

Regular Meeting of California Borough Council, June 8, 2017

President Alfano called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm

ATTENDANCE: Mr. Alfano, Mr. Bittner, Mr. Difilippo, Mr. Encapera, Mr. Glab, Mrs. Gutosky and Mr. Mariscotti, and Mayor Weld

ABSENCE:

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mr. Alfano asked everyone to remember Paul Hotz who has been a lifetime member of the borough.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

CITIZEN – FELICIA MULL

Ms. Mull stated she lives on Second Street and is a student at California University. She is majoring in biology and she's here today to bring something to council's attention. She stated she would like to have an exotic pet but wants to speak with council first and hear their opinions and thoughts before she goes to the Zoning Hearing Board. She handed council handouts showing what a Fennec fox looks like. She stated it is the smallest canine and smallest of all foxes. It has large ears and is very fluffy and at full grown it weighs 3 to 3 ½ lbs. As an exotic pet they have been owned before as pets and they make extremely good pets. She stated they're outgoing and friendly and the only downside is they can be very loud if they aren't socialized. When they get nervous or scared they scream and that is their defense mechanism. She asked council if they feel it would be a problem. She has to be able to walk it and socialize it and it will help in her studies. They get along with small children because of their high energy. They do not have an odor and they are litter box trained and they eat cat and or dog food and any fruits or vegetables. She currently works in Smithton at the Critter farm and she is working with the owner to learn how to run a privately run zoo so that she can rescue domesticated and exotic animals. Mr. Alfano stated he's guessing that a fennec fox is not an approved domestic animal in our ordinance. She stated that is correct but in Pennsylvania they are legal. She stated she talked to Mike a couple of times and he said the zoning policy for California banned every type of exotic animal. She stated these can't survive the cold they are from the desert so if were to get out it couldn't survive. Mr. Agrafiotis stated council will review the situation and get back to this young lady and possibly amend the zoning ordinance. Council asked how many she plans on keeping. She stated just one male. She already works with these animals at Critter farms and the owner explained to her that the only way she will find out if she's in this profession or not is to get an animal that you have 24/7 and bottle feed, train it, and socialize it and she'll know if this is her goal and if she is able to deal with exotic pets. It is costly with veterinarian bills, food, etc. She stated she'd like to know council's thoughts because the Zoning Hearing Board application fee is \$650.00 and does council think they would grant her the exception. So she wanted to know if the town's people and council would be okay with it. Mr. Agrafiotis stated council can't necessarily tell you how they think the Zoning Hearing Board will vote but they can look at and we are continuing this meeting for other issues so we have your information and will get back to you. She stated she will leave her information with Shirley. Mr. Alfano stated we will let you know when we will have the continued meeting and if we are going to act on that. She thanked council and stated that council knows who is on the zoning hearing board and could this conversation possibly get back to them. Mrs. Gutosky asked if this animal can be put on a leash. She stated you use a harness like a Chihuahua harness and walk him and socialize him to raise awareness of these animals. Mrs. Gutosky asked where is the animal now. Ms. Mull stated he isn't born yet. They are only born in the spring so she would like to have all her ducks in a row before they are born. She stated she is going to the game commission to obtain a permit and they need proof from the city stating it is permitted to get their approval.

ADDITIONS OR CHANGES TO AGENDA

Mr. Glab added Conditional Use Hearing

Mrs. Gutosky added the Solicitor's bill

Mr. Alfano stated the agenda stands as printed and amended.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment at this time

MINUTES

Motion by Difilippo/Mariscotti to approve the minutes of May 11, 2017 carried with all members present voting yes.

Motion by Difilippo/Mariscotti to approve the minutes of the Special Meeting of May 25, 2017 carried with all members present stating aye.

SECRETARY'S REPORT –MS. EVANS

Ms. Evans read the accounts payable and account balances as of May 31, 2017

Motion by Gutosky/Difilippo to accept the Secretary/Treasurer report carried with all members present stating aye.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – MR. ALFANO

GEOKINETICS, MR. MCKAY AND EQT, CASEY DURDINES

Mr. Durdines introduced himself as a local government community affairs specialist representing EQT which is a natural gas production company that is operating in this area. As many of you are probably aware we are working with contractor Geokinetics on a seismic study in this area and surrounding areas. He stated Geokinetics has been in touch with many of you as well as several property owners in the borough to obtain permission to access their properties to conduct this study. He stated the Borough owns several parcels of land that Geokinetics wishes to access so I'm going to turn it over to Mr. McKay of Geokinetics who can explain in depth about that process and answer any questions that anyone might have. Mr. Alfano stated he doesn't think anyone knows a lot about this seismic testing so we need to be educated on it. Mr. McKay stated he's with Geokinetics which is a seismic data acquisition company based in Houston, Texas. He stated they've been in this area since January to go over a 90 square mile seismic survey for EQT. He stated they are in the latter portions in the program and they are almost ready to start recording. They've spent the last several months talking with folks in the community getting their information to allow us to include their properties in the survey. He stated he's spent a good amount of time with Mr. Agrafiotis in the process of obtaining a heavy hauling permit. He stated there are certain areas in the borough that is owned by the Borough that they would like to get access to, simply to place recording/listening devices on the property. We do not need to put any heavy equipment on the property we just want to deploy these listening devices or nodes that stick in the ground and are about the size of a coffee can and are inserted in the ground about 30" down and are actually used to record the data. The data that they record will be used to map the subsurface of this area which will be used to determine where the gas shales are. They also give us the opportunity to map all the falls that are in the subsurface in this area and the falls are important to EQT to ensure they avoid those falls. He stated so he is here tonight to ask council's permission to authorize Geokinetics to place these recording devices on borough properties. He stated he's brought tonight a copy of the permission letter and a copy of the maps of where they would be deployed and as he said these will simply be listening devices that will have no wires, electricity and they are completely safe for humans and animals. He stated per council's request to remove all the parks from the map and testing area which they have done. He asked council if they have any questions and if they understand what exactly Geokinetics is asking of them. Mr. McKay stated there are two types of surface energies they use the first is a truck with a pad on it that vibrates the surface and creates airwaves and that is the surface energy they would use in town in California and the second is seismic charge in a 30' hole and they set these charges off but these are put in rural areas only where there isn't a lot of structures and such. Mr. Glab asked if these sound waves that they will be generating will be subtle or will people be able to feel them. If people have something on a shelf will it shake it off or like a heavy wind, earthquake effect, or mine subsidence, how severe is of a sound wave are they generating. Mr. McKay stated to make sure things are done safely we perform what is called peak particle velocity tests which allows them to understand how far the energy they create is going to travel in this area. With a vibrator the surface energy will continue to zero in about 50 feet so it travels not very far. That is the reason we have to have so many listening devices out there. The seismic charges that are set off out in the rural areas will continue to zero at 325 feet. So once it reaches 325 feet there is no energy left so therefore, to make sure they don't pose any dangers to water sources and homes they put out buffer zones so in other words when they have a vibrator setting out here on the road we make sure there is nothing within 50 feet of that vibrator to ensure nothing absorbs that energy. A second line of defense to prevent any damage is they hire a third party engineering company to actually record how much energy any property

in the area geokinetics is working around absorbs. Your peak particle velocity show that 4.5 inches per second the peak particle velocity a structure can experience the first possible damage which would be drywall. Since that is the case Geokinetics max peak particle velocity is .35 inches per second so what they do is say we have a vibrator out here on Third Street and we are close to this building the engineering company will place a seismic graph right next to this building and as we're recording and vibrating it is recording exactly what peak particle velocity this structure is absorbing. So we will have that data for every structure they work around to show that they never exceeded .35 inches which is what their maximum is to ensure they don't cause damage. He's tried to explain to people what you'd feel if you were close to a vibrator. He stated it feels like what you feel when you have speakers and turn up the base and our hear boom pow pow boom pow pow and that is air blasts and that is something that you might feel from these vibrators. It doesn't knock anything off your shelves are bounce your washer and dryer out of their space it won't do that. Mr. Glab asked if the vehicle is moving or stationary while vibrating stopping and starting at each location or is it continuously progressive as you move down the street. Mr. McKay stated each place where we are conducting a test the trucks will sit and we will place the pad down on the road surface and they will be in that location for about 2 minutes once they're finished there they lift the pad move up 311 feet and do it again. It is continuous all day long until they've occupied each point just one time. Mr. Mariscotti asked if it damages road surfaces or sidewalks. Mr. McKay stated he's been up here since 2009 and he's never had any damages to asphalt, concrete surfaces, homes or water sources. They have had to repair some damages on gravel roads or dirt roads because the surface is softer and as it vibrates the surface gravel or dirt moves so they do repair those. He stated Geokinetics does have in place general liability insurance which has the borough named as an additional insured so we've made certain that the borough is covered. He stated can he sit up here and tell you that 100% there is no way that would ever happen of course he can't do that. He'd be a fool to do that. He said they have taken every precaution possible. He said he has provided a map showing where all the sensors will be placed and would like council to review it and if anyone has a problem as to location of any of these please communicate that to him or Tom and he will make sure those are eliminated. Mr. Glab asked when the tentative schedule is. Mr. McKay stated they will get started between the 18th and 20th of this month. They will begin in Brownsville and progress north to northern Rostraver and it will take about 40-45 days to complete the program. That is their plan right now but can change due to availability of people and such. Mr. Glab stated so you should be out of California by the end of July beginning of August. Council asked if they vibrators will cause problems with mine shafts. Mr. McKay stated no the vibrators won't cause any problems with mine shafts. The main line shafts that you have along the river here is called the Pittsburgh seam and they have a map of exactly where the Pittsburgh seam is along the river and where the fingers come up from the river and they are avoiding those. We're not shooting any dynamite in areas where we know there is a coal mine under there being propped up but as far as vibrators go these vibrators can go right on top of that coal seam and it's not going to cause any problems. Mrs. Gutosky asked if they have all of their permits from other landowners. Mr. McKay stated yes they have all that in place and they have their DEP permits in place. He stated we've had to get consent from close to 5,000 residents to do this and we have all those permits in place. Mr. Difilippo asked Mr. Durdines if this will help his company out. Mr. Durdines stated that it will help any gas company that is receiving this data and in this case it is EQT. It helps any gas company figure out what their drilling plan is going forward. Mrs. Gutosky asked why they need the borough's properties. Mr. McKay stated because we are doing this area and we need all the data to make the data usable. Mr. Bittner stated when this was discussed last time and the motion failed for a lack of a second he doesn't think council had a clear understanding of what Geokinetics actually does and what these tests provide.

Motion by Bittner/Difilippo to permit Geokinetics to place seismic sensors on the borough property excluding all parks duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes except Mr. Encapera who had stepped out of the meeting.

REPORT ON EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Alfano stated the executive session on June 1, 2017 was for a conference call with other legal counsel for employee issues that we had.

WHARF PROJECT BIDS

Mr. Alfano stated we had a bid opening today for our wharf project and for those that don't know we were successful two years ago getting our first DCNR grant for the Recreation Authority but we've been unsuccessful in getting companies to bid that project in the amount set

aside for this project. He stated today we opened bids and one bid was \$199,000.00 and some change and then there were two other that were going to work together pretty much and each do a portion of it and that was going to amount to about \$165,000.00. Our consultant from EP & D, Mr. Swartz, is compiling that information and is going to get it to us and check the bonds and make sure everyone is bonded and we will continue this meeting to take action on this stuff. Ms. Evans stated she gave a copy of all three bids to Tom Agrafiotis to review also.

SKYLINE DRIVE STORM WATER RUNOFF

Mr. Alfano stated we've had an ongoing issue up on the top part of Skyline Drive and there has been excessive runoff from very hard rainfalls affecting a couple of property owners and he thinks we came up with a solution that may help solve any future damage from storm water and Steve Eby our engineer has surveyed the area. Mr. Eby stated it will cost approximately \$1,700.00 with the Borough Street Dept. doing the labor. He said he talked to Jeff about it and his department is capable of doing it. He stated they will put a catch basin in to catch the flow. Mr. Alfano stated this letter from the insurance company has to do with his personal property. Mr. Bittner stated he didn't know if we could impact that outcome by doing our remediation first. Mr. Alfano stated we'll take a look at this closer and see what the insurance companies intentions are and possibly address this later.

RECREATION AUTHORITY BOARD MEETING

Mr. Alfano stated as a point of information the Recreation Authority Board meeting will be this coming Tuesday at 5:30 here at the borough building.

The Rotary Club is hosting another community picnic and we will get more information before the end of the meeting on that.

BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – DR. MARTIN

INFORMATIONAL UPDATES

Dr. Martin stated he has two information updates.

CEMETERY STONES

At council's request he and Mr. Taday went down to inspect the damage at the cemetery at the beginning of town where the headstones had come loose from the wall. He says it seems to be an issue of the way they were fastened to the wall. We have an expert in epoxy coming to the borough tomorrow to go down there with us and look at it and give us an estimate on what it would take to reattach the ones that have fallen and to re-secure the ones that have not yet but surely will fall. We will have that information for you after tomorrow. Mr. Difilippo asked if the stones that had fallen are being kept in a safe place. Dr. Martin stated no currently there is one in the garage and the others are sitting on the benches down there. Mr. Difilippo stated maybe we should secure them all in safe place until we repair it. Dr. Martin stated we will do that the reason they didn't do that is the gentleman that is coming tomorrow is going to have to look at them and we left them there for him to see and then we'll secure them.

GAS COMPANY – LINE DAMAGE

Dr. Martin stated on Monday we had a subcontractor for the gas company inadvertently while doing some work up on Pennsylvania Ave. struck a 2" medium pressure gas line a few houses were evacuated for a short time as a safety precaution. The gas company was on the scene and the subcontractor immediately put a sleeve on and compressed it. The police dept. and fire dept. both responded and the situation was handled very efficaciously and no problem has ensued from that. He said if council hasn't heard about it he knew they would so he wanted to share that with them.

PUBLIC HOUSING – MR. GLAB

CONDITIONAL USE HEARING

Mr. Glab stated we need to schedule a conditional use hearing for the address of 313 Union Street. He stated he spoke to Tom and John and they suggested we do it on July 13th at 6:00 prior to our regular meeting.

ZONING HEARING BOARD ACTIONS

Mr. Glab stated as a point of information the Zoning Hearing Board met last Thursday and they approved the request for the Tobias's to have the zoning changed at the Russian Church so that is ready to go.

RENTAL INSPECTIONS

Mr. Glab stated inspection season has started and Mike has already been out and inspecting several properties and that will be ongoing throughout the summer.

PUBLIC WORKS –MR. MARISCOTTI

DERRY CONSTRUCITON INVOICE

Mr. Mariscotti stated we have the invoice form Derry Construction for the paving project in the amount of \$72,535.89 for paving a portion of Kaukonen Rd.

Motion by Mariscotti/Difilippo to pay Derry Construction for their invoice #1072 in the amount of \$72,535.89 duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

STREAM BANK RESTORATION WORKSHOP

Mr. Mariscotti stated Jeff wants to attend a stream bank restoration workshop hosted by Dirt & Gravel on June 22, 2017. Free of charge and it is at Cal University. Dr. Martin stated he asked him to attend this because he will be out of the country and there is no cost just his wages.

Motion by Mariscotti/Difilippo to send Jeff Tuday to the Stream Bank restoration workshop at Cal University on June 22nd duly carried with all members present stating aye.

WIDMER ENGINEERING INVOICES

Motion by Mariscotti/Difilippo to pay Widmer Engineering's invoice #21705200 for the DEP Dump permit in the amount of \$705.00 duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

Motion by Mariscotti/Bittner to pay Widmer Engineering's invoice #21705213 for inspection of paving Kaukonen Drive in the amount of \$1,125.00 duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

A & H EQUIPMENT – ESTIMATE FOR REPAIR

Motion by Mariscotti/Bittner to approve the estimate for repair from A & H Equipment to repair the sweeper truck in the amount of \$ 7,867.20 duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

PUBLIC SAFETY – MR. BITTNER

HANDICAP PARKING REQUEST

Mr. Bittner stated we have a handicap parking request at 745 Park Street for Norma Buckman and it was checked by the Chief and the Street Dept. Commissioner and all her paperwork is order so I will make the following motion.

Motion by Bittner/Difilippo to issue this handicap parking space for 745 Park Street duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

PURCHASE NEW VEHICLE

Motion by Bittner/Difilippo to purchase a 2017 Ford Explorer with police package from TriStar Motors , a costar vendor, in the amount of \$28,575.00 duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

Mr. Alfano stated just to let the public know this is replacing the two vehicles we've sold which are the explorer and the charger.

PURCHASE EQUIPMENT PACKAGE FOR NEW VEHICLE

Motion by Bittner/Glab to have the police equipment installed from Team Force in the amount of \$7,869.00 duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes except Mr. Mariscotti who stepped out of the meeting.

NOTIFICATION LETTERS

Motion by Bittner/Difilippo to have the solicitor update the street opening permits to include notification to residents of the borough duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

Mr. Agrafiotis stated we are updating the street opening ordinance anyway so we can add that in there and anything else council would like.

POINT OF INTEREST

Mr. Bittner stated in the little publication the Bridges there is an article in here about BT Gilligan from the Methodist Church and he's going to be leaving. The article states he arrived here in July of 2014 and he makes some very nice comments about the borough of California and he would like to thank Mr. Gilligan for doing that. He thinks folks that have always lived in this town think folks probably see the glass as half empty but he is seeing the glass as half full. Mr. Bittner stated it made him feel good as a citizen and a council person that someone sees some good in California and he'd like to publicly thank him for his comment and wish him well.

FINANCE – MRS. GUTOSKY

MONTHLY BILLS

Motion by Gutosky/Encapera to pay the monthly bills as presented duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

SOLICITOR'S BILL

Motion by Gutosky/Mariscotti to pay the solicitors bill in the amount of \$4,414.50 broke down as Sewer fund \$336.00 and Admin. - \$3,768.50, and Zoning - \$310.00 duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. Alfano announced that there will be a community picnic at Rotary Park on June 29th starting at 6:00 pm at Rotary Park and they will have a main course and people can bring a side dish and snacks and they will show a movie and have some activities. This will be the second year for this event.

PUBLIC HEALTH – MR. DIFILIPPO

LENNON, SMITH, & SOULERET INVOICE

Motion by Difilippo/Mariscotti to pay Lennon, Smith, & Souleret's invoice in the amount of \$2,220.00 duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

WIDMER ENGINEERING INVOICES

Motion by Difilippo/Glab to pay Widmer Engineering's invoice # 21705199 for Malden Pump Station & flow meter in the amount of \$262.50 duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

Motion by Difilippo/Glab to pay Widmer Engineering's invoice #21705198 for MS4 Storm water mapping in the amount of \$1,575.00 duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

BAKER TO ATTEND CHALMERS & KUBECK CLASS

Motion by Difilippo/Glab to authorize Doug Baker to attend a Chalmers & Kubeck meeting and plant tour on July 12, 2017 at a cost of \$25.00 duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

Mr. Difilippo stated he would like to congratulate the California Area School Districts boys baseball team for winning the WPIAL Championship.

PERSONNEL – MR. ENCAPERA & MR. MARISCOTTI

Nothing to report

MAYOR'S REPORT – MR. WELD

Mayor Weld stated on June 17th at 2:00 pm he will be using the Rotary pavilion to perform a small wedding ceremony. Mr. Alfano stated whoever you are marrying has to fill out a request form to use the Rotary Park that afternoon for the Recreation Authority. Mr. Weld stated he told them there is a form they needed to fill out and send in.

ENGINEER'S REPORT- MR. EBY

MS4

Mr. Eby stated they shot all the outfalls and working on the application getting ready for the September issue.

MALDEN PUMP STATION

Mr. Eby stated as far as the flow meter they've sent it back and haven't had any other issues with the pump station.

PLANT DISCHARGE

Mr. Eby stated they did all the tabulations for the pipeline where it comes off the plant and they are waiting on the results to see if they're going to let us do it.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – MR. AGRAFIOTIS

ORDINANCES

Mr. Agrafiotis stated he is working on two ordinances and will have those to council prior to the continued meeting. One is the requiring of registration of foreclosed houses by mortgage companies and the other ones is the street opening updated ordinance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Agrafiotis requested a brief executive session right now for legal matters and should take less than ten minutes.

Motion by Bittner/Difilippo to go into executive session at 7:40 pm carried with all members present stating aye.

Council reconvened at 8:10 pm

Mr. Alfano stated we have ongoing issues from our renovation project and our new police dept. building and we're trying to get these issues resolved.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business at this time

NEW BUSINESS

No new business at this time

RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS

PAM DURICIC

Mrs. Duricic passed out information to council and stated she lives at 835 Wood Street in California and stated she is here with a group concerned about the influx of Romanian immigrants coming into town. She stated we have encountered many problems with them ranging from drag racing up Union Street side by side. There was an incident trying to lure a 17 year old girl into a car and every time she came out of the house they were harassing her so she was afraid to come out of the house. There are chickens and turkey's heads being cut off. A hit and run vehicle accident on Pennsylvania Avenue and the young man whose vehicle was hit is here. She stated they just want to know what kind of procedure was taken to bring them in and who brought them in and why are they here. She asked if all housing code requirements are being followed. They have no respect for anybody's property, they are constantly on people's porches, in our yards and when you tell them to leave they do but then come back. She stated we are social people but we don't want our town invaded by a bunch of people who have no respect for our community or our residents. We've also noticed that a lot of them are wearing some type of monitoring bracelet whether it be issued by immigration control but it is a little scary and they are here to get some answers from their council representatives and what is being done with the influx of them. She stated there are other people here that want to speak about this and she noticed Mr. Dentino is here and asked if he could answer any questions for them. Mr. Dentino

stated he'd be happy to do that. Mrs. Duricic asked Mr. Dentino if they are illegal immigrants and if proper credit checks and background checks have been done on them just the standard protocol for someone who is renting an apartment here in California. Mr. Alfano stated several borough officials have been in constant communication with federal agencies and perhaps Dr. Martin could shed some light on the background of that as far as what we know. Dr. Martin stated what we know for a fact is that some of these folks participate in a program of immigration and customs enforcement which is a division of the Department of Homeland Security. He doesn't have any specific information beyond that but he does know that some of these individuals are part of that kind of program. Mrs. Duricic stated her daughter found an article published by the LA Times which states that these ankle monitoring devices are used on a case by case basis with a priority for intention of serious criminal offenders and other individuals who pose a significant threat to public safety. She stated she thinks is scary and found the article in the LA Times. Dr. Martin stated that we have no information in the borough that any serious criminal violators are among the folks that are here. Mrs. Duricic asked if any background checks were done to verify that information. Dr. Martin stated he cannot speak for immigration custom enforcement.

AMY SAUNDERS

Mrs. Saunders stated she lives on Fifth Street and her son plays basketball with the neighborhood kids. She stated this car on Sunday came up from Third Street through Fifth and he didn't stop at the stop sign and was going 50 miles an hour and went straight up Union. Last week a car passed me near driving near Blainsburg and she had a suspicion so she drove down passed their house on the way home and it was the KIA with the New York license plate. They are maniacs on the road and someone is going to get hurt. Mr. Alfano asked if anyone has called 911. She stated she spoke to Officer Sheehan at school about it and he said the police department is aware of this.

WILLIAM KISTLER

Mr. Kistler stated he lives on Pennsylvania Ave. and he actually called 911 two nights ago and he called twice and obviously the officers were busy because they never showed up at his house. The next morning Officer Van Divner stopped and asked him if had seen a specific vehicle that he was looking for that had been terrorizing the town that night. Mrs. Duricic stated she has something else for council but only has two copies. One is from Lisa Platter and she was almost hit and run with the attachment of a picture of the car with the license plate.

DILLON BECKWITZ

Mr. Beckwitz introduced himself and stated he too lives on Pennsylvania Avenue. He stated in the middle of May he was sitting on the porch and he witnessed these people driving up and down the road at 50 miles an hour minimum in a residential area where kids play and as most of you do we try to watch out for the kids in our town so he yelled at them to slow down and then five minutes later he comes again but this time he's backing down the road very fast and hit the front of my truck parked in front of my house. There were vehicles parked in front and behind my vehicle so it appears that this was intentional. He then put it in drive and sped away and when he came back through he flicked the middle finger at some of the neighbors. He stated we called 911 and the next day they actually charged him with everything. He stated it is sad how they behave but he would much rather it be his car hit than a child.

DAVE BULETZA

Mr. Buletza stated he lives across from the menagerie on Union Street full of illegal immigrants and like Mr. Beckwitz stated they are flying up and down the road. He sits on the porch occasionally and have witnessed this he even had to call his neighbor at work today to have him talk to his daughter about not playing on or near the street because they are flying and they are reckless. He said it is mostly the large white SUV. He stated there is excessive amount of trash and noise all the time. He stated he's lived there for 15 years and it has always been full of college kids but he has never ever experienced anything like this. They always sit out there and watch when people come and leave their properties. He stated he would like to know what the borough ordinance is for occupants in a one bedroom apartment how many people can live there because there seems like there is 15-19 people there in three one bedroom apartments. He installed a video camera before he went on vacation and he can count at least 20 people on there. He stated the ones with the ankle bracelets are running around and they come across the street and stand there and watch me. He stated he doesn't know what they are up to but there are always 5-8 guys there and if they don't like what you are doing or what you say who knows what they can do if you have an altercation with one are all 8 of them going to get involved you just

don't know. Concerning the law enforcement how can we find out if they are criminals and if they have any kind of background. He feels someone should have to look into that before something bad happens.

CHELSEA DURICIC

Ms. Duricic introduced herself and stated she has been away at college so just had her first experience with them on Saturday. She stated she was walking home from Dillon's graduation party and there were 3-5 mid 20's-30's year old men standing at the apartment on the corner of Wood St. and Pennsylvania Ave. they were just talking and as she walked across the street they came out to the street and watched her walk through the alley and into her house and they stood there a while and were still watching her house for a little while. She stated she's 23 years old and her parents were away for the night and she did not feel comfortable staying home alone in her own house. She's never been afraid to stay home along in this town but this worried her enough she went and stayed overnight at a family member's house.

Mr. Alfano asked Chief Encapera if we are stepping up any traffic watches to see if we can get these guys to slow down and drive more sensibly. He stated the hit and run on Pennsylvania was reported properly and he thinks his officers did a pretty good job of citing the individual and confiscated the vehicle. We got Mr. Beckwitz reimbursed for his damage. He urges anyone that has any difficulties with these people call 911 and get our officers up there and let us know what is going on. He stated last week he had a lengthy conversation with the gentlemen with the immigration authority and he is going to come and visit us probably next week and he's going to help us to try and figure out why California was picked by these folks. He stated homeland security right now with these influx of immigrants are in the reactive mode right now because he asked them for education materials for his officers on how to deal with these people and right now, there was a certain act that is allowing these people to come in to this country, and we have no choice on that but he is in contact with Immigration Customs Enforcement, ICE, and hopefully when he comes in he can better instruct us on how to handle them. As far as criminal things we are handling them just like we do anybody else. So if something happens call 911 and get us up there.

Mr. Alfano asked Mr. Dentino how many Romanian families are we talking about all together. Mr. Dentino stated he has about 14 families that have rented places from him. He stated he wants to clarify something because he's hearing people say that he brought these people to town but that is not so. However, they did come to town and they came into his office looking for a place to rent. He said he has to treat them like anyone else, profiling, discrimination are federal laws and you can't do it you have to be fair. Ms. Duricic stated she too has her realtor license and if they don't have a social security number how can you run a credit check on them. Mr. Dentino stated he can't he didn't know where they came from he sees them driving with license plates from California, Florida, Baltimore, everywhere. Ms. Duricic asked Mr. Dentino isn't it standard protocol to run a credit check on any tenant that you bring into rent a unit. Mr. Dentino stated he tried. Mr. Swartz asked Mr. Dentino if he asked them do they work and where they work at. They don't because they are gypsies. Mr. Dentino stated you can address these folks but he's only telling you what he knows of them. Mr. Swartz stated they are thieves professional thieves. Mr. Dentino stated when you try and ask them things some of them speak no English so they have to get their buddies to help them understand. He stated apparently they go to Baltimore work and he asked them what kind of work that they do and they told him construction work and they build things down there. Mr. Dentino stated why they came to California to drive to Baltimore to work he doesn't know. Some contractor may have employed these guys for a job just like they do with Mexicans he doesn't know. Mr. Dentino stated you have to watch about profiling these folks. Mr. Dentino stated he cannot deny them the right to rent because he can't run a credit check on them. Mr. Buletza asked Mr. Dentino what his protocol is for renting apartments and how he determines their ability to pay. Mr. Dentino stated he has kids that come here from Puerto Rico and he doesn't know anything about them. He stated if they are breaking the law call 911 he is 100% for catching them. Mr. Buletza asked Mr. Dentino if he plans on putting students in there with these folks. Mr. Dentino stated yes. Ms. Evans stated you said 14 families but what is a typical family size. Mr. Dentino stated well that is hard to say. Mr. Buletza asked what the borough requirements are for how many people can live in a one bedroom apartment. Mr. Dentino stated there are standard uniform commercial codes that state how many people per square feet. Mr. Dentino stated but once again he's not the law and he can't tell them how to raise their kids or how many should be in this space or that space. A lot of them get together because they don't know anyone else so they congregate over there because that guy is

popular he guesses. Mr. Dentino stated they are loud when they were in his office they were very loud so he made them go outside so he can talk on the phone. Mr. Swartz stated he needs to google Romanian gypsy rent Clarion County and they just busted a bunch of them in Clarion County for fast changing businesses. Mr. Dentino stated that's fine but you got to catch them. Mr. Swartz stated Mr. Dentino would rent to the son of Sam if he could to make money. Mr. Dentino stated if you see them doing something wrong turn them in. Mr. Swartz when they crap in the yards put it on his porch. Mrs. Duricic stated they are defecating in the backyard. Mr. Dentino stated what is he supposed to do about it. Mrs. Duricic stated but they are not up on your street.

COLLEEN MAXON

Mrs. Maxon asked if they are here long term because if they are who is going to teach their kids when they have a different language and are they paying any taxes to live her. Mr. Dentino stated he knows Mike Sears, Superintendent of Schools, and when he knew they were coming into town here over a month ago and he went to him and asked him if they have to hire someone Romanian to teach them in their native tongue. Legislatures make those rules but are you going to have to do it and will it be a burden on the school district. Mr. Dentino stated he doesn't even know if they send their kids to school. Mr. Dentino stated we have people who's always lived in this town who don't send their kids to public schools. Mrs. Maxon stated but that is different. Mr. Dentino stated so is it different because they are Romanian or foreigners. He stated we can't discriminate against them. Mrs. Maxon stated she is not trying to discriminate against anyone. With this college we've seen a lot of different people over the years but when we don't know anything about this happening and so many so fast she asked how many more are we expecting to come here because she has a lot of empty houses around her. Are we going to fill all the empty houses up with these people. It is scary to her as an older person. She stated we have senior citizens and college kids. Mr. Alfano stated he doesn't believe we will have any further information until ICE or Homeland Security comes into town and meet with the Chief. Chief Encapera stated another thing he was told about the ankle bracelets that there was never any mention of criminal element. They are just being tracked so immigration enforcement knows where they are at. Mr. Dentino stated they all had to register with immigration because when they were coming in getting their parking tags they had to have a contract that showed that they were living in a place. He would think that somebody had to sponsor them or at least have a job for them. Mr. Alfano stated unless they entered illegally. Mr. Dentino stated if immigration comes to town he has all their information in a file and they are welcome to it if they request it. He has pictures of everyone's identification. But the request has to come from a policing agency.

REBECCA DANIELS

Ms. Daniels asked Mr. Dentino what kinds of construction job can you get where you are sending 20 and 30 thousand dollars a week home to Romania. Mr. Alfano stated that is a pretty good job. Mr. Agrafiotis stated just to be clear the borough is not asking Mr. Dentino for his file on this people but the federal agency may.

Mr. Beckwitz asked council what the ordinances and regulations are on keeping livestock in the borough specifically chickens. Mr. Agrafiotis stated he's not aware that we have one. He stated that is getting a little popular in other municipalities. He could be wrong but Mr. Petro is not here to ask. Mr. Agrafiotis stated council may want to consider that during their rezoning. Mrs. Duricic stated Ms. Daniels has videos of them cutting chicken's heads off in their backyard. Mr. Dentino stated when he grew up they use to cut chickens heads off in his grandmothers back yard. They were immigrants and moved into town and lived next to other immigrants because none of them spoke English either. He hopes his ancestors had a little more couth than some of these people. He suggested it may be a good idea to go across the street see how they're doing and get to know them. You want to know your enemies as well as your neighbors. Mrs. Duricic stated they refuse to speak English.

JIM MADDIEX

Mr. Maddiex asked if there is any update on the Community Development Block Grant Wood Street light project. Mr. Alfano stated he spoke to Kerry Fox of the RAWC a few days ago and they are waiting for the manufacturer to catch up with the light order. He stated this will be the 2016 money. As far as 2017 they are not doing anything until they know what is happening with funding in Washington DC. Mr. Maddiex stated the Herald Standard had an editorial on June 6th and it was a great idea that Volunteer Fire Fighters will get a tax break. Mr. Maddiex stated there was legislation signed last November by Governor Wolfe that allows for Municipalities to

offer a tax incentive to qualified volunteers. Act 172 provides for exemption of about 20% of municipal taxes and 100% of the Earned income tax to emergency responders. He would like to see council enact something along the lines of Act 172. Mr. Bittner stated he went to the PSAB annual meeting and most boroughs are holding off right now because there is a little cloudiness to that act and they are waiting for those to be clarified. Mr. Maddiex stated there is a planning commission meeting on July 3rd which is a Monday.

ROY WATKINS

Mr. Watkins introduced himself as the property manager for Riverwood Apts. Located at 128 Wood Street and one of the owners. He is here to address the requirement of prepaying for our leased parking spots as opposed to paying for them on an as needed basis. He stated it is their biggest expenditure second only to our utility bills each year. The problem I have with the prepaying is we only use a portion of them each year for instance this year we are required to lease 41 spots and we only used roughly 10 of those spots. Next year we will have 10 more units in the building so he'll be required to rent 56 spots which is a total of roughly \$20,000.00. The way they do their pricing structure the tenants only pay for parking if they actually use it. He stated he's losing a significant amount of money by having to prepay for the parking so he is looking for ways to work with the borough. Mr. Alfano stated he doesn't know what the solution to that is but we have to know how many spaces are needed by you before we can lease any others out because. Mr. Watkins stated right now he's required to pay for all the parking spots by August 1st. Right now after he fills up his personal lot, say he has 18 spots, if I get 19 tenants I send one to the borough to lease a spot. So he point is why can't he just send them over to pay on an as needed basis. Mr. Mariscotti stated you were required to have so many parking spots per apartment in order to have those apartments and you have to lease those from the borough so the borough cannot rent them out to somebody else in case you would needs them. If we rent them out then you lose your right to rent the apartments. He stated how many parking spots does the borough have throughout the town. He stated we are not able to recoup that money Mr. Mariscotti stated he's not telling him how to run his business but you need to build that cost into your rent. Mr. Watkins stated it is built in if the tenant needs it he pays for it. Mr. Mariscotti stated then it's not built into your rent it is an add on. Mr. Watkins stated the enrollment at the University is down significantly so this is just not affecting him but others in town. Mr. Mariscotti stated every landlord in town is required to provide parking but you don't have enough of your own spots so you have to lease them from the borough. Mr. Mariscotti stated you may have to raise the rent to cover the parking costs. Mr. Watkins stated then we will have a 90% vacancy rate and that's just the market. Mr. Watkins stated they have apartments in other places and townships and they let them do it on an as needed basis. He stated he understands they are required to provide parking but he's looking for some help with paying up front and on an on needed basis.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Alfano stated we are continuing this meeting until June 15th at 6:30 pm to award the Wharf project bid and other business that comes before council.