

## **Continued Meeting of California Borough Council, July 24, 2014, 6:00 pm**

President Alfano called the meeting to order at 6:20 pm.

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

**ABSENT:**

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT – MR. ALFANO**

#### **DELINQUENT SCHOOL DISTRICT TAXES –RUSCITTO BUILDING**

Mr. Alfano stated everyone has in their packets an outstanding bill for school taxes on the Nautilus building in the amount of \$4,600.82 and asked council what their wishes are. Mr. Agrafiotis asked if they offered any discount. Mr. Alfano stated no but what goes around will come around.

Motion by Difilippo/Mariscotti to pay delinquent school taxes on the Nautilus building in the amount of \$4,600.82 duly carried on a roll call vote with Mr. Alfano, Mr. Bittner, Mr. Difilippo, Mr. Encapera, and Mr. Mariscotti stating yes and Mrs. Gutosky and Mr. Glab voting no

#### **2014 LIQUID FUELS PAVING PROJECT – ELLSWORTH & SKYLINE**

Mr. Alfano stated let's discuss the Liquid fuels project. Mr. Alfano asked Paula, Tim, and Shirley if they came up with anything today concerning finances for this project. Ms. Evans stated she put something together today and stated she estimates that there is approximately \$132,363.50 for this project. Mr. Alfano stated Morgan Excavating was the lowest bidder with a bid of \$ 147,295.00. Mr. Mariscotti stated he will make that motion. Mr. Agrafiotis stated Shirley had said that there were contingencies that they provide 100% Performance bond, 100% Payment bond along with Worker's comp affidavit per S. Whitlach of Penndot. Mr. Alfano asked if this will leave us with a deficit in the liquid fuels fund. Ms. Evans stated yes if all of the other budgeted items in liquid fuels hold to their amounts. Mr. Alfano stated so we would be about \$19,000.00 short in our liquid fuels fund. Mr. Alfano asked Mr. Mariscotti where he would want to take the balance from for the additional amount. Mr. Mariscotti stated the General fund. Mr. Difilippo seconded the motion. Mr. Glab stated when we say Ellsworth Street is it on both sides of Wood St. Ms. Evans read the bid specs and it is Ellsworth Street on both sides of Wood St. but only the left side from the dead end to Meadow St. will be milled. Mr. Glab asked where South Ellsworth is located. No one was sure of where that is located. Mr. Buchanan stated as a point of information every member of council has been given at least twice a showing linear and square feet and yards, the exact streets being paved and the map all being color coded. He stated he gave them out in March and again in April and it is also up on the E-Gov page. Mr. Glab asked if we spend \$147,000.00 from Liquid fuels what does that leave us to buy salt and winter maintenance supplies. Ms. Evans stated the budget line items in Liquid fuels remain intact. She asked if all of council was given a copy of what she had prepared. Mr. Buchanan stated Shirley did a great job of preparing that. Ms. Evans stated she just threw it together rather quickly and gave a copy to Mr. Buchanan. She explained that the line items show the liquid fuels original budgeted line items minus any expenditures paid from there so the amount left for maintenance is the checking account balance to date minus all the line items in the liquid fuels budget. She stated and this money has to take us until March of next year. Mr. Glab asked if the snow removal line item is for just materials or includes labor also. Ms. Evans stated that is for material only she ran last winter totals and we went a little over but it was a harsh winter. Mr. Buchanan stated he did an analysis if everyone remembers outlining winter street maintenance costs for the last two years. Ms. Evans stated we spent \$38,000.00 on salt last year. Mr. Mariscotti asked what the number is on the top of the page is that what we received this year. Ms. Evans stated no that is the current checking account balance. We received \$128,000.00 this year plus we had some left over from last year around \$120,000.00. Mr. Mariscotti stated so that is in this \$225,000.00 number. Mrs. Evans stated yes that is the bank balance as of today. Mr. Glab stated will this go up when we get more tax money in. Ms. Evans stated no this is only the liquid fuels account and has to be kept separately form the Street Tax fund which has \$105,000.00 in it and that downtown project would have to be paid from the Street tax fund if council chooses to do that. Mr. Bittner stated a couple of mills goes into the Street Tax fund. Mr. Alfano stated so we'll have a slight short fall from the liquid fuels fund. Mr. Mariscotti stated why don't we use the street tax fund for the shortage of the liquid fuels fund. Mr. Alfano stated that is up to council. Mr.

Buchanan stated the shortfall is \$14,516.00 the road maintenance fund is \$105,500.00 and the other project your looking to pay out of that is \$86,000.00 so that still leaves \$19,500.00 in road maintenance. So the shortfall is \$14,000.00 which will leave us with \$5,000.00. Mr. Mariscotti amended his motion to pay for the shortage from the liquid fuels fund from the street tax fund and Mr. Difilippo seconded the amended motion. Mr. Alfano asked if everyone is clear on this motion. It is to approve Morgan Excavating's bid contingent on 100% performance bond, 100% payment bond, and providing worker's compensation affidavit and to pay for it from the liquid fuels and the short fall of \$14,000.00 to be paid from the street tax fund. Mr. Alfano stated we have a serious issue with water right at the intersection when you come into the plan at Skyline and Ellsworth and he thinks our guys need to do some digging there and see what the heck is going on. Mr. Bittner asked if that was just paving and is there milling also. Ms. Evans stated per the bid specs they are only milling Ellsworth St. from dead end to Meadow St. and a section of South Ellsworth so they will mill on the left side going up the hill. Mr. Alfano stated they'll have to mill on the other side its high up there. Mr. Bittner stated unless their replacing the curb. Mr. Alfano stated they're higher than a lot of driveways already. Mr. Mariscotti stated their milling the edges though aren't they Shirley. Ms. Evans read the bid specs. and they say milling only to occur on the left side of Wood St. Ms. Evans stated they will do all the grad adjustments for the manholes and inlets. Mr. Glab stated what about the driveways. Ms. Evans stated there is nothing stating driveways in the specs. Mr. Mariscotti stated he thought we were milling the whole entire project. Ms. Evans stated she was never given information on this project until the specs came in from Stephanie Whitlach so she's not sure what was discussed prior to that. Mr. Mariscotti stated he thought what we agreed to was milling the whole thing. Ms. Evans went and got a copy of the minutes concerning bidding this project and Mr. Mariscotti read them aloud to council "Mr. Mariscotti stated we have three options provided by Stephanie Whitlach and they are A. mill the entire street at a 1 1/2" and pave with a 1 1/2" and that comes in at \$178,000.00 and B. Milling a 1 1/2" and paving of 1 1/2" on the left side of Route 88 that would be Skyline and Ellsworth and paving 1 1/2" and recessing manholes on the right side of Route 88 at 152,000.00. C. Is no milling but 1 1/2" overlay and resetting manholes and that comes in at \$162,000.00. He stated that it is he and Jeff's recommendation that we go with option B which is milling and paving at \$152,000.00 and be paid from Liquid Fuels/ Highway Aid fund. Mr. Bittner stated this is just the amounts to go out for bids. Mr. Mariscotti stated that is correct. Ms. Evans asked if she could get a copy of what Mr. Mariscotti just read from. Motion by Mariscotti/Difilippo to have PennDOT secure bids for milling and paving of Skyline and Ellsworth Street duly carried with Mr. Difilippo, Mrs. Gutosky, Mr. Mariscotti and Mr. Alfano voting yes and Mr. Glab and Mr. Bittner voting no." Mr. Agrafiotis stated let's get Mr. Tудay on the speaker phone and ask him. Ms. Evans asked Mr. Buchanan if he worked on this also. Mr. Buchanan stated no he only worked with Stephanie on the three year paving plan. Mr. Mariscotti called Mr. Mariscotti explained that this is the continued meeting and that he is on speaker phone and that council was going over the bids for Skyline and Ellsworth and asked him which part we are milling the Harris plan or over by Weld's. Mr. Tудay stated we are milling over by Weld's. Mr. Mariscotti asked if that is the only part that is getting milled and Mr. Tудay stated yes a 1 1/2" and paved 1 1/2". Mr. Mariscotti asked him what are we doing with elevation changes in the Harris plan. Mr. Tудay stated they will put rings or spacers in to address that. Mr. Mariscotti asked about driveways. Mr. Tудay stated he doesn't know maybe mill around the driveways. Mr. Tудay stated they will mill the curbs out per his direction. Mr. Glab asked if that may include the entire project. Mr. Tудay stated yes he's pretty sure that's what they talked about. Mr. Alfano stated well pretty sure isn't getting it. Mr. Bittner stated if they don't put the entire curb in new then we're going to lose our curb reveal. Mr. Tудay stated that is correct they are supposed to put the entire curb back in. Mr. Mariscotti asked if this is going to cause a pooling problem on somebody's property or driveway. Mr. Tудay stated we're going to do the whole curb all the way around the Harris plan where it is broke and then they'll mill around driveways and things. Mr. Alfano stated we need some confirmation on exactly what they are going to do. Mr. Tудay stated there is no less than 1 1/2" in the contract. Mr. Tудay stated Stephanie doesn't think it is a good idea to mill it. Mr. Alfano stated well she doesn't see the river coming through Ted Dominick's driveway when it's raining. Mr. Alfano stated we need more confirmation on what the contractor thinks he is going to do up there before we award a bid. Mr. Difilippo stated yes because we don't need any change orders. Mr. Alfano asked Mr. Tудay about the water problem at the intersection of Skyline and Ellsworth. Mr. Tудay stated they will have to dig it up he guesses. We tried this one time before and we dug it up and couldn't find anything. He was thinking about a catch basin there. Mr. Alfano asked if our crew can do that. Mr. Tудay stated he's pretty sure we can yes. Mr. Mariscotti asked Mr. Tудay if talked to the guys from Morgan Paving. Mr. Tудay asked about what? Mr. Mariscotti asked if he knows for sure what they are milling in the Harris Plan. Mr. Tудay stated yea they're milling the curbs where they're bad. Mr. Glab asked if we have that in writing. Mr. Bittner stated so all top is going in up there correct. Mr. Tудay stated 1 1/2" of top yes. Mr. Tудay stated no there is nothing in writing about milling the whole curb. Mr. Tудay stated that is a verbal agreement he's

pretty sure but he will have to look at the contract. Ms. Evans stated it stated right in the bids specs. that the curbs are by the direction of the Street Commissioner so she would assume they would allow for all the curbs in their bids. Mr. Glab asked if we find out the particulars and get answers before we award this bid so let's continue this meeting to an hour after we Ken Kulak's meeting. Mr. Mariscotti instructed Mr. Tудay to get a hold of Morgan and get in writing what we are going to do so we can pass this next week. Mr. Alfano also asked Mr. Tудay to explain the condition of the road on Ellsworth St. is so bad it needs milled or tar and chipped. Mr. Alfano stated he doesn't think we can overlay it without it coming up through. Ms. Evans asked the solicitor if there is standard time for bids to be accepted because she couldn't find anything in the contract stipulating bids are good through any specific date. Mr. Mariscotti asked Mr. Tудay to confirm with Morgan that the bids are good through August 1<sup>st</sup> so they can address it at the continued meeting on July 31<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Mariscotti stated we don't know what the subsurface is and even though you are taking out crappy structure it is still structure. Mr. Leer told him to get Morgan to agree to an extension of the bid time just to cover the borough for an additional 30 days. Mr. Leers stated typically bids are typically for 30 days unless there are other clauses in there allowed by law which are typically funding related. Mr. Mariscotti told Mr. Tудay to get that information and get it to Tim so he will have all the information for us at the continued meeting. Mr. Tудay hung up the phone. Mr. Alfano asked how we get stuck with such vague bid specs. Mr. Agrafiotis stated Penndot can do anything. Mr. Alfano stated it's been overlaid once because the curb is doubled because you can see it. Mr. Mariscotti stated he thinks we would be better off overlaying now and if we have to in four or five years to tar and chip it. He knows people don't like tar and chip but with the rubber rollers you don't get near the dust you use to get. Mr. Bittner stated Penndot tar and chips first and then paves after that. Mr. Bittner stated all he knows is he's walked that entire road up there and it needs sealed in some shape or form. Mr. Mariscotti rescinded his motion and Mr. Difilippo seconded rescinding the motion and will address it next week at that the continued meeting.

**MEETING WITH KEN KULAK** – Mr. Alfano asked council of next Wednesday and Thursday which evening is better for council to meet with Ken Kulak to review some final issues with the building expansion project. It was decided that Thursday at 6:00 would work best. Mr. Alfano stated he thinks we should urge Lori and Shirley to be here because we will be doing interior finishes and colors.

#### **CONTINUED MEETING**

Mr. Alfano asked what time council wants to continue this meeting to. Council had some discussion and the continued meeting will be held on July 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm.

#### **DOWNTOWN PAVING PROJECT**

Mr. Alfano asked if wanted to talk about the downtown street project which would have been a curb to curb but he doesn't think we can do it now since it is still contingent on what Bella is going to do. Mr. Leer stated Bella has agreed that they will do the paving left in their contract and what was discussed last Wednesday is that council would table overlaying these areas until next year so he thinks the appropriate action would be to reject all bids. Mr. Alfano stated why don't we just wait until the continued meeting and do it then. Mr. Agrafiotis stated we might as well just give it another week. Mr. Mariscotti stated the bids we got were for curb to curb without Bella finishing their work. Mr. Alfano stated that is correct. Mr. Alfano stated we will need a 30 day extension for both of these bids from Morgan Paving so have Jeff take care of both.

#### **BOROUGH MANAGER CONTRACT**

Mr. Alfano stated we can talk about this now or wait until we go into executive session. Mr. Agrafiotis asked if anybody has any questions about it that they want to discuss. Mr. Mariscotti stated he only has one question and there is something in there about business attire. Mr. Agrafiotis stated if you don't want that in there we can strike it he had seen it elsewhere. Mr. Mariscotti stated he doesn't mind it but is there a standard for professional manner. Mr. Alfano stated is it business casual. Mr. Buchanan stated we've been discussing this for four months now and everyone that works in the administrative office is in agreement that they would agree to a standard polo short with the California Borough logo on it and jeans or khaki pants. Mr. Glab thinks we are adult enough to wear what is appropriate. Mr. Agrafiotis stated that is fine. Mr. Mariscotti stated he thought it was too strict and he doesn't think that anyone working for the borough should wear a suit and tie. Mr. Glab stated attire should be appropriate for the occasion. Mr. Agrafiotis stated we can discuss it further or you can approve it with this amendment and he can send back up tomorrow revised. Mr. Alfano stated there is everything in there that is going to protect the borough and he understands that is Mr. Agrafiotis's job but he doesn't see anything in

there explain what we are expecting from the Borough Manager. He knows #512 but that is very broad and he knows there are other things we are expecting the borough manager to do. Mr. Agrafiotis stated he put in there that all responsibilities are incorporated which is #512 but he can attach it as exhibit A. Mr. Agrafiotis stated he could just print them right in here. Mr. Alfano asked how many people have read Ordinance #512. Mr. Bittner stated his bond amount was set at \$50,000.00 and that should be in there. Mr. Bittner stated and #14 if you can be dismissed without cause why do you have to get a severance package. Mr. Agrafiotis stated some of you may want to discuss this in executive session but in fairness to Tim in the email that I sent you can have it in there but you do not have to have it in there because the Borough Code says you may have a severance package in there. It is a little difficult because it is an At Will job. Mr. Alfano stated should we say what it is? Mr. Agrafiotis stated it stated all earned and unearned vacation days, sick days, holidays, and personal days. Mr. Agrafiotis stated personal days but the non-uniform collective bargaining agreement doesn't have them. Ms. Evans stated in all fairness the office employees get three personal days and you earn your vacation and your sick time and you also get three personal days. Mr. Bittner stated his vacation will accrue the same as the non-uniform contract. Mr. Glab stated and if you earn some ridiculous amount then you have to sell them back for some ridiculous amount. Mr. Agrafiotis stated we can add bereavement pay in there also. So he basically follows the guidelines in the non-uniform contract. Mr. Alfano asked if we are still paying our employees for cell phone use. Ms. Evans stated the only employees who get reimbursed are Jeff Taday, the street crew, and Ron Santo. Doug Baker's cell phone is borough owned. Mr. Agrafiotis stated he will provide council with another draft tomorrow so they can vote on it next week. Mr. Alfano told council if they can think of any other changes to let Tom know. Mr. Agrafiotis stated he called Shelly Hoak of the PSAB because the section of the borough code that this is under is rescinded so he gets on Weslaw and it just states that it is rescinded, but that is still the section and nothing has changed, but the Borough Code is now being Codified so he doesn't have a statute to give council yet but it is Act 37 of 2014 which would be the requirements under the borough code. Mr. Buchanan stated just as a point of information at some point he would love to be included in some manner so he can be aware of what is going on because as you know he will have to review it and his attorney will have to review it and get back to council with any corrections. Mr. Agrafiotis stated once council is happy with the draft they can. Mr. Alfano asked if there is anything else on the borough manager's contract.

#### **PUBLIC HOUSING – MR. GLAB**

Nothing to report

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

Nothing to report

#### **PUBLIC SAFETY – MR. BITTNER**

Nothing to report

#### **FINANCE – MRS. GUTOSKY**

Nothing to report

#### **PUBLIC HEALTH – MR. DIFILIPPO**

Nothing to report

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

Nothing to report

#### **MAYOR'S REPORT – MR. WELD**

#### **TRAINING FOR OFFICERS**

Mr. Weld stated that Chief would like permission to send available officers to a course at Carnegie Mellon University on Juvenile DUI's on August 7 from 8:00 to 5:00 pm. He would like to send as many officers as he can. There is no charge for the class so it would be wages only for the officers. Mr. Bittner asked why we're paying this part timers who work three different places and we're picking up the tab for all their training. Mr. Alfano stated that is the truth. Mr. Difilippo stated he'd rather see our full time's go. Mr. Alfano stated put that in the motion if you so choose. Mr. Bittner stated he has asked in the past for Chief to contact those other departments and try to get them to pay half and nothing's been done. Mr. Weld stated he wants

four full time officers to go. Mr. Encapera stated he's going to be honest and say why don't we just send them all. Mr. Encapera stated do you want our police to be good. Mr. Agrafiotis stated they will take a borough vehicle so there won't be mileage either. Mr. Encapera asked what the difference if one of our officers pulls over a juvenile dui whether he's full time or part time he still has to write the kid a citation so why don't we let whatever officers want to go go. They are all doing the same jobs. Mr. Weld stated Rick just wants to send the full time. Mr. Encapera stated if that is what he wants that is fine. Ms. Evans stated they usually hand out enough literature to bring it back to the department and give it to the part time officers. Mr. Alfano stated since Sheehan is one of the full time officers why don't we have Rick make a stipulation that Sheehan will be go to the training and then come back and be responsible for training our other officers. Mr. Glab stated if they all want to go let them go but we are only paying for wages of the four full time officers.

Motion by Mariscotti/Difilippo to send four (4) full time officers to the training on Juvenile DUI's at Carnegie Mellon University on August 7<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am to 5:00 with paid wages duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

#### **BOROUGH MANAGERS - CELL PHONE**

Mr. Weld stated it seems like the borough should pick up his cell phone because every time I call him it is on his cell phone and borough business so it seems obvious that we should pay for his cell phone. Mr. Agrafiotis stated is he going to get a separate borough owned phone. Mr. Alfano stated that would be the best way that ensures that his personal phone won't be subject to the open records law. Mr. Mariscotti stated why don't we get Taday one too. Mr. Alfano stated there is probably a block plan we can get for the employees. Mr. Buchanan stated since he does the social media and technology the same as the Chief that he would need a smart phone. Mr. Alfano asked him to look into several different plans through different carriers and bring it back to council at the continued meeting. Mr. Glab asked to ensure that there is government pricing also.

#### **ENGINEER'S REPORT- MR. LEER**

##### **TREATMENT PLANT UPDATE - MEETINGS**

Mr. Leer stated that on the new treatment plant starting the first Wednesday in August, the 6<sup>th</sup>, they are going to begin progress meetings so everyone is on the same schedule and the same plan.

##### **BELLA ENTERPRISE**

Mr. Leer stated that as a result of our meeting last week they have agreed to complete the remaining contract work on the storm sewer work and the paving to restore the trench. Mr. Leer stated there is three letters that everyone has been given a copy of and two of those letters are from our office and the third is from the Borough's solicitor basically putting them on notice that we are into the liquidated damages phase of this project but no damages have been assessed yet and the other is prodding them to complete the contract work.

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

Mr. Agrafiotis stated he's been working on the dye test ordinance which he will email to council. Shirley has provided him with Rice Energy regarding drilling and he will pass that along to Keith because he's doing the negotiations with them. There is copy of the towing ordinance back there for council's recommendations and the snowing and grass ordinance is back there also but there is one change he needs to make to that. Mr. Bittner told Mr. Glab that while he was away he gave Keith and Tom a folder containing assessments from the late 90's of all our properties. Mr. Agrafiotis stated this particular letter from Rice names two particular properties. Mr. Bittner stated Keith asked about Project 70 and Casey Durdines emailed him and it says that we can also take mineral right out of the Project 70 property and he forwarded that to Keith. Mr. Glab stated this one parcel is 14 acres. Mr. Agrafiotis stated for them to make this offer he would assume they've done their homework and done some tentative title work.

##### **BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT – MR. BUCHANAN**

Mr. Buchanan stated he started a new system for updates and he believes everybody has been getting them and they are going through. Mr. Difilippo stated no. Mr. Buchanan stated he will double check his email but he believes everyone else has been getting them okay. He thinks that works well in keeping council informed by getting pictures and graphs as well as breakdowns

seems to be effective. Secondly, we've been working on a minnow's project down at the creek and it has really taken off and it started off just by asking people to bring some minnows to see if they would spawn and they have. So that creek now is incredibly healthy and there are thousands of minnows down there. It looks like a silver river when the sun's going down. The finger links did hatch so they have in fact spawned and now we're seeing some bass and things coming up from the lower stream. We've started clearing the other side by taking down some trees and things and continue to press forward on the project and it's getting a lot of usage. He stated we have also raised enough money to do our first stocking so in about two weeks we're going to do a Saturday tournament. The first tournament is just open because the objective is to get a large number of people down there at once to promote what we're doing there and the second tournament is called the Time of Your Life and it's an idea he came up with which is now being used by Tribe USA all over the country. The 7 year olds start at 7& under, the 8 year olds start at 8:00, the 9 year olds start at 9:00 and etc. because the problem is with kids tournaments the 13 year olds get in with parents and just filter everything so the little kids don't have time to get in and learn and practice and have that experience. That will be the second tournament. Ms. Evans asked Mr. Buchanan who he is referring to when he says we. Mr. Buchanan stated the Parks and Recreation as well as the volunteers who have been cooperating through the clubs at the college. We met with Parks and Recreation and that last meeting to discuss some of the project we're doing. Ms. Evans stated so when you say you raised money it has nothing to do with the borough. Mr. Buchanan stated the money is going independently from individual people directly to the trout farm and it is given directly to them as a check in the borough's name and then we're able to call and draw from those funds but we don't handle any of the money whatsoever and the moneys given as a gift from individuals. Mr. Glab stated there is an account set up at this trout farm and you debit that account. Mr. Buchanan stated yes and then they ask people if they would like to sponsor an event and it is \$500.00 to do a full day with their name advertised in the paper. So when they pay \$500.00 to do a whole Saturday then they're going to start putting that across and then he sends in \$25.00 and someone else sends in \$25.00 and then when that money gets to \$500.00 we can stock the stream. So any time they money gets to \$500.00 we can restock anytime because \$500.00 is the minimum amount. He knows there is a lot of chatter on his Facebook page and he stops down and chats to people fishing there and everyone is willing to kick in. Everyone that goes down there is really enjoying it and you have that whole trail. We're cutting that way back so when you're down there you won't hear all the traffic and noise and there are going to be some benches down there and you can go down there and walk that path. We're going to be getting some stone down there just to try to deal with the ADA compliance issue.

### **WATER PROJECT**

Mr. Buchanan stated the water project has gotten some mention. Some people have gotten back from the Department of Transportation about running water down to the toll booth as well as some other things so as the information is coming in to Senator Solobay's office and Pennsylvania American Water we will schedule another meeting to get everybody all together and see where we stand and who's come up with what money and talk to the Vice President of Development from Hershey and look a little more seriously about how that project can be moved forward. Mr. Mariscotti stated he as well as Mr. Alfano were told that Long Branch does not want water. Mr. Buchanan stated the utility companies are moving in a direction so that the plan is no longer contingent on Long Branch. They've realized over a period of 30 years and the potential for growth and new customers is more important than the 50 people from Long Branch. Mr. Mariscotti stated Pat and him took an earful and they're going to be regretful in several years when they can't sell their homes because they don't have water or sewage and that is according to the Mayor of Long Branch Borough. Mr. Buchanan stated as you all know everyone was assigned job tasks here at the last meeting held and one of the projects they are getting ready to do is the canvassing of the areas to specially do surveys and collect data from a number of people out there. He stated that he told them we don't want to look at any loans but just grants.

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Mr. Buchanan stated to Mr. Bittner that he should be aware that he does not supervise the police department but he does supervise the money and he can see where the Chief would be reluctant to go out and negotiate with other chiefs about that. He however has no problem doing that and if Mr. Bittner would like then Mr. Buchanan would be more than happy to go and talk to someone or make a phone call and talk about the fact that we both would like the officer trained and this is what they'd have to kitty up to make this work. He stated he has no problem negotiating that. Mr. Bittner stated he had asked the Chief to follow up on that on a couple other ones and he still

hasn't gotten an answer on those. Mr. Bittner stated it is fine with him if it is okay with the Mayor. Mayor Weld stated it is fine with him. Mr. Glab stated to Jon Bittner that when we meet with the University next time we can discuss the underage training with them because it would benefit them as much as it would us and there is at least 3 or 4 of their officers that are full time and work part time here.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **72 SECOND STREET DEMOLITION**

Mr. Difilippo asked if the contractors are finished down there. Mr. Alfano stated as far as he knows. Mr. Difilippo stated he doesn't think they tamped the soil down or anything. Mr. Bittner stated he talked to Jeff about this today and they broke that new sidewalk and there a couple of other issues on the property that Jeff was telling him about. Mr. Bittner stated they put straw down but didn't put any grass seed. Mr. Glab stated if you look at the photograph that Tim sent out you can see the crack in the sidewalk. Mr. Glab stated that Jeff told him that when he had discussions with them that the guy wanted to patch the sidewalk and Jeff told him he has to replace the whole slab. Mr. Difilippo stated he thinks due to we have to go with the lowest bidder that we need to really take a look at this people. Mr. Glab stated you have a bond that goes in that we can retain the bond if something is incorrect. Mr. Difilippo stated he still thinks we need to look at them to see if they are reputable or not. Mr.

### **GAMING REVENUE – DCNR MATCH**

Ms. Evans stated council approved at \$30,000.00 match for the DCNR grant from the Gaming revenue funds and if that happens there will be \$4,000.00 in the general gaming revenue fund. However we still have the capital reserve gaming revenue fund, the one that Chip had us split the income we receive with, so which account does council want the \$30,000.00 to be paid from. It was approved that the \$30,000.00 contribution to the DCNR matching grant come from the Capital Reserve gaming revenue fund. Mr. Mariscotti asked when will we start on this project. Mr. Alfano asked we're supposed to get to the point where we can have an engineering study done and get the design done. Ms. Evans stated is that what that \$18,000.00 is for. Mr. Alfano asked Mr. Buchanan if we need to do an RFP for that. Mr. Buchanan stated yes. Mr. Alfano stated we'll need to act on that soon possibly do that for the next meeting. Mr. Buchanan stated he will check to see if there are any specifications on the way that money has to be spent.

### **BOROUGH MANAGER'S BOND**

Mr. Buchanan stated William Rittenhouse Insurance Agency has returned his application for a \$50,000.00 bond at a code of \$250.00 per year and he would like a motion to pay that invoice.

Motion by Bittner/ Mariscotti to pay William Rittenhouse Insurance \$250.00 for the Borough Manager's surety bond duly carried on a roll call vote with all members present voting yes.

### **SRO CONTRACT**

Mr. Glab stated he read in the paper that the School board approved something for the SRO and asked if we've received anything from them yet. Mr. Alfano stated not to his knowledge and this is a controversial subject he thinks. Mr. Bittner stated every time he picks up the paper he's reading more and more where school districts are starting their own district police departments. Mr. Glab stated school starts the Monday after our August meeting. Mr. Mariscotti asked if that is negotiated yearly. Ms. Evans stated yes. Mr. Bittner stated it is signed yearly but not much negotiating go on with it. Mr. Alfano asked Mayor Weld if he has any ideas on that. Mr. Alfano stated he has a problem with us dedicating our most experienced full time officer to that. Mr. Glab stated it is going up \$4,600.00 too. Mr. Bittner stated he doesn't appreciate Andrews & Price sending us that letter we're a governing body within the town a phone call would have taken care of that instead of a threatening letter. He knows it is a form letter but still. Mr. Bittner stated thank goodness the employees of our borough and the employees of the school district are level headed enough that they can work together and help one another without all of this other stuff that goes on. Mr. Alfano stated he doesn't know what council's intentions are but in all fairness to the School District if we have no intentions of continuing the SRO relationship we should have let them know at the end of the school term. Mr. Mariscotti asked if that is our intentions. Mr. Alfano stated he doesn't know but we need to decide pretty quick. Mr. Mariscotti stated that's not his intentions and he knows that sometime you feel like you're wasting a salary up there but Tim is there and he has a good relationship with the kids. Mr. Difilippo stated last year he thought we wasted a shift up there but more and more the way things are happening today, this shooting and that shooting, he would rather have an experienced police man up there.

Mr. Alfano stated there not just hiring rum dums they are getting retired state policemen and things to start their own departments. Mr. Difilippo stated they don't have that up our school yet do they. Bittner stated Beth Center does Officer Findley works part time here and part time at the Sheriff 's department and he is full time in Beth Center. Mr. Alfano stated he thinks somebody needs to contact the school district and see what their intentions are. Mr. Weld stated he will call them .

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

No new business

#### **RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS**

Mr. Maddiex asked when is the continued meeting. Mr. Alfano stated it is the 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm. Mr. Maddiex stated he saw in either Tuesday's or Wednesday's paper the meadows money they are having a meeting for the grant 2015-2016 and one of them is in Donora on the 12<sup>th</sup> of August and the borough should probably send somebody and apply for that for more funds for the Industrial park road. Mr. Alfano stated no it is all about infrastructure this year sewer and water are the hot topics this year.

Mr. Alfano stated council will be going into an executive session and will report back at the continued meeting of July 31<sup>st</sup>.