

## **Regular Meeting of California Borough Council, May 12, 2016**

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

**ATTENDANCE:** Mr. Alfano, Mr. Bittner, Mr. Difilippo, Mr. Encapera, Mr. Glab, and Mr. Mariscotti

**ABSENCE:** Mrs. Gutosky and Mayor Weld

### **MOMENT OF SILENCE**

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

### **ADDITIONS OR CHANGES TO AGENDA**

Mr. Bittner added Animal Control Officer bill

Mr. Difilippo added insurance on old sewer plant

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Maddix stated on Ordinance 554 he is glad they are increasing the business district but he is a little concerned about moving the traffic off where the cars are to go and he thinks it will become a problem. Section 2 it reads the rates will be .25 cents for every twenty minutes. He stated for someone who wants to do shopping 20 minutes may not be enough. Currently they are 45 minutes for a quarter and he believes they are dropping the dime which he won't contest.

### **MINUTES**

Motion by Difilippo/Mariscotti to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 14, 2016 duly carried with all members present stating aye. He stated you will have to change the stickers inside the meters showing the new rate and that may add a little cost.

### **MR. WELD ENTERED THE MEETING**

### **SECRETARY'S REPORT – MS. EVANS**

Ms. Evans read the accounts payable and account balances as of April 30, 2016.

### **PRESIDENTS'S REPORT – PRESIDENT ALFANO**

#### **ASHLEY ROTH – RECREATION AUTHORITY**

Mrs. Roth introduced herself to council as the President of the Recreation Authority. Mrs. Roth passed out letters to council on what she is speaking about tonight. She stated they are currently working on the River fest which is scheduled to take place the last weekend in August. They are working together with the University and the date coincides with move in weekend and they feel it will attract a lot more people to the event. She stated some groups are looking to purchase a date with them and they are hoping for a great turn out. The reason she is before council today is to see if they would be willing to donate \$1,500.00 toward the fireworks display which was the donation provided last year. She stated last year's display was okay. This year California University of Pennsylvania also does a fireworks display during move in day weekend at dusk on Sunday evening so we're going to combine our amounts together to put on a really great firework display this year. She stated any amount they could donate would be appreciated.

Motion by Bittner/Mariscotti to donate \$2,000.00 to the Recreation Authority to help pay for the firework display at the River fest from the Gaming Revenue fund duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

#### **WHARF PROJECT**

Mr. Alfano stated we received one bid from two tries on the wharf project. He stated the bid was from Plavchak at a cost of \$210,309.00. We have about \$150,000.00 to spend so he would entertain a motion to reject this bid.

Motion by Difilippo/Mariscotti to reject the bid on the Wharf project duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

### **FEMA FLOOD INSURANCE**

Mr. Alfano stated we have the renewal bill for the FEMA Flood Insurance Policy on the Library in the amount of \$1,910.00 which is the current coverage continuation or we can increase the coverage of \$2,043.00.

Motion by Bittner/ Difilippo to the increased coverage at \$2,043.00 duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes except Mr. Mariscotti who abstained.

### **CALIFORNIA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Mr. Alfano stated the fire company has asked that we release the balance of our donation earlier than August 1<sup>st</sup> because they can get a substantial interest reduction if they pay it now.

Motion by Glab/Mariscotti to release the donation to the Fire Department from August 1<sup>st</sup> until tonight duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

### **REQUST FROM MR. & MRS. HAYES**

Mr. Alfano stated we have an abutting parcel to Mr. & Mrs. Hayes and he asked Mr. Hayes to come and address council and explain what he would like to happen. Mr. Hayes stated he's been a resident of California since 1970 and they live at the end of Skyline Drive. His reason for requesting part of the parcel of that property deeded over to them is because there are about 7 Poplar trees that have grown to about 70' and if they should come to the West they are going to take the corner off of his house and you know what that means. He's asking that the Borough deed part of the property over to us and they will continue to maintain it which they have done continually in the past. If there is any expense that would come to the borough he will be glad to bear that expense. Mr. Alfano asked if he has the dimensions of the piece of property he wants. Mr. Hayes responded that he does not have the dimensions but it would be from the driveway into the apartments and goes down to the top of the grade and goes around. Mr. Hayes gave Mr. Alfano a copy of the map that shows what he wants. Mr. Mariscotti asked if there was any way we can vacate that property without putting it out for public bid. Mr. Alfano stated that is a question for the solicitor. Mr. Agrafiotis asked what the borough is going to get out of it. Mr. Mariscotti stated we will get taxes on what is now an exempt piece of property. Mr. Hayes stated you got 40 years of maintenance out of it. Dr. Martin stated he explained to Mr. Hayes previously that we would probably have to subdivide that in order to separate the little flat parcel on top from the deep hillside with the stone quarry in it and he has indicated that he and Mrs. Hayes would be willing to bear any expense for the subdivision and having deeds reissued. He's essentially asking the borough to vacate that top portion of the hillside that has been under his care and maintenance for the last 40 years. Mr. Alfano asked Mr. Hayes if he has explored the cost of surveying. Mr. Hayes responded he has not. Mr. Mariscotti stated there is a stipulation somewhere that because it is a piece of property that has never been taxed that we can give away. Mr. Agrafiotis stated we'll take a look at it. Mr. Alfano stated in the Haye's defense they have come to council a couple times prior to this and for whatever reason council has dropped the ball on this so he would like to get this finished one way or another.

### **MACKING ENGINEERING INVOICE**

Mr. Alfano stated we have Mackin Engineering invoice #43601 in the amount of \$1,174.56 for work they are doing on the comprehensive plan and zoning ordinance.

Motion by Glab/Mariscotti to pay Mackin Engineering invoice #43601 in the amount of \$1,174.50 duly carried on a roll call vote.

### **MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE**

Mr. Alfano announced that the American Legion Post #377 has dissipated and the sign is gone and they are liquidating any assets. Therefore there will be no Memorial Day service. We are way behind the eight ball on putting anything together for this. They are still offering the color guard to do the firing squad thing. Mr. Mariscotti stated the post will still exist but only on paper so if anyone would step up and they'd get some financing they could reopen again.

### **TRI COUNTY BOROUGH ASSOCIATIN MEETING**

Mr. Alfano stated the meeting will be next Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at the Sons of Italy Hall in Brownsville and meal is served at 7:00 pm. The speaker is a Brad Bonni from the Washington County Assessment office.

## **BOROUGH ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

### **UPDATES**

#### **FURNITURE**

Dr. Martin stated among the updates the office furniture will be delivered and installed on Friday May 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am.

#### **DIRT AND GRAVEL**

Dirt and Gravel group from the Conservation District came out here on Wednesday the 4<sup>th</sup> in response to a grant application that Mr. Taday and he had written to address the dirt stretch of North California Drive. We'd like them to grant us aggregate so that dirt section can have a base put on it. They brought their committee out and looked at the project and the proximity to the stream and we got a fairly favorable response and we are waiting now to hear back as to where we will be on the summer priority list. If we are high enough we may actually get it done this summer.

#### **GARBAGE COMPANY**

Dr. Martin stated he called the garbage company today and the Code Enforcement Officer had called earlier in the day and you are probably aware that there is garbage piled all over town due to the end of the semester and the student rentals are being emptied. They assured him that they were having truck issues and they couldn't get the trucks out here as they had wanted to. He read them the section of the contract for the second time today where it calls from them to be here on a daily basis the last week of the semester and the first week after the end of the semester to address these kinds of issues. They are to send out multiple trucks tomorrow and start gathering up this mess and steps will be taken to ensure they understand the contract hereafter.

Dr. Martin stated we are investigating two businesses in town for violating the solid waste management ordinance and the garbage company has suspended service for these two businesses for non-payment. By not having a professional contracting come and remove their solid waste they are in violation of Ordinance 400 and we will send them a notice of violation and follow up with the necessary citations if it comes to that.

#### **CONTRACTS COMING UP TO EXPIRE**

Dr. Martin stated the Garbage contract is up in December and the Animal Control contract will be up in December. He stated with council's approval he will start gathering some preliminary information so that the specs can be put in place to start that contract process.

#### **REQUEST FROM JOE RUFFOLO**

Dr. Martin stated he has a written request from Joe Ruffolo to release his fire escrow money for a property that we are holding fire insurance money on up on Third St. All the necessary and required paperwork has been submitted under our ordinance and he sees no reason for us to continue to hold his monies since he's made a written request and met all the requirements on this property. Mr. Alfano asked the Solicitor if he sees any reason we shouldn't refund his money. Mr. Agrafiotis stated no sir he and Dr. Martin discussed this and we've had his money for a while and he's finally formally requested it so you can't keep it for any other purpose. Mr. Alfano asked if we need a motion. Mr. Agrafiotis stated yes sir. Mr. Alfano stated he will entertain a motion to refund fire escrow money to Joseph Ruffolo in the amount of \$16,000. Ms. Evans stated that is not correct the correct amount is \$3,419.21. The original escrow amount was the \$16,000.00 but we've had to cover some costs out of that and the remainder is \$3,419.21.

Motion by Glab/Mariscotti to return fire escrow money to Joseph Ruffolo in the amount of \$3,419.21 with a letter explaining what the balance of the monies were used for duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes except Mr. Difilippo and Mr. Encapera who voted no.

#### **PUBLIC HOUSING – MR. GLAB**

#### **CONDITIONAL USE HEARINGS**

Mr. Glab stated this evening we had two conditional use hearings and the first was for D & D Holdings for their property located at 697 High Street. They are adding a second unit on their building. They need an additional sewage tap and also the lower apartment is not finished

and a UCC inspection needs to be completed on that by McMillen Engineering and before it is occupied a copy of that inspection is to be provided to the Borough.

Motion by Glab/Difilippo to approve the Conditional Use for D & D Holdings for their property located at 697 High Street with the conditions that Mr. Glab enumerated on duly carried on a roll vote with all members present voting yes.

#### **ALFANO ENTERPRISES**

Mr. Glab stated the second Conditional Use Hearing was for Alfano Enterprises for their property at 121 Union Street. The only additional condition to be place on there was the additional parking space placed in front so there will be parking for three people. He is requesting 4 tenants but he is only putting 3 in there. If at some point he puts the 4<sup>th</sup> person in there a part of the detached garage driveway will be used for the 4<sup>th</sup> parking place, therefore he needs to add one additional parking space per the ordinance and this is his motion. Mr. Petro stated he needs a zoning certificate and a street opening permit for the third parking space.

Motion by Glab/Difilippo to approve the Conditional Use for Alfano Enterprises for their property at 121 Union Street. The only additional condition to be place on there was the additional parking space placed in front so there will be parking for three people. He is requesting 4 tenants but he is only putting 3 in there. If at some point he puts the 4<sup>th</sup> person in there a part of the detached garage driveway will be used for the 4<sup>th</sup> parking place, therefore he needs to add one additional parking space per the ordinance he needs a zoning certificate and a street opening permit for the third parking space duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes except Mr. Alfano who abstained.

#### **ZONING/CODE UPDATE**

Mr. Glab stated they are out looking at properties and doing investigations as Dr. Martin referenced earlier. As a reminder the public the grass needs to be trimmed, cut, and maintained. We are in the process now of citing some individuals who are in violation of the grass ordinance.

#### **WEBINARS**

Mr. Glab stated John Petro can explain the webinars

Mr. Petro stated there are three webinars in question that need brought up the first one is The many roles for the Code Enforcement Officer which is May 18<sup>th</sup> at a cost of \$40.00. The second one is The legal aspects of Code Enforcement the following Wednesday on May 25<sup>th</sup> at noon and the cost is \$40.00. The third one is Working with the District Justice on June 22<sup>nd</sup> at a cost of \$40.00. They all take place on Wednesdays at 12:00 pm. He is recommending approving all of these so if they wish to attend they can do so. He stated anyone else that wants to attend is more than welcome.

Motion by Glab/Encapera to approve the three webinars at a total cost of \$120.00 for anyone that so chooses to attend duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

Mr. Glab asked Mr. Petro if he contacted the people regarding the last webinar that we did not attend last month. He stated he spoke to Lori about it and she had called them the day after that and hasn't heard back from them. She will follow up on that tomorrow.

#### **PUBLIC WORKS – MR. MARISCOTTI**

##### **STREET DEPT. UPDATE**

Mr. Mariscotti stated it is ongoing operations with the guys and grass cutting.

##### **SUMMER BIDS – WASHINGTON COUNTY JOINT PURCHASING PROGRAM**

Mr. Mariscotti read the following bids.

Reg. Mtg: 5/12/2016

Summer Bids: 2016

Washington County Joint Municipal Purchasing

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>EST. QTY.</u>	<u>AMT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1. SUPERPAVE 9.5MM FINE GRADED	Hanson Aggregates BMC, Inc 2200 Springfield Pike Connellsville, PA 15425 Phone: (724) 626-0080	200 TONS	\$56.00/Ton FOB PLANT	\$11,200.00
2. SUPERPAVE 9.5 MM WEAR COURSE	Hanson Aggregates BMC, Inc	200 TONS	\$55.00/Ton FOB PLANT	\$11,000.00
3. SUPERPAVE 12.5MM WEARING COURSE	Hanson Aggregates BMC, Inc	50 TONS	Ton FOB PLANT	NO BID
4. SUPERPAVE 19.0MM WEARING COURSE	Hanson Aggregates BMC, Inc.	100 TONS	\$49.00 /TON FOB PLANT	\$ 4,900.00
5. SUPERPAVE 19.0MM BINDER COURSE	Hanson Aggregates BMC, Inc.	100 TONS	\$49.00/TON FOB PLANT	\$ 4,900.00
6. SUPERPAVE 25.0MM BINDER COURSE	Hanson Aggregates BMC, Inc.	50 Ton	\$47.00/TON FOB PLANT	\$ 2,350.00
7. AASHTO #8      1B	Laurel Aggregates 270 Lakewood Center Morgantown, WV 26508	100 Ton	\$26.05/T DELIVERED	\$ 2,605.00
8. #2 A	Laurel Aggregates	600 Ton	\$17.05/T DELIVERED	\$10,230.00
9. AASHTO #57      2B	Laurel Aggregates	200 Ton	\$19.55/T DELIVERED	\$ 3,910.00
10. AASHTO #67      #2	Laurel Aggregates	100 Ton	\$19.55/T DELIVERED	\$ 1,955.00
11. AASHTO #4	Laurel Aggregates	100 Ton	\$19.05/T DELIVERED	\$ 1,905.00
13. R4 ROCK LINING (RIP Rap)	Laurel Aggregates	100 ton	\$20.05/T DELIVERED	\$ 2,005.00
14. R5 ROCK LINING (RIP Rap)	Laurel Aggregates	100 ton	\$20.55/T DELIVERED	\$ 2,055.00
15. 15" PLASTIC PIPE SMOOTH WALL INTERIOR	Advanced Drainage Systems 58 Wyoming Street Ludlow, MA 01056 866-691-2715 2 listed vendors as authorized vendors: Chemung Supply & Culverts Inc.	200 Feet	\$6.57/Ft. DELIVERED	\$ 1,314.00
16. 18" PLASTIC PIPE	Advanced Drainage Systems	200 Feet	\$8.93/Ft. DELIVERED	\$ 1,786.00

SMOOTH WALL INTERIOR

17. DIESEL	Coen Energy	5000 Gals	1.3560 DELIVERED	\$ 6,780.00
Hanson	34,350.00		Total cost.....	\$68,895.00
Laurel Aggregates	24,665.00			
Advanced Drainage	3,100.00			
Coen Energy	<u>6,780.00</u>			
	\$68,895.00			

**AWARD SUMMER BIDS THROUGH THE WASHINGTON COUNTY JOINT PURCHASING PROGRAM**

Motion by Mariscotti/Difilippo to contract with Hanson Aggregates in the amount of \$34,350.00 duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

Motion by Mariscotti/Bittner to contract with Laurel Aggregates in the amount of \$24,665.00 duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

Motion by Mariscotti/Glab to contract with Advanced Drainage Systems in the amount of \$3,100.00 duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

Motion by Mariscotti/Encapera to contract with Coen Energy in the amount of \$6,780.00 duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

**PUBLIC SAFETY – MR. BITTNER**

**DOG MORTALITY INSURANCE**

Motion by Bittner/ Difilippo to renew the K9 Mortality Insurance for a cost of \$618.00 through H A Thomson duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

**K8 MEDICAL INSURANCE**

Motion by Bittner/Difilippo to renew the K9 Medical Insurance in the amount of \$539.42 duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

**CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION MEMBERS**

Motion by Bittner/Mariscotti to reappoint Connie Johnson to another six year term, expiring on Feb. 1, 2022, on the Civil Service Commission duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

**ALLEGHENY SAFE & LOCK**

Mr. Bittner stated since the renovation the locks need updated and Allegheny Safe & Lock Company whose equipment is in the building now. He stated one bid is for \$1,112.20 and the second lock bid is for \$980.00. Mr. Glab asked if one of these locks are both for the police department or is one for the zoning office. Mr. Bittner stated one is zoning and the other is for the zoning office.

Motion by Bittner/ Difilippo to get these two remote control locks from Allegheny Safe & Lock Company at a cost of \$2,092.20 duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

**ANIMAL CONTROL BILL**

Mr. Bittner stated the monthly bill is usually \$275.00 but she had to come in here and remove a cat that was injured and sick and she could not leave it on the street in this condition so she took to a veterinary hospital where they put it down and so she charged us an extra \$25.00. She does a good job and I think we need to go ahead and pay the \$25.00 even though the contract states we do not pay for cats.

Motion by Bittner/Difilippo to pay the animal control bill this month in the amount of \$300.00 duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

## **CIVIL SERVICE RULES AND REGULATIONS**

Mr. Bittner stated we received the first draft from Bill Gamble and asked council to look it over and see if anything needs added. He will then put a final draft together, meet with us and discuss it. Mr. Alfano stated we also need two people to step up and service as alternates on the Civil Service Commission.

## **FINANCE – MRS. GUTOSKY**

In Mrs. Gutosky absence Mr. Alfano stated he will entertain a motion to pay the bills.

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

## **PUBLIC HEALTH – MR. DIFILIPPO**

### **INSURANCE ON OLD SEWER PLANT**

Mr. Difilippo stated the policy renews on August 1<sup>st</sup> and the building and equipment is \$275,000.00, drying beds and garage are \$78,000.00, fence and machinery is \$31,000.00, and the carport which has been moved to the new location is \$3,000.00. Mr. Mariscotti stated we need to reduce that we don't have any equipment in there. Ms. Evans stated the Street Department is storing items in the drying bed and garage. Mr. Difilippo stated we have to come to a conclusion as to what we want on there and what to remove. Mr. Mariscotti stated he will go down and look at it and he has a program that will help us with the replacement cost.

Mr. Alfano stated he would hate to see this building set empty so he would like to put together a task force between council and the recreation authority as see what they could use the building for.

### **HIGHLAND DRIVE, BLAINE ROAD SEWAGE**

Mr. Difilippo stated Steve will be emailing those proposals and providing a map for that so we can look at it before next month's meeting.

## **PERSONNEL – MR. ENCAPERA AND MR. MARISCOTTI**

Nothing to report

## **MAYOR'S REPORT – MAYOR WELD**

Mayor Weld asked if this wharf project was phase I. Mr. Alfano stated no it was for the construction of a boat ramp and a boat launch, a concrete mat. The other part is to make a large deck that would be used as docking area. It had handicapped accessibility some benches for people to sit and fish and those sorts of things. Mr. Weld stated why don't we use some local contractors. Mr. Alfano stated yes we could use some local people and he found out there are two or three pile drivers that work on the river. Mr. Alfano stated he plans to have AJ Swartz from EP & D come down and John Howe from the Engineering company to have a pre-bid meeting to come up with the plans put a date deadline come back with them and put it together. Mr. Difilippo stated he had several people approach him and stated this first project was not a good design for its use. Mr. Alfano stated that is why he wants a meeting so they can all get together and hash that out.

## **ENGINEER'S REPORT – MR. EBY**

### **MELE & MELE PUNCH LIST**

Mr. Eby stated their substantial completion will expire on the 15<sup>th</sup> and they were out this week and Ronnie accepted everything that they've done. Jeff is on vacation and he still wants to get his input. He stated what he's seen is fine.

### **SEWER PLANT UPDATE**

Mr. Eby stated the engineers came out and calibrated flow meters to work between the pump stations and the plant

### **MAIN PUMP STATION**

Mr. Eby stated the seeding blew always so he had the contractor back in to reseed that and hopefully it takes.

Mr. Alfano stated right after that work was completed there was no smell but now the smell is starting to come back. Mr. Eby stated the pumps are set to run as little as possible but if you're getting a smell then we need to adjust them a little bit.

## **SOLICITOR'S REPORT – MR. AGRAFIOTIS**

### **CAMPAIGN ORDINANCE**

Mr. Agrafiotis stated he's been working on the campaign sign ordinance and due to a recent United States Supreme Court case in the last year we were cutting down on content and descriptions due to Freedom of Speech so we'll probably have to amend all of our sign ordinances not just the campaign signs. He stated the zoning code addresses campaign signs on private lots but he knows the State Association has attorneys from all over the state working for them and have a model ordinance. He will continue working on this.

### **ORDINANCE 554**

Mr. Agrafiotis stated Dr. Martin and Mr. Bittner worked on was advertised in last Thursday's paper so it is up for adoption tonight so if council wants to consider adopting Ordinance 554 which amends ordinance 525 revising the parking ordinance. He asked if there was any questions on it. Mr. Mariscotti asked him to briefly go over it. Mr. Agrafiotis stated Article 2 has parking zones, the business district zone and the non-business district zone. We are adding the West Side of Green Street between Second and Third Street as a Business Zone. He stated we are also adding a new section for restricted parking on Second Street from 3 am to 7 am on either side Third Street from Mechanic Street to East Alley, Wood Street between Third and Second, and Second Street between Mechanic Street and Beazel St. , and Green Street between Second St. and Third Street.

Motion by Bittner/Encapera to adopt Ordinance 554 amending Ordinance 525 the parking ordinance duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

Mr. Agrafiotis stated just to note for the record Mr. Petro received a request from a friend at CalTech7 and they were asking for a proposed revision to the borough's current storm water operation maintenance agreement. However, their proposed revisions do not jive with how the ordinance is written.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

No old business

### **NEW BUSINESS**

### **QUALITY OF LIFE ORDINANCE**

Mr. Bittner stated he would like to give the solicitor permission to draft an ordinance; Quality of Life ordinance and violation tickets where the zoning/code enforcement officer, instead of writing all of these citations and going to magistrates that he will be able to issue a citation right on site. We're having to go through a long drawn out process and we're not getting a reaction to a lot of things. He has a copy of an ordinance here that he will give the Solicitor to review and to put together a Quality of Life Ordinance.

Motion by Bittner/Difilippo to have the Solicitor draw up a Quality of Life Ordinance allowing the Zoning/Code Enforcement Officers to issue tickets on the spot instead of going through the citation process duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present stating yes.

### **GARBAGE CONTRACTORS**

Mr. Bittner stated Dr. Martin and the zoning officer did not get any satisfaction from the garbage contractor he is in breach of his contract as far as I can tell and he thinks maybe we should get the Solicitor involved. This town is deplorable. He stated they need to read their contract and so if we don't get any action from them we'll have to call Tom and get it taken care of.

### **REPOSITORY SALE OFFERED TO THE BOROUGH**

Mr. Alfano doesn't know who actually looked at the letter from the tax revenue office which offers 24 lots for sale in California Borough and they are offering them to the borough through the repository tax sale at a cost of \$100.00 per lot but we have to buy all 24 of them. Mr. Alfano stated the deadline is May 31<sup>st</sup>. Dr. Martin stated the very first one on the list is liened to the

borough in an amount over \$13,000.00 so if that is old those liens will simply be written off. Ms. Evans stated the first one is in town and the rest are in Grandville and Smallwood. Mr. Agrafiotis stated the one parcel on Second St. was up for a prior sale and council requested him to ask for that property not to be sold due to a demolition lien. He asked council if they want him to approach them again and see.

#### **NEW ASSESSMENTS AND MILLAGE ADJUSTMENTS**

Mr. Alfano stated he got a hold of spreadsheet that came out of Washington County and the school district is proposing a 9 mil tax increase for the 2016-2017 year and they thought that was great because it would only cover about half of what they need. That reflects a 2 to 3 times more tax increase than the rest of the school districts are proposing. What he wants to get to here is we need to come to a point so we can figure out how to redo our tax ordinance and figure out what our new millage rates need to be with the new assessments. It is going to take effect in six months so we need to have some accounting done to see what the overall values are so we can get some idea on how to adjust our millage rates to remain revenue neutral. Doesn't sound like the school district is going to remain revenue neutral but that is not our battle right now.

Mr. Alfano stated we've received a request for our council to have coffee with Candidate Cameron Bartolotta. This will be held in Charleroi borough on Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am. To 12:00 pm for anyone that would like to attend.

#### **LETTER FROM PAT VITCHOFF**

The Solicitor partially read a letter submitted by Mr. Vitchoff seeking reimbursement for his expenses incurred for the extension of the sewer line at his property at Knob Road. If necessary he will provide the documentation to verify the amount which is \$37,236.00. He understand that two tap in fees have been collected and another one about to be paid to the borough. His reading of the California Code section 138.27 B he understand that the borough received 5% fee for administration and the remainder given to him as called for by the Code in the Pennsylvania Municipal Authority Act so he's added that amount in to the \$37,236.00 amount. Mr. Alfano stated the Solicitor and Mr. Difilippo will look into that and see what is provided in the sewage ordinance.

#### **RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS**

Mr. Maddiex stated regarding the Comprehensive plan he wants to know when the 45 day review started. Dr. Martin stated he had that put on the website the next day with an opportunity and a procedure for public comment. He also suggested going in with neighboring communities when bidding out the garbage contracts. Mr. Maddiex asked if the bulletin board will be put back. Mr. Alfano stated he would say no. Mr. Maddiex stated the planning commission will meet the 31<sup>st</sup> of this month at 6:30.

#### **MR. VITCHOFF**

Mr. Vitchoff stated he would like to speak on behalf of Mr. Haye's request. He's been trying to do this for over a decade and he is supporting him in his endeavor.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Difilippo/Mariscotti to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 carried with all members present stating aye.