

The Monthly meeting of the Lansford Borough Council for General and Executive purposes was held at the above date and place at 6:30pm. The meeting was called to order by President Martin Ditsky and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. There were 18 residents and 1 Reporter.

ROLL CALL

Secretary Treasurer Mary Fittos took roll call. Those present were Martin Ditsky, Rose Mary Cannon, Matthew Walsh, Mayor James Romankow, Joe Butrie, Jared Soto, Colin Jones, John Turcmanovich and Solicitor Michael Greek.

PUBLIC COURTESY

Robert Clewell, 229 West Water Street, said he wrote a letter to the Borough about a retaining wall asking if he owned it or if the Borough owns it and spoke to Mr. Ditsky about it. Mr. Clewell wasn't sure if he needed a surveyor or if the Borough should get one. He said the wall is deteriorating very badly on his property. Mr. Clewell said he will work with the town and doesn't want to make a big deal but it needs to be addressed. Ms. Cannon asked exactly where it was and as he was saying on Snyder, Mr. Ditsky said Brimbles Road. Ms. Cannon asked where his property was and he said 362 W. Snyder Ave, right up from the sports zoo. Mr. Ditsky said he has to bring up the process and see where we go from here. Mr. Greek said there is no statute, if we want to ascertain whose property it is, it will have to be something that the Borough and Mr. Clewell work out. Mr. Greek said it's not an expensive process; he won't need a full survey. Mr. Clewell said if it's on his property he will pay for the survey. **Colin Jones makes the motion to contact Mike Kafkalas as the surveyor to get a partial survey of the property on Brimble's road. Seconded: Joe Butrie vote. All in favor, motion passes.**

Rose Mary Cannon wanted to thank Lansford Alive for having our building look so nice during the Holiday season and all the children from Panther Valley School district that did the snowmen on all the windows. She said it certainly brought back memories when we use to have it done for Halloween. She said it really made the town look nice. She also said there is always someone who goes above and beyond what they have to do and that is our case with Debbie Kupres who is in charge of keeping our office and the police department nice and clean but does the extra work by making it look nice for every Holiday. Ms. Cannon said thank you to Debbie Kupres for all the extra work that she does. Mr. Ditsky said he agrees. When the painters were here and there was a lot of dust, she did a great job.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- December 9, 2015- Regular Meeting. **Rose Mary Cannon makes the motion to approve the minutes. Seconded: Matthew Walsh vote. All in favor, motion passes.**
- December 22, 2015- Special Budget meeting. Ms. Cannon had one correction on page 1, next to the last paragraph, 5th sentence up where it says " We didn't have any idea it would fly" , but should say " It would not fly". Colin Jones also said on the second page header it says November 18th. **Rose Mary Cannon makes the motion to approve the minutes with those corrections. Seconded: Colin Jones vote. All in favor, motion passes.**
- January 4, 2016- Reorganization- **Rose Mary makes the motion to approve these minutes. Seconded: Matthew Walsh vote. All in favor, motion passes.**

CORRESPONDENCE

- Carbon County Tax Collection Committee- Delegate and Alternate needed. Mr. Ditsky said he asked Mary Fittos to reach out to Mrs. Soberick to see if she would like to continue on that committee. Mrs. Soberick said it should be a council person. She did say if no one is interested, she will retain it but really feels it should be someone from council. She said its only 4 meetings a year, held in Jim Thorpe and the meetings last anywhere from 10- 30 minutes. Mr. Ditsky wanted to wait to appoint someone at our next meeting, but Ms. Cannon pointed out if no one is interested now, they won't be interested later. Mr. Walsh said he would need to read into it more to see if he was interested or not as he is not familiar with it. Mr. Ditsky thanks Mrs. Soberick and said she could be our alternate if that is acceptable and she said ok. **Matthew Walsh makes the motion to appoint Mary Soberick as the alternate delegate on the Carbon County Tax Collection Committee as needed. Seconded: Rose Mary Cannon vote. All in favor, motion passes.**
- Daniel Wynn Tax Collector Resignation- Letter was read by Martin Ditsky. Colin Jones was making a motion to accept his resignation but Mr. Greek interrupted and said before you vote, once you accept it you are on certain time restraints to fill it. He said if council does not accept it, we have 45 days and then it will be deemed accepted. Mrs. Soberick said its 30 days to be filled, 15 days after that by the vacancy board. Mr. Greek said there was a change in the code. Mr. Greek said it should be tabled for now while he looks into it. Mr. Jones rescinded his motion. Mr. Walsh said this is something we have to advertise. Mr. Greek said we don't really have to advertise for appointments like this. He said it's not an employment position. He said you will get a better response to see who is interested but you don't have to advertise as it's not a requirement. Mr. Ditsky said he spoke with Mr. Wynn and would be happy to sit on the sidelines when we interview for said appointment. **Matthew Walsh makes the motion to advertise for said appointment of Tax Collector. Seconded: Joe Butrie vote. All in favor, motion passes.** There was a brief conversation on setting criteria for this appointment.
- Teamsters- Letter from Robbie Best – PW contract expires 12/31/16. Mr. Ditsky read the letter. Mr. Ditsky went on to say they have assigned a mediator to assist with negotiation of the contract. Mr. Ditsky said he will contact Mr. Best. He said the Public Works committee will meet with Mr. Best. Mr. Ditsky said he will accept input from council but limiting the negotiations to Public Works Committee.
- County of Carbon Tax Claim Bureau- Sale of Properties that need to be approved: 514 E Kline, 207 W. Bertsch, 142-144 W. Patterson, 18 E. Kline, 367 W. Water, 304 E. Kline, 238 E. Kline, 241-243 W Kline, 317 E. Abbott, 201 E. Bertsch, 17S Walnut, 240 E. Kline, 220 W. Front and 222 W. Front streets. Rose Mary Cannon said she did check with the office staff to see if the people who

are purchasing these properties if anyone owes us any money for our services and everything seems copasetic with Marc Edgar, but this other gentlemen does not have anything we can find. She was concerned about the properties that keep being transferred and sold in terrible condition and then being resold in the same condition. Mr. Walsh agreed and said we should look into an ordinance as other towns have them. Mr. Ditsky said he spoke to code about these. Mr. Jones said we should see what our code will suggest. **Mr. Walsh makes a motion to approve them pending no violations or physical address. Seconded: John Turcmanovich vote.**

Questions: Mr. Greek suggested to call the recorder of deeds office to find out where the other properties are and get in touch with those municipalities to see if there are any code violations as you need a basis to reject them. Mr. Walsh suggested amending the motion to say approval pending no violations or physical address. **All in favor, motion passes.**

- PA Dept. of Environmental Protection- Silberline Work Plan- Informational purposes only.
- SR 209- 11M Signals coordination with Penndot- Does Borough want Signal pre-emption on new signals? Battery backup and emitters. Ms. Cannon said she would like to find out how much it will cost. She explained what the emitters were. Ms. Cannon asked a gentleman from Lehighton Ambulance if he knew the cost, but did not. Rose Mary Cannon tabled this. She will contact Tamaqua Borough to try and find out pricing.
- Email from Jill- Suggested getting interest bearing accounts for Sanitation #0222 and Pool account # 1905. **Rose Mary Cannon makes the motion to look into it. Seconded: John Turcmanovich vote. All in favor, motion passes.**
- Paths- Pa Training for Health and Safety- Rose Mary Cannon said most of them are finished.
- PSAB Webinars- Running professional Public Meetings and Co- Stars Update. Rose Mary Cannon said it would be good for Mrs. Fittos to take since we haven't fully taken advantage of the Co-Stars program. Mr. Ditsky asked if it would be a problem to do it in the office. Mrs. Fittos said its an hour. **Rose Mary Cannon makes the motion to allow Mary Fittos to take the costars update webinar. Seconded: Matthew Walsh vote. All in favor, motion passes.**
- IRS Notice- Craig Gillihan is working on it and will speak with Mike Greek. Mrs. Fittos explained the situation to the new council members. Mr. Greek said we will have to pay it then try to look for reimbursement. Mrs. Fittos said the accountant is trying to abate it.
- St. Catherine's Drexel Blood Drive in February- Mr. Ditsky said there was an issue last year with public works attending to the pylons/signs. **Rose Mary Cannon makes the motion to get in touch with Public Works to attend to the pylons. Seconded: Colin Jones vote. All in favor, motion passes.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Municipal Administration- No Report
- Public Safety- No Report
- Fire Department- December, read by James Romankow. Ms. Cannon said on behalf of Mr. Hood and Fire Co. of Lansford she would like to thank all of the various fire companies and ems ambulance that showed up for the fire the other night, it was a good save. She said she will send letters to them all and thank you!
- Ambulance- December Report- Read by James Romankow
- Mayors Report- Read by James Romankow
- Police Report- Read by James Romankow
- Parks & Recreation- No Report
- Public Works- No Report
- Community Development/ Planning/Zoning- No Report
- Code Enforcement- December; Ms. Cannon said recently there was a violation brought to Steve's attention, which he looked into. At the last meeting we were told everything was done except for 1 issue, which he has spoken to the property owner and it has been taken care of, however that gentlemen was being harassed. He did give Ms. Cannon a call and was very upset and talking about a lawsuit if he would not stop being harassed. She said we received a letter from Steve stating everything that had to be done was done. She said this has been an ongoing situation brought on by someone who keeps coming in bringing up violations. She said moving forward a complaint form needs to be filled out so Steve has backup and then once he has finalized everything no one should be able to harass an individual. Hopefully it has been resolved. She said it has been an issue for a month. Mr. Ditsky said there is a letter from Steve stating it has been resolved. Mr. Soto asked if we had an official complain form. Mr. Ditsky said yes, there is a code complaint and with Steve you have to have it signed in order for him to take action. There was a brief conversation about this between some of the members.
- Treasurers Report- Mrs. Fittos explained that she identified certain bills to be paid so we don't cut ourselves short and run low on money since we won't receive funds until 2nd quarter. She suggested we only pay \$14,000 right now which would be the most important bills. Usually a municipality struggles in the 1st quarter. She said she will be happy to write letters to some of the vendors asking for more time. Matthew Walsh asked if there are late penalties or interest on the ones that don't get paid. She said some of them may, but if she calls them and may waive it. Mr. Turcmanovich asked how it was handled last year. Mrs. Fittos said she would tell them we won't have any revenue until the 2nd quarter and most vendors will work with us. Ms. Cannon said then the tax anticipation note is not enough. She said that's what's supposed to be paying, bills and payroll. Mrs. Fittos said. \$125,000 was the tax anticipation note, each month it's about \$40,000 in payroll, plus electric, and health insurance etc. Mrs. Fittos asked everyone to look at the January

projection which shows us how it will look by the end of the month. She said February will be identical to this and by the time March comes, we will be looking like we need more money. Ms. Cannon asked if Mr. Wynn anticipates any more money coming in. Ms. Cannon said she saw letters coming in for all the new members attending the psab class and in the past anyone who went absorbed that cost themselves because we only budget about \$250 for conferences or courses. She said we don't have money to cover for three gentlemen going to that class. She said there has to be a motion to reimburse. Mr. Ditsky said let's look at the bills first. **Rose Mary Cannon makes the motion to go with the suggestion of the Secretary Treasurer. Seconded: Matthew Walsh vote. All in favor, motion passes.**

- Tax Collectors Report- December- Read by Martin Ditsky

Ms. Cannon asked if we were going to address the bills from psab. Mr. Ditsky said it's technically not on the agenda. Mrs. Fittos said she did see in QuickBooks that the Borough reimbursed or paid for seminars. She understands that a motion needs to be made for either one. Mr. Walsh said he spoke to them at PSAB and said it seemed normal to have the Borough pay for it and she recommended it. **Rose Mary Cannon makes the motion to send the newly elected officials to the Bootcamp and pay for it. Seconded: Colin Jones vote. All in favor, motion passes.**

There was a brief discussion on this for a few minutes.

- Carbon County Tax Collection Committee- No Report
- Solicitor's Report- Drafting Tax Collectors Position & Advertisement, S.A.L.D.O, letters from Steve, Edgemont bridge status. Mr. Greek said he hasn't heard anything from Edgemont. Ms. Cannon asked if the letter was sent certified or regular mail. Mr. Greek said regular. There a brief discussion on the cars that were spread all over the valley which was in the letter to the editor. Mr. Walsh said he read that the cars were all empty and cracked. Mr. Jones said the rumor is they are going to clean the rails and put them down on Dock Street, he asked if council can do anything as far as an ordinance goes. Mr. Walsh said Jim Thorpe was having a problem with it. Mr. Greek said he will speak to some of the other solicitors. **Ms. Cannon makes the motion that Mr. Greek do a follow up to the letter to the Railroad. Seconded: Colin Jones vote. All in favor, motion passes.** Mr. Walsh asked if this was the bridge that is partially owned by the Borough and partially by them. Mr. Ditsky said yes and also mentioned it was surveyed. Mr. Greek said that Steve reviewed the SALDO and made some changes to it or suggestions and will look at those changes to see if we can plug them in. He said it has to be submitted to the county and to our planning commission to get input. He said it will have to be advertised twice at a public hearing and the planning commission will have to give input before its adopted, 30 days prior to adoption. Mr. Greek said the recommendations from Steve our code enforcer are fine. Mr. Greek spoke about this for a few minutes. Mr. Greek said he will draft something and we should have it on the next agenda.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Tabled Letters for the appointment to the Lansford- Coaldale JT Water Authority, 1 open seat, and 5 year terms. (8 letters of interest). **Colin Jones makes the motion to reappoint Richard Pogwist. Seconded: Rose Mary Cannon vote. Roll Call vote: Matthew Walsh= No, John Turcmanovich= yes, Joe Butrie =no, Colin Jones= yes, Martin Ditsky= no, Rose Mary Cannon= yes, Jared Soto= yes. 4-3 Motion passes.**

Mr. Ditsky started to accept nominations for the appointment. Jared Soto nominated John Tucker. Mrs. Fittos interrupted and asked that the first motion be completed and reminded Mr. Ditsky the appointment is by motion not by nomination. Mr. Ditsky asked Mr. Greek. Mr. Greek said the only way you can act is my motion and second. He said Mr. Ditsky started to open the floor for nominations and you only do that at reorganization for President. He said the only way to vote is by motion and second and then you vote on that particular person.

Mr. Pogwist thanked the council. Ms. Cannon was explaining that reappointing Mr. Pogwist is a benefit because he knows the Sewer system and is familiar with the combined sewer project.

- Donation of Real Estate to Borough- 642 East Ridge which is in the middle of a 3-way. Number may be missing, confirmed by Dan Wynn. Owner would show property to council. Mr. Jones asked if there was anything negative about accepting it. Mr. Walsh asked if anyone has been inside the property. Ms. Cannon said it's an older home that hasn't had anything done to it in years. Mr. Walsh asked if it is something we can take and sell it to generate revenue. Mr. Walsh asked Mrs. Fittos to call him so he could see the property. Ms. Cannon said we will table it. Mr. Walsh asked that it be scheduled sooner than later so the owner doesn't decide to do something else with the property. He said he is very familiar with fixing houses and he has done 2 houses.
- Motion was made to advertise for PT zoning/ code with no specifics. Salary/ Hours. Mr. Walsh said he spoke to Paul Jarrett from LVIS and explained how the Borough needs every single break he can give us, thinking about it he was willing to bring down his hourly rate by a significant amount, almost 10%, the one exception was he wanted gas mileage so Mrs. Fittos ran the numbers and we are going to save about \$2,100/ year. Mr. Walsh believes Mr. Jarrett is more than competitive with almost all the other firms at \$50 an hour where some are \$55 to \$60 an hour. He said he would still be interested to see the feasibility of it, but at this point he doesn't see a need if he is going to work with us. Ms. Cannon asked is it still two days a week and Mr. Walsh said yes. Mr. Walsh also mentioned that Mrs. Fittos helped him with a spreadsheet that shows the savings amount to be applied to the Part- Time police officers as a small increase. He said the increase

won't bring them where they should be, but closer. He wanted to increase the cdl drivers and part-time public works laborers but there wasn't enough to do so. He said he wanted to start somewhere, and hopefully this will raise morale and get us more competitive with other Boroughs. Ms. Cannon said we can't change the part-time police salaries as they are covered under the contract. Mr. Romankow said that can be discussed under executive session. Mr. Walsh said he was under the impression it wouldn't have to be opened. Ms. Cannon said it was covered under the old contract under an arbitration award. Ms. Cannon said it can be done by an addendum. Mr. Walsh said he would like to look into that and start raising these guys rates. Ms. Cannon said she would really like to increase the CDL seasonal drivers for public works at least to \$12 an hour. She wasn't sure how many drivers the Borough had on the call out list and Mr. Butrie and Mrs. Fittos said 3. Ms. Cannon said we have to look at something and address it, either move forward with it or not, the generator is a good example which was talked about for 4 presidents ago and finally got addressed and executed. There was a brief discussion on this for a few minutes. Mr. Jones said the motion was made last week to advertise, can we rescind the motion. **Matthew Walsh makes the motion to rescind the motion to advertise for code/ Zoning. Seconded: Rose Mary Cannon vote. Discussion:** Mr. Walsh said he is bending over backwards for us and Mr. Jones said his reports are very detailed. Mr. Butrie said we see more proactive action in the short time he has been here than is the whole time Barry Isett was here. Mr. Soto said we should use this as an example to look into things further before we make motions. He was happy it worked out. Mr. Walsh said it took that motion to generate a savings so sometimes you have to. Mrs. Fittos said on a side note in 2014 the revenue that BIA brought in for Landlord Licensing and Inspections was \$1,995 and since we had Steve and LVIS we received \$14,390 in 2015. **All in favor, motion passes.**

- Subdivision & Land Ordinance of Lansford PA- Tabled
- Radios in Ambulance removal from vehicles- Ms. Cannon said we are waiting for Echo to come in to do it.
- Revised Ordinance and Agreement between Lansford Borough and Tamaqua UCC Board- To be approved. Mr. Greek said it was done; it was just the dollar amount that had to be changed. He said it wasn't advertised yet. He said we will have it for our next meeting.
- A-1 Energy- Lighting Retrofit Proposal with payment options. Mr. Walsh feels we are in no position to be putting money out for the lights right now. Mr. Jones said it will be a cost savings eventually over time.

Ms. Cannon said she has a list of things that need to be addressed. The first one is the Borough's floor safe stored at the Public Works garage. Mr. Ditsky said it was moved to the Fire Co last year. She said we also need to look into a better security system. She also said she has a question about the oil burner from the former borough office was put in storage. She asked would it be worth it to try and sell it and buy a new unit if we get a new garage. Mr. Walsh said we probably need a new unit. Ms. Cannon said it was a new unit. There was a brief discussion on this between Ms. Cannon, Mr. Butrie, Colin Jones and Mr. Walsh. Ms. Cannon also would like to know where we stand with the civil service and police applications. Mrs. Fittos said Gerry Scaran brought the applications in last week and asked that they be brought to Sam Yasson so Mrs. Fittos dropped them off to her and they will meet soon to start the process.

Ms. Cannon said our comprehensive plan has expired and we need to move forward on that.

NEW BUSINESS

- Special Event- Anthracite Triathlon, 7/17/16 @ 7am. @ Mauch Chunk Lake. Colin Jones makes the motion to accept the event. Seconded: Rose Mary Cannon vote. All in favor, motion passes.
- Lehigh Engineering- Fee Schedule for 2016 budget.
- Handicap Applications- Council Person to handle handicap applications. Chair of Zoning will handle them.

We had a speaker, Joseph Bennett who explained he acquired the property which is formally known as "the Palace Restaurant". Mike Radocha was also in attendance. He gave some history of the building and the damages that have been done over a period of time. He is looking to bring a medical center to the community. He said demolition of the building is paramount as it is not resurrectable. He said it would be a two story building with a small elevator and stairway with a total of 8800 square feet. He said he has done several of these projects for Blue Mountain Health System; St. Luke's Hospital, Lehigh Valley Health Care and takes pride in the Quality of work that is done. He said they make every effort to hire local people. He said he hired Mr. Radocha to do the demolition. He said the interior work has begun. He said he spoke with the officer in regards to demotion permits and will acquire them when the time is right. He came here tonight to discuss the Borough's edge of the property to utilize it to dump the clean fill. He said there is a lot of block and brick. He said he would like to have the council's permission to put the clean fill at the property that was shown to them about two months ago. Ms. Cannon asked if this was going to be Dr.'s offices or a facility for patience going in. Mr. Bennett said it will be a medical center for patience to come in; there may be an X-ray facility and possibly an urgent care. Ms. Cannon said she had a complaint that no one asked for permission to block that street off. Mr. Jones asked who would oversee that it is clean fill.

In response to Colin Jones question, Mr. Radocha said before the demolition starts there will be an inspection, which consists of a 10 -day notice they need to apply for. Clean fill is brick and concrete. Mr. Radocha said they will get all of the wood out of the building first. Mr. Jones asked what the reasoning was dumping on Borough property and asked if is for cost savings. Mr. Bennett said there are very limited places they can take the fill and not be on their property or impinged the way they are wrapped around the community. Mr. Jones asked why it was contingent upon dumping on our land. Mr. Bennett said it is

because the numbers don't work. He said driving a long distance away or finding a place to put clean fill is impossible. He said it is very well regulated and will have all the permits and inspections done prior to the brick and block being placed on that property.

Mr. Walsh said he heard from other council members that this may be setting a precedence to allow the general public to dump at our landfill; this comment was pointed towards council and the solicitor. Mr. Greek said yes, the borough is in a weird situation if others say they want to dump there. Mr. Walsh asked if they would have to make some type of ordinance. Mr. Greek said it's the Boroughs property and council can do whatever they want to do with it. Mr. Bennett said he thinks this is a project that is for the betterment of the community. Mr. Walsh said he was not against the project just worried about the future if multiple people are going to want to start dumping there. Mr. Bennett had two points, he said a blighted property is going to be demolished which is extremely costly and the other is its going to be a medical facility. Mr. Ditsky said maybe it can be resolved by setting a resolution. Mr. Butrie said there is a gate there with a lock. Mr. Butrie also said people are dumping everywhere illegally and you cannot go around the gate. Mr. Greek said, if it's the Borough's property and it's gated off, council can start a policy, procedure or resolution that requires certain things to ensure that it's done properly. Mr. Greek said maybe there should be an application, or maybe a permit fee.

Mr. Greek said there should be proof of insurance or a certification. Mr. Greek also said the only fee should be an application fee, not a tipping fee to make a profit off this. Mr. Greek didn't realize it was gated at first. Ms. Cannon asked how much room is at the landfill. Mr. Butrie said there is more than enough room at the land fill to go North and West with the clean fill. Mr. Greek suggested having someone there, an employee perhaps to adhere to it, not to watch every step that goes on, but someone you have the most confidence in and just make sure its being done where council wants it. Mr. Ditsky asked Mr. Radocha about the iron and the brick and asked if he could repeat what he said about DEP.

In response to Mr. Ditsky's question, Mr. Radocha said DEP actually has a mandate on what can be dumped. He said if the Borough doesn't let him dump there it will just cost Mr. Bennett more for it to be hauled away. Mr. Jones asked Mr. Bennett what the timeline was on when he needs approval on the dumpsite. Mr. Bennett said yesterday if not the day before that. He explained how surprised he was on the cost of demolition. He said he would like to start construction from mid to late April. He explained how the demolition will be tricky since you have to get the inside out first.

Mr. Turcmanovich said DEP would inspect the entire fill and as long as it was clean it was ok. Ms. Cannon was asking if his client was St. Luke's because then the building will not be taxable. Mr. Bennett said he will be leasing to his client as they want to pay taxes in this community as that is how they do business, but couldn't confirm who is client was. Ms. Cannon said he was saving money by not hauling it away so maybe the borough should charge him per load. He said as a sign of good faith he would like to get this done tonight and donate \$1,000 to the Boroughs recreational fund. Ms. Cannon said she wants the project to go through but he should know the situation they are in. Mr. Bennett was asking what council thinks is reasonable.

Mr. Greek said everyone is talking about adding a fee or tipping fee, this is going to be opened up to other individuals if someone is tearing down their house and they want to dump there. He said you don't want to set this up where you're charging different fees to different people.

Mr. Ditsky opened this up to the floor for discussion. Mrs. Soberick, a resident of Lansford said to Mr. Bennett that he would be receiving a large savings from the Borough, she asked would he share what that savings is. He said he honestly doesn't know. Mr. Radocha said the only cost difference is him driving the stuff either up the hill or local. She asked if someone else would charge him. Mr. Bennett said he could dump it at the hometown auction for nothing. Mrs. Soberick assumed the cost involved would only be the travel. Mrs. Soberick believes there should be an estimate as to what the Borough would be saving Mr. Bennett. Mr. Bennett said it will cost him \$10,000 more. Mrs. Soberick said if the Borough agrees to it, he would have a \$10,000 in savings. He said yes, if he had to go to hometown. This discussion continued for a few minutes with the public.

Mr. Bennett said he would like to make a contribution of \$5,000 to the community, which is up to council. He said in other communities he has donated just \$1,000 to their recreation fund. Mr. Greek said to council if they want to grant him the permission he suggests in the future to have some sort of fee, application or permit and be limited to demolition within the municipality or fill generated from within the municipality.

Mr. Greek suggested a deposit or a fee, something to ensure the road and streets are replaced and returned to the proper condition that's refunded as long as it's in there. Let him do what he wants to do with his donation and we can play with the details later. He said it's the easiest way to get him done here tonight yet you're not making it to restrictive and charging for a load. Mr. Walsh said at some point it should say that if the amount of fill should surpass this amount we should look into a different agreement. Mr. Greek said he agrees, but for now this gets Mr. Bennett out of here and then council can put together an ordinance. **Matthew Walsh** said if this gentleman is going to give such a generous gift to the Borough, **he makes the motion to allow him to dump pending the ordinance that will get created for future people who want to dump clean fill and should be responsible should there not be clean fill dumped. Seconded: Colin Jones vote.** Mr. Jones said he doesn't believe we need open it up to other people. Mr. Walsh said he wants to protect the Borough for the future.

Mr. Greek suggested making a motion to grant him the ability to dump at the landfill provided he signs a release or waiver for any damages or anything that creates a hazard related to DEP and has the proper insurance in place and that the property is restored in good or better condition than it was going in there.

Mr. Walsh still feels something needs to be written up to protect the Borough's future. Mr. Greek said that can be written later. Mr. Walsh says he will make a motion to the effect of what Mr. Greek just said.

Matthew Walsh makes the motion to grant him the ability to dump at the landfill provided he signs a release or waiver for any damages or anything that creates a hazard related to DEP and has the proper insurance in place and that the property is restored in good or better condition than it was going in there. Seconded: Colin Jones vote. All in favor, motion passes. (Everyone clapped) Mr. Walsh thanked Mr. Bennett for investing in our community.

- Committee Members- Mr. Ditsky went over the members in each of the committee. Public Safety- John Turcmanovich, Chairmen, Matthew Walsh and Martin Ditsky. Public Works- Martin Ditsky, Chairman, John Turcmanovich and Joseph Butrie. Municipal Administration- Rose Mary Cannon, Chairperson, Joseph Butrie and Jared Soto. Parks and Recreation - Rose Mary Cannon, Chairperson, Jared Soto and Colin Jones. Zoning /Ordinance- Colin Jones, Chairmen, Matthew Walsh and Joseph Butrie. Carbon County Tax Collection Committee- Alternate is Mary Soberick. Matthew Walsh asked to send him paperwork on it as he will probably be interested. Handicap Parking would be Mayor James Romankow and Jared Soto. Mrs. Soberick said the Handicap Parking Ordinance states the members are a council person, the Mayor and the Secretary Treasurer. Council person reviews the Ordinance, the public safety is reviewed by the Mayor and the billing of the invoice is handled by the treasurer and that is what makes up the handicap panel.

Mr. Ditsky asked for volunteers for the budget committee. Martin Ditsky, Colin Jones, Jared Soto, and Rose Mary Cannon responded to be a part of the budget committee. (Secretary Treasurer and Assistant)

OLD BUSINESS

- Seltzer Group- Employee Handbook pricing for updates. \$1,500 for full review, \$750 for simple review. Ms. Cannon tabled it. She said we should review it first and we don't have money for this right now.
- Dept. of Agriculture- Order for Training and Certification for certified parking meter inspections. Mrs. Fittos explained the training and two people from public works has to be appointed. **Colin Jones makes the motion to appoint Greg Daily and Mario Marconi. Seconded: Rose Mary Cannon vote. All in favor motion passes.**

There was a brief recess at 8:28pm for executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council entered into executive session at 8:30pm to discuss personnel matters and exited at 9:03pm.

Colin Jones makes the motion to write up two memorandums of understanding for the wage increase for Sergeant Soberick and the Part time police officers. Seconded: Matthew Walsh vote. Abstained: Rose Mary Cannon. Motion passes.

John Turcmanovich makes the motion to accept Sergeant Soberick back to full duty. Seconded: Matthew Walsh vote. Abstained: Rose Mary Cannon. Motion Passes.

Rose Mary Cannon makes the motion to increase the Assistant Secretary's rate due to the collection of the sanitation result of the resignation of the Tax Collector to \$15.50 an hour effective 2nd Quarter 2016. Seconded: Colin Jones vote. All in favor motion passes.

ADJOURNMENT

John Turcmanovich makes the motion to adjourn at 9:05pm. Second: Joe Butrie vote. All in favor, motion passes.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Fittos

Secretary/Treasurer