis asked is that a yes? Ms. Ray said no. It's a no. It doesn't belong being considered because talking about merging fire companies is not an agenda item. Mr. Carocci said yes it's a good idea. Mr. Banonis said among many Tom. Mr. Carocci said it was a brilliant idea. Ms deLeon said we do need to get back to..... Mr. Banonis said I second that.

ROLL CALL: 2-3 (Ms. Opthof-Cordaro, Ms. deLeon, Ms. Ray – No) – Motion fails.

Ms deLeon said what was that? Was there another motion? Mr. Banonis said he made a motion that it was a brilliant idea and he seconded it. Mr. Carocci said it was a brilliant idea.

MOTION BY: Ms. Opthof-Cordaro moved to direct the Manager to send a letter to Upper Saucon Township with no comment and thank you for sending it.

SECOND BY: Ms. deLeon

Ms. deLeon said Council discussion, Jason? Mr. Banonis said he doesn't think we should be making no comment. He thinks we should be supporting recreation and open space. Certainly, residents of their Township may come over to LS and use our recreation spaces and vice-versa. You know take no position or make no comment on this suggests that we are indifferent to recreation and open space. He thinks that's the wrong message to send. Ms. deLeon said so we should be asking...Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said the motion said and thank you for sending the plan to us. Mr. Banonis said you are saying we take no position, thank you for sending it to us. Basically, acknowledging that...Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said no comment on the plan itself...Mr. Banonis said acknowledging that we got it and thanks a lot for sending it to us. You are not saying we support what you are doing because we appreciate overall regional recreation. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said would you like me to amend it to say that? She would be happy to. Mr. Banonis said it's your motion, somebody seconded it, are you withdrawing it? Mr. Carocci said a normal council person would. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said she will be happy and she agrees with you about open space. Mr. Carocci said then why didn't you say it? Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said she wishes that he agreed with her about open space. Mr. Banonis said why am I always coming up with the ideas? He and Tom are the idea guys. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said she will amend her motion to say...Mr. Carocci said we are the brilliant guys. Mr. Banonis said all the time. Just let us run the meetings. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said thank you very much for sending...Mr. Carocci said we would be out of here by 8:30. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said we support your...Mr. Carocci said would have been out of here by 8:30. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said open space plan and your interest and care for the environment. How about that?

MOTION BY: Ms. Opthof-Cordaro amended her previous motion and moved to direct the Manager to send a letter to Upper Saucon Township saying thank you very much for sending the plan, we support your open space plan and your interest and care for the environment.

SECOND BY: Ms. deLeon amended her second

Mr. Banonis said what does environment have to do with it, we are talking about recreation and open space. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said that's part of your environment. Mr. Banonis said we're talking about recreation, now you're getting environmental? Ms. deLeon said okay. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said

recreation is environment. Mr. Banonis said parks and rec committee this should be on EAC. Ms. Ray said you are badgering. Ms. deLeon said we got a motion and a second. Jason? Nothing. Ms. deLeon said Tom? Mr. Carocci said fire services is part of the environment. Ms. deLeon said she supports this. Victoria? She said she supports it. Ms. deLeon said Laura? She said yes. Mr. Carocci said are we voting or commenting? Ms. deLeon said no, we have another motion on the floor, so we have to go through the whole thing again. Mr. Carocci said oh. Ms. deLeon said so we have to open it up for public comment. Seeing none, roll call please. Mrs. Gorman called roll call. Mr. Banonis said so if there's a wildfire, you're saying there's going to be open space and recreation but no fire services. He guesses he will vote yes for it. He just thinks it's short sided. He thinks there's other things that could be included in this that should have been included.

ROLL CALL: 5-0

Mr. Carocci said why was that so hard?

I. REQUEST AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE FOR ZONING OFFICER OPEN POSITION

Ms. deLeon said the Acting Township Manager is requesting Council's approval to advertise the Zoning Officer open position due to submitted resignation.

MOTION BY: Ms. deLeon moved for authorization to advertise for a Zoning Officer open position.

SECOND BY: Ms. Opthof-Cordaro

Ms. deLeon said Council discussion, Jason? He said he's not sure why we are advertising for this. You are already looking into whether Molly can serve in a capacity, in a zoning capacity, at least as a records custodian, and perhaps beyond that. So, if that's the case, why not look into whether or not she or somebody else who is currently on staff could fill this position adequately if they received some specialized training for it. He's not sure why we are advertising for a Zoning Officer and he thinks it's unusual to need to advertise for a Zoning Officer when you already telegraphed or indicated in emails among yourselves that you wanted to get rid of the existing Zoning Officer and you succeeded, you got rid of a guy. You forced the guy out who had been here for a while, many years, and did a good job. So, this is all on you.

Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said it's not because they didn't put it on the agenda, maybe you should ask that question first before you criticize our staff. Mr. Banonis said it's all on you. It's all on you for forcing this guy out and creating this issue. Alright? Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said they disagree. Mr. Banonis said it's all on you and that's the reason why it needs to be on here. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said they disagree. Mr. Banonis said Cathy is trying to keep this train on the tracks and you just keep throwing cars off the tracks with your foolishness.

Mrs. Gorman said typically historically we have advertised open positions and we leave it open for anyone on staff to apply for it as well. Mr. Banonis said good, he encourages people, he hopes that they do it. Ms. deLeon said and that's why it's on the agenda and that's why the motion is as it is stated.

Ms. deLeon said Tom, do you have anything to discuss? Mr. Carocci said he does. He said he doesn't think we should advertise it and hire it until we have a full time Manager hired. He thinks whoever the full time Manager is should have a say on hiring this person and can they work with this person as they work closely together. So, he doesn't think we should hire someone until the Manager position is full. He doesn't think we should advertise until the Manager position is full. The problem is if you advertise it, you are going to get some resumes in and the people may or may not be available by the time you hire a manager, so he just says you wait and then too, he knows you three don't really work in the real world and in the real world salaries have gone up. So, what is the salary going to be for this position? Because that's also going to correlate to the type of resumes you get. He knows you people think that these guys are interchangeable. An attorney that makes \$290.00 an hour is the same as an attorney who makes \$180.00 an hour when they are clearly, it's a competency difference between the two but he knows you don't feel that way about salaries and stuff like that. There should be a salary agreed upon

by Council before this is advertised and he thinks we should hire a new Manager, a permanent Manager before this person, this job is advertised because the person wouldn't know who they are working for and the Manager wouldn't get any say on who the Zoning Officer is, who they have to work with. It doesn't make any sense.

Mr. Banonis said and the person will quit. Mr. Carocci said you are rushing it. Ms. deLeon said Cathy are you putting a salary range or salary per experience. How are you putting the ad? Mrs. Gorman said the ad we they were going to place is exactly like the one they did when our last Zoning Officer left and it doesn't state a range of salary. It just requests resumes. Ms. deLeon said right, okay, that's what she thought. She said she's comfortable with it.

Ms. deLeon said Victoria? Carocci said he's not. He's not done yet. He's not comfortable with it. He just learned that information and he's not comfortable with it because if you don't put a salary range in there, how can you assure you are going to get good candidates? Ms. deLeon said okay, Victoria? Mr. Banonis said he'd like to speak too. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said she would like, it's her turn to speak she thinks. She thinks it's irresponsible not to advertise this position. To say we should wait somehow and not want to have a full time Zoning Officer in our Township when there's lots of developments that have to be reviewed. There may be zoning issues that need to be addressed. Certainly, we heard from residents today saying they were disheartened to hear that they couldn't have something investigated or go to the ZHB because we lost our Zoning Officer. To say we aren't going to have that is irresponsible.

Mr. Carocci said the next agenda item is to appoint a company to do it. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said she also thinks...Ms. deLeon said one at a time. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said she thinks it's irresponsible to claim that this is something that she or any of the other Council people that on here put on the agenda that they are trying to do something and hide something is disrespectful to our staff. Mr. Carocci said it's disrespectful to you but you are trying to hide something.

Ms. deLeon said okay, Laura? She said yes, she would like to see us move forward with advertising the position for the Zoning Officer, we do need one.

Mr. Banonis said he'd like to speak because Cathy offered more information since he spoke. Ms. deLeon said Cathy? Okay, go ahead. Mr. Banonis said the person sitting next to you, do you know her? She has been sitting there for a while. Ms. deLeon said no, she doesn't know her. Mr. Banonis said well you are asking who she is. He thinks it's irresponsible to move forward on this to Tom's point. If we hire somebody, what's to say that person doesn't leave upon the hiring of a new Township Manager because of clash of personality or conflict or style. He thinks that this creates another issue for us to have to pursue perhaps later another Zoning Officer to fill this position, so this is just, and the other part of this to Victoria's point, she says it's irresponsible to not have a Zoning Officer. The next agenda item here is request to enter into contract agreement for third party zoning/BCO officer services, so these alarm bells that she's sounding that there's not going to be, oh my God, we are not going to have a Zoning Officer. The whole world is, the sky is going to fall. Well, chicken little, it's not going to happen because the next item is to appoint a third party to fill that role so...Mr. Carocci said read the agenda before the meeting. She couldn't even read the agenda. Mr. Banonis said so, the sky's not falling folks, calm down, no need to tear your clothes and gnash your teeth.

Mr. Carocci said more false information from Victoria, more lies. Ms. deLeon said you're pathetic. Mr. Carocci said more lies. Ms. deLeon said you're pathetic. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said she takes exception to the characterization of lies. It's disparaging. Mr. Carocci said well when you...Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said it's disparaging. It's disparaging and it has no legitimate purpose. It is an insult to people on Council. Mr. Carocci said Mr. Ozimek called Jason a liar...Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said it's insulting and harassing and she is putting him on notice. When you refer to her as saying lies, you are harassing her. That is putting you on notice. Mr. Carocci said no he's not, he's not harassing her. Mr. Banonis said it's a lie. Mr. Carocci said it's a lie, not harassing.

Ms. deLeon said okay. Mr. Banonis said to suggest there's not going to be a Zoning Office is a lie because the next item that we all can vote on is...Ms. deLeon said Cathy...Mr. Banonis said an interim third-party Zoning Officer and to suggest to the folks in the public that this is irresponsible is a lie. It's an outright lie because you know, you know that's not going to be the case.

Ms. deLeon said Cathy put on both just to cover to see. We might get lucky and get a Zoning Officer. On the other hand, we don't have one currently. We need to have the next agenda item is to contract with somebody so we'd have one sooner than later, right? She was being, thank you for looking ahead. That's why both of them are on there. So, for right now we are going to discuss the Zoning Officer's open position and we have a motion on the floor for her to advertise it. Mr. Goudsouzian said public comment now. Ms. deLeon said we all went through Council discussion now we are at public discussion, five minutes.

Marybeth Zingone said before you hire this person or any person, have you remedied the mistakes made by the previous Council by not having the Zoning Officer come out and look at stuff because those three guys that were here, that was a big deal and maybe that's why the guy left because, she doesn't know...there was a big mistake that they weren't...what's so funny? That they made, you ended up looking at it and identifying the mistake, so maybe you need to check your policies and procedures before you hire this new guy. Ms. deLeon said thank you for that.

Robert Blasko, LST resident said he doesn't see why we can't advertise and he doesn't see why we can't advertise pay commensurate with experience. It's done all the time. Ms. deLeon said thank you.

Mr. Boulin said well we hire lots of folks, is there a very thorough job description of this person? Mrs. Gorman said yes there is. Ms. deLeon said from her recollection, she thinks so. Mr. Gorman said yes, there is a job description. Mr. Boulin said are there going to be interviews that are held...Ms. deLeon said that's the Manager's decision. That's not Council's. The Manager takes care of hiring the Zoning Officer. Mr. Boulin said okay, so acting as temporary Manager she will carry on those duties? Ms. deLeon said she's sure she will. Mr. Boulin said alright. Ms. deLeon said she has full confidence in her. Mr. Boulin said try to be, some of the people we've hired in the last couple of months have been ringers.

Ms. deLeon said anybody else, okay roll call. Mrs. Gorman called roll call.

ROLL CALL: 3-2 (Mr. Banonis & Mr. Carocci – No)

J. REQUEST TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT AGREEMENT FOR THIRD PARTY ZONING/BCO OFFICER SERVICES

Ms. deLeon said the Acting Township Manager is requesting Council's authorization to enter into a contract agreement with a third-party service to perform zoning and building code official responsibilities due to vacancy. Cathy, do you have anything else to say?

Mrs. Gorman said in you packet is an agreement from SFM Consulting LLC. We would be requesting the Zoning Officer services and code enforcement services from this company. They charge \$65 an hour for zoning and \$70 an hour for code enforcement inspections. She reached out to eight different firms. Either they did not have enough staff or they were too far away to commit, some did not return her call. So, this was the only company that would, that provided her a quote and they were recommended or the information was provided by our engineer for her to call them.

MOTION BY: Ms. deLeon moved to authorize the Manager to enter into a contract agreement with a third-party Zoning/BCO officer services to perform zoning and building code official responsibilities.

SECOND BY: Ms. Opthof-Cordaro

Ms. deLeon said Council discussion, Jason? He said he has a lot of questions about this. This is a consulting agreement that identifies SFM Consulting LLC. We have no information that talks about

their experience. It doesn't say whether or not these services will be provided by an individual or a committee of individuals filling in as needed depending on their availability. He did look at their website. Their website says they provide services in Puerto Rico and British Columbia. He's not sure how applicable that is to LST. It seems awfully far away. If they are in Puerto Rico or British Columbia, are we going to paying travel for them to come here to do these services? He doesn't know. He doesn't even know where they are located. It doesn't indicate on their website. Ms. Ray said Canadensis. Mr. Banonis said he didn't see that on their website. It's there but, he knows where Canadensis is but it's not indicated on their website so again, are we going to have to pay Canadensis, this is way up...Ms. Ray said they aren't charging for travel costs. Mr. Banonis said can he finish, can he finish? Ms. Ray said she's answering your question. Mr. Banonis said he's not asking her a question. Ms. Ray said you read the packet. Ms. deLeon said okay, one at a time. Mr. Banonis said he's not asking her a question, so please stop interrupting him, it's very rude, very rude. Are we going to be charged for these services for them to come down from Canadensis which is up above Stroudsburg over an hour drive away? What's their experience in handling matters in Northampton County? He doesn't know. There's a lot of questions here that haven't been answered and you're willing to just sign an agreement because it provides cover for a vacancy that was created by your misdeeds in creating a hostile work environment for Jim Young because you put in email, we got to figure out a way to get rid of this guy, in general. So, it happened and now you are trying to put a band aid over it because, to Victoria's point, the sky is falling. Well, the sky isn't falling and this is an effort to try to prevent the sky from falling but he just thinks there are too many questions here to enter into this agreement. Particularly when the zoning person is going to be trying to understand our zoning ordinances and go out in the field and enforce these issues but yet we don't know what their level of experience is, particularly with the second-class Township and the issues we have, the nature of our Township. We have higher density areas. We have rural areas. There's a big variation as to what we have here. He thinks this is not the right idea.

Ms. deLeon said Tom? He said yea, this is supposed to be signed by Shawn F. McGlynn for a partner managing member, SFM Consulting. We don't have like a resume or a CD from him. We don't have no idea what his background is. You know, he means we should know who and the background of anyone the Township is sending out on its behalf to meet with residents on their properties or at their homes. They should have a criminal background check, at least. We're sending them out under the guise of Township authority to talk to them about zoning at their properties, their houses and we know nothing about this guy. It's a name under a line. Shawn F. McGlynn, Partner Managing Member with no resume, no CD, no background, no criminal check, just further proves the incompetence of this Council led by Ms. deLeon.

Ms. deLeon said Victoria? She said she respects the recommendations of our staff, both our engineer which she understands this name came from, our HEA firm and she respects Cathy who offered to do the investigation and is recommending this and she supports it wholeheartedly. She disagrees and she finds it disparaging again that there are comments made that somehow, she or anybody else on this Council forced Mr. Young out or did anything improper with Mr. Young.

Mr. Carocci said Cathy did you investigate Mr. McGlynn? Did you investigate him? Ms. deLeon said you have already had your chance to speak. Mr. Carocci said he can speak multiple times if he wants. He asked a question; did she investigate Mr. McGlynn?

Ms. deLeon said Laura? She said she did review their website and looked at the resources that they have available and it is clearly stated in the service agreement that the municipality shall not be billed for travel time to and from the community. She did read the agreement as she does try to read all the things. Yea, it's hilarious. She does spend a lot of time looking at things, so that's not an issue. Ms. deLeon said thank you Laura for that.

Ms. deLeon said public comment, five minutes? Mr. Boulin said he thought he just asked that question about who did the vetting on this? Obviously, HEA he trusts, but if we have HEA, then maybe we can eliminate a Council position because you just look at it and say I trust him and we'll go with it. He'd really like to see some of you people put in the hours he puts in to read about these folks and as far as

Laura Ray saying, well I read the contract, wow. It must have taken a few minutes at least. It's way insufficient. Ms. deLeon said you know you are being disparaging to Council, okay. Mr. Boulin said it's not disparaging. He's trying to get you to be...Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said thank you for acknowledging this is disparaging. Mr. Boulin said would you please wait? Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said disparaging. Mr. Boulin said he has the floor and you say...Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said not when you say...Mr. Boulin said here we go, just like the landfill meeting. Mr. Goudsouzian said stop...Mr. Boulin said you are going to try to talk over Dave Boulin except this time Dave Boulin's not going to let you do it Victoria. Ms. deLeon said wait a minute, you have the floor but you can't be making rude comments. Mr. Boulin said he has the floor but you know what, she's...did you rule her down? Would you hammer down and ask her for an apology? She already told you she did this at the landfill after 15 minutes of open... Ms. deLeon said okay, that has nothing to do...Mr. Boulin said it does have a lot to do because she's doing it again...like the police force in Hellertown, never learns. Ms. deLeon said okay, tonight's agenda item discussion...Mr. Boulin said he still has 4:24, here we go. Gee whiz. Ms. deLeon said stick to the subject, the topic. Mr. Boulin said the topic is reviewing people before you drag them in and say we want to have them. No, he's in the world of business for a lot of years. Yes, he did a lot of research but you know what, he was also a business manager and by God, nobody got through the door until they were well vetted and many people and none of this well, we're just going to...what do you guys get paid for? You need to think about that. You need to take just like that guy does there, whose all over this darn map of this country and yet he has way more than enough time to do all the RTK, to do all the review of the agreements and the contracts and all, and all he hears is from one person at the end is oh, it's disparaging. Yea, wow, it is for the public, hello public. You're paying all this money for these folks and you know they're, well I don't have any opinion or I don't want this or I'm going to talk Mr. Boulin down. No, spend your time and effort to do the right thing, it'll take you a lot less effort and you'll get a much better result if you put some sweat and tears into it. Getting paid \$5,000.00 is not a large amount and what does he hear about all the volunteer fire department and all the hours the police spend, yea, they put their heart and soul in it. You guys are just, you need to go a long way. You really should be from business. You have no idea about what they do in business. He doesn't know what you did before but that's really sad. Please, don't count on Cathy to do everything. Do your own homework. You can't even find their webpage. Who are they? He's not blaming it on anybody or being disparaging except to say if you can't do it, get out of that chair and let somebody else do it and no, I'm not running for office. I'm trying to keep everybody a little bit honest, having a hard time here.

Jim Roskowski from Steel City said to the three ladies up here, he just wants to tell you, he supports you.

Marybeth Zingone said do you have to put up with citizens talking to you that way? Ms. deLeon said yes, the public is allowed to speak. It's their right and they are allowed to follow our code which 99% of the people tonight...Ms. Zingone said she thought it has to be on the topic on the plate, not constantly barraging you...Ms. deLeon said Jason's correct. We got to stick to the agenda item. Mr. Banonis said that's a first. Ms. deLeon said we have a motion on the floor and that's what you have to come up here and speak on. Ms. Zingone said you guys are doing a good job and she used to teach business, so she knows what she's talking about. Ms. deLeon said yes, she knows she did, she remembers.

Mr. Mark Ozimek said guess he hates to say this, the Township needs to fix its issues and the Township needs to keep everything internal. Everything internal. Try and get away from outside contractors, outside inspectors and outside people that may go look at something and not care. You need to find somebody, put them in and keep it within the Township because then, well, just like anybody else if they don't listen or do their job, you can fire them. Ms. deLeon said okay, thank you.

Ms. deLeon said anyone else? Seeing none, okay we have a roll call please? Mrs. Gorman called roll call.

ROLL CALL: 3-2 (Ms. Opthof-Cordaro, Ms. deLeon and Ms. Ray – No)

Ms. deLeon said thank you for your work into this Cathy because she knows she is trying to find somebody. She appreciates it and the rest of your staff too; she appreciates them so you can pass that along.

K. RESOLUTION #54-2024 – RIGHT-TO-KNOW OFFICER UPDATE

Ms. deLeon said Resolution #54-2024 has been prepared and updated designating Cathy Gorman as the Right-to-Know Officer and Carol Schneider as the Assistant Right-to-Know Officer.

Mrs. Gorman said she had a conversation with Ms. Schneider. She doesn't have an issue with doing this. She does a lot with the RTKs and it's only when I am not available. Ms. deLeon said understood.

MOTION BY: Ms. deLeon moved for approval of Resolution #54-2024 – designating Cathy Gorman as the RTK office and Carol Schneider as the Assistant Right-to-Know Officer.

SECOND BY: Ms. Ray

Ms. deLeon said Council discussion, Jason? He said he thinks RTK is very good and very important. It's been revealing and he looks forward to it to continuing, so he supports this, yes.

Ms. deLeon said Tom? Mr. Banonis said he thinks he went to the men's room.

Ms. deLeon said she supports this. Victoria? She said she supports it.

Ms. deLeon said Laura? She said yes, she has no comment.

Ms. deLeon said any public comment? Hearing none, roll call. Ms. deLeon said what do we do now? Mr. Goudsouzian said you skip him now and if he comes back, then you can ask him. Ms. deLeon said roll call. Mrs. Gorman called roll call. Ms. deLeon said Tom we have a motion on the floor. Mr. Carocci said yes.

ROLL CALL: 5-0

L. READING CULVERT BID – RELEASE OF PAYMENT

Ms. deLeon said Reading Drive Culvert installation awarded to CMR Construction, Inc. is complete. CMR Construction is requesting release of payment with approved change order for oversight services. Public Works Department is responsible for the remaining work to finish the project. Hanover Engineering and staff reviewed the request, and recommends payment. Did you have anything else to add to that Cathy?

Mrs. Gorman said the CMR Construction finished all their obligations. Having the oversight of their engineer on the ground was very valuable for our PW Department in this project and they are hopefully going to be done as soon as possible.

Mr. Kocher said CMR was awarded the bid by Council to supply, deliver and install the culvert. Council approved the change order to have their personnel on site to appraise the work. So, this represents the total amount of work that CMR has provided in materials and labor.

Mrs. Gorman said again, she'd like to remind Council that this project was partially funded by NC Conservation District with their Dirt and Gravel program.

Mr. Banonis said Brien do you know off the top of your head the amount of the original approved amount and then the amount with the change order? In other words, how much more was it as a result of the change order? Mr. Kocher said the change order for eight days of labor approved from CMR accounted to \$38,000.00 so \$320,000.00 minus \$38,000.00 would have been the original amount.

Mr. Banonis said so it's not unusual in construction projects to have change orders that have overages, right? Mr. Kocher said yes. Mr. Banonis said okay, thank you.

Ms. deLeon said the amount to approve is \$320,200.00.

MOTION BY: Ms. deLeon moved for approval of release of payment with approved change order for oversight services in the amount of \$320,200.00.

SECOND BY: Ms. Opthof-Cordaro

Ms. deLeon said Council discussion, Jason? Mr. Banonis said pay them for their work.

Ms. deLeon said Tom? He said good job.

Ms. deLeon said she doesn't have a problem.

Ms. deLeon said Victoria? She said she approves it. Thank you to Northampton County.

Ms. deLeon said yes, thank you Northampton County. Laura? Ms Ray said she has no comment.

Ms. deLeon said public comment, five minutes? Hearing, seeing none, roll call please. Mrs. Gorman called roll call.

ROLL CALL: 5-0

M. AUTHORIZE PAYMENT TO AND APPROVE CHANGE ORDERS 10 AND 11 FROM CH&N CONSTRUCTION FOR THE EASTON ROAD BALLFIELD PROJECT

Ms. deLeon said the Township received payment #6 for Bid #1 in the amount of \$74,335.82 and payment #1 from Bid #2 in the amount of \$147,495.00 from CH&N Site Construction for the Easton Road Ballfield Project. This payment request has been reviewed by Hanover Engineering Associates, and they are recommending payment. Approval is also needed for change order #10 in the amount of \$19,815.64 and change order #11 for a time extension.

Mr. Kocher said the first payment item is payment No. 6 on the original contract. That amount of \$72,000.00 includes change order No. 10 in the amount of \$19,815.64 and he briefly mentioned that last time. That's for under drain work along the first base side that we believe is necessary to protect the concrete slab behind the baseline and some work at the bottom of the bank. This type of shallow ground water discoveries are very difficult to test for before you actually do the work. The testing, if you could even get accurate test results, would have resulted in putting these lines in anyway so the Township would have paid for them either in the bids or in the change order. You got to do this excavation to reveal where the shallow ground water exists and which way it's flowing to know where to put these drain lines. So, that is change order 10. The second is the first payment application for the field amenities second contract and then change order 11 will change the contract times to substantial completion of the original contract to July 31st. We knew this was coming when the second contract was awarded by Council because it had a direct impact on what they couldn't do until the second contract was done. Mr. Banonis said and also weather this spring probably played a role in that because it was a very rainy spring.

MOTION BY: Mr. Banonis moved to authorize payment to CH&N totaling \$221,830.82 with change order 10 and approved change order 11 for CH&N for the Easton Road Ballfield Project with the time extension and payment No. 1 for the second contract.

SECOND BY: Mr. Carocci

Ms. deLeon said Council discussion, Jason? He said the work has been done, it's moving along and he's looking forward to having this project completed. He's sure the residents are. We had some folks

here that were our Jr. Council members who he knows are looking forward to it, so it's moving along and anybody who hasn't driven by, take a ride and see it.

Ms. deLeon said Tom? He said it's going to be the nicest field in the Lehigh Valley and our residents deserve it.

Ms. deLeon said Victoria? She said thank you. She again, under the prior administration's approval of this contract, we are obligated to comply with the contractual obligations we have. It does say as of to date the overages in the project total \$100,683.47.

Ms. deLeon said Laura? She said okay, she thinks Brien clarified this for her now. When she read this originally, it was confusing the No. 11 change order with the project delay. That's really just a date change. It's not a monetary thing tied to that.

Ms. deLeon said public comment?

Sal Galliano, LST, said it's not so much about the money involved, it's just that he uses Easton Road daily. Yes, he understands it has been quite ugly looking weather-wise, but his problem is that it's also very dirty in that area constantly. Coming along on a motorcycle, which he does most of the time when it's nice weather, it really sucks up the dust. Ms. deLeon said are you talking about road surface stuff? Mr. Galliano said yes, the residual dirt coming out of the...he knows they are trying but he doesn't see anybody cleaning the roadway in any way. He means do we not ask the landfill to come out and sweep the road and stuff, why can't we do the same there? Ms. deLeon asked Brien if we could look into that? Mr. Kocher said yes. Ms. deLeon said Brien will look into that. Mr. Galliano said thank you.

Stacy Misczenski, LST said she thinks that what she just heard was the project is substantially accumulating debt. It's significantly delayed and it's costing us additional money. So, who is stipulating where we are going to make up the boundaries of the excessive spend later on in the timeframe? Is there any way we can recoup some of this in the backend? Has anyone looked at the statements of work and figured out where we can save some money somewhere? \$100,000.00 behind? That's a significant dollar value. She thinks you need to start looking at the project scope and really kind of taking into account how much they've already spent and what's accountable for them on their end because it's already way over budget. Mr. Carocci said we gave \$100,000.00 to a library that commits fraud. Ms. Misczenski said this is not an agenda item. The library is not an agenda item. The ballfield is. Mr. Banonis said overpaying is...Ms. deLeon said again, okay, anybody else? Mr. Banonis said isn't the argument overpaying for something? Ms. deLeon said sorry, she didn't mean to yell.

Lynn Hill said her understanding is this is being delayed until November now? That's when it's expected to be completed, is that correct? Mr. Banonis said no, it's in the packet. That's not correct. July 31st. Ms. deLeon said she thinks it was the end of July. Mr. Carocci said he thought it said July 31st for substantial completion. Ms. Hill said okay. Ms. deLeon said that's what it said. Mr. Banonis said you're the auditor. You should read these things. Ms. Hill said she's not an auditor. She's the controller. Mr. Banonis said you are the controller but you pretend to be an auditor, that's right. Mr. Carocci said Brien, didn't you just substantial completion by July 31st? Ms. deLeon said you know what, you are not being nice again, please. Mr. Carocci said you just said that like three minutes ago, maybe she wasn't paying attention, he doesn't know. Ms. Hill said she doesn't need to be interrupted. That's rude and it's...Mr. Banonis said you asked a question, they answered your question for her. Ms. Hill said you are being tumultuous and difficult and disparaging. Mr. Banonis said you said November, and we said no, it's July 31st. Mr. Carocci said in the email she said she was an auditor. Ms. deLeon said okay. Ms. Hill said she is speaking. Mr. Carocci said she said she was an auditor. Ms. Hill said she's not taking questions. Mr. Banonis said she asked a question and he gave her an answer, what is the problem? Mr. Carocci said she asked the question. Ms. deLeon said you just love being rude. Ms. Ophhof-Cordaro said will you let the person finish their public comment? Mr. Banonis said he's not being rude; he's answering a question. Mr. Goudsouzian said it's public comment. We should let the public talk. Ms.

Hill said is it possible to not have the sod put on and to use grass seed instead we would save money there, that's all. Ms deLeon said thank you for those comments.

Robert Blasko, LST resident said again he's on the park and rec committee. One of our guys stopped by and talked to the guy that's heading that project up over there a couple weeks, a month ago, and yet, even if it is done by July 31st, he recommends that you not go on the sod and play ball for another six to eight weeks. Ms. deLeon said thank you for that.

Ms. deLeon said anyone else? Not seeing anyone, roll call place. Mrs. Gorman called roll call.

Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said she would like to ask in light of the comments, they were very informative that we ask Brien to speak with the contractor to see where they can find things on the back end to perhaps bring in the contract price within the original contract. She doesn't know if it's possible. She knows they have to be agreeable to things, but...Mr. Kocher said he will do that and he would not as he mentioned last time, the contract provided for \$20,000.00 worth of rock removal and they didn't hit any rock so there's already a \$20,000.00 reduction. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said she appreciates that. Thank you. Ms. deLeon said great idea.

ROLL CALL: 5-0

N. WEBSITE UPDATE APPROVAL

Ms. deLeon said at the 2024 Budget adoption, Council approved staff to review and recommend a website designer. After thorough research from staff members, we are recommending contracting with Revize. Cathy, do you want to talk about this?

Mrs. Gorman said this was an item that Mr. Hudson had been working on for quite some time with Ms. Werkheiser and Ms. Schneider. They went through multitudes of websites, reviewed them, scored them, they narrowed it down to a field of three. They asked for proposals, which are in your packet. Outside of the price, everyone agreed that they liked the Revize website even before seeing the pricing and as you can see, the annual maintenance is less than what they are paying now and the web design and the aspects they are offering would only cost \$10,835.00, so the total price is \$13,335.00 and again they budgeted \$20,000.00 for it. The main issue with this website and what a lot of people don't understand is our current website has a lot of programming on the backend that is not Windows friendly. You basically have to learn programming to do it. So this is...Ms. deLeon said this will save you a lot of time. Mrs. Gorman said it's updated programming, it's very user-friendly on the backend and it's visually pleasing and user-friendly on the front. We are asking Council to consider moving forward with this.

MOTION BY: Ms. deLeon moved for approval to contract with Revize Website designer in the amount of \$13,335.00.

SECOND BY: Ms. Opthof-Cordaro

Ms. deLeon said Council discussion, Jason? He said Cathy, he looked at this company and some of the examples that they have and it looks like a good, clean version of this. Have they indicated how long it would take to build this out and get it up and running? Mrs. Gorman said they did have a timeframe, she believes it was going to be, it was on page 16, so 21 to 27 weeks before it would go live. Mr. Banonis said so perhaps by the end of the year we could have this up and running if we were to approve it now.

Mr. Banonis said the other question he has is with regard to the content, the content would be put on there by you or other members of the administration? Mrs. Gorman said yes, correct. Mr. Banonis said Council members will not have access or ability to put content on there. It would have to be from...Mrs. Gorman said the administrative staff. Mr. Banonis said he asks that because we have the newsletter that went out, and this was the Spring 2024, Volume 28, Issue 1, and there's a note from the President that's in there, and he never recalls having a vote to authorize Priscilla as the Council President to author any

sort of note. When he was Council President, and when he recalls Sandy was Council President before him, there were never any of these notes from the President and he finds this note to be biased and misleading. It's untruthful because it doesn't tell what's going on here. It tries to portray the Township as rainbows and unicorns and in fact it's a dumpster fire with going through solicitors, the Township Manager and now the Zoning Officer, the illegal tax, publishing an unknowingly and inaccurate budget, tax increase, violation of the Sunshine Law Act, the lawsuit we just found out about today, so if, he just wants to make sure that there are going to be protections in place so that somebody can't, an individual cannot hijack and use Township resources for their own political benefit here. That's what happened here and he's going to talk about this a little bit more during his Council report because he thinks this is problematic and if Township resources are going to be used, taxpayer money, to send a biased incomplete statement like this, he wants the opportunity to do the same thing so that the residents...because this went to every resident's home, right? He got it here, current resident with his address. So, I assume it went to every residence in the Township and it's taxpayer money being used for this propaganda. So, if that's the case, he wants the opportunity to set the record straight so that people know exactly what's going on here because it's not rainbows and unicorns, it's a dumpster fire.

Mr. Carocci said what's really obnoxious about that newsletter is we've honored our police officers in the past couple of weeks, our firefighters the last couple of weeks, our EMS workers and volunteers today, and what do they put on the cover? None of those hardworking people and our fire services volunteers. They don't put them on the cover of the newsletter. They put themselves on the cover of the newsletter. That says a lot about who they are and what they are.

Ms. deLeon said she's sticking with her motion to approve the website, Victoria? Ms. Ophhof-Cordaro said she wanted to thank the staff for looking into it and also for looking into saving money in the Township. She thinks revitalizing, reviewing the website was long overdue. Thank you.

Ms. deLeon said Laura? She said yes, she agrees. She didn't particularly like the examples that were given but she looked at some of their other things specifically New Hanover Township, their website that they did it's really nice and she hopes we can get something like that up and going, so she's in favor of this.

Ms. deLeon said public comment? Anyone like to speak on this issue?

Mr. Dave Boulin said he's on the website all the time and he'd like to know will you have some user input to this? One of the things he found most interesting was the ability to download endless files, very much...very much in a hurry, okay. He doesn't want to have to download them one at a time. It's really nice if you just collect them and download them and he's specifically referring to the minutes. They are in pdf format. You take them, you put them in a data base and you can search them right away for comments that were made by people. He'd like to be able to do things like that or at least have some kind of hook into it so he can do it. There are other comments he has. He thinks it's really nice to have unicorn looking websites and all, but no, he wants it functional. He wants to have links so he can get from here to there and do it right away and have a list of links so he can just click on them and go. He doesn't want to follow a whole string of commands in order to get there. Yea, he can write code to do that, but that's not necessary if the website's done right. So, this is going to cost about \$13,000.00 and be up and about by the end of the year? Mrs. Gorman said they project in 27 weeks. Mr. Boulin said that's good. He thinks that's really good. We don't know the name of the, we do know the name of the organization or we don't? Ms. deLeon said Revize. Mr. Boulin said okay, so everybody on the Council has looked at this and had their opinion on it? Mr. Carocci said unlike our Zoning Officer consultant they just hired, there actually is a lot of information about Revize in the Council packet. Mr. Boulin said is there also a list of things that were considered as you move from the old to the new that you didn't like about the old and the new fixes and whatever else? He'd be very interested to see something like that as he is on the darn site way too much. Alright, the other thing, absolutely now it was brought up, he wasn't going to say anything about it, but yea, the newsletter, really. That's, that's really bad, come on. My God...Ms. Ray said it's off topic. Mr. Boulin said just like somebody said, you have all these hardworking people in this Township and we have the new election people and what really gets

him is the picture with the Manager after he's gone, oh we're so friendly. He doesn't think that's, if you could pry into his mind, and understand his thinking...Mr. Carocci said you don't have to, he told him. Ms. Ray said agenda item topic. The agenda item is the website. Ms. deLeon said she had a very good working relationship with...Mr. Boulin said it was not on the agenda but it was brought up by somebody at the Council level. Ms. Ray said you can put it on the agenda. Mr. Boulin said well then you can put it on the agenda, maybe you ought to think about it because it just popped out of nowhere now that you mention it. He doesn't know who authorized it? Probably nobody, that's part of the new dictatorship. Mr. Banonis said nobody did, that's why he has questions about the website to make sure that sort of inappropriate conduct and he would say illegal conduct because it was using taxpayer money without authority to send a political message. Mr. Boulin said it is. Mr. Banonis said that was not approved by this Council, so it's basically monopolizing that newsletter for one's individual political activity. Mr. Carocci said they think they are more important than the police, and the fire services and the people that work here. They think they are more important. Mr. Banonis said they got a picture of themselves and a picture of their Controller and they got a picture of Mark going out the door with a smile on his face because he's probably happy not to be dealing with them. Mr. Carocci said he's happy to get away from them. Mr. Banonis said that's his speculation. He doesn't know that but...Mr. Carocci said he knows it, he doesn't have to speculate. Mr. Boulin said he can't tell you what was said to him.

Mr. Banonis said can you stop Mr. Ozimek from responding to Mr. Boulin, are you going to do that or are you just going to let him blurt things out? Ms. deLeon said she didn't hear him. Mr. Banonis said control the meeting, that's part of your job is to listen, look and understand. Ms. deLeon said she is listening to him right now...Mr. Banonis said listen to the public, listen to people when they are yelling out. He knows it's late Priscilla and it's past her bedtime, but it must be that fatigue setting in. Mr. Carocci said she hasn't worked this hard in 40 years. Ms. Ray said comment time. Mr. Carocci said 40 years, you haven't worked that hard. Ms. deLeon said you are being very discriminatory. Mr. Banonis said no he's not. Ms. deLeon said yes you are. Mr. Banonis said she is tired; she must be tired. Ms. Ray said public comment time. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said there's no public purpose for you to disparage people and talk about disabilities of people. Mr. Banonis said he didn't say disability. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said what does this have to do with anything on the agenda? That's disparaging. Mr. Banonis said is that her disability, fatigue? Is that her disability, is fatigue? He didn't know that, thank you for exposing that, now he knows. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said she doesn't know but why are we talking about it? Why are we talking about it? Why are we talking about anybody's disabilities? Mr. Banonis said because she can't pay attention to what's going on. There are people in the audience that are yelling back and interrupting Mr. Boulin and she won't control that. She said she didn't hear that. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said you interrupt her. You interrupt her. Mr. Banonis said he is answering her question, your job is to listen and pay attention and run the meeting. If you can't do that, what's the problem? Are you tired? Are you fatigued? You're the one that shared with him that she has a fatigue problem. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said when you are talking in her ear, she can't hear the people in the audience. There is so much talking that comes from that side of the table, it's no wonder she's not deaf. Mr. Banonis said look in the mirror. Ms. deLeon said look in the mirror. She's going to bring a mirror, she said that at the last meeting, Mr. Banonis said please don't, please don't. Ms. deLeon said yea, she knows, he'll break it. Mr. Banonis said yea. Mr. Carocci said that's not disparaging Jason. Ms. Ray said point of order, we're on public comment, let's have public comment. Mr. Banonis said a third grader running Council meetings, first class Township.

Jim Rostkowski, LST resident...Mr. Banonis said great job. Mr. Rostkowski said are you talking to him? Mr. Banonis said you've said that every time you stood up that they are doing a great job. Mr. Roskowski said is he allowed to speak? Ms. deLeon said yes you are, you have the floor. Mr. Roskowski said thank you. He thinks all the police officers and the firemen, everybody, they all deserve our praise but you three ladies deserve our praise and he thinks you belong on that newsletter for what you guys have to put up with. Mr. Banonis said you're doing a great job, you're doing a great job. Mr. Carocci said shocking insight.

Ms. Stacy Misczenski said so for your website, just please, please remember that every time you put a link in a website, you increase your chances of malware and bad elements every single time you put a

link in something. So, if she was you, she'd limit the amount of links you have on your website because there's too much malware out there and it gets nasty quick. That's all she's saying.

Anne Marie Slavick said she just wants to say she supports the people on this board that are considerate and that think about pro-business ideas in this Township because it's not just the citizens but it's also business. We need to support business and we shouldn't always demonize them as she's seen on this Council demonizing the landfill. Thank you.

Ms. deLeon said anybody else, if not roll call please. Mrs. Gorman called the roll call. (*Mr. Banonis stepped out*) Mr. Goudsouzian said it already passed, but as a courtesy, if you want to wait for him, he recommends doing that. They waited for Mr. Banonis to come back into the room. Mr. Banonis said does it also include the understanding that all content posted, modified, and/or removed shall be limited to the Township Manager, Acting Township Manager, web designer, and any third-party consultants needed to provide for the proper and effective operation of the website. Ms. deLeon said he already made the motion. Mr. Banonis said is that part of the motion? Ms. deLeon said no, that's not part of the motion. Mr. Banonis said then he thinks he's going to vote no as he thinks those words should be included in the motion.

ROLL CALL: 4-1 (Mr. Banonis – No)

O. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION CONCERNING RESPONSIBLE SOLUTIONS OF PENNSYLVANIA'S POLITICAL ACTIVITY SUPPORTING COUNCILMEN BANONIS AND CAROCCI IN THE 2021 ELECTION INCLUDING POTENTIAL CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND ETHICS VIOLATIONS

Ms. deLeon said this was requested by Ms. Opthof-Cordaro. Mr. Opthof-Cordaro said thank you very much. She asked for this item to be on the agenda because at least for the last two Council meetings, she heard claims that she has some kind of pecuniary interest in the outcome of landfill expansion or that she's involved in litigation...Mr. Carocci said you are. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said or that her family's involved in litigation...Mr. Carocci said they are. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said with respect to the landfill expansion or things that happened in 2023 and she felt that it was her responsibility to provide to the public the information that she's aware of that she thinks as an individual and a Council member is a pecuniary interest and of concern for the residents of this Township. Stacy, she gave her the flash drive if you can open it up. Mr. Carocci said this is the election Ms. Opthof lost. Mr. Banonis said was this shared with Council, is it in the Council packet? Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said responsible solutions for PA folder, please. Mr. Carocci said this is the election Ms. Opthof lost to them, sore loser he guesses.

Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said and then RSP Banonis and Carocci. So first she wants to provide the residents with some background. The Political Action Committee (PAC) Responsible Solutions for PA from her understanding was from what she has been able to discover is that it was formed initially in 2015. During the 2015 election, it's her understanding the landfill at that time was looking to do some expansion and they decided to get involved in the campaign during that time. In 2015, interestingly enough, the PAC was called Responsible Solutions for PA. It was specifically meant to support candidates for LST in the municipal election of 2015. Interestingly enough the Chair of this Super PAC was David Spirk. That's the same person that owns the Steel Club and she'll go on further, is involved in other matters in the Township. He was the Chair of the Super PAC. Mr. Craig Kologie was the Treasurer of the Super PAC. Mr. Craig Kologie has served on our Planning Commission (P/C) and has been Chair of our P/C for a number of years including in the years 2022 and 2023 as she understands it.

Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said you can see that in 2015 if you scroll down page 3, they use Mercury LLC to perform a lot of these campaign materials, auto calls, page 4, you have live ID calls, page 5 mail pieces, mail pieces, mail pieces, geo-TV call, website logo that was page 8, then we look at the Bethlehem Landfill's, the former interaction of it which was IESI, Bethlehem Landfill (BL) summary of independent expenditures. Interesting to her enough is that the landfill paid the same company, Mercury LLC, for other campaign activity, \$40,000.00 geo-TV in October, consulting services \$2,500.00, more consulting services, and it went on and on. So, if you look at page 10 and 11, it shows all of the

expenditures and payments made to Mercury LLC both on behalf of Mr. Kologie and Mr. Spirk as the Chair and Treasurer of Responsible Solutions for PA and also on behalf of the landfill.

Mr. Carocci said they supported Willard, deLeon and, they supported Willard, deLeon and...Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said so actually it was material that was opposing those three candidates and they never supported them. Mr. Carocci said I thought the agenda item was about 2021 and Jason...Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said she's getting there, she's showing...Mr. Carocci said no, this is 2015, he didn't run in 2015. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said when you look at in 2015, there was a Morning Call article that discussed the landfill at that time and the expansion issues and the tremendous amount of money, \$95,000.00 spent in that election by Responsible Solutions for PA. Ironically enough, she knows we heard from Ms. Louder earlier, at that time she was opposed to the landfill and she quoted "without the rezoning the landfill will reach capacity inflows", the flyer says. "The loss of the revenue which the LST budget could cause dramatically higher property taxes. That's a quote by newcomer Gary Gorman"...Mr. Banonis said where's that quote? Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said its quote in the Morning Call from 2015. Mr. Banonis said is that article here? Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said yes, the article is in page 14, sorry we're on page 14. Mr. Banonis said sorry, they don't have this. She never gave it to them. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said it will be available to them. It's available...Mr. Banonis said after the fact, after the fact. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said she is providing it and she would like to finish her presentation and you can have comments after that, she's sure. So, if you look on 2015, they spent \$95,000.00, at least according to the articles and information available then. Again, Responsible Solutions for PA. Mr. Spirk, the same Chair of that PAC in 2015. In 2021, supported Mr. Carocci and Mr. Banonis in their campaign. When they opened their individual PAC, it's not a PAC but it's a committee, Zavacky, Carocci and Banonis, for LST. Their initial expenditures of, she should say donations of \$2,500.00 from Mr. Spirk, \$250.00 from Ms. Spirk. In addition to that, during that time, Mr. Spirk made in-kind donations over \$1,000.00 to, she thinks, had a party at his club, the Steel Club and then his children were also involved, but then if you look at the statement of expenditures in 2021, you see the Steel Club LLC/Jason Banonis was an expenditure, so she doesn't know if it was the Steel Club or Mr. Banonis but to her it was one of the same. You have Mr. Banonis and the Steel Club and...Mr. Banonis said where is this? Where is this? Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said this is your statement of expenditures, Schedule 3, of your campaign finance report in 2021. Then we look at Grace Spirk, she was also involved in providing support for your specific campaign finance report. That's the Zavacky, Banonis and Carocci campaign financial report. At the very conclusion of that election, Mr. Spirk sent to, she should say his company, sent to his mailing list, which she assumes includes thousands. She thinks most recently in a Style magazine article, which talks about luxury living in LST and luxury country club lifestyle, he's got over 10,000 members to his Steel Club membership. He sent out an email to his members telling them they could come and get a beer after they vote and this was all paid for by Banonis, Carocci and Zavacky's PAC, so that's page 23. You can see the email that was sent in 2021 by the Steel Club for people to come and get a free beer. Then during that time, you can see that there was another investigation about what Responsible Solutions of PA was doing. So, in October 30, 2021, a news article ran concerning at least \$75,000.00 in expenditures, she should say money that the landfill placed into the Super PAC Responsible Solutions for PA to support the elections during that year. If you go back to the folder Stacy, if you can open up the file document Responsible Solutions PAC filings 2021. So, if you go to that, you'll see it kind of goes from backwards forwards so they filed a report in January 2022 which covers the total amount of time they spent in 2021 during the election. She's highlighted it in yellow, the dates and the expenditures and in green the amount of money that the landfill individually put into the PAC. Okay, so on January 21, 2022 to cover expenditures they had, they put in \$15,000.00. Then they also paid Mercury Public Affairs thousands and thousands of dollars for activity to support the election. They paid for campaign mailing, text messaging, campaign letters and postage, geo-TV telephone calls and telephone lists. In addition, Mr. Andrew Moss who was the new, she believes he's the new Chair of the Super PAC in 2021. He's now the one dealing with the post office. So, if you go on down, let's go down to, this would be page 9 of this document, you can see they list additional expenditures that they did, geo-TV robocalls, three campaign mailers and text messaging, campaign mailer for first class letter, thousands and thousands of dollars. Certainly, going above and beyond what any other campaign spent during that election. If she recalls, she's sure Mr. Banonis has the exact figures, his campaign may have raised and spent something like \$16,000.00 total and the

opponents, which was herself and two other individuals, they spent like \$7,000.00 or \$8,000.00 but they have a landfill spending \$95,000.00 in 2015 and what she understands to be in 2021, somewhere between \$75,000.00 and \$100,000.00. What's important to her that she found really interesting, you'll see page 16 they put more money in, in October, basically in \$15,000.00 increments they put in money, but if you go to page 18, this is a very interesting thing. Waste Connections had in-kind contributions, so they didn't just put money in, they paid employees, she presumes, she could be corrected, she's just presuming, because she doesn't know of any of Waste Connection landfills in PA, she presumes that the employees they paid were the employees at the BL but those employees got paid time, their hourly rate of \$25.00 and change to go and do campaigning for the Super PAC and they did it October 19th, October 20th, October 21st, October 22nd, October 25th. They all went out supporting the Super PAC. Who is the Super PAC supporting in 2021? Mr. Banonis and Mr. Carocci. You'll also see they have the statement of expenditures, Mercury Public Affairs again paying thousands of dollars for professional political consulting. That's 21 and 22. You look at those expenditures, so it goes on and on and on. She found it very concerning that in 2021 we had one entity in our municipality that was spending three times, four times as much as what the candidates spent themselves and clearly based upon the in-kind contributions listed here, they were actually going out door to door and doing things in the Township, not just sending mailers and so on and so forth, they were actually doing these things. So, if you go back to the folder, Stacy, if you pick out 2021 RSP photos, so, this is something else that concerned her. We have Super PACs all over the place, in national politics, in state politics. You know they usually pick like a really hot button issue like I want to support Freedom of Speech or I want to support our second amendment gun rights, right, so they say they are all about preserving your gun rights, we want to protect your guns rights. This candidate supports this issue go vote for them, but when you look at the materials in 2021, when you compare them, the materials that the PAC produced and the material that Mr. Banonis and his committee produced, they were just eerily similar, too similar. They talked about specific campaign platforms and specific percentages, and it made her question where was the PAC getting all this very specific information? They weren't just saying hey, Mr. Banonis and Mr. Carocci don't want to raise your taxes. That's always a tagline that the landfill talks about, raising your taxes is a problem, if you lose landfill money, but in this specific instance, you'll see on page 1 of these photos that you have their names prominently displayed, below it is specific campaign platform issues. Cut property taxes 20%, avoid any new debt in 2020, refuse tax funded salaries, another thing that Mr. Banonis talked about that year. So, you'll see on the other side, they had pictures, photographs, which she found concerning because she's thinking to herself, it's not like they got a photo from these people at a public meeting or you know anywhere in public. At least Mr. Banonis and Mr. Carocci it appears that it was pulled from some professional head shot, so who gave...Mr. Banonis said Tom, you look great. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said who gave the photos, and you know how did that happen? So, Responsible Solutions for PA listed very specific campaign platform information produced by Mr. Banonis and Mr. Carocci on their materials distributed. If you go to page 3, here's an example of the back of one of the campaign flyers produced by Mr. Banonis and Mr. Carocci. Ironically enough, the same exact platform issues listed, cut your local property taxes 20%, then she thinks it says something on here about not accepting any Council pay. So, she just again, very specific things. Not like you know we just want to keep your taxes low, or we want to support businesses in the community. Very specific things. So, Responsible Solutions flooded PA and flooded the voters with campaign propaganda that specifically encouraged residents to vote for Mr. Banonis and Mr. Carocci to the tune of \$75,000.00 to \$100,000.00 in campaigning.

Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said you'll see page 5; this is just an example of one of the flyers sent by Responsible Solutions for PA. Again, listing Mr. Banonis and Mr. Carocci prominently and then you go to the back of a different flyer, we saw they must have sent out all three or four different mailers that year alone. Again, the same platform materials are listed. She finds it very troubling that we have a situation where we are looking at a PAC producing materials that have virtually identical language as the materials produced by Mr. Banonis and Mr. Carocci. If you could Stacy look at Summary of Responsible Solutions, summary of actions by Mr. Banonis and Mr. Carocci, reducing Township oversight of landfill operations and supporting BL. She thinks it's important to note that in 2021 at least, there was a course of conduct that she saw that wasn't just supporting the BL, but also taking away oversight that the Township had put in place, not by Mr. Carocci, Mr. Banonis, but by many Councils

before. Not by just Ms. deLeon, who had been on Council for many, many years but other Council members had done things many, many times to support oversight of the landfill, which she would think everybody would think is an important thing on such a very hard use of our land. Certainly, something that involves a lot of regulation. So, she thinks it's important. This is just a sampling. She can't say that it's everything, but it's at least enough information that you can see. Under the Northern Realignment, which is the section that they just received approval for and you have permitting for, they ended the long-standing Township policy to have Township consultants review the DEP permitting process. In fact, you just saw this evening there was a complaint about spending \$2,500.00 to have consultants review DEP processing. This is nothing new in the Township except for when Mr. Banonis and Mr. Carocci came on Council. They eliminated Township technical consultants who provided expert review of landfill operations. If you go back historically through the Township, you will see that we had a Technical Consulting Committee, which consisted of experts in hydrogeology and other areas that were very detailed and were able to review things that happened with the landfill. During the years of 2021 and 2022, they eliminated the Township consultants. They eliminated the quarterly technical presentation. We used to see the technical consultants come to Council on a quarterly basis and provide updates to the Township. That ended. She doesn't know why. Why are we getting rid of oversight if there's nothing to hide? She doesn't understand it. They reduced the Landfill Committee Meetings from monthly to quarterly. That happened she believes in 2023 and then it was memorialized in the new host municipal agreement that was executed in 2023. As you all know, and unfortunately, they criticized Township residents who speak out about the landfill. They accuse residents of falsifying reports/complaints about landfill odors. She's heard it time and time again, how does anyone know where the odor comes from. It could come from the waste management company. It could come from anyplace else. They like to tout the DEP's oversight and that the DEP is what we need and they protect us. The DEP is the one that verifies odor complaints. In January we had an NOV and she thinks it included odor complaints. So, if they smelled it, the DEP smelled it, it must be happening. She still hasn't heard; she doesn't think she ever heard Mr. Banonis or Mr. Carocci acknowledge that there is odor that comes from the landfill. She's never heard it. Mr. Banonis said he's never smelled it. Mr. Ophof-Cordaro said he's never smelled it. Criticized neighboring communities and constitutions to express concerns over landfill expansion proposals and rezoning. She means he talks about wanting to be a good neighbor, but when we have such an issue that deals with not only LS but other surrounding communities and other residents in other communities, we don't let them speak. That's something that happened and she believes was a diminution of what would normally happen in any Council when you have such a grave concern happening. They adopted public comment policies, which prohibited interested neighbors and residents, municipalities and non-profits from providing input on rezoning and the proposed Phase V expansion. They prevented interested neighboring municipalities and non-profits from speaking at rezoning meetings and Township meetings discussing the proposed Phase V expansion. They make landfilling a permanent use in the 2023 zoning changes. So, in the MPC it gives guidance to municipalities as to when you should have a permitted use, when you should have conditional use oversight and special exception use oversight, but the most amazing thing to her is they actually identify landfilling as the type of use that you would want to use, having conditional use or special exception oversight. Up until 2023, or she should say December 2022 and then in 2023, LST had always placed landfilling under special exception. It was part of our zoning regulations for decades. All of a sudden, Mr. Carocci and Mr. Banonis they decide that it doesn't need special exception oversight, it doesn't need conditional use oversight. It's just a permitted use. So, she begs the question for all of those decades where all of those people were involved in the Township, were they all nuts too? Was something wrong with them, but she sees it as a diminution and a reduction of the oversight that our Township would have and should have provided when it comes to landfills. Sampling of actions supporting the BL, they recommended critical zoning changes as she just discussed. They allowed landfills on conserved land, conserved land that the Township had entered into to protect for in perpetuity. It was recorded in the Recorder of Deeds, so it's not something that just somebody mentioned on Council, it was a document executed. Mr. Banonis and Mr. Carocci vote in favor of all zoning changes, release of conservation easements and Phase V landfill expansion preliminary plan approval. They appoint landfill supporter and 2015 PAC Chair, remember Mr. Spirk. He got on Parks and Rec Committee, appoint 2015 PAC Treasurer Craig Kologie, he's on Planning Commission, again the Chair, and as Chair he voted in favor of landfill development projects including the 2023 rezoning

and Phase V project. They appointed Mr. Carocci himself to Planning Commission and EAC. Both of those committees provide oversight, provide advisory comments, on landfill development projects including the 2023 rezoning and Phase V project. Mr. Carocci said he was Chair of the EAC. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said yeah, exactly. Mr. Carocci said yes. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said she thinks he overrode the EAC's decision in appointing a Chair and appointed himself. So, you voted in favor of 2023 rezoning and landfill expansion proposal. You appointed landfill supporter and wife of 2015 landfill PAC Chair, Ann Spirk. Ms. Spirk, she also gave the money, you saw that, to EAC, she voted again in favor of rezoning and Phase V project. So, both Mr. Carocci and Mr. Banonis serve as Council liaisons to Landfill Committee in 2021 through 2023. They provide landfill promotional material at Landfill Committee meetings. She attended a 2023 Landfill Committee meeting and it was just around the time that she thinks the landfill was thinking about doing their PFAS treatment and they, the landfill, and she thinks it was a very good thing they produced material to promote the idea that they were going to at least try to test for PFAS. She would expect that when they came to Landfill Committee meetings, to show this PFAS testing that it would be a representative of the landfill that brings that document to the Landfill Committee but that is not what she saw. She saw Mr. Banonis walk through the door with the stack, stack of the promotional material from the landfill.

Mr. Banonis said that's a lie. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said and put it on the table. Mr. Banonis said that's a lie. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said and she was shocked that she watched that happen. Mr. Banonis said absolute lie. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said that is the witness she had that she observed during that meeting and she said why is...Mr. Banonis said that was mailed to him. Ms. deLeon said one person talk at a time. Mr. Carocci said that was a lie. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro asked herself, she said why is Mr. Banonis promoting things that the landfill should be promoting. We heard this evening just at the opening of tonight, she didn't hear a statement from the landfill if she in fact filed her litigation, she expects that the landfill representative that could bring the ah ha moment, the big dramatic thing. That's not what she saw. She saw a spectacle of pre-arranged organization...Mr. Banonis said another lie. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said of Mr. Banonis and Mr. Carocci...Mr. Banonis said that's another lie. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said calling people into a room and saying I'm going to videotape you while somebody serves you with.... (*audience member speaking*) Ms. deLeon said yes, she has the floor. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said she said it's an agenda item and it's her agenda item. (*audience member speaking*) She asks for point of order. She asks for point of order. Ms. deLeon said she's giving it to her. You have the floor. (*audience member speaking*) Ms. deLeon said Sir, you are out of order. No, you're out of order. (*audience member speaking*) Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said she's asking for point of order. Ms. deLeon said point of order, please. Mr. Carocci said Russ, Russ, go feed the kittens. Go feed the kittens. Opthof-Cordaro said this evening we saw a presentation by Mr. Banonis and clearly what he had already reviewed as litigation from the landfill despite the fact that nobody in the Township received it, at least not that she's aware of, until they were served it this evening. Mr. Carocci thought it was really fun to go and video tape it, like she guesses he's going to put it on You Tube. She thinks it's really interesting that we have, from her perspective, this ongoing course of conduct to not, to not take an objective view of landfill issues but to take away review from the Township and to promote the landfill. From her perspective, she thinks it demonstrates that, for her, it's her opinion that there is a connection. A very, lots of circumstantial evidence here that there was connection between Mr. Spirk, who was the landfill PAC Chair in 2015, his financial contributions to Mr. Banonis and Mr. Carocci in 2021 and the materials that were produced in 2021, both by the PAC and by Mr. Banonis and Mr. Carocci. So, we've had lots of discussions about pecuniary interests, but she doesn't think anybody, anybody identified in the years 2022 or 2023 that there was this much money spent, not on behalf of any Council people, that the landfill spent this amount of money to support them. The landfill spent this money to support Mr. Banonis and Mr. Carocci and she thinks that's a pecuniary interest because if she had, if she knew there was somebody behind her back, that was going to give \$100,000.00 into a PAC to support her campaign and produce mailings and produce door knockers and pay employees to go out and canvas, she'd be sitting pretty and she thinks that the Ethics Commission needs to review this.

Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said so, she's going to take this package and she's going to write a letter and she's going to ask the Ethics Commission to review whether or not Mr. Banonis and Mr. Carocci should have identified the fact that there was this support by the entity that was looking for multiple zoning approvals,

changing of zoning, releasing of conservation easements, that was number two, and Phase V land development, appointment themselves on various committees that had oversight of reviews. She would have expected at least somebody to comment about it so when we are talking about Ethics Commission review, she's going to forward this material to the Ethics Commission and she's going to ask them to review whether there was pecuniary interest because from her perspective, it was definitely an in-kind interest. The other thing that she is going to do is she's going to take this package and she's going to send it to the District Attorney of NC and the Attorney General's office because the other very, very important thing, Mr. Banonis likes to talk over and over and over again. He likes to show his campaign finance report from 2021 and say I didn't receive any money from the landfill. He's right, he didn't receive a check that went into his PAC, but what he did receive and as an in-kind from her perspective, would be an in-kind contribution is \$75,000.00 to \$100,000.00 in campaigning the landfill did. So, that's an in-kind contribution, from her perspective, and she thinks it should be investigated because it should have been identified in his 2021 campaign finance reports as an in-kind contribution and by failing to do so, he didn't comply with campaign finance laws and she would like the District Attorney of NC and the Attorney General's office of the State of PA, Commonwealth of PA, to investigate that. So, she's going to do that and she welcomes anybody else on this Council to join her because when we talk about pecuniary interest, she hasn't seen a dollar, she hasn't seen anybody else on here point to a dollar that herself or her family has received from anything, but what she does see is \$75,000.00 to \$100,000.00 spent by the landfill to pursue their interest in expanding their landfill in LST. That's her comment. She hopes that other Council members will join her in her ask to both the Ethics Commission to investigate pecuniary interest in their voting 2023 and 2023 and also to the DA and the AG on the failures to report in-kind contributions on their campaign finance reports. Thank you.

Mr. Ray said she agrees. Ms. deLeon said she would like to join her in that so put her name down. Mr. Carocci said good, you'll be added to the defamation lawsuit, good, go ahead Jason. Ms. deLeon said on, whatever, but she would also like to... Mr. Carocci said it's Jason's turn next. Ms. deLeon said wait a minute, she's not done yet. Mr. Carocci said what are you talking about you don't go first, Jason goes first. Mr. Banonis said let her go first, go ahead, age before beauty. Ms. deLeon said is there a motion. Do we need a motion for this or just? Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said no, she's not making any motions, she's just indicating since we have lots of discussions about sending people to the Ethics Commission for the last two times, she thought it was important that the community see and understand there will be other investigations happening with real dollars involved.

Ms. deLeon said okay, Council discussion, Jason? Mr. Banonis said could he get a point of clarification when you say landfill, do you mean the Bethlehem Landfill located in LST? Is that what you are referring to? Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said Waste Connections as listed on the reports, they speak for themselves. Mr. Banonis said he just wanted to clarify that, that's what she's saying here. Where to begin? First of all, this is a request being made by Victoria Opthof-Cordaro who was sued today, among others, for conduct that violates the Ethics Act and what this stinks of is retaliation and thrashing about in reaction to getting... would you stop, okay, you let her go for 15 – 20 minutes, so don't interrupt him, alright? Ms. deLeon said please audience. Mr. Banonis said if you aren't going to control the meeting, he's going to ask for the same courtesy. Ms. deLeon said if you are going to talk, you have to go out in the hallway, please, please.

Mr. Banonis said okay, so what this stinks of is retaliation and thrashing about because she's been caught and called out and now she's put herself in a tough position and she's trying to deflect attention from what she did to him and to Tom and to Jen Zavacky and to the landfill. Okay, so he's not going to say a lot about this. What he will say is, the conversation she started with was 2015. He was not involved in LST Council 2015, wasn't until 2019. It talks about candidates that were supported then; he wasn't a candidate back then. Now the number has grown, before it was \$75,000.00, now it's \$100,000.00. He's going to say very little on this subject but he is going to share this with the public. If you go to the NC Court of Common Pleas docket and you look up this docket number, C-48-CV-2021-08193, there's a matter that's there and it's captioned as follows. Jason Banonis, Thomas Carocci, Jennifer Zavacky and Zavacky, Carocci, Banonis for LS Council plaintiffs vs. Thomas Roney, Victoria Opthof-Cordaro, George Gress, Democrats for LST and John Does 1 through 10 defendants. There you will find a

complaint that was filed on his behalf, on behalf of Tom Carocci, on behalf of Jen Zavacky, as well as our campaign committees Zavacky, Carocci, Banonis for LS Council and when you to that complaint, you'll see Paragraph 13, October 25, 2021, Victoria Opthof-Cordaro and her cohorts, made defamatory statements that said that we had gladly accepted more than \$75,000.00 from the landfill or its PAC. It was published in paper. It was published in social media platforms. It was published on their website. In fact, their website increases the number, not \$75,000.00 but up to \$95,000.00. It was designed to reach the general public and the message that it conveyed was that we had accepted money from the landfill, were bought off and beholdng to the landfill. They showed this information to WLVR who interviewed him and they intended and did cause harm to him and others and that harm continues through today. They continue to republish these defamatory statements including what Victoria just said today and he's stunned. You've said a lot of ignorant, stupid, uninformed things. This takes them all, and the reason for that is there's litigation that's ongoing and he would expect that your counsel Mike Shay, Shay, Santee and Kelhart, and/or your insurer or anybody else who is behind this would counsel you to not continue to republish these defamatory statements but yet you did and it continues, and it continues to the point that apparently yesterday somebody, somebody who is anonymous, he'd like to know who sent these out but apparently the person who did this doesn't have the fortitude to stand behind the publications that they are putting out in Steel City went around and put these pieces of paper on mailboxes or on doors, and it says "Come to LST Council meeting, this Wednesday, May 15th and it goes on and it talks about Jason Banonis and Tom Carocci will do all they can to destroy scenic and conservation easements for the landfill expansion, but why? The out-of-state corporate parent of BLC, Waste Connections US created and funded a Super PAC Responsible Solutions for PA to swamp the LST Council race in 2021 with nearly \$100,000.00 of waste industry dollars to support three candidates, Jason Banonis, Tom Carocci and Jennifer Zavacky, according to campaign finance reports filed in NC the Super PAC funding was four times the amount these candidates raised or spent on their own, all campaign finance contributions and expenditure data comes from the PA campaign reports filed in the NC Department of Elections, and it goes on. At least this anonymous person, this anonymous person, who's still publishing defamatory statements, took the time to go and look at the campaign finance reports, which are public records, they are filed in the election's office in NC, the government center, right there on Wolf Street, anybody can go in and get copies of them. Here's a copy of it, anybody can go get themselves a copy. It shows exactly the amount of funds they received, the contributions, the expenditures that they had, and zero dollars came from any Super PAC. All the money came from individuals, who made their own individual donations, none of whom, that he's aware of, are affiliated in any way with the landfill or the PAC. So, had Victoria, George Gress and Tom Roney, at least found the cursory investigation to go and get a copy of this statement. They would know the defamatory statements were untrue. They were made with actual malice. They were given an opportunity to retract those statements. He sent them a Cease-and-Desist letter when it happened back in 2021, because they knew those statements were false and they chose to ignore those statements and chose to ignore the demand to Cease and Desist and instead they continue, or at least Victoria, continues to use defamatory statements. Because there's ongoing litigation, and he certainly does not want to jeopardize his claims, and he doesn't want to jeopardize the claims of his co-plaintiffs in this case, he's not going to say anything else about this other than thank you for continuing the defamatory statements, thank you for increasing his damages, thank you for continuing to republish it so individuals that remain anonymous put these things on mailboxes and continue to defame him. Your ignorance is absolutely unbelievable to him. Truly, truly, unbelievable. He's going to share with you one thing before he stops his comments, and he's going to hand to you and he wants the record to reflect this so it can be heard. A copy of Title 18, Section 4904, and this is:

Unsworn falsification to authorities, and it says as follows, Subpart A,

In general, a person commits a misdemeanor of the second degree if, with intent to mislead a public servant in performing his official function, he:

- (1) makes any written false statement which he does not believe to be true;
- (2) submits or invites reliance on any writing which he knows to be forged, altered or otherwise lacking in authenticity; or

- (3) submits or invites reliance on any sample, specimen, map, boundary mark, or other object which he knows to be false.
 - (b) Statements "under penalty". A person commits a misdemeanor of the third degree if he makes a written false statement which he does not believe to be true, on or pursuant to a form bearing notarized, authorized by law, to the effect that false statements made therein are punishable.
 - (c) Perjury provisions applicable. Section 4902(c) through (f) of this title (relating to perjury) applies to this section.
 - (d) Penalty. In addition to any other penalty that may be imposed, a person convicted under this section shall be sentenced to pay a fine of at least \$1,000.

So, he's putting everybody on this Council including the solicitor, Council President, Interim Township Manager, Defamer-in-Chief, and a courtesy copy to Tom, with a copy of this so that you're aware that if you proceed on this course of conduct, that there will be charges brought against you, among other things for unsworn falsification to authorities as well as the ongoing pursuit of the defamation lawsuit that has been filed and continues in NC. He thinks it should also be noted for the public that although that defamation lawsuit has been pending for quite a while, discovery was served by us as the plaintiffs and yet, Victoria Opthof-Cordaro and her cohorts refuse to respond to that discovery. You probably heard that before. Refuse to respond to discovery, why is that? Is it better to litigate these things in the court of public opinion like this and grandstand? He thinks that's what their strategy is. He'll leave it at that because again, he would expect that his counsel would tell him perhaps to not say what he did say, but nonetheless he thinks it was necessary for the public to have some understanding of this. He looks forward to the resolution of our case. He looks forward to a public apology and he looks forward to absolutely no confidentiality to the settlement or verdict in that case. The public should know that a settlement offer was made to them. That settlement offer was strikingly low for what he believes our damages are, it was considered and some of the things that they wanted as part of that settlement was a public apology, and no confidentiality, which was refused. That's fine. They will allow the court system to work this out. That's why the court is there and the authorities are there and he's highly confident that they will prevail in the end. He looks forward to receiving settlement compensation and apology from Victoria, and he also looks forward to, and her cohorts. He also looks forward to settlement from any other individuals that choose to continue to disseminate these defamatory statements and he can tell you that is highly likely that other individuals will be joined into this litigation and the consequences will be what they are. In addition to that, if this is advanced any further than tonight, he fully intends to pursue charges for the unsworn falsification to authorities and any other legal recourse that he has. He has no other comments at this time, thank you. Mr. Carocci said very good.

Ms. deLeon said Tom? Mr. Carocci said yea, you know, Priscilla decides to join in this, we gladly can add her tomorrow or this week to the defamation lawsuit as well when she signs this letter apparently. Laura Ray, Council meeting October 19, 2022, Council minutes, page 1, lines 26 – 29, this is Laura Ray, "This seems to be very unethical given that the corporation that owns the landfill has made large contributions to support elections of certain Council members, now and in the past." So, maybe we add Ms. Ray as well, that's Council meeting October 22nd. Lynn Hill, Council meeting January 18, 2023, page 3 of 27, lines 30 – 33, "It's been all over the news, they've taken \$75,000.00 from the landfill." Bob Blasko is on here, Bob Blasko, LST meeting, 12-21-22, page 32 of 38, lines 14-17, "one question has been asked several times tonight, because \$75,000 was donated by the landfill owner to get three candidates elected to this Council and he named them. Jason Banonis, Tom Carocci, Jennifer Zavacky." And then Victoria, of course, tonight but also in 12-21-22, she was just, she lost the election, she lost handily to him and Jason, it was just him and Jason, there was a two-year term that the other candidates ran for. She lost to him and Jason but she said on 12-21-22 Council meeting, page 5, lines 52-54, "two months after that landfill decided to march in here and ask for everything they could possibly want, so she wonders whether \$75,000 that the landfill spent whether they are going to get their monies worth tonight." So again, just, he thinks we have to attach some more people to the defamation lawsuit because they've been warned, they haven't stopped and they look forward to doing it to Priscilla. He wants to see that signed letter. He can't wait to see that. This is something unlike, you know, they are going to try and get Township taxpayers to pay their legal fees even though they've been sued individually from the landfill. This is a defamation suit. They are not going to be able to get Township taxpayer dollars

to defend them in this. You really should have told Ms. deLeon that your attorney is trying to settle this and has been trying to settle this for like six months before you roped her in on this. He means, it would have just been a nice thing to inform her about, before you roped her into a defamation lawsuit but looking forward to the fight as always.

Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said she just has a point of order, she heard that, she thinks Mr. Banonis indicated that he's not affiliated with anybody who is involved with the landfill or the Super PAC and he again refers to Mr. Spirk and his initiation of this Super PAC Responsible Solutions for PA in 2015 and Mr. Spirk's heavily involved matters in the 2021 election for Mr. Banonis or Mr. Carocci and she will say if you go to, Stacy in the folder, Bethlehem Landfill Spirk Video, in 2023, the landfill was active again to influence the elections and they spent money again to influence those elections and they produced a video which they still have published on their Facebook page, it was published, she thinks, October 30th or something, 2023, and it involved interviews from people in the Township. Do you have that one? *(part of the video was shown)* So, she just wants to identify that, that was a video from the landfill including Mr. Spirk in their promotional material in the 2023 election, the same Mr. Spirk that was heavily involved in Mr. Banonis and Mr. Carocci's campaign in 2021 and the same Chair of the Landfill PAC in 2015. Thank you.

Mr. Carocci said he imagines the same Mr. Spirk that's going to file another defamation lawsuit against you. Mr. Banonis said just another point of clarification, he knows you like to make up words and say that he said them, he didn't say that. He said he's not aware of anybody who contributed to our committee that is anyway affiliated with the PAC. Those are his words. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said Mr. Spirk did contribute to your committee, he contributed thousands of dollars to your committee. Mr. Banonis said he's not aware of anybody that contributed to our committee. Yet again, he'll say it for the third time as he knows she has trouble understanding things that she doesn't like to hear, he's not aware of anybody that contributed to their committee who is affiliated with any PAC. Okay, he can't say it any clearer than that, okay? Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said the records speak for themselves. Mr. Banonis said he's telling you what he said. You can try to twist his words however she wants. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said we have differences of opinion on the matter, and that is fine. Mr. Banonis said and put words in his mouth, and do whatever you want, the defamation lawsuit will go on and they will be successful in the end and you did it to yourself.

Ms. deLeon said Laura? She said she didn't get to see all the information beforehand. Mr. Banonis said neither did we, she didn't share it with any of us. Mr. Ray said she's reading this paper you gave and it refers to things that are false, forged, altered, lacking authenticity, and it looked like everything that was being shown was official documentation. So, she's not sure.

Mr. Carocci said thanks for the insults. Thanks for the insults, Laura. Mr. Banonis said thank you for your legal interpretation he appreciates that very much. Mr. Carocci said brilliant. Ms. Ray said yea, and you're rude. So, she doesn't see anything that was false that was shown up there. Mr. Banonis said sign the paper work. Welcome to the party. Mr. Carocci said stand by your statements, that's fine. Mr. Banonis said welcome to the party, put your homeowners on notice. He can tell you probably what's going to happen. When you put your homeowners on notice, they are going to say to you, we're likely not going to provide coverage here because it's an intentional act and intentional acts aren't covered by homeowners' insurance generally. So, they are either going to deny you coverage or they are going to provide you coverage on a reservation of rights. He knows these are all big legal words for you but the reservation of rights means...Ms. Ray said you can stop talking down to her as well. Mr. Banonis said the reservation of rights means is that they may agree to provide a limited defense for you until they file a declaratory judgment action that says they don't have to provide a defense for you. When that occurs, you are personally responsible for this and your assets, your personal assets will be at stake as a matter in this litigation. He'll tell you right now, it's his intention to go after their personal assets, okay? Because what you've done and what you continue to do, everybody that has been named by Tom as well as the people in their lawsuit, as well as others you may not have named but who have made defamatory statements in public meetings against them, same thing is going to happen to each of you. So, you've been warned, do what you want to do. We'll get it on. Mr. Carocci said let's see who signs that letter.

Lets' see who signs that letter. Mr. Banonis said yep, let's get it on. Mr. Carocci said Lynn, Ms. Hill, do you want to sign it? Silence, silence.

Ms. deLeon said so, no other Council discussion, she's going to open it up to public comment but she's going to read an email she received today from, no she received on the 14th, Claudia Markellos, and she sent this to her on May 14th. "Please read into the minutes of the May 15th LST Council meeting, Item O, it is my observation that Mr. Banonis and Mr. Carocci as members of LST Council have been making decisions and voting to serve the interests of Waste Connections here in LS. I believe the Township would be best served with the resignations of Mr. Banonis and Mr. Carocci from the LST Council immediately. Claudia Markellos, resident of LST." Mr. Banonis said may he have her email address so he can respond to her with a big N-O? He'd like that, can she share her email address with him? Mr. Carocci said he got a cartoon he wants to send...Mr. Banonis said you are just ignoring him? You've read something into the record where somebody is calling for his resignation, he would like to respond directly to that person. Ms. deLeon said I will pass this down, but she wants it back. Mr. Banonis said he'll give it back to her. He's going to take a picture of it.

Ms. deLeon said okay, public comment, anyone in the audience like to speak, please come to the podium.

Maia Simon said she thinks you should all be ashamed of yourselves that our Council is suing each other. This is not what democracy looks like. You know, and ever since, oh roughly 2016 when alternate facts became a thing, and alternate realities became a thing, and we can't even talk to each other. We can't even talk to each other because we do not live in the same version of reality. She thinks it's tragic. She thinks it's tragic that elected officials who disagree have to sue each other instead of having a conversation. Mr. Banonis said if he could just clarify something for you, Ma'am. His lawsuit, our lawsuit was filed prior to Victoria being an elected member of Council, okay, so he thinks that is an a point that needs clarification for her and the other part of this, this isn't disagreement about facts, this is a lawsuit about defamatory statements that were made with malice and intent to impugn his integrity and his integrity and reputation and that's why the lawsuit, and others, that's why the lawsuit was brought because of those intentional, malicious, defamatory statements and he thinks that she needs to understand that. This is not a disputable of facts, this is...Mr. Carocci said she can't come back...Ms. deLeon said yes, she can because he's talking to her. Mr. Banonis said there's a publication that was made, multiple publications that were made...Ms. deLeon said and she still has time left. Mr. Banonis said and they continue. Mr. Carocci said and the other thing is...Mr. Banonis said so that's the reason why and to your point, the others have chosen to jump into this pool. They could have not and just allowed this thing to proceed on its course, but instead they want to double down, his view because they are trying to cover up their own malfeasance.

Mr. Carocci said this possibly could have been settled but they wouldn't agree to a public apology. You are talking about people having, just talking to each other, they wouldn't agree to a public apology and making it transparent, meaning not covering it up. It possibly could have been settled. They wouldn't agree to that in their settlement offer. So, you talk about people having a conversation, look at them, no apologies.

Ms. Simon said so it seems to her that the distinction is that you didn't receive any cash...Mr. Banonis said no, certainly he didn't receive any cash, that's absolute, that's true. Ms. Simon said right, she agrees. He didn't receive any cash, and the allegation is with data and documents to back it up, that there was money spent on your behalf and that the people who spent that money have received carte blanche from your administration.

Mr. Banonis said Ma'am in their litigation he expects that there could be a forensic accounting of his accounts and he welcomes it as long as it's done by a third-party who is objective and he can show absolutely matter of fact, he has never accepted a dime, a dime...Ms. Simon said that's not in dispute. Mr. Carocci said and nor did their campaign. Ms. Simon said and that is not in dispute. Mr. Carocci said but that's what they said. That's what they said. That's the statement they made. Ms. Simon said no, that's not the statement they made. Mr. Carocci said the Judge said that is the statement they made

and that's why is can go to trial...Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said that's not what the judge said. Ms. Simon said what she heard today...Ms. deLeon said one at a time. Mr. Carocci said that's what the Judge said...Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said that's not what the Judge said. Ms. Simon said she heard today was an allegation that the PAC was funded by Waste Solutions or whoever, and that, that PAC spent money that was to benefit you. That doesn't mean you received any money, but it does mean you received the benefits.

Mr. Carocci said that's not what they said. Mr. Banonis said they said he gladly accepted that money. He never gladly accepted that...Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said it says gladly accepted support. As she said when you lost your emergency injunction, you lost your emergency injunction in 2021. You tried to quash the speech back then. They went before the Judge...Mr. Banonis said because it was defamatory and it affected...Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said during...Mr. Banonis said that it affected the election. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said during that, yeah and the Judge determined that there was no defamatory statement...Mr. Banonis said no he didn't. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said entitling you to any injunction. Mr. Banonis said he did not. He did not make that determination. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said most importantly...Mr. Banonis said he found that the harm that was caused could be...Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said look at all of the material. Ms. Simon said you don't seem to have a problem when Banonis talks for an hour at a time. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said all of the materials that...Mr. Banonis said that the harm that was caused to be remedied by money damages later, you know that. You are lying, you are lying. You are lying. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said if you look at all of the materials...if you look at all of the materials, she has ever produced, they have indicated that she had a problem with the...Mr. Banonis said you never produced anything to me. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said the support and she said in 2021 to the Judge she didn't know what definition of support *you* look at, but when she sees a PAC spending money for flyers, for door-to-door knocking, for mailers, for robocalls, she calls that support. (*audience member speaking out*) Ms. deLeon said do you know what? You are out of order. The person at the podium, yes you are. The person, whatever, that's your opinion, she has the floor. (*audience member speaking out*) Ms. Simon said so what is this man's name? (*audience member speaking out*) She said she was addressing the Council, she would like to remark that David Boulin has a problem with the amount of time Victoria comments on things and Jason, excuse me? Ms. deLeon said please stop talking. Ms. Simon said and it is her observation that there is no such standing up and interrupting when Jason Banonis filibusters. Ms. deLeon said okay, next.

Russ Sutton from LST said he would like to read this about being interrupted, the out-of-state corporate parent of BLC, Waste Connections USA Inc. created and funded a Super PAC, Responsible Solutions of PA, to swamp the LST Council race in 2021 with nearly \$100,000.00 of waste industry dollars to support three candidates, Jason Banonis, Tom Carocci and Jennifer Zavacky. According to the campaign finance reports filed in NC, the Super PAC funding was four times the amount that these candidates raised or spent on their own. All campaign finance contributions and expenditure of data comes from the PA Campaign Finance reports filed with the NC Department of Elections. Responsible Solutions hired a political consulting firm, Mercury Public Affairs to run its campaign to support the election of these three candidates. It is unusual for a political consulting firm of global scale and sophistication of Mercury Public Affairs to be involved in a small municipal Council election. Mercury Public Affairs is pre-empted, global strategy, political consulting, and communication firm and in contrast to its usual client base, which includes Fortune 500, Fortune 100 companies and foreign governments, Mercury deployed its political consulting muscle on the behalf of the client Responsible Solutions in tiny LST, population less than 12,000 people, to get Carocci, Banonis, Zavacky elected in 2021 Township Council race. Mercury expended near \$90,000.00 and services such as multiple campaign mailers, text messages, robocalls, photo data, political consulting, polling service, digital ads, website buildout, palm cards, door handles, mailers and door knocking campaign. A sample of the landfill funded campaign literature supports Carocci, Banonis and Zavacky produced by Responsible Solutions is attached. Mercury's Senior VP, Vincent Gelco was so proud of sweeping this race for the landfill Super PAC. The client that he listed as one of his biggest accomplishments of this year. Following the 2021 election, the deciding votes of Carocci and Banonis gave the green light to the BLC by fundamentally changing the Township zoning laws. These changes allowed the handful of tracts of land where zoning ordinance previously prohibited. The changes also exempt landfills from site plan

review, environmental standards, even worse, they took the actions to destroy perpetual scenic and conservation easements, which prohibited landfill operations on this land. These easements were originated, created to assure the preservation of the Delaware & Lehigh Canal National Heritage Corridor and the State Heritage Park and to a great degree is possible to preserve the original character and scenic nature of this land. Since Banonis and Carocci have lost their pro-landfill Council majority, they are desperate to stop progress and work on their new majority. They even pulled every dirty trick in the book and attack anyone who stands away from them and allowed the vote of landfill issues and are not fit to continue to serve the people of LS. Either resign or recuse yourself Jason and Tom". Mr. Banonis said no. Mr. Carocci said clarification, he and Jason are two votes on this Council and you need three to get any votes done and Ms. Zavacky wasn't here for any of the landfill votes. So, it's, sorry that they did all of this...Ms. deLeon said it's public comment. Mr. Carocci said they are only two votes, so...Ms. deLeon said Tom, we're sticking to the rules. Mr. Carocci said what rules? Mr. Banonis said we're starting now; the next day and we're going to stick to the rules. You can't stick to the rules the day of, only the day after. Ms. deLeon said Ma'am she's sorry. Mr. Banonis said no, you're not.

Anne Marie Slavick said so what she's hearing here, has anybody here been involved in a campaign, has anybody run a campaign, has anybody volunteered on campaigns, she's just curious but you don't have to answer that because it's rhetorical. Does anybody here know why Super PACs were created and what they are? Does anybody know? Just curious. This is kind of a funny conversation to her and it's not funny but it kind of is. Her question to the Council, are you looking to stifle free speech? Are you looking to stop people from speaking in political campaigns if you don't agree with what they believe in? Mr. Carocci said the Democrats are. Ms. Slavick said it seems like there's a trend in the country. She doesn't know, she's just saying. Ms. Ophthof-Cordaro said it happened, they tried to stifle...Mr. Carocci said let her finish, please Victoria. Ms. deLeon said yeah Victoria, please, you can't interrupt her. Ms. Slavick said so here's the thing, McKean Finegold is what created Super PACs, okay. Well they created PACs and Super PACs. You know why? Because candidates complained that they couldn't make enough money in campaigns. They couldn't earn enough money. They weren't getting enough money so they created these Super PACs. The Super PAC, per google, just Google it, you might learn something. Super PACs are different from traditional PACs in that they can donate money directly to political candidates and their spending must not be coordinated with that of the candidates they benefit. Super PACs are required to report their donors to Federal Election Commission on a monthly and semi which you know. Super PACs can use their funds to fund independent expenditures such as ads that overtly advocate, advocate for or against a political candidate. These funds can be useful in ads, mailings, phone banks and other communication that help candidates win or lose a campaign. So, the point is that the Super PAC is exactly the way you described it. Someone's involved in the Super PAC, someone creates the Super PAC, and they raise money and then they use people and they campaign. Joe Biden does it. Chuck Schumer does it, everybody takes money from Super PACs and by the way, people from out of our country donate to Super PACs that get infiltrated to our government and to the people that get elected. Really, really, really, people that you probably should not be contributing to our country's campaigns give money to Super PACs. So, the point is that just because a person down the road who owns a country club or golf club or a restaurant decide they are going to start a Super PAC in 2015, doesn't mean they are doing it to lie, cheat or steal or steal land or create a landfill or expand a landfill. It also means that Republican values are a Republican values. Every single person that sends out a Republican flyer is going to have the same information, right? Everyone, low government, low taxes, smaller government, less regulations, that's what Republicans believe in, it's crazy but that's what they believe in. They believe that we have too many regulations and maybe there were too many regulations in this Township and maybe that's why they cut them down, she doesn't know all the answers to that. She's just giving you an example of when you are on a campaign or when you are involved in a campaign, this is the stuff that you know. She knows this audience here doesn't know any of this so she's informing them and the people that are listening on line. Democrats get lots of money, DAs get money, AGs get money's for running. Millions of dollars from Super PACs spend money to influence elections, all over the country, and guess what? It's legal but you know, again, just because someone wants to expand a landfill and she doesn't know all the details. She hasn't been here long enough, she hasn't been listening to these Council meetings, she doesn't know the details of all the

land, but just because they want to do that, doesn't mean it's illegal and you can't stifle everybody who you don't agree with. You just can't. It's against our laws in America. It's against the Constitution. Mr. Banonis said thank you.

Someone in the audience said they would like to approach and stated they are going to read. Mr. Carocci said he didn't want her to approach him. Mr. Goudsouzian said hold on. Mr. Banonis said you cannot have her not approach him. Mr. Goudsouzian said she should go back. Ms. deLeon said she thought she was going to hand out things to us. Mr. Banonis said she still shouldn't be approaching. Mr. Carocci said she shouldn't be approaching anybody.

Mr. Goudsouzian said why don't you go the podium. Ms. Stacy Misczenski said so here's the document, Campaign Finance Statement, for let's see, identification No. 86-251807070 for Zavacky, Carocci, Banonis for LST Council. This is from, this was entered into the NC Elections Office on January 25, 2022, it is sworn affidavit and she believes this is Jason Banonis signature, she was trying to confirm. Mr. Banonis said do you know his signature? Ms. Misczenski said no, she was going to ask him if that was his signature. May she approach you? Mr. Banonis said go hire a handwriting expert, he's not here to be cross-examined by her of all people. Ms. Misczenski said she is just asking. Mr. Banonis said you can wave it around all you want, make your comments, wave your paper and say your thing. Other people want to be heard too. We've got other stuff to talk about. Ms. Misczenski said so for the Campaign Finance Report, that she's looking at, on Part D, all other contributions, Waste Connections, US Inc. on 10-15-2021 provided on this form \$15,000.00 and there are three lines of, four lines of that, Waste Connections Inc., Waterway Square Place, Suite 110, The Woodlands, TX. Mr. Banonis said what document are you talking about? Ms. Misczenski said it is the campaign finance report...Mr. Banonis said what you are saying is, you are trying to piece together two documents. One that has his signature that has nothing to do with the other one. He doesn't know where she got these, if she threw them up in the air and hope that they stuck together, and that his signature somehow appears on this, but he doesn't know what she's talking about, because he has never signed a document that has anything to do with Waste Connections on any campaign finance report that has Waste Connections on it so he doesn't know where you got this paperwork, or how you crafted it but it's not accurate, whatever it is. Ms. Misczenski said okay, well if you say that's not...Mr. Banonis said welcome, welcome to...Ms. Misczenski said if it's not accurate, then she rescind her statement because if this is not the same conclusive document, then she can't speak, so she's sorry. Mr. Banonis said welcome to the party. Mr. Carocci said so it was all for nothing? She retracted everything? Mr. Banonis said yeah because she's trying to say, as he understands it, there's a document with his signature on it that she's trying to put with other documents that relate to money with Waste Connections. He's like what did you do, get papers, throw them in the air and stick them together and hope that they somehow ended up in the order. Mr. Carocci said that is the most un-Perry Mason moment ever. Ms. deLeon said okay, okay.

Lynn Hill said as Township Controller she offers her perspective on this negative force in our local politics. Weeks ago, Carocci chuckled about her having been scared away because of Banonis' treatment to her during a meeting in January. Yes, that is correct. The ill treatment, disparaging comments, name calling, accusations. Mr. Banonis said what does that have to do with the alleged ...Mr. Carocci said we have an agenda item. We have an agenda item. Mr. Banonis said alleged campaign violations that this clown.... Ms. deLeon said let her finish, maybe she will tell us. Mr. Carocci said ah, she took 30 seconds already and hasn't gotten to it yet. Ms. Hill said the ill treatment, disparaging comments, name calling, accusations, and rude interruptions have alienated her from doing her job and have discouraged her from attending these meetings. Mercury Public Affairs takes credit for sweeping LST Council races in 2021. Mercury did this for its client, Responsible Solutions of PA, the PAC funded by Waste Connections, parent company of BL. The landfill and the PAC have become too dominant in our small-town politics with over tens of thousands of dollars spent in 2021 alone by this PAC, it's no wonder its preferred candidates won. The other side did not stand a chance. Now we have a situation where Banonis and Carocci have lost their majority and with it the power they had to follow through on the landfill's goal of expansion. The disrespect, animosity, endless pointless diatribes, theatrical sophistry, hostility, and obnoxiously long meetings have eroded the public's desire to participate in the Democratic process...Mr. Carocci said they warned Victoria about that. Ms. Hill said that's damaging

to our community. People who oppose the dump's expansion on to beautiful forested lands are vilified, maligned, taunted, ridiculed, and treated like garbage. Residents who mention the stench in their neighborhood from the landfill and on their properties, have been accused of lying. The additional time spent on this toxic political discourse is wasting thousands of dollars in legal fees, transcriptionist services, court reporting, information technology, and Township employee labor. This behavior has created a hostile environment for our recently elected Council members, our residents, and especially for Township personnel. We have lost two key employees in the wake of the thousand RTK requests, which consume enormous amounts of resources to process. Poor morale and employee turnover is costly. The ongoing power struggle about the dump needs to stop. It's creating chaos in this Township and the chaos is wasting public funds. Saucon Valley Together was voted into power, in part, because its candidates oppose the current expansion of BL. If the expansion was right for this community, Waste Connections would probably not have had to spend so much money on the Political Action Committee to get Banonis and Carocci elected. Let's get the landfill, its proponents, and its PAC out of our politics so our community can return to normal. Mr. Carocci said that's the worst speech he ever heard. Two more speakers. He would have had us out of here by 8:30.

David Boulin said he was up at six, he doesn't really care. Mr. Carocci said neither does he. Mr. Boulin said if you're old and gray, maybe you do. So, the bottom line, what he really reels against...Mr. Banonis said Mr. Boulin, Mr. Ozimek is making gestures behind your back. That's this interaction you see there. Mr. Boulin said that's okay, he's a little...Mr. Banonis said I can see it and you can't see it behind you, but I just thought you should know. He'll tell you if he approaches you. Mr. Boulin said he has friends behind him, mace. Mr. Banonis said yea, we are going to take a recess so your videographer can do his thing. That makes perfect sense. Mr. Boulin said are you running the meeting now? Mr. Carocci said the Township has the record. Ms. deLeon said she's waiting for him. Mr. Boulin said he's a puppet who pops up and you refer to him as Mikey. Ms. deLeon said don't be disparaging, she wants to listen to you. Mr. Boulin said thank you, thank you he would like to think everybody might do that, as he finds some of these speakers very interesting, even though he doesn't hold their point of view necessarily. He would really rather speak about the fact that he objects when somebody like Ms. Opthof-Cordaro uses the public dais with all the films pre-supplied so she can make this 30-minute presentation while she's claiming she's just a resident. If he brings his thumb drive next two weeks, can he do that? Because he'd certainly like to show some things, RTK requests and other things that will be indisputable, right, pretty damaging, gonna take some time. He only gets five minutes. She goes on for on and on and on and on and you talk about divisiveness. Holy smoke. Now, Laura Ray over says we got to get rid of this RTK, it's just killing us, yea, I'll get it is killing you and it's going to kill you a lot more because he's got all the data in his data base and he'll be going through it, honest to Pete. So, what he's really complaining about is just you did it too, when you got up there and said oh, the value of our homes is going to go down because of this and that, and the other thing and you gave a nice presentation. He saw all the homes up there and all of that, and you said you were a member of the public. Well, you guys aren't a member of the public and he objects to that. He didn't have access to her information. He can't say anything about rebutting it. It goes by like, and turn to this page and to that page, it's all smoke and mirrors he would say Ms. Opthof-Cordaro.

Mr. Banonis said the beauty is we have RTKs and we are going to get all those records and we are going to go through them in detail and we are going to have a little presentation at a subsequent meeting and we're going to go over all of the misstatements and all of the lies and all of the twists and turns so you know, they can do whatever they are going to do but he will get this information.

Mr. Boulin said by the way, he does have that document, C48-CB blah, blah, blah, 193 and yes, he has read it and he sees who the Judge was, and who got, and his case got remanded, isn't that amazing. It wasn't Brien, it was Jack. The bottom line is that it's inordinately unfair when you allow Council members, now he will say one thing that Mr. Banonis made the charges, had them there, somebody asked for the documents that he had and he gave them right away. Can he get a thumb drive right away from her to prepare for two weeks from now? Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said you are asking a question; she provided a flash drive and the materials are available to everyone. Mr. Boulin said well he handed out all his. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said he didn't actually. She asked him for the complaint and he refused to

provide it. He said do a RTK. Mr. Banonis said what complaint? You have a copy of the complaint you were served by the Sheriff. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said no, no, he's talking about the complaint you lodged last meeting, the one you read into the record. Mr. Banonis said so to that point, what he filed was electronically filed so you would actually have to send your request to the Disciplinary Board to get a copy of it because it's in electronic form that was submitted to the Disciplinary Board so that's the complaint that was filed. It's electronic. They don't give you a paper copy of it. So, he could not...Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said you didn't make a copy of it, you seemed to be reading something. Mr. Banonis said he read to you...Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said you were reading a statement. Mr. Banonis said right, but you didn't ask him for the statement that he read. You asked him for a copy of the complaint and he does not have a copy of the complaint...Ms. deLeon said alright, let's, it's public comment...Mr. Banonis said the complaint is an electronic document. Ms. deLeon said it's public comment, Mr. Boulin has the floor. Mr. Banonis said it was submitted electronically and you can get it from them. That's not the complaint. There's much more information than what he read that identifies the target of the investigation and other information. Ms. deLeon said Sir, are you speaking?

Mr. Boulin said so that, again, is a point that he wants to make strongly and he wish, he doesn't wish, he really mandate that you cut this out and if he hears Laura Ray say again, oh can't we just all get along together. That was obviously the nastiest attack he has ever heard, Opthof-Cordaro. The statement that he made was here are the facts, here's what the charges are, and that's it. I am submitting this to whoever. It wasn't personal and you, Priscilla, allowed her to go on and on for 35 minutes making wild accusations with things flying by and he knows, he just got to wait until it gets to the court and not just the lower court because we see how that works. It's got to be remanded to a higher court and maybe out of State too. Mr. Carocci said if you're done, take your, give her that thing back, it's covering up the emblem. Take it back, don't be rude Ms. Hill.

Ms. deLeon said who's next? Maryanne Garber said she represents the BLC. She will keep her comments very brief, any and all contributions made by Waste Connections or BLC to any independent expenditure committee, were in accordance with all applicable rules, laws and regulations. Allegations to the contrary are false and baseless. In addition, neither BLC nor Waste Connections have ever made any political donations or any other payments to Mr. Banonis or to Mr. Carocci, either individually or to their campaigns. In the past, BLC has supported campaign committees who advocate for job creation and lower taxes.

Ms. deLeon said who'd like to go next? If not, she guesses back to Victoria, is that it then? Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said and to be clear, what she is sending is the package and she's sending it to the Ethics Commission because she thinks there should be a recusal to any votes for the landfill that happened in 2022 and 2023 by Mr. Banonis and Mr. Carocci for what she perceives as what would be a pecuniary interest in things that happened and also to the DA's office. She's sending it to the DA's office and to the Attorney General's office to investigate what she thinks would be a failure to report in-kind contributions on their campaign finance reports.

P. DISCUSSION ON ETHICAL CONCERNS AND POTENTIAL TOWNSHIP LIABILITY OF STEVEN GOUDSOUZIAN AND VICTORIA OPTHOF-CORDARO CONTINUE TO ADVISE AND UNAUTHORIZED ACTS AND/OR OMISSIONS RELATED TO LOWER SAUCON TOWNSHIP

Ms. deLeon said this was requested by Mr. Carocci. Mr. Carocci said he'd like to hear about the lawsuit that was filed today. He hasn't seen it. Ms. deLeon said a what? Mr. Carocci said there was a lawsuit filed today. Ms. deLeon said a lawsuit filed? Mr. Carocci said well, you were served for something back there and he hasn't seen it. Ms. deLeon said she hasn't seen it either. Mr. Banonis said he did. Just to be clear when he saw it, he went into Cathy's office and skimmed over it. That's when he saw it. Mr. Carocci said okay. Well, what did it say because that directly relates to this discussion. Mr. Banonis said he used the copy that was served on Cathy Gorman, that's the copy he saw. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said was the complaint on the agenda?

Mr. Carocci said no. That's not the complaint. The complaint is not on the agenda. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said the complaint was being filed and that you would put this on the agenda five days ahead of time before anybody was ever served the complaint? They just received the complaint today. He has no statement on something she hasn't had a chance to review. Mr. Carocci said he thought it was his turn, he thought this was his agenda item, Priscilla, are you going to gavel her down? Ms. deLeon said I'm sorry, what? Mr. Carocci said he thought this was his agenda item. Ms. deLeon said she wants to know too. You have this on the agenda about the lawsuit that we.....

Mr. Carocci said well let him talk about it. One, he wanted to know what litigation is happening here, but no, he'd like to raise his concerns that were raised for the past three meetings at least, if not four about Priscilla with her parents and her parents' property. Mr. Banonis said Victoria. Mr. Carocci said Victoria, with her parents and her parent's property, continuing to vote on landfill matters. It's a conflict. She should recuse herself from all landfill matters. You know, and he thinks while the complaint that Jason filed with the Disciplinary Board is under investigation, he thinks Mr. Goudsouzian should recuse himself as well from all landfill matters. That's why he put it on the agenda just to say those two things. Now, he finds out there's litigation and he wants to find out what that's about. Why can't he ask that question? Some people have read this thing. He hasn't read it. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said they were just served it this evening. So, she has not read it. Mr. Banonis said he hasn't read it, he just skimmed it very quickly in the moments before the meeting started.

Mr. Carocci said alright. Ms. deLeon said just so the record reflects that she walked in here about 6:20 p.m. and she was called into the office by Cathy and she was served by the Sheriff with these documents back here. Mr. Banonis said you've been serviced two lawsuits? Ms. deLeon said she has no idea what they are. She got two of them. Mr. Banonis said are they the same document? Ms. deLeon said she has no idea.

Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said she doesn't think we can discuss anything. They've been served with something. Mr. Goudsouzian said right, that's it. You were served, there's ongoing litigation. We don't even know what it is about yet, but that's where we are.

Mr. Carocci said does Jason have anything to add or anybody in the audience have anything to add but he's reraising his concerns about these ethical violations by Victoria, and believes Steve under this while the other matter is pending. Mr. Goudsouzian said if you are asking him a question, the answer is...Mr. Carocci said he's not asking him a question. He didn't ask you a question Steve, no one wants to hear what you are saying. Jason you're up. Mr. Banonis said thanks Tom. Mr. Banonis said his concerns about the potential Township liability have come to fruition, at least in part, by virtue of this lawsuit being filed. You know, we knew that the acts that were undertaken here were done improperly, illegally, and in violation of the Sunshine Act. You know, he thinks there's ethical implications to this as well. We're addressing those ethical implications through the Disciplinary Board. He doesn't know if there's another body that needs to be consulted for those ethical concerns such as the Ethics Board, not the Disciplinary Board but the Ethics Board. You know, the Township liability, he doesn't know if we can actually talk about it out here because we are now in litigation on that and you know, the potential exposure to the Township, not just in this lawsuit, but perhaps beyond this lawsuit. This lawsuit may not reflect the full legal ramifications of what has occurred here and that is concerning to him. Unfortunately, we can't consult with anybody. We don't have a solicitor that we can consult with because now he's conflicted out of this because he's a defendant in this matter so how can he advise us on Council who are not parties in this matter, how to proceed. He guesses we are lucky to have our specially assigned attorneys or whatever they are. He doesn't know if he wants them though. He doesn't know what kind of counsel we are going to get from them. He doesn't know if they are going to give us appropriate counsel on these issues. He'll tell you, this is a real mess.

Mr. Carocci said what did you say, \$1.1 million? Where did you get that? Mr. Banonis said it was plead in the complaint. It was plead in the complaint as part of the relief that they want \$1.1 million for, if he recalls, for like fees. You know, attorney's fees, engineering fees, costs that were occurred in addition to other damages including specific performance on things if he remembers correctly. Precluding

Victoria from participating in these things, and voting on these matters because of conflict of interest, so..... Mr. Carocci said that's \$1.1 million and that's not even including our attorney fees. Mr. Banonis said yes. Mr. Carocci said where's this money going to come from? Ms. deLeon said that's what you gleaned from looking at this real quick. Mr. Banonis said this is what he does. He looks over things quick. Look, he didn't look through the whole thing. He knows where to look in it Priscilla and he knows where to look at the wherefore clause. The wherefore clause is where they claim what damages they are looking for. He knows how to peruse through it and see what the headings are and what the topics are for the causes of action that are plead. It's what he does for a living. He knows she doesn't. Ms. deLeon said she doesn't do that; she was in the medical field. Mr. Banonis said right, so that's how he knows.

Mr. Goudsouzian said what he would do is caution, quiet. Mr. Banonis said don't tell me to be quiet. Mr. Goudsouzian said he will, he would caution everyone on Council, he will caution everyone on Council that even if you are named as a defendant, for whatever reason, the Township is named as a defendant to the best that he could see. You are a member of Township Council. Mr. Banonis said I am. Mr. Goudsouzian said so he would caution you into whatever you are saying today, because you are saying it as a member of Township Council on a piece of litigation that we have just been served with that apparently none of us have read, perhaps other than you. Mr. Banonis said he hasn't read it, as he said he skimmed it. Mr. Goudsouzian said whatever...Mr. Banonis said not whatever, he's telling you what he said. Mr. Goudsouzian said then he is cautioning him to be careful about what it is that he is saying. Mr. Banonis said well, I'll just say...Mr. Goudsouzian said he can choose to ignore his advice, and that's up to you, but that's what he's telling him to do. He recommends that you do. Mr. Banonis said he knows and he appreciates that advice, he does. He doesn't think he said anything that was revealing of any litigation strategy or anything else. When his comments at the beginning of the meeting were related to his overview of what he saw as he skimmed through this complaint and saw what was there and what they are looking for. Again, he didn't look at it in depth so he is going to look at it in more detail if a copy will be provided to him when it's scanned in to find out exactly what's in there. What he's talking about now is in conjunction with what Tom put on as an agenda item and he thinks that these are appropriate things to discuss in the public forum. He doesn't think he's speaking to that litigation or jeopardizing the Township's position on that litigation by saying or commenting on his views. The concerns he has are who is going to provide him with legal counsel as a member of this Township Council when the solicitor is named as a defendant in a lawsuit individually. He can't accept, and he appreciates your comments to him Steve, to not say anything about this but he has a concern that as a member of this Council that he is unrepresented because of this and look, he knows you haven't recused yourself or done anything else in this, but these are all things we need to talk about when we have our next Council meeting, probably Executive Session.

Mr. Carocci said listen, if we had a competent solicitor, he would have cautioned Priscilla, Victoria, and Laura before they, before we got sued, before they put us in this mess. Mr. Banonis said absolutely. Mr. Carocci said but he's cautioning you, he's cautioning you now, he's cautioning him now, the time to caution was before we got sued for what they did. Mr. Banonis said well not we Tom, the Township. Mr. Carocci said there are so many people think eh, the solicitor doesn't matter, we had a solicitor for 23 years. It's time to try something new. This is what you get. A guy who is completely in over his head. The Township is now sued for \$1.1 million and apparently there will be more when you take in attorney fees and stuff. This is what you get. Now he's cautioning us. Thanks Steve, you are right on the ball there. Ms. deLeon said okay, any other discussion on this. Mr. Carocci said you are on the ball Steve.

Mr. Banonis said he does have discussion on it. Ms. deLeon said we do have other agenda items. Mr. Banonis said we do, we certainly do. Mr. Carocci said he'll recognize Jason. Mr. Banonis said and we'll get to them in due course. So, he guesses the question he has for the solicitor, is he is inclined to make a motion to provide for some legal counsel, for he and Tom, to advise them in these matters going forward because although they are members of Council, they are not similarly situated with the other parties in this case, namely you, the three members of Council, and the Township, so is that something to discuss here to make that motion? Because he wants to have legal counsel for him on this

immediately. He doesn't want to wait until the next Council meeting to have this issue. Mr. Carocci said he thinks...Mr. Banonis said what can we do about that? Mr. Goudsouzian said number one he would think that is premature...Mr. Banonis said why? Mr. Goudsouzian said because it's premature, he hasn't even read the complaints. Number two, what he would recommend if Council is inclined, is we can break and have an Executive Session to discuss and/or you can authorize him indirectly or directly, meaning on his own or through other people to respond to the complaints in due course knowing full well, and he brings this to the attention of Council, is we were served conveniently where we don't have another meeting for three weeks. We have 20 days in which to respond from the date of service which is today, so that conveniently does not get them to the next meeting. So that is something that we should address. Either now, or in Executive Session.

Mr. Banonis said he'll be quite candid with him. If he's going to be getting separate counsel to represent him in this matter, as a member of Council, because the Township has been sued, he doesn't necessarily want the Hoffman firm representing him and he thinks he should have some voice in who is going to be representing him, not somebody that was selected by you or appointed by the other members of Council who are being implicated in this litigation. Mr. Carocci said they got us in this mess. Mr. Banonis said he thinks there's going to...Mr. Carocci said Susie got us into this mess, and so did they. Mr. Banonis said he thinks there's going to need to be a counsel for the Township and its interest and those individuals who are not named in this litigation individually, and he thinks there is going to need to be separate counsel for those individuals who have been named individually including you, Steve. Mr. Goudsouzian said he's not, he doesn't agree with that, but nonetheless it's something we can flush out at, well we aren't going to be able to flush it out tonight. Mr. Banonis said yea but we need to flush this out relatively quickly because again, as he said there's 20 days from today to respond. Well, what are we going to do?

Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said she's happy to go into Executive Session or whatever the recommendation is to do, she thinks we got to respond to the complaint. She hasn't read it because she got served it. Mr. Banonis said clearly, you have to respond to it. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said she just arrived at like 6:28 p.m. and the meeting started at 6:30 p.m. and she was told she has to rush into the room and she just literally got the document with Mr. Carocci filming and that was it. So, she doesn't know what it says, but she thinks we either got to go in Executive Session now or we need to schedule an Executive Session to do something about this. Mr. Goudsouzian said we can do that now. We can break at any appropriate time and go into Executive Session. Mr. Carocci said let's hear from the public, maybe they have a thought. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said she is happy to go into Executive Session then. Mr. Carocci said let's hear from the public. Ms. deLeon said she would be more comfortable looking at the document first before we go in there. Ms. Ray said yeah, she doesn't want to go into Executive Session to talk about something they don't know what they are talking about. They didn't even get to read page 1. Mr. Goudsouzian said that is why when the time comes, that's why he recommends, it's his recommendation we go into Executive Session sometime tonight, at least as a preliminary step. Ms. deLeon said she thinks we should keep going through the agenda and that will be our last thing to do because there's people here that want to see the rest of the agenda. Mr. Goudsouzian said that's fine as long as we do it tonight is his recommendation. Ms. deLeon said okay, so then we can move on with this agenda item. Mr. Carocci said you didn't have public comment on this agenda item. Is there any public comment on this agenda item?

Ms. deLeon said would anyone like to speak on this agenda item? Mr. Banonis said Mr. Boulin just said yes. Ms. deLeon said I didn't, sure, okay fine. He is being blocked by this computer screen. Mr. Banonis said boost your seat up. David Boulin said well, when he was looking over his notes the other day, he saw this coming and he heard the warnings and he heard everything else and multiple times and here we are. Now we're not prepared. Now we have a solicitor who is involved in a lawsuit himself so he's not going to be able to recommend anything and he agrees with you if he were in the same position, were you served Ms. Ray? Mr. Goudsouzian said it's not a question-and-answer Sir, it's public comment. Mr. Banonis said what he saw was Cathy was served on behalf of the Township, and Laura Ray, Steve Goudsouzian, Priscilla deLeon and Victoria Opthof-Cordaro were all served by the sheriff. Mr. Boulin said okay. Mr. Banonis said individually. They each received a paper. Mr. Carocci said

don't talk to the public Mr. Goudsouzian. You aren't elected by anybody. Mr. Boulin said that's okay. You don't need to say anything. He saw...Mr. Banonis said that's what he saw. Mr. Boulin said he saw the two officers here and he counted the number of whatever the service is, and he's been served. You know, it's nothing exciting. Ha ha, unless it's this. So, the bottom line is so you're right. Here we are. We are hamstrung. You guys that have not been served, right...Mr. Banonis said they are not named. They are not named individually, just to be clear on that. Mr. Boulin said he knows. You are part of the Township, he understands that. Mr. Banonis said but not individually. Mr. Boulin said not individually, boy he'd want a separate attorney too and he sure as heck wouldn't want one after what he saw tonight from Ms. Opthof-Cordaro. We know exactly what's going on with the new Council members and he's seeing it in the RTK letters and as soon as he can pick up that one, he'll be bringing it. He would want to be 10 miles away from them. Poor Cathy is sitting in the middle of this, wow, God bless you. That's over the hill. So, yes, the sooner you get on this, the better and he knows it's almost 1:00 but that's what you get paid the big bucks for. Yea, you should be having after we are out of here because it's going to be an early night. Maybe we can go but he would still be interested to know when you come out of your Executive Session, will there be a statement made? Ms. deLeon said they won't know that until they talk in Executive Session. Mr. Boulin said alright, he may just stick around. This is too important to let go and obviously the more the public knows, which appears to be very little, the better off they all are. This is a million bucks. That makes HAL look like only 10% of it, it is.

Ms. deLeon said would anyone else like to comment? If not, we're moving on to the next agenda item.

Q. DISCUSSION OF SOLICITOR'S LEGAL MALPRACTICE INSURANCE AND/OR ASSETS FOR POTENTIAL CLAIMS AND DAMAGES ARISING FROM AUTHORIZED AND/OR UNAUTHORIZED ACTS AND/OR OMISSIONS RELATED TO LOWER SAUCON TOWNSHIP

Ms. deLeon said this was requested by Mr. Banonis. Mr. Banonis said Cathy do we have a copy of Mr. Goudsouzian's declaration page for any legal malpractice insurance that he may have? Mrs. Gorman said she does not have that on file.

Mr. Banonis said the talked at the last meeting about the need to have that kind of paperwork in place. Now that the Township has been sued, this goes back to his point about needing independent counsel to advise this Council as to how to proceed. Independent counsel is necessary to the extent that this potential legal liability from this lawsuit and/or any other claims that may arise from the actions or omissions of Mr. Goudsouzian and the need to get coverage for those claims from other insurance other than the Township's insurance. He thinks it's necessary. So, he will make a motion.

MOTION BY: Mr. Banonis moved to direct the Township Interim Manager to send a letter to the Township solicitor, Mr. Goudsouzian, requesting a copy of his legal malpractice insurance for, no longer potential claims but this real claim, real litigation and damages that have arisen as a result of the alleged unauthorized act, unofficial acts and Sunshine Law violations related to the Township.

SECOND BY: Mr. Carocci

Ms. deLeon said does she need a motion, or can you just provide that? Mr. Banonis said he's making a motion. Ms. deLeon said why can't he just provide it? Mr. Banonis asked if he will agree to it? Mr. Carocci said he doesn't trust him. He doesn't trust him. Ms. deLeon asked Mr. Goudsouzian if he agrees to do that? Mr. Goudsouzian said yes, sure. Mr. Carocci said he's not a man of his word. Mr. Banonis said the motion was seconded; it doesn't hurt to have a vote to make it official. Mr. Carocci said exactly. Mr. Banonis said he appreciates his willingness to share that, Steve. Mr. Carocci said he doesn't trust him, but let's have a vote. He lied about what happened in Executive Session.

Ms. deLeon said we have a motion on the floor, any other discussion? Mr. Banonis said, no, he thinks it's appropriate to try to insulate the Township residents and taxpayers and insurance policies from responsibility for this. He thinks we need to look into alternate means to deal with this litigation and any other claims that may come from any acts here. That's all he has.

Mr. Carocci said this is a fiscally responsible thing to do. We should have that file at the Township, that paperwork at the Township.

Ms. deLeon said Victoria? She said she thinks the motion is unnecessary because he said he would provide the information. She doesn't understand the allegation that he can't be trusted because clearly if we come back next meeting and it's still not here, we would know about it. That's it.

Ms. deLeon said Laura? She said she's not going to add any comment on this. It sounds like he is willing to provide it, so if we are doing it by motion, then so be it.

Ms. deLeon said anybody in the audience, five minutes? Mr. Boulin said a while back several people asked for procedure rules when you hire and all of the associated things that go along with it. He is absolutely surprised that this is not part of that. Things like insurance and other documents should be collected as they are extremely important to have. If they are not on file, they should be on file. So, if they are not on file, you wonder why. Alright, so number one you change that procedure to make sure whoever you hire has whatever it is that's necessary to protect the town as far as they can. So, and the fact that this was talked about previously, and was known to be asked about tonight, tells him that it's not forthcoming very easily and therefore he would make a motion and require that it be done. It's nothing different than saying like it was before that it would be required. So, if you don't vote for it, he's got to wonder what you are doing. You are here to protect the people. You are here to protect us and you've gotten yourselves in a darn fix and now you're asking us to take everything for granted. He doesn't go for that. Look, toe the line, do the right thing, get it through a motion. He's going to give it to you anyhow, just do it. What's the problem? Oh no, we can't do that. He's waiting to see the vote on this and so is the public. He means, a little thing like this you are going to turn it down. Gosh, he hopes not. Mr. Carocci said he'd like to point out that Jason asked for it at the previous meeting and we don't have it. He has to ask for it at the second meeting, even though he said...he doesn't know if he said he would provide it at the last meeting, but Jason asked for it last meeting and it hasn't been provided to the Township yet. We just hired a zoning officer that's going out that we have no idea who this guy is, and we just hired a guy to go out to people's homes and properties. We have no idea who he is. Now we can't even get this paperwork from our solicitor. Mr. Boulin said who is the local resource for one of the schools, they just arrested him for assaulting...Mr. Banonis said Bethlehem...Mr. Boulin said raping a girl, and it was in Bethlehem he thinks. Yea, just trust everybody. Mr. Carocci said right, exactly. Mr. Boulin said yea, trust but verify. Read the paper, you'll see it.

Ms. deLeon said anybody else, if not, roll call. Mrs. Gorman called roll call.

ROLL CALL: 5-0

Mr. Banonis said Cathy, just as a matter of course could you also request the same from Mr. Hoffman's firm because he doesn't think we have that information on file, do we? Mrs. Gorman said she'll make sure she gets it. Mr. Banonis said thanks. Mr. Carocci said do we need a motion for that or we trust them? Ms. deLeon said she'll just send it. Mr. Banonis said he hasn't provided any legal services that implicate his coverage, so. Mr. Carocci said that's true.

R. RESTORING RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE BOROUGH OF HELLERTOWN AND HELLERTOWN AREA LIBRARY

Ms. deLeon said this was requested by Mr. Opthof-Cordaro. She said she's going to keep her comments short in light of the time and other matters they have to address but she does want to say that it's imperative that our communities continue to work together in light of the fact that we have a school district shared by both communities. We used to have many shared services and she is proud of what the community had done prior to 2023, 2022 she guesses into 2023 in coming together and working together. So, she will say she thinks it's important that we continue that effort and she will make a motion.

MOTION BY: Ms. Opthof-Cordaro moved that we encourage the communities coming together and that Mr. Goudsouzian continue his efforts in resolving litigation that had happened between Hellertown Borough and LST and also that had occurred between HAL, LST and the Office of Commonwealth Libraries and any other litigation she thinks it is important we continue working on that.

SECOND BY: Ms. deLeon

Mr. Banonis said he'd like to comment on that. Mr. Carocci said so would he. Ms. deLeon said we have Council discussion, Jason? He said so, earlier when he talked about and he would incorporate by reference all the comment that he made when he talked on agenda 4. F. which is the PA Chiefs of Police Association report concerning Hellertown Borough. Hellertown is a dumpster fire. They are lacking leadership and yet, these folks are proposing a motion to "continue restoring relationships". It seems awfully vague to him. You wouldn't agree to a motion to make an affirmative statement that LST will not be providing police services other than mutual aid but yet you'll jump in bed and make this motion to "restore relationships" even after hearing about all the malfeasance and all the corruption and the lack of leadership, and the incompetence, you'll make that motion. Even after HAL has willfully disregarded numerous orders from the Court of Common Pleas, in direct violation of those orders, they will not produce information or witnesses and you are providing cover for them and all that conduct we talked about meeting after meeting. The one thing that he would throw out there just as a matter of course is where's a copy of the HAL's 990 from 2022? Has anybody seen a copy of that? Does anybody know what their financial situation is? Does anybody know what the assets and liabilities are, any revenue they have, any liabilities, anything like that? We don't have that. So, you want to restore relationship with an entity that you have no idea what its financial position is. That is absurd. Absolutely absurd to want to restore relationship and not doing your due diligence to find out who you are restoring with, and why? Why are you doing it? We know why, because you want to help your buddies. You want to take LS tax dollars and give them to Hellertown because they are broke as a dope. That's what this is about. They are broke as a dope and they are incompetent and they are rudderless and you want to throw them a life line without any justification whatsoever. Like he said earlier, if your neighbor's house is on fire, okay, your neighbor's house is on fire, go help them put it out but when your neighbor's house is on fire and he keeps lighting it on fire, and he's throwing rocks at your windows, you don't go help your neighbor. Sorry.

Ms. deLeon said Tom? He said yea, he means, you guys are on these emails too they are getting from an Oscar Gray and Gina DeSantis and all that and he just, he means he don't see Susie's name on here so he's not sure he's aware of them. It looks like they send them to Council people but he means Hellertown should be aware and especially the library that it looks like these people, they have their own case apparently against the HAL on the RTK stuff and you know, it doesn't look like this stuff from what they write appear like it's going away no matter what we do, so he's not sure why Hellertown would settle with us when thinking all of this is going to go away when there's other people out there that are similarly situated as us, as a Township, in our old position, that are going to keep moving the ball forward on this, to expose the alleged fraud that these people talk about especially with the Friends of the HAL. If you notice the Friends of the HAL is not used anymore. He's sure it still exists on paper somewhere. They've started a new non-profit; they need to help the library. He forgets the name of it. It's like, he forgets the name of it off the top of his head now. They started a new like 501(c)(3) so that, he thinks they think they can shift all the legal liability to the Friends and this new organization won't have any of the legal liability and can raise money for them but you know, he just doesn't know, he doesn't know why they would settle when they are really not settling anything. Yea, it's one party, us, that would settle but there are still others that their suit is really the same as ours, violation of the Sunshine Act, getting the RTK information, getting the financial information, getting to the bottom of why HAL was selling books out the back door to Friends members at 40% discount, not charging them sales tax, all that type of stuff. So, he hopes in any discussions that HAL is aware of that, that we don't control these people. They have agendas similar to ours, but their own and from the emails they get and you know, Priscilla is on these emails, and Victoria is on these emails, it looks like they are going forward, no matter what we do. That's all.

Ms. deLeon said she'd like to say that when you guys were talking to Southern Lehigh Library, about possibly joining with them, she doesn't ever recall receiving *any* financial document, 990s, nothing, nothing. So, she'd just like that to be in the record.

Ms. deLeon said Victoria? She said yea, she just a couple of things. There was the assertion that this is like some vague motion and we had made direction a few weeks ago, months ago to engage in discussions with the Borough of Hellertown and with HAL on settling the various pieces of information. That was a motion made months ago. This is just her reiterating that she encourages Mr. Goudsouzian to continue those discussions. She doesn't think she's, you know, discussing that's not happened yet because we've been in litigation and she thinks it's very important that we end wasteful spending. She talked about that before. We spent a lot of money on wasteful litigation which she thinks is improper and the litigation with the OCL, she thinks is going nowhere and it's costing lots of money with Eckert Seamans and what not. Hellertown Borough with respect to the Compost Center is also another one that just adds to the friction, adds to divisiveness and we want to come together. Mr. Carocci said but you'll spend \$2,500.00 on your parent's lawsuit against the landfill, right, right?

Ms. deLeon said Laura? She said she would like to see things continue with discussions. She thinks some of the services residents want to see back are the compost center, and the library, so she encourages ongoing negotiations and discussions.

Mr. Banonis said he needs a point of clarification, Priscilla. You had said that when discussions were taking place with the Southern Lehigh Library, that we didn't request any 990s. There is no indication of any financial issues there. There was no indication of any corruption. They were not in litigation with the Southern Lehigh Library and they also were not suppressing or refusing to cooperate with court orders compelling them to participate in discovery, produce documents, as well as produce witnesses for depositions, so it's an entirely different situation. To compare the two is just really wrong. Ms. deLeon said so you assumed a lot of things. Mr. Carocci said they weren't corrupt. They weren't corrupt. Mr. Banonis said he didn't assume anything; he's explaining to her the difference between the Southern Lehigh Library and HAL. Ms. Ophof-Cordaro said \$50,000.00 for no reason. Mr. Carocci said one's run appropriately...Mr. Banonis said you gave them \$100,000.00 anyway and now you want to give them more. You want to get in bed with them even more. Mr. Carocci said no 2022, 990.

Ms. deLeon said okay, public comment, anyone out there want to speak on this issue?

Ms. JoEllen Thompson said you keep mentioning about how difficult it is to get this 990 for 2022 from HAL. She Googled it. It's here. Mr. Banonis said for 2022? Ms. Thompson said yes. Mr. Banonis said he wasn't aware of that. Ms. Thompson said right on line. Mr. Banonis said he wasn't aware they filed it. He appreciates her telling him that, thank you. Ms. Thompson said she doesn't have a filing date, but it's multiple pages, so if this has been a stumbling block, she thinks the easiest thing to do is either to ask somebody even if you've asked them in the past, what's the problem, if you are really trying to solve the problem and this is a stumbling block to ask them or again, to Google it. Thank you.

Mr. David Boulton said he guesses everybody got a short memory and that was really nice of her to say that. He can tell you he Googled that stuff for the last couple of years and didn't get anything, and there was nothing. He'll try to remind you why that was. There was a fellow here back in, well it starts way back in 2020 or something before that, and his name was Linc Treadwell. There was somebody else here by the name of Stauffer, he thinks a Council person, huh? Okay, who virtually demanded that she be the liaison to the library? The bottom line is when he goes back and he looks through all of the minutes, yea, here's just one, one set of minutes, he sees many, many comments. So, everything is all fine and hunky dory and they are working on, meaning the board, for HAL is all volunteer, supposedly, and he thinks if he's not mistaken, he thinks Mr. Goudsouzian's wife was on that, is that true Sir? I'm not answering, okay. So, the bottom line is there's a conflict right there. Now, let's go from there and say so they worked on it. They started months ahead somewhere May, June, and they worked on it all the way up to October, November and the bottom line is they finally produced the document and showed up here in December. If you want something in between, he can provide that too, meaning the

interactions that were refused when people said like the Manager, gee, do you want our attorney to review your documents, September, October, and the answer was no, we're good, we're good, we're good. They don't have their own attorney from what he understood by the way. Alright, so here we go and now it's December 2021, and the Council meeting minutes are what he's referring to here and by the way that was his first Council meeting and he remembers this board being trotted in here and sitting down here and saying you people have to sign this because we have a deadline. So, somebody said, wait a minute, has anybody on the Council seen this agreement, and the answer was no. He remembers Mr. Banonis saying to Mr. Treadwell have you seen it? He thinks his answer was no, but the bottom line is that it didn't get reviewed, it wasn't reviewed. There were questions and they were simple questions, okay. What actually happened with all of this and by the way, this is 11 pages of Council discussion on December 1, 2021, so it was thorough and back and forth and up and down and people were saying well I feel it's okay and other people would say the law says, and we can't get the darn 301(c) required to file these reports, there was nothing, we got nothing out of it. He says we because he's the taxpayer and we're talking about \$150,000.00 and he's gonna cut to the quick because he doesn't have a lot of time, and so this Stauffer person tried to sugar coat this and off it went. Well, gee, we wait for a week for a while and not a lot happens except he thinks Judge Daly ruled on one of the requests of a person by the name of Longnaker requiring, requesting that information and it went on for years and the answer was no. HAL said no, we're not giving you the financials. Then people are saying what the heck are you doing with all that money? You want \$150,000.00. The answer was chirp, chirp, chirp. That got hackles up and it's too bad some of the people that were here earlier tonight aren't here to hear this now. So, that's what started it. Then no financials and then we also found out that Hellertown had difficulties, million-dollar difficulties in their finances, the town. Why would you ever, Ms. Opthof-Cordaro, want to join with these people and cozy up to them with all of this corruption? Two police chiefs, hundreds of thousands of dollars of a clerk who stole money from the fire company, and you want to, there's a person here still who made a very simple statement, like O'Reilly say's "I'm just a simple man." You get your own house in shape and we will keep ours in shape. So, Hellertown needs to get theirs in shape. You want to talk to them about rail trails, but don't you think for a second the next time you say, oh, we're so hunky and dory and everything is lovely and we'll get you this, that and the other thing, no. They've gotten money..... How many five? Okay...Ms. deLeon said you're pretty much out of time. Mr. Boulin said okay, let him finish then. He sees a lot of money has flowed in from the representative in Allentown to Harrisburg, \$50,000.00, \$75,000.00 into that library. What are they doing with it? Eating it, burning it and it shouldn't be coming out of this town, that's for darn sure. You look perplexed, do you want him to send it to you? Mr. Banonis said just for clarification, you are referring to the \$50,000.00 gift that Boscola gave...Mr. Boulin said yes. Mr. Banonis said gave to the HAL to help bail them out and curry favor with them? Mr. Boulin said yea, yea, he means we bailed them out with some more which wasn't authorized from what he understands. Mr. Banonis said he hasn't heard about them sending a letter to the residents of Erie thanking them for their state tax dollars to help subsidize the HAL, but nonetheless, maybe that's coming. Maybe they are still working on that. Mr. Boulin said so, if you Ms. Opthof-Cordaro want to take your purse over there, and leave it open, good luck, what's in your wallet?

Ms. deLeon said any other public comment? Mr. Banonis said why would you do that when you can get the Township to pay for those things. Ms. deLeon said roll call please, Cathy. Mrs. Gorman called roll call. Mr. Banonis said he's waiting for the yard signs to go up that say fully fund our police force, that'll be really fun to see all over Hellertown and everywhere else. You know, people are here to gnashing their teeth, tearing their clothes, and they are freaking out over a library but they are not freaking out over police services. He wants to see those signs up so his vote is no.

ROLL CALL: 3-2 (Mr. Carocci & Mr. Banonis – No)

S. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON PROPOSED LETTER TO THE DISCIPLINARY BOARD OF PENNSYLVANIA CONCERNING SOLICITOR STEVEN GOUDSOUZIAN

Ms. deLeon said this was requested by Ms. Opthof-Cordaro. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said yes, thank you. First and foremost, she thinks previously there were some comments made about the allegations lodged by Mr. Banonis and Mr. Carocci being electronic submission and somehow he didn't have it although

he read it and she should go to the State to get it, but she thinks by making it an issue in LST, by using Township Council agenda items to discuss it, she thinks it became a Township issue and he should provide it to the Township and she does think there would be an appropriate direction for our Township if he's not going to provide it, that our Township should go and get it from the appropriate agency because it's a Township record, so that would be the first direction. Mr. Banonis said it's not a Township record because he filed it individually, not as an official member of Council... Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said it became a Township issue when you put it on the agenda and you used Township time to read your submission into the record. Mr. Carocci said it isn't on the agenda. Mr. Banonis said it doesn't matter. So, it's not... Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said she will read her letter... Mr. Banonis said it's not a Township item... Ms. deLeon said Victoria has the floor. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said in response that she thought it was inappropriate to be spending our time and money on that to have the agenda item for it, you know... Mr. Carocci said so now you put it on the agenda. Ms. deLeon said Tom. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said it also raised issues against our solicitor which she thought were inappropriate. So, we took it upon herself to draft a letter on her behalf to the Disciplinary Board in support of Mr. Goudsouzian and unlike Mr. Banonis, she has the letter. It's here for everybody. It's going to be a Township record. She will read it for the people who haven't seen it. "*Dear Mr. Ciampoli, I am writing,*" he is the attorney in charge of District 2 of the Disciplinary Board of PA. "I am writing as a resident of LST, attorney and member of the PA Bar and Councilwoman for LST. At our LST Council meeting, held on May 1, 2024, it came to my attention that Council members, Jason Banonis, PA Supreme Court ID No. 85115 and Thomas Carocci Attorney of unknown bar admission submitted allegations of alleged misconduct against Attorney Goudsouzian, our Township solicitor. In my opinion, weaponizing the rules of professional conduct to further a personal dissatisfaction with the majority direction of Council. Councilman Banonis read a laundry list of alleged violations of the rules of professional conduct against Mr. Goudsouzian. Mr. Banonis and Mr. Carocci purported to submit their complaint to you "on behalf of the residents and taxpayers of LST" and yes, I checked the record, I have the audio, I can play it for you. It's the words that came out of Mr. Banonis' mouth. The allegations made against Mr. Goudsouzian are simply untrue and do not represent any official position of Council on behalf of residents and taxpayers. First, let me say that Mr. Goudsouzian has represented LST and its Council with integrity. He has conducted himself with the highest level of professionalism to all members of Council. Mr. Goudsouzian was brought in to serve a Council that includes Councilmen who interrogate and insult fellow Council members, members of the public, and professional consultants with whom they disagree. Mr. Goudsouzian is asked to provide advice under acrimonious circumstances where there is often disagreement between Council majority and Mr. Banonis and Mr. Carocci. Mr. Goudsouzian's actions on behalf of LST, have been with the direct consent requesting authority of Council majority. Mr. Goudsouzian has at all times followed the direction of Council majority and presented matters in Executive Session in an appropriate fashion to all members. I submit the allegations made against Mr. Goudsouzian are simply meant to obstruct Mr. Goudsouzian's lawful and ethical representation of the Township. Against the directives of the PA Supreme Court, it is my opinion that Mr. Banonis and Mr. Carocci are weaponizing the rules of professional conduct to further their personal political vendettas against Council majority and positions that the majority has taken on issues of high importance in the community. It is unconscionable for a member of the bar to threaten the livelihood and profession of other members of the bar or the legal community to further his personal disagreements with the majority of Council. I direct you to watch any meeting available on the Township YouTube channel to observe the behavior of Mr. Carocci and Mr. Banonis. The meeting may be watched at and she provided the link. Since his appointment on January 24, 2024, Mr. Banonis and Mr. Carocci address Mr. Goudsouzian with personal insults, demeaning language, shouts and interruptions, and inflammatory and misleading accusations. Every Council meeting is riddled with derogatory comments that have no place at a public Council meeting. From day one of Mr. Goudsouzian's appointment, Mr. Banonis and Mr. Carocci have undertaken a course of conduct that is in my opinion calculated and designed to prevent the Township administration from conducting its business and to furthermore obstruct and prevent Council business from being completed. It is my strong belief that the submission by Mr. Banonis and Mr. Carocci to you is another political stunt designed to paint a false narrative of Mr. Goudsouzian and our Township. I kindly ask that you quickly dismiss the complaints made against Mr. Goudsouzian as unfounded and without merit. I also ask that you refer this matter for review for the lack of professionalism of Mr. Banonis and his mistreatment of fellow members of the bar and

overall conduct at public meetings. Mr. Banonis conduct undermine the ideals and expectations of members of the legal profession and threaten the public's perception and respect for the rule of law. Specifically, Mr. Banonis himself acts contrary to the spirit of professionalism exemplified in the rules of professional conduct. It is my opinion Mr. Banonis and Mr. Carocci violate the following proclamations of the rules of professional conduct which members of the bar are asked to comply with in all aspects of their life. Preamble, a lawyer's responsibilities, a lawyer as a member of the legal profession is a public citizen having a special responsibility for the quality of justice. No. 5 a lawyer's conduct should conform to the requirements of the law both in professional service to clients and in the lawyer's business and personal affairs. A lawyer should use the laws procedures only for legitimate purpose and not to harass or intimidate others. A lawyer should demonstrate respect for the legal system and for those who serve it including Judges, other lawyers and public officials. A lawyer is also guided by personal conscious and the appropriation of professional peers. A lawyer should strive to attain the highest level of skill to improve the law and the legal profession and exemplify the legal profession of ideals of public service. That's No. 7. No. 8, a lawyer's responsibilities are as a representative of clients an officer of the legal system and the public citizen are usually harmonious. That means that our PA Bar expects us to act the same way in court as they would act in their public affairs and they are harmonious. The legal professions relative autonym carries with it special responsibilities of self-government. The profession has responsibilities to assure that its regulations are conceived in the public interest and not in furtherance of parochial or self-interested concerns of the bar. Every lawyer is responsible for observance of the rules of professional conduct. A lawyer should also aide in searching their, in securing their observance by other lawyers so I'm providing this here today to remind members of the bar. Neglect of these responsibilities compromises the independence of the profession and the public interest which it serves. I further submit that the conduct of Mr. Banonis and Mr. Carocci violate the code of civility. While the code of civility and the code of ethics do not expressly govern conduct of attorneys acting as elected officials, it is my understanding members of the bar should be guided by these rules in their relationship with others and when they act in the public. Members of the bar should conduct themselves with the same professionalism exemplified by the rules of professional conduct when engaging with the public and when serving as an elected official. To that end, I believe Mr. Banonis and Mr. Carocci routinely violate No. 1, act in a manner consistent with the fair, efficient and humane system of justice and treat all participants of the legal process in civil, professional and courteous manner at all times. These principles apply to the lawyers conduct in the courtroom, office practice and in the course of litigation. No. 2. A lawyer should speak and write in a civil and respectful manner in all communications with the court, court personnel, and other lawyers. A lawyer should not engage in any conduct that diminishes the dignity and decorum of the courtroom. A lawyer should abstain from making disparaging personal remarks or engaging in acrimonious speech or conduct to opposing counsel or any participants in legal process and shall treat everyone involved with fair consideration. A lawyer should not bring the profession into disrepute by making unfounded accusations or impropriety of personal attacks upon counsel and absent good cause should not attribute improper motive or conduct to other counsel. A lawyer should not misrepresent mischaracterizing, misquote or miscite facts or authorities in any oral or written communications to the court. A lawyer should demonstrate respect for other lawyers. A lawyer should be cognizant of the standing of the legal profession and should bring these principles to the attention of other lawyers when appropriate. I am bringing this to the attention of both Mr. Carocci and Mr. Banonis because they should be following these rules not only when they appear before Judge and when they have clients but also in every aspect of their public affairs especially as elected officials. This is back to the attorney for the 2nd District. I welcome speaking with you or any other investigatory tribunal concerning conduct at LST Council meetings. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have questions or concerns regarding this matter. Very truly yours, Victoria Opthof-Cordaro." The letter is available. It's available to anybody who wants to see it. She is going to send it to the Disciplinary Board and she welcomes anybody else who would like to join in.

Ms. deLeon said thank you for reading that and she wasn't happy with the letter that was sent two meetings ago so she's like to join that also. Mr. Banonis said was that letter included in their Council packet because he doesn't remember seeing that in our Council packet. Ms. Ray said and she will sign that also. Mr. Banonis said Cathy, was that in our Council packet? Mrs. Gorman said she received it late this afternoon and emailed it out to you. Mr. Banonis said ah ha, so that was not part, another secret

document sprung upon us. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said it's not a secret. It's in your red folder. Mr. Banonis said yes sprung upon us. It wasn't provided with the Council packet on Friday. You provided it to Cathy. You didn't even provide it to...it's here for him when he walked in here, just like that lawsuit was here for you when you walked in. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said you're right but your address to the Disciplinary Board, she's still waiting for it. Mr. Banonis said okay.

Ms. deLeon said so like she said, she'd like to add her name too. So, there's no motion, no action required. Mr. Banonis said he wants to speak to this. Ms. deLeon said she knows, she's getting to that. So, Council discussion, Jason.

Mr. Banonis said so if he understands her comments, even though the letter wasn't provided to them in advance of this meeting, you find it unconscionable that he and Mr. Carocci would report what they believe to be unethical conduct because it has the potential to affect somebody's livelihood. So, if we use this rationale, if an attorney that we know is stealing from another, from their client, and we know of that, we shouldn't report that because that attorney who is doing the improper deed could lose his livelihood. That's the rationale here just so you can follow that through. That's the absurdity of it but we'll take that a step further and he'll talk about Rule 8.3 of the PA Rules of Professional Conduct reporting professional misconduct. Here it is, Subpart A., "A Lawyer who knows that another lawyer has committed a violation of the rules of professional conduct that raise a substantial question as to that lawyer's honesty, trustworthiness or fitness as a lawyer in other respects shall", *shall* "inform the appropriate professional authority", and that's what he did. He came upon information that there was violation of the rules, raises questions of the honesty, trustworthiness, and fitness of the lawyer and he is duty-bound to report those things. So, you can go on your little merry show and do whatever you got to do with your letter but he complied with the rules and in fact, you did not. You're a lawyer that is required to follow the same rules he is required to follow. He reported it, you did not. You, in fact, are in violation of the rules, Rule 8.3, perhaps others, but we'll talk about that another time. Thank you.

Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said she's sure you'll report her. Again, reading from the letter it is unconscionable for a member of the bar to threaten the livelihood and profession of another member of the legal community to further his personal disagreements with the majority of Council.

Mr. Carocci said he thought it was his turn. Mr. Banonis said it's not furthering disagreement, its exposing illegal activities that took place in violation of the Sunshine Act that were discussed by Ms. Garber here and now you've been sued for it. Give him a break. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said they have a difference of opinion. Mr. Banonis said he's in the real world, he's in reality and she's in some other parallel universe.

Ms. deLeon said Tom? He said he was napping but he guesses this is a letter in support of Mr. Goudsouzian. He knows 10 attorneys that live in LST, maybe 20 in NC, he doesn't really work here. Jason, he's sure knows a lot more. I just find it...th e only letter Mr. Goudsouzian could get to send in support of him is from his partner in crime here. What happened...where are these other attorneys said because the ones that he talked to don't have a pretty good opinion of him and he can see why you only got one letter. He got one letter of support from his partner in crime here. Mr. Banonis said Tom, we know from the lawsuit now they got to stick together. They got to circle the wagons and bolster one another. Mr. Carocci said I don't know what the letter says, he didn't read the letter, he doesn't know what it says, he took a nap. Mr. Banonis said you don't need to. Mr. Carocci said while she was reading it but he just finds it funny there's only one. Mr. Goudsouzian has lived in the Township for like what, 20 years. He's been an attorney in the LV for what? You get one letter from his partner in crime in support because you tell other attorneys, you tell other attorneys in the Township and in the county what happened, in that Executive Session they didn't do that, and he came out and said he did something, and like, yeah that's about right.

Ms. deLeon said Victoria, do you have anything to add? She said no, the letter speaks for itself

Ms. deLeon said Laura? She said she doesn't have anything to add.

Ms. deLeon said public comment, anyone out there like to speak? Mr. Boulin said that's really sad. The things that you said code of civility, you demonstrated that again and again tonight and you said code of civility between the attorneys and the public. The way you tried to shout him down, is that the kind of code that you want? That's a beauty. Alright, harmony? Harmony? Gee let's all love the criminals and all of that. No, you report them, you take them to trial and that's it. He really has to laugh. She made a statement earlier about it was you who said at the landfill meeting, that you knew that, that sewerage was being dumped and it was I that stood up and said you what? Raw sewage being dumped and you didn't tell anybody during all of these landfill hearings and all the hammering you and your friends did, Democrats did, and you didn't mention one thing in the public forum here to say that the BL was dumping raw sewage. To him, that's a crime by omission and he's not an attorney but boy if that's not blatant, he doesn't know what is. Is that your conduct? He was thinking that maybe what you should do is remove Mr. Goudouszian's name from it and put it on the letter and complain about yourself. That's what he thinks ought to happen.

Mr. Banonis said Mr. Boulin, he just needs to make a point of clarification. He sees that Ms. Thompson left. She had mentioned to them that there was a Form 990 from the library in 2022. He's on the official IRS.gov website and looking up the HAL Association, EIN 23-2613723, there is no 2022, 990 that's on their website so the information that he had appears to be accurate. He's not sure where Ms. Thompson got her information from. He also just checked the HAL website itself and there's no Form 990 that's on there for 2022 that he sees immediately and in fact he doesn't even see a tax return that was filed in 2022 or in 2023. So, he just wanted to put that out there for the public that the information that was conveyed by Ms. Thompson he doesn't know where she got that information from, but again, he can't find it. Mr. Boulin said right, and we're supposed to cozy up with them. Thank you Ms. Opthof-Cordaro. Mr. Banonis said and he realizes we are on a different agenda item but nonetheless you brought these issues up and he wanted to address your concerns earlier because he wanted to make sure that the public knows. Mr. Boulin said the public should know that. That's a misrepresentation and until he gets the document in his hand, he doesn't make those statements and he's not a tax whiz or anything like that, but when he can see the previous year's up to 2021 or 2020, they are there, then there are none. That's what Treadwell was after. Where are the financials and people like Opthof-Cordaro said there's another beauty, we automatically bring in Goudouszian and make him the solicitor and then we turn around and we are read this statement saying by Opthof-Cordaro that we, ha, we should dispense with all of these legal proceedings and whatever conflicts there were and he would like to see, and he guesses he's going to have to do a FOIA for that. Yea, you see he got to do a FOIA Laura Ray, see, there's another one because he can't get the information to show what he has just claimed, okay, but he'll get it and he'll come and read it and you'll say, oh no, our Council, we are so bogged down and it's the only way we're going to get the truth. Thank God, we got it.

Ms. deLeon said would anyone else like to speak under public comment? An audience member said she was looking herself and it's under, she has to look it up here. Ms. deLeon asked her to state her name for the record. The speaker said please don't come near me. She had found it under ProPublica, and it has all the filing for the 990 in 2022, for 2022, just look up ProPublica. Mr. Banonis said he prefers to look up directly at the IRS which is the entity that should have this record. The same audience member said it has it there. Mr. Banonis said he's telling her the IRS doesn't. The IRS is not showing it. The same audience member said okay, all the paperwork is there, so...Mr. Banonis said maybe somewhere else but he doesn't know...Ms. deLeon said can you state your name for the record. She said she's Elizabeth Blasko, LST resident. Mr. Banonis said he appreciates that information Ma'am but again, the IRS doesn't show that. Mr. Carocci said where's the Friends tax forms and this other entity they started to cover up for the Friends? Mr. Banonis said he doesn't even see them existing, Tom. Ms. deLeon said anybody else for public comment? Is there anything else on this agenda item? Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said no. Moving on to the next Council agenda.

5. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS ITEMS

A. APPROVAL OF MARCH 20, 2024 COUNCIL MINUTES

Ms. deLeon said the March 20, 2024 Council previously tabled are ready for Council's review and approval. Page 29, lines 4 through 22, have been reviewed and are attached. Tom had issues and these were tabled. Mr. Carocci said and you know there were 13 corrections there, 26 if you count, but he only counted one where they cross a word out and put a new word in. You people get upset about tabling the minutes. Ms. deLeon said they weren't upset over that. They wanted to do that. Get the record straight. Mr. Carocci said he's being honest with you. He feels uncomfortable voting for these minutes because every time he asks for them to be looked at, there are corrections. He just asked for one paragraph. Do whatever you want, he is not voting for them, they are not accurate.

MOTION BY: Ms. Ray moved for approval of the March 20, 2024 Council minutes, with corrections.
SECOND BY: Ms. deLeon

Ms. deLeon said Council discussion, Jason? He said he don't feel comfortable with them, he's not going to vote for them.

Ms. deLeon said Tom? He said same.

Ms. deLeon said she's fine.

Ms. deLeon said Victoria? She said yes.

Ms. deLeon said Laura, you made the motion

Ms. deLeon said public comment regarding the March 20, 2024 Council minutes. Seeing no one, roll call.

ROLL CALL: 3-2 (Mr. Banonis and Mr. Carocci – No)

Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said before we go to the next minutes, she thinks it's an appropriate time to say that we do spend a lot of time, our community spends a lot of time, she shouldn't say community, our Township staff spends a lot of time doing Council minutes, and now our meetings are going longer and longer and longer which takes up more time and time and time. She thinks we hire another staff member to do transcription services for us for these minutes. She would just say for the future, she would like the Township to look into an alternate means to produce minutes that would be more efficient for our staff and save on taxpayer dollars. Thank you.

Ms. deLeon said she will have Cathy come back with a recommendation. Mr. Banonis said you may not be aware the person that transcribes these minutes is actually retired from the Township and this is her only role is to transcribe the minutes. Is that correct Cathy? Mrs. Gorman said yes.

Mr. Carocci said she does a good job it's just that the meetings are long. Priscilla doesn't run them efficiently. Mrs. Gorman said she feels the need to advise Council that we are pretty much at the point of exceeding our budget for transcriptionist and she will be bringing that back in a resolution to add more money.

Ms. deLeon said it's not a staff person doing it. Mrs. Gorman said no, she does do it the last set of minutes she spent over 70 hours doing the minutes. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said 70 hours so she would like to look at alternative means to have meeting minutes. Her understanding is we don't need to have a verbatim transcription like it is in court for minutes. In addition, there might be other avenues that provide quicker transcription so she would like the Township look into that. Thank you.

B. APPROVAL OF APRIL 3, 2024 COUNCIL MINUTES

Ms. deLeon said the April 3, 2024 Council minutes have been prepared and are ready for Council's review and approval. She asked if anybody had any corrections, deletions, additions. If not, is there a motion for approval.

MOTION BY: Ms. Opthof-Cordaro moved for approval of the April 3, 2024 Council minutes.
SECOND BY: Ms. Ray

Mr. Carocci said we should table them. On page 14 of 35, Ms. Opthof was speaking at the same time as Mr. Carocci, it's inaudible. He wants to listen to that. He'll get that. He wants to listen to that. He wants it tabled. Every time he tables them, we get 13, 14 corrections per paragraph. He'll figure that one out.

Ms. deLeon said you are saying you want to table this because you want to re-listen to a certain page? Mr. Carocci said it say Ms. Opthof-Cordaro was speaking at the same time as Mr. Carocci, it was inaudible. He'll listen to it and tell you what he thinks it is and if she doesn't agree with him, you don't agree with him, then that's fine, you can vote for the minutes but give him a chance to listen to that audio. Ms. deLeon said Victoria and Laura, will you withdraw you motion? Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said she will withdraw it. Ms. deLeon said it will just be tabled.

Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said for the record we are not going to be wasting any more time asking the transcriptionist to look back at this. Mr. Carocci is going to do this. Mr. Carocci said yes he is going to do it. Yea, he's going to do it. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said as in-kind? Mr. Carocci said yes, that's right, that's right.

Ms. Opthof-Cordaro withdrew her motion and Ms. Ray withdrew her second.

C. APPROVAL OF APRIL 17, 2024 COUNCIL MINUTES

Ms. deLeon said the April 17, 2024 Council minutes have been prepared and are ready for Council's review and approval. She asked if anybody had any corrections, deletions, additions.

Mr. Banonis said he has the same problem on page 7 of 47, there's multiple instances where Mr. Opthof-Cordaro was speaking at the same time he was and there's one, two, three, four, five...Ms. deLeon said that's why she gavels everybody, one a time, speak one at a time.

Mr. Banonis said that's just on page 7. He thinks this needs to be looked at more closely. He'd like to hear the audio of that and maybe we can sort out exactly what was said at that time.

Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said are you guys want the transcriptionist to do it or are you offering to do it? Mr. Banonis said he's offering to do it. Then we also have on page 11 of 47, Ms. deLeon was not coming through clearly on the phone, it was all crackly. He guesses this was the time that you really wished you had the cell phone tower near her house. So, he thinks we need to try to listen to that as well and there's probably other instances in here that need to be looked at more closely.

Mr. Banonis said Cathy, you can provide those audio files to us? Thanks. Ms. deLeon said are we tabling these because we didn't table the other one, we just kind of...we didn't vote on tabling it. They made a motion to approve it, Victoria and Laura, and then they withdrew it.

MOTION BY: Mr. Banonis moved to table the April 3, 2024 and April 17, 2024 Council minutes.
SECOND BY: Ms. deLeon

Ms. deLeon said public comment. Mr. Boulin said you really do get sensitized. What he'd ask and he mentioned it to Cathy, and it may not be possible, but he knows you have a group of three minutes here, that you are processing. What he'd ask is he'd like to see, if possible, it's going to take the same amount of time, he would think not having to do it, but he'd like to see the minutes come out before the next Council meeting, alright? Not months and months later.

Ms. deLeon said well, that's up to the administration. That's not up to us. They do the best they can to get the minutes out in a timely fashion. That's all they can do.

Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said they are on You Tube now and you can look at them anytime. Mr. Boulin said he knows that, he knows all of that. What he's saying is he's three months behind, what happened three months ago. Did you hear what he said? Ms. deLeon said and the meetings are now two and three times as long. Mr. Boulin said well, it's understood. He means we have a person here for 40 minutes, well. Ms. deLeon said oh please, please. Mr. Boulin said that's almost another hour added on plus then she read the long agreement, that's at least an hour. Ms. deLeon said she's not the only one that has done this. Mr. Carocci said he would have had us out here at 8:30, Dave. He's would have had us out at 8:30. Mr. Boulin said you can't have your cake and eat it too. Well, trying, but anyhow, that was a request. He likes to read the minutes and here they come out on Friday afternoon at five or six and he has all these other items he wants to make sure he's ready to talk about. So that's why and if you are going to produce them, you don't, it's not like a chicken laying a whole bunch of eggs at once or something here. We can pop them out one at a time, he would hope. Ms. deLeon said Cathy is doing the best she can and...Mr. Boulin said she is. Mrs. Gorman said staff is doing the best they can. Ms. deLeon said she understands, maybe not everybody else does, but she does. Mr. Boulin said thank you.

Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said she just thought of one thing she wants to ask Mr. Goudsouzian, there was a lot of discussion about improper Sunshine Laws violations and things that happened at our April 3rd meeting, which is one of the minutes under consideration here. That was the meeting that they alleged that there were some Sunshine Law violations, Executive Sessions that didn't happen, things were said, what people said, and she just wants to make sure from the solicitor's perspective that we don't need to publish portions of the April 3rd meeting that aren't in dispute, so that it doesn't impact the litigation that may have been filed or whatever, because she thinks it was about Sunshine violations, maybe about, she doesn't know, she's just saying, she knows we are going into Executive Session later but her concern is if we are not approving sections of the April 3rd meeting that aren't in dispute, maybe we should approve those out of an abundance of caution.

Mr. Boulin said good, thank you. He now recognizes the guy standing at the floor who, again, there she goes. She doesn't care what you do. You just have no courtesy. Mr. Carocci said no self-control. Mr. Boulin said you're not professional. Mr. Carocci said right. Ms. deLeon said okay, please, it's getting late. You know what...Mr. Banonis said that's what you get for interrupting him. Mr. Boulin said two minutes and 47 seconds. Ms. deLeon said you got to follow the rules of our...Mr. Boulin said no, so does she. She's supposedly an authority of the court and everything and she just read all these voluminous things she should be doing and she breaks them all. Where the heck was he? You're just so frustrating. Yea, you shut him down again. You talk about intimidation, there you go. She just goes off and does whatever she wants. She doesn't care about the public at all. Ms. deLeon said we're talking about the minutes. Mr. Boulin said he was. He was trying to talk about them, but he got, again, she just opens up and goes and she doesn't give a dam about the public. Excuse the swear word, that's D-A-M.

Mr. Carocci said can he ask Cathy to look into, you know, as one of the possible options, he knows they have software now that, you know, basically should be able to tape the recording of the meeting, turn it into a fairly rough draft of a transcript and then you know, Diane might just have to go back and assign, and listen to it because you have to assign names if people don't announce who they are, and which Council member is speaking, add that, and maybe some corrections from some words and all that, but he doesn't think that software is that expensive. It's been around for a long time.

Ms. deLeon said when Glenn was here and before he passed and he was here, he needed to, as people said things, he needed to see it typed on the screen, and we did that for him. Mr. Carocci said so if we have this software, we can get this software, it's not that expensive, then the meeting is transcribed, the next day from the audio recording, and then Diane just has to go in there, assign who was speaking and look for where there were possible mistakes, where the audio didn't translate to the page, you know. We don't announce when we speak, so it's not going to pick that up, it's going to be all one, right. So she would have to go in, and she still has to listen, but then it's just putting the person's name in and when the people come to the podium, they should be saying their names so that shouldn't be a problem, and he thinks we should look into that just to see how much expensive it is and if Diane thinks it's something

that would substantially cut her time putting these together. He doesn't think we should give up on actual transcription just yet without looking into something that. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said there is a Transcribe Me that uses AI, and it does it really quickly and there's different levels of transcription depending of you use AI or a real person. You could look at transcribing it.

ROLL CALL: 5-0 (Ms. Opthof-Cordaro hesitates to vote yes on this because she would like to hear from Mr. Goudsouzian whether or not we should...Mr. Goudsouzian said in response to your question, since we are scheduled a couple of weeks anyway, having official meetings are not official meetings, this is going to cause a major issue with regard to a response of the complaint. There's still the You Tube video and if there's a requirement...Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said that's fine. Mr. Goudsouzian said to get some information, it's there.

D. APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 2024 FINANCIAL REPORTS

Ms. deLeon said the April 2024 Financial reports have been prepared for Council's review and approval. She asked if anybody had any corrections, deletions, additions. If not, is there a motion for approval.

MOTION BY: Ms. deLeon moved for approval of the April 2024 financial reports

SECOND BY: Ms. Opthof-Cordaro

Ms. deLeon said Council discussion, Jason? He said he has no discussion.

Ms. deLeon said Tom? He said no.

Ms. deLeon said Victoria? She said yes. Mr. Banonis said is this a vote? Ms. deLeon said no, this is a discussion. Mr. Banonis said Victoria said yes, that means she wants to discuss this. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said that's not what she meant. Mr. Carocci said she said yes. He'd like to thank Cathy for putting them together. Ms. deLeon said so Council discussion. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said yes, she supports the financial reports.

Ms. deLeon said public comment? If not, roll call. Mrs. Gorman called roll call.

ROLL CALL: 4-1 (Mr. Banonis – No)

6. COUNCIL AND STAFF REPORTS

A. ACTING TOWNSHIP MANAGER – Cathy Gorman – No report

B. STAFF REPORTS

Mr. Banonis

➤ He said back to his earlier point that he brought up and he said we are going to talk about this a little bit more later. He's looking at the Spring 2024 Volume 28, Issue 1 of the LST newsletter. This was sent out to all residents. On the face page of this, there's a note from the President and it goes on and it paints on what is purportedly a rosy picture of the Township's state. He believes this is inaccurate. It's misleading. He's not sure why Priscilla deLeon, Council President, was given this bully pulpit to use Township resources, to have direct communications by mail to advance her narrative of what is going on in the Township. He thinks it's wrong. He thinks it's a misuse of Township taxpayer resources and he takes great issue with it. Cathy, can you tell him how this came to be that she was given a note from the President and this placed in here? Mrs. Gorman said we have, she's sure Council is aware, we've been working on this newsletter for quite some time. We do request of all members of Council and committees to provide us with timely information to put in the newsletter. Council President, as far as she knows, this is the first letter that went out for her, or under her, however, we've always had the President of Council write an opening statement on the newsletter, as far as she knows. Mr. Banonis said he's never done it and he was Council President for three years and Sandy was President when he was on Council, and he's been on Council now for a total of, what five years, and he's never seen a Council President author one of these. Ms. deLeon said that was a choice. She knows she's been President many times and she's done it. Mr. Banonis said you are trying to say there's some sort

of precedent for this and there's no precedent for this...Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said I received a request to put stuff in the newsletter also, I think the request went to everybody. Mr. Banonis said there's no precedent whatsoever for this. Ms. deLeon said what's that? Mr. Banonis said will you stop talking? I am not talking to you. I still have the floor. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said request to put stuff in the newsletter...Mr. Banonis said will you stop talking? Can you gavel her? Can you get control of the meeting or are you incapable of doing it? Ms. deLeon said Victoria, he's no, you're incapable. Mr. Banonis said why he is incapable? He's not the one running the meeting, and he's not the one that's allowing someone to speak over him. He thinks she's the one who is incapable. He's trying to make his point here. Ms. deLeon said I think the minutes will reflect that you talk a lot and talk over people. Mr. Banonis said he is trying to make a point, and he does talk a lot because he has a lot to say and he thinks the public values what he has to say. You may not, he doesn't care, but his problem is that you are talking about there is some precedent for this. Well, he's not aware of it and at least the past five years having taken place so as far as he's concerned there's no precedent. He finds this to be highly troubling and he would like the opportunity to correct this narrative and he wants to be able to write a letter, and Tom, you may want to participate in this, as to what's going on, you know, in our great community. So, for you to hijack this, which is supposed to be a newsletter, you know, it's fine to talk about FBI Leeda Awards and pet registries and no peddling and the police department exchange area, and things like that. These are things of value that the Township administration and structure provides to the community. Not your political rantings here and your bias. This is ridiculous to allow this. He just thinks it's wholly improper. You've used Township resources for your own personal benefit, yet again. You've done this before. You did this back with the landfill, back in the day with Laressa and others, and you were having consultants going out and you remember this, don't roll her eyes at him. You had consultants going out at her direction and incurring charges to the Township without having been directed or approved to do that, by a majority of this Council. So, it's another example of this and we said back then it was an ethical violation and again it's an ethical violation. You cannot treat the Township like it's your personal affairs, right. You are a single member of Council, and your authority as a single member of Council is just that. As a single member of Council and unless or until there's a majority of Council that votes to do something in furtherance of it. There's never been a vote for this just like there was never a vote back then with the landfill consultants undertaking activities, incurring fees and billing the Township for stuff that you wanted them to do, perhaps unbeknownst to other members of Council. So, what's the problem? You didn't learn then, are you going to learn now? Are you going to continue to do this? Ms. deLeon said she remembers she had a conversation with Tom who called him after a fire services meeting and said that we're asking the solicitor to do blah, blah, and she said oh, really, is that like her talking to the landfill? Do you remember that conversation? Mr. Carocci said when we talked about it at a public meeting? Ms. deLeon said no, you talked about it, you called her, she was sitting on her deck, and they had a conversation. Mr. Banonis said smelling the smells? Ms. deLeon said excuse me. Mr. Banonis said on your deck smelling the smells and enjoying the nature, is that what she was doing? Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said if she could just have a point of order, she thinks it's important to highlight that...Ms. deLeon said he can't hear her. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said she thinks it's important to highlight that Mrs. Gorman has indicated that this is something that has happened well before and many years. She also wants to point out if we're talking about, like she just heard this diatribe about using...Mr. Banonis said it's not a diatribe. Mr. Carocci said this is Council time. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said using, using Township resources for personal gain. She doesn't find anything in the statement a personal thing, me vs. him, but she will say is in 2023, she thinks when there was a presentation made at hearings and Council meetings, there was a presentation that you provided that went over your interpretation of benefits for the landfill and things like that. As she recalls, it was produced by you. It was never a vote that like the Council approved that they felt this was the official position of the Township. Then it appeared on our Township website, and it took days and days and then the Township website finally updated to show the presentation which appeared on the front page of our website was from Mr. Banonis. So, to now argue that you have not done this, when you just in fact did it months ago is, she thinks, is disingenuous. Mr. Banonis said here's what's disingenuous. Your ignorance. Your ignorance to the fact that that was voted upon

to be put up onto the...Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said it was never voted on. Ms. deLeon said it was never voted on. Mr. Banonis said he believes it was. Ms. Ray said no. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said it was never voted upon. That's why they had to correct it on the website to say it was from you. It wasn't a Township document. It was your document. Mr. Banonis said he didn't put it up there. Ms. Ray said it was inaccurate. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said somehow it got up there. Mr. Banonis said call Mark Hudson and ask him. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said you didn't ask to get it taken down; you weren't claiming the Township was acting on your behalf. She didn't hear him making the complaint. Mr. Banonis said did anybody back then ask to take it down? Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said she didn't hear you make the complaint. Mr. Banonis said you could have called it out then, but he's not aware of that. Ms. deLeon said she did call it out. She questioned it. Mr. Banonis said what was done with it? What was done with it when you called it out what happened? What happened when you called it out? Ms. deLeon said it got taken down. Mr. Banonis said ah ha, so there was a corrective measure that was taken and, in this case, he wants a corrective measure. The corrective measure that he wants is, the corrective measure that he wants is the same opportunity to address the community through the same means, methods, and forum. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said you had an opportunity. We all had it. Mr. Banonis said he knows, because...Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said she is asking you to provide input for the record. Mr. Banonis said he didn't write this. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said we all got the email. You didn't write it anything. That doesn't mean you didn't have the opportunity to write something. Mr. Carocci said this is his Council report. Mr. Banonis said this is his time. He didn't have the opportunity to write this because in the history that he has been on Council, for more than five years, never has a Council President taken the initiative to write a biased piece where they are going to be communicating with the general public, directly to their homes, directly to their homes, in a slanted, biased way. That's the problem. Ms. deLeon said show her what's biased in there. Mr. Carocci said this is his...Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said I would need to see what is biased. She thinks that... Mr. Carocci said Priscilla. Mr. Banonis said there's nothing here about raising taxes, there's nothing in here...Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said the Council Manager...Mr. Banonis said stop, she asked me a question, stop interrupting him. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said the Council Manager has indicated it is historic. Mr. Banonis said gavel her and stop her from interrupting him. Ms. deLeon said Victoria, she wants to hear what he has to say. Mr. Banonis said there's nothing in here about...Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said I want to hear about the bias...Mr. Banonis said there's nothing in here about increasing taxes. There's nothing in here about publishing an illegal (*Mr. Carocci was gaveling*) Mr. Carocci said he didn't want to do this Priscilla, he didn't want to do this, Priscilla. Mr. Banonis said thank you, Tom. There's nothing in here about publishing a knowingly inaccurate budget. Nothing about letting go a 23-year solicitor to the Township. Nothing in here about losing a solicitor that you handpicked and met with privately before you were ever on Council and him only lasting 16 days. Nothing in here about the circumstances of hiring Mr. Goudsouzian. Nothing in here about conflict of interest. Nothing in here about the cover up of giving money to Hellertown under the guise of an invoice that was owed and then trying to hide it in an Executive Session. Then having to come out and putting it on the agenda later to recast it as, is it funny? You asked for the question. So, show him a little bit of respect here. Don't be so God dam ignorant. Ms. deLeon said she signed that and I am showing...Mr. Banonis said no, you're not, you're not. You are laughing because you asked him to answer her question and he's explaining to you all these things and the way that you respond to him, pointing out to you all of the garbage that's in here or not in here...Ms. deLeon said that's your opinion. Mr. Banonis said is you laughing at him. Ms. deLeon said no, that's your opinion. Mr. Banonis said so that's the respect that she shows. So, you asked him for the answer and he's giving her the answer. Ms. deLeon said okay. Mr. Banonis said she may not like the answer and the way she doesn't like the answer is she laughs at him because of that, so she is the most disrespectful, ignorant person he has ever met, perhaps besides Victoria Opthof, okay. So there is the problem and among other things, those are the problems here, so you can be misleading by saying something that's a lie. You can also be misleading by omitting something and it's the omission here that is the problem that he has. The fact that you are not telling a complete story. This is your view of what's going on in the Township. Rainbows and unicorns, this isn't rainbows and unicorns. We are here now at 2:03 in the morning. How many meetings have we been here after midnight? Rainbows and unicorns.

Come on, you know all the bullshit that's happening and you are right in the crosshairs on this and you don't want the public to know. You only want those people that take the time to come here and endure, stuff like Mr. Boulin endures, and the criticism, the hooting and the hollering, and all the harassment they get or when Mrs. Louder is here and has people coming up and leaning, she has to freak out, because there's people that are accosting her and the few people that are logging on online to see what happens. This is a direct communication into the people's households, that's the difference. That's the problem he has with this. He thinks it's totally wrong and he wants an equal opportunity to be able to communicate what's going on to the residents through the same direct mail means that she chose to hijack for her own personal benefit. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said she just wants to say there was no hijack, everybody got the opportunity to provide comment for the newsletter. That means all members of Council, it wasn't an individual thing. Mr. Banonis said okay. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said so the opportunity was there....Mr. Banonis said so your position is, wait until you see the treatise that he writes for the next newsletter about all the bullshit and all the stuff...Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said she's sure it will be a dissertation, she's sure. Ms. deLeon said do you have anything else. Mr. Banonis said that's what he wants. He's making a motion that he wants the Township to allow him, and if Tom wants to participate and contribute to this piece, a similar...Ms. Ray said it's not an agenda item. Mr. Banonis said would you stop talking, would you stop talking? It's a Council report, it's a Council report. Ms. Ray said it's not an agenda item. Mr. Banonis said it's a Council report, it's a Council report, so would you stop interrupting him. Ms. Ray said he's trying to make a motion. Ms. deLeon said we can't have a motion. Mr. Goudsouzian said no. Ms. Ray said try to make a motion then. Mr. Carocci said he did make a motion and he seconded it. Ms. Ray said it's not a legal motion. Mr. Banonis said what do you mean it's not legal? Ms. deLeon said the new Sunshine Law...Mr. Banonis said it's a Council report, he can make an action, he can make a motion for an action based upon his Council report. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said no, you can't. You have to have it on the agenda. Ms. deLeon said it has to be on the agenda. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said talk about items that are on the agenda that aren't descriptive. Mr. Banonis said then he wants it on the next agenda and he hopes you'll accept this oral request as opposed to a written request discussion of the LST Spring 2024 Volume 28, Issue 1, newsletter and possible action to include written communication in the same forum that was taken by Council President Priscilla deLeon in providing an update on LST. Ms. deLeon said do you have anything else? Mr. Banonis said does he have to make a motion for that? Ms. deLeon said you can't have a motion. Mr. Banonis said does he have to make a motion for that. Do you want a motion for that Cathy or is that good enough? Mrs. Gorman said she will have it on the agenda. Mr. Banonis said there's lots of times we made motions to put something on the agenda. Ms. deLeon said and the Sunshine Law changed. Mr. Banonis said he's asking to put something on an agenda. It's not a violation, it's not a violation to have a motion...fine, it's on the agenda, good enough, we'll deal with it again and you can explain yourself and embarrass yourself for this garbage. Ms. deLeon said that's what you think. She doesn't embarrass herself. You embarrass yourself. Mr. Banonis said he is entitled to what he think because he has two eyes and he has a brain.

Mr. Carocci

- Mr. Carocci said he will be brief if no one interrupts him; if they do, he is going to gavel them. Priscilla, he does remember that phone call and he thinks it was after a fire services meeting. Ms. deLeon said wait, she can't hear him what? You do remember that phone call now? Mr. Carocci said don't interrupt him. He remembers that phone call. It was after a fire services meeting to give her a heads up that something needed to be done immediately from the solicitor and we spoke about it at the next public meeting and it was a heads up. Now that's transparency. It might have been after the fact, but it was transparency. He told her prior to the public and public disclosure. Now, last Friday, you went and met with the DEP and you took Township Engineer Scott Brown with you and you had all this meeting to disclose that tonight. That you and Victoria commandeered a Township Engineer at Township taxpayer expense, took him to a DEP meeting and you didn't call him to let him know and...Mr. Banonis said he didn't get a call either. Mr. Carocci said let him finish, and you didn't disclose it tonight. You didn't disclose that tonight. That's the difference. And that is the difference, you hide things and you use Township resources, like paying Scott Brown, without Council's consent and that is wrong. It's spending taxpayer

dollars without a vote. So, we'll move on but that's the difference between him and you two. He does disclose it publicly. You had all meetings, 2:00, we got here at 6:30, you had all meeting to say oh by the way, we met with the DEP last Friday and we took Scott Brown with us and the Township is going to be on the hook for his billable hours, you know, sorry we couldn't let you know earlier, or something like that or we didn't have the meeting set for the prior meeting or whatever. It would have been fine, but no, you hid it. Ms. deLeon said okay....Mr. Carocci said now, he's not done. This is his time. This is his time. Ms. deLeon said it makes you feel good and big with that gavel, right? Mr. Carocci said no, he didn't have to pull it out until the end because you finally...this has been in his bag the whole meeting. Ms. deLeon said please. Mr. Carocci said he didn't pull it out until the end because it's 2:00 in the morning and you are interrupting him. That's the only reason. He could have pulled it out at 6:30 if he wanted to, right? What do you think he just went out and got this? It was in his bag. Mr. Banonis said we would have been home five hours ago Tom. Mr. Carocci said right. Exactly.

- He agrees with Jason on the newsletter. It was too political and the front cover should have been our fire services, or our police, or our EMS that we've honored this month and this Spring, you know, and again it's obnoxious you put yourself there and really says what you think, that you are much more important than these people. Jeremy, he's glad he has off tomorrow.
- Alright, then you remember last time there was a discussion about West Easton. The only thing we haven't heard tonight is from our solicitor. He's like, well, there's been a lot of accusations made and I'll get back to you on that. So, we get a call from West Easton and you know, we talked to the guys, he's like, yea, you guys are right on. He tried to defend this lawsuit. We're losing it. We have to pay a lot of money. He goes now instead of Susie going to the meetings, he is sending one of his under leagues, a Stephanie, so that when it comes down to they lost this case, he didn't report it to the insurance company, and all this crap happens. It's some associate, Stephanie that's got to take the public blame and ridicule. He's throwing her under the bus apparently. He doesn't go to the West Easton borough meetings anymore. Oh my gosh, what a guy, what a guy. What a guy, our solicitor. That's all he has. Mr. Banonis said Tom, he just needs to clarify, he also did not receive notice of this secret meeting with Scott Brown and DEP that Priscilla and Victoria participated in. Mr. Carocci said they used Township dollars, resources to pay Mr. Brown his hourly rate, whatever, it's his hourly rate, he doesn't expect him to do it for free, but that should have been approved by Council, but it wasn't. It was done in secret, all this nonsense about transparency that they all always talk about.

Ms. deLeon

- She said this is the first opportunity she has to say that they met with DEP and Scott was there and Victoria and there were other people there. So that's all she has for a report. Mr. Carocci said will you ask for Council's permission before you do it next time? Ms. deLeon said Victoria, do you want to go next? Mr. Banonis said he guesses that's a no. Mr. Carocci said that's a no.

Ms. Opthof-Cordaro

- She said she enjoyed the meeting they had with the DEP. It was enlightening and she thinks Mr. Brown coming was very important. The DEP enlightened us that they appreciate receiving his reports and they were able to have a discussion and she thinks that was important as he's a member of our Landfill Committee. She's a member of the Landfill Committee. So is Priscilla, there was no quorum of people, so that's it. Mr. Banonis said can they learn what was discussed in that secret meeting? He understands that you pat each other on the back but what was discussed?
- She said she has another agenda item. Mr. Banonis said what was discussed? Mr. Carocci said what was discussed? Mr. Banonis said what was discussed during the meeting? Mr. Carocci said what was discussed? Mr. Banonis said let's not just gloss over it. We all pat each other on the back, it was wonderful but you won't tell us what was discussed. Taxpayer dollars were spent with this consultant but you won't tell us what was discussed. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said they discussed landfill operations. Mr. Banonis said so you met with the DEP and you talked about landfill operations. Can we have a little more detail? Can you drill down on that? Do you remember? Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said she doesn't think there was anybody taking notes. It's not an official meeting. Mr. Banonis said do have a recollection of it? Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said she does and she just told you it's about landfill operations. Mr. Banonis said was anybody from the landfill there? Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said no, they weren't. Mr. Banonis said oh, wow. Ms.

Ophhof-Cordaro said it wasn't an official meeting. Mr. Carocci said it wasn't an official meeting, he thought the DEP thought it was official. Did you put your mileage in for reimbursement? Did you put your mileage in for reimbursement?

- She said the other part of her committee report, she should say her Council report was that she was able to attend the LVPC's General Assembly meeting yesterday. It was very informative. It started at 7 and was at their new offices in Allentown. They went over many different things that are available through State funding and things that the LVPC is working on. There were presentations made by State Representatives and also representatives of LVPG. One thing that was of interest, they seem to be a lot of funding that was available for municipalities working on energy efficiency projects or environmental conservation projects so she just wanted to bring that to the attention for Laura, the EAC, the municipality, for whatever we end of doing. She doesn't know if we look at PennVest or any of these things, but she's happy to bring that to you later, Cathy.

Ms. Ray

- She said she will hold off on her reports for her Parks and Rec meeting and EAC meeting.

C. **SOLICITOR** – He said we are going to need an Executive Session.

D. **ENGINEER** – Not present.

7. **PUBLIC COMMENT – NON-AGENDA ITEMS – 5 MINUTE TIME LIMIT – OPEN TO EVERYONE**

- Dave Boulin said we don't ever get a report from EAC and if he's incorrect, please let him know. He will be scouting the minutes now that he got them all lined up. He thinks that's important. If you are going to be on that board, you should be giving a report. That's true, he agrees with whoever was saying if you go and attend a meeting, it's, he used to go out to meeting and he had to file a report when he came back. You guys just blow it off. It's a day off, which he'd like to say no more of these phone calls where you call in from Hershey and it's crackling, that's a non-participant meeting. If you can't make the connection clear, then bag it, and you know Priscilla who he's talking about. It's you and that's just not acceptable. If that's all you think about the public, that's really sad. Okay he hopes that some of this, it's just like, he might as well talk to the floor or something. It doesn't seem to change. You don't get any acknowledgement. People like Steve are reading his whatever and whatever. It just absolutely blows his mind. Okay, there's one thing he did want to ask, it wasn't clear to him. Will the next newsletter talk about this \$1.1 million lawsuit? Mr. Banonis said yea, he'll tell you when he writes his version of what's going on, he intends to include a lot of things in there and perhaps that lawsuit would be included as well. It depends on you know, what he would have to say and he certainly wouldn't want to breach any confidentiality or do...Mr. Boulin said sure. Mr. Banonis said to the Township, but he thinks the Township residents have an interest in that and they should know about it. Mr. Bolin said for \$1.1 million, you lose that baby, he's telling you that's going to sway the taxes somewhere. So, yea, he'd like to see that. Hanging the dirty laundry out is sort of a no, no. But the bottom line is, there have been so many things here that have been swept under the rug and here, maybe he didn't hear you right, Victoria, he thought you said something about amending the public record or the minutes or something because of this potential suit. Did he understand that correctly? Mr. Carocci said yes, she wants to change the record, change the minutes to fit her narrative to defend her in the lawsuit. Ms. Ophhof-Cordaro said that's not what she said. Mr. Banonis said that was his understanding. Mr. Boulin said that's okay. Mr. Carocci said that's his understanding as well. Ms. Ophhof-Cordaro said the You Tube video will speak for itself. Mr. Carocci said she wants to moderate...Mr. Boulin said that's right, it doesn't matter Victoria, the bottom line is he does have VOIC, so Voice to Print is easy for him, but he's running Linux, he's not running Microsoft, okay. So those are requests, of course you know. You can see that the public is beating down the walls to get here but he really hopes you do listen to some things. He tends to be a little biased but Ms. deLeon you really need to be less biased when you are gaveling one person and not the other and people that just yell over other people, you need a little trap door and pull the door and they just go out of sight. He knows they are her followers.

Mr. Banonis and Mr. Carocci said thank you. Ms. deLeon said anybody else like to speak on Non-Agenda Public Comment? If not, hearing none, we will recess the meeting and go into Executive Session. Recess is at 2:18 a.m.

Ms. deLeon said the meeting is reconvened at 2:31 a.m. They just came out of Executive Session to talk about, what does she say? Mr. Goudsouzian said outstanding litigation. Ms. deLeon said outstanding litigation. Steve, you have two motions.

Mr. Goudsouzian said the first motion if someone is inclined would be to authorize his office and the court file of 48-CV-2003-6089 to agree to continue the oral argument that is scheduled for May 28, 2024.

MOTION BY: Ms. deLeon said so moved as stated by the solicitor.

SECOND BY: Ms. Ray

Ms. deLeon said Council discussion, Jason? He said he has no discussion.

Ms. deLeon said Tom? He said no.

Ms. deLeon said none for her, Victoria? She said none.

Ms. deLeon said Laura? She said no.

Ms. deLeon said public comment, anyone out there like to speak regarding this issue. Someone in the audience was speaking. Ms. deLeon said we can't hear you, you have to follow directions.

Mr. Goudsouzian said let him cut you off, he thinks he knows what her question is. That is the continuance request that your office made to postpone the oral arguments. You asked for everybody's agreement to do so. Ms. Garber and in the declaratory judgment litigation. Okay, thank you. Mr. Goudsouzian said he didn't mean to cut her off, he assumed that was her question. Ms. Garber said she appreciates that, thank you. Ms. deLeon said roll call. Mrs. Gorman called the roll call.

ROLL CALL: 3-2 (Mr. Banonis and Mr. Carocci – No)

Mr. Goudsouzian said in the court file number of 48-CV-2024-04292 which is the complaint that was just filed, or just served, which has listed as defendants the Township, various individuals in their official capacities and himself in his official capacity, as LST solicitor, if somebody was willing to make a motion to authorize the solicitor directly and indirectly to take all necessary steps to respond to the complaint and pursue all options to oppose the allegations in the complaint.

MOTION BY: Ms. deLeon moved for approval as stated above by the solicitor.

SECOND BY: Ms. Opthof-Cordaro

Ms. deLeon said any other discussion? Mr. Banonis said first of all, earlier when he made comments about this litigation at the beginning of this meeting which started yesterday, he had mentioned that Victoria Opthof-Cordaro, Priscilla deLeon, Laura Ray were sued in their individual capacities and that Steve Goudsouzian was sued in his individual capacity. They were all sued individually but in their official capacities as either elected Council persons and/or Township solicitor, so he wanted to make that clarification. Also, the lawsuit based upon his quick secondary review during Executive Session indicates there are two alleged, two counts for violations of Sunshine Act, two separate violations, there are two counts for declaratory judgment actions, there's one count for injunctive relief, and there's one count for promissory estoppel and again, he believes it's in the promissory estoppel account where the damages that are sought are around \$1.1 million or more. He's not sure how he can vote to direct the Township solicitor to take, as you said, all action and further to the defense of this case, is that how you framed it Steve? Mr. Goudsouzian's said all necessary steps to respond to the complaint and pursue all options to oppose the allegations in the complaint. Mr. Banonis said he thinks that, he doesn't think he's violating any obligations he has here to the Township but he thinks that the individuals who have been alleged to have undertaken these acts may have done that and the only reason he's using may as

he's speaking here publicly about this and he may feel more strongly than may. So, he doesn't think he can vote in good faith. He means he understands, and this is where the conflict arises that he brought up earlier, he would like legal counsel on this issue because he has an obligation to the Township in his capacity as a Councilman and he also has an obligation and duty of candor to the court as a lawyer although he's not serving on this Council in his official capacity as a lawyer, so he doesn't know how he can vote upon this without having further consideration, more time to think about the ethical implications of this and he would like to have separate counsel advising him on this because of these issues. For anybody on this Council, he thinks to vote to do this, seeks to protect themselves in their positions individually and their official capacities. That's where his conflict arises and he don't think he can cast a vote on this. He doesn't know how anybody could cast a vote on this. He thinks everybody would have to recuse themselves because for any of the individuals that are named, individually in their official capacities, it seems like a misappropriation of Township resources to provide a defense for what could be a very clear violation that was raised here. He's sorry for the long-winded answer. He's trying to think this through here at 2:40 or whatever it is in the morning after going over this for a while but he doesn't feel comfortable with taking any action without having the advice of counsel and it would have to be counsel who is unbiased, at least without the appearance of bias or agenda because the solicitor who has been named individually in his official capacity as the Township solicitor, he doesn't think he can accept candid, appropriate legal advice from him. That's all he has to say.

Ms. deLeon said she is ready to vote. Mr. Goudsouzian said, comment. Mr. Carocci said I need to comment. Mr. deLeon said yes, Tom.

Mr. Carocci said he feels similarly. He feels, Mr. Goudsouzian, he's the reason, his advice is the reason why we are being sued for Sunshine Act violations and now we are going to hire him as the attorney to defend us on it. His actions are the reasons why. He lied and he doesn't trust him. He lied about what happened in Executive Session on April 3rd. He came out two weeks later, he didn't come out at the April 3rd meeting, he came out two weeks later on April whatever, April 17th and lied about what happened on the 3rd to the public, the whole room. He doesn't trust him. He's a big reason we're in this because his legal advice was so poor that now we've been sued and the Township might go on the hook for \$1.1 million. He hasn't read the complaint yet but from what he told us in Executive Session and what Jason tells us from having skimmed it, he doesn't know how we can hire him on this particular matter or ask him to represent the Township basically because it's \$1.1 million of taxpayer money, it's Township money. We might have insurance but it's not going to cover all that. He doubts it's going to cover all that. Mr. Banonis said his preference would be to table this vote until he has the opportunity to consult with counsel that he feels comfortable with providing him legal advice on these issues. He means he understands his obligations to the Township, but he also owes obligations to not do something that's ethical and he's afraid if he was to cast a vote in favor of this, that he would be furthering, perhaps furthering violation. Mr. Carocci said he's lied to his face. He's seen him lie to a room full of people. He just doesn't trust him to represent himself or the Council or the Township.

Ms. deLeon said she doesn't have a problem.

Ms. deLeon said Victoria? She said doesn't have a problem. She disagrees with the characterizations of Mr. Banonis and Mr. Carocci.

Ms. deLeon said right. Laura? Ms. Ray said she is not going to make any comment.

Mr. Banonis said but again, keep in mind, he and Tom are not similarly situated with the other members of Council who have stated their, at least approval or intent to provide approval for this. They are differently situated because they have not been named individually in our capacities as Council members here. You have. We haven't and that's what is distinguishing to him.

Ms. deLeon asked for public comment, anybody out there like to speak on this issue, seeing none, roll call. Cathy called roll call.

ROLL CALL: 3-2 (Mr. Banonis and Mr. Carocci – No) (Mr. Banonis said quite honestly, he's torn between abstaining from voting and voting no. Mr. Carocci said his is as trust issue. You have to trust your attorney and he doesn't trust him. Mr. Carocci said but you can abstain. Mr. Banonis said he doesn't know what his conflict is, he just hasn't wrapped his mind around exactly what it is but it seems there's a conflict here. So, in an abundance of caution, he'll cast an affirmative vote but not abstain but with the qualification that he's considering that perhaps he should abstain but he doesn't have legal counsel here to tell him what he should do under these circumstances so he's going to take a shot at this and say no.

Mr. Banonis said before we move on and adjourn this, he'd like to make a motion.

MOTION BY: Mr. Banonis moved he'd like to make a motion for the Township to provide separate legal counsel for he and Mr. Carocci considering that they are not named as individual defendants in any official capacity in this litigation because they are not similarly situated with the others. Their interests may not be the same as the interests of those others and he believes that any attorney who would seek to provide representation of the individuals who have been named as defendants in their official capacities would recognize that there is either an actual conflict of interest, an appearance of conflict of interest or the circumstances would not allow a defense to be provided to all of us.

SECOND BY: Mr. Carocci

Ms. Ray said okay but it's not on the agenda. Ms. deLeon said any other discussion, Jason? He said no, that's his discussion. He thinks that's appropriate to do that.

Ms. deLeon said Tom? He said Ms. Ray said it wasn't on the agenda. Mr. Carocci said the past two votes we took weren't on the agenda. Ms. Ray said yeah, it's not on the agenda. Mr. Banonis said nor were the other two. Mr. Carocci said the past two votes were not on the agenda. Ms. deLeon said yeah, but no, this is part of Executive Session. Mr. Carocci said that's why we went back in Executive Session. Ms. deLeon said isn't this part of the Executive Session she would think, she doesn't have a problem with voting on this. It doesn't have to be on the agenda because it's the Executive Session. Mr. Carocci said right, like the past two votes. Mr. Banonis said it's dealing with litigation that we discussed in Executive Session. Mr. Carocci said right. Ms. deLeon said right. So, she's asking for other discussion before she opens it up to the floor.

Mr. Mark Ozimek said since Banonis and Carocci are not listed in the lawsuit, why should the Township fund money for their private lawyer to defend them in something they don't have to defend themselves in.

Mr. Banonis said because the Township is named as a party and they are part of Council on behalf of the Township. That's the reason why, Sir. Mr. Ozimek oh, then I would say you are stuck with who the Council picks or hire your own attorney. Ms. deLeon said thank you. Mr. Carocci said just don't run anybody over on the way home. Ms. deLeon said okay, roll call. Mr. Goudsouzian said just to be clear what the request is, this is the request...Ms. Ray said they are asking for a separate attorney. Mr. Goudsouzian said correct.

ROLL CALL: 2-3 (Ms. Opthof-Cordaro, Ms. deLeon & Ms. Ray – No) – Motions fails. Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said no, she doesn't think we should be paying more lawyers and expending taxpayer dollars on that. Mr. Carocci said she should have thought about that before you violated the Sunshine...Ms. deLeon said they didn't violate the Sunshine Law.

Mr. Banonis said he wants the record to be clear here, you've now deprived two members of the Council who are not implicated in this lawsuit, from having adequate legal counsel. He just wants that to be perfectly clear for the public to see that and understand that.

Ms. Opthof-Cordaro said you can hire your own lawyer. Mr. Carocci said don't interrupt. Mr. Banonis said he's not talking to her. So, what you are trying to do somehow, bring them into your sphere of nonsense and Sunshine Act violations, which they were not part of to the contrary, far from it and you are depriving

them of legal counsel. He guesses that means he needs to hire his own personal legal counsel and file an action against the Township for failing to afford him as a member of Council with the legal representation that he deems to be necessary and if that occurs, you've now exposed the Township to another lawsuit. You've also exposed the Township to the legal fees he's going to incur perhaps if he pursues this lawsuit to assure he has adequate legal counsel in his official capacity on this Council and other damages. So, he thinks that's awfully shortsighted of you but that's what you folks do. Have at it. Whoever ultimately ends up representing the Township and the four folks that are behind all of this, he hopes that they at least recognize at that point, when they become involved in this case, that there isn't a conflict of interest and provide proper legal counsel so you people can make the right decision because what you just did is, you know, typical for your incompetence.

8. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY: Ms. Opthof-Cordaro moved for adjournment. The time was 2:48 a.m.

SECOND BY: Ms. deLeon

ROLL CALL: 5-0

9. UPCOMING MEETINGS

- A. Zoning Hearing Board: May 20, 2024
- B. Planning Commission: May 23, 2024
- C. Parks and Recreation Board: June 3, 2024
- D. Council Meeting: June 5, 2024
- E. Environmental Advisory Council: June 11, 2024
- F. Saucon Rail Trail Oversight Commission: June 24, 2024
- G. Landfill Committee Meeting: July 18, 2024

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