

3. **Solicitors Report** – Attny Karpowich explained that if the twp wants to prohibit mini casinos within the twp they need to act now according to Act 42 of 2017. The board does not want to prohibit them in the twp. A letter was received from the EPA, the C & D recycling site is going to be removed from the superfund site list. It is approximately 110 acres, and all the reports have come back nonhazardous. Attny Karpowich explained he is currently waiting for the findings and facts to come back, then he will proceed with listing it for argument. Attny Karpowich announced that the board had an executive session on personnel matters after last month's meeting. He explained that there was a proposal from the Union dated 10/15/17. The supervisors would either yav or nay that proposal. Attny Goldberg (teamster's attorney) would like an answer tonight. At this time Ryan explained that he is working in the garage with the guys and he checked with the ethics commission and since when he is in the garage he is under the supervision of the twp's foreman, it would be conflict of interest for him to be apart of. (disclosure will become part of the minutes) He said that he excused himself from the executive session, so up to this point he said he has not been apart of any of the bargaining process. He is publicly disclosing his conflict of interest, he does not know how it will go, and if need be he will be the tie breaker. Just so everyone knows he was not part of it, and he abstains from the vote. Pat King would like to know if they are going to tell the public what the conflict is? Attny Karpowich explained that once it passes, and once it is finalized, then the contract is public record, in the meantime, the board is still in negotiations. Ryan said that his conflict is just that he didn't want to do the wrong thing, so he looked into it, and since it would be like voting on his boss's contract then he shouldn't be a part of it. He would just like to make everyone aware that he did that, and he is doing the right thing. At this time Jerry makes a motion to accept the proposal. Ryan seconds. Roll Call was Yes by Ryan and Jerry, No by Georgiann. Pat King asks Jerry about the motion because he is confused, Ryan disclosed that he would break a tie, but wouldn't the motion die for lack of a second? Ryan explains that the ethics commission told him that if it didn't get a second he can second to bring it to vote. Attny Karpowich explains that it is a rule with a three person rule, and in order to avoid gridlock, as long as the person that has the conflict discloses, before their vote, they are allowed to vote to break it. John Petrick would like to know if Ryan doesn't know what the proposal is, which he admitted, then how can he vote? Attny Karpowich said no, he said that he wasn't in the executive session to discuss it. John said that's right, but the proposal from the union? Attny Karpowich stated that he does know the proposal. Ryan said that he does know what the proposal is but he did not get involved. Attny Karpowich said that he was not involved in the discussions. He said that it is incumbent upon him as a supervisor, to know what the proposal is before he votes on it. Attny Karpowich said once everything is finalized then it will become a public document, then you can see everything that is in it, once it is executed.
4. **Zoning Report** – Georgiann read the report; twp checks were performed with violations found, those violations were corrected with permits. Pending violations are being addressed. A property in Upper Lehigh was sent a notice, he is awaiting a site inspection. He spoke with Ms. Yassin about her property in Highland, she may have a buyer for the property. 2 zoning and 1 building permits were issued. Georgiann said that when she arrived at the building the phone was ringing so she answered it, and it was Dorothy Toll about truck traffic in AgMar. She said its constant and the trucks are going fast, it's been this way for weeks now. She asked if there was anything going on? Ryan said that UGI was in the area but that is done now.

CORRESPONDENCES:

- Ryan explained that John LoForte approached him weeks ago about a Rails to Trails extension from Carbon St. to Eckley. Mr. LoForte was not present, but Ryan said he spoke to him today and the project is no longer moving forward.
- Georgiann said that Mr. Pavuk approached her to hand in another letter regarding his driveway issue, he was supposed to be at the meeting by 630 but he is not. He wants to know what is going to be done about his driveway. Jerry said that he knows they were going to go out and look at it. He said that they will probably have to mill it, Ryan said that they are going to have to mill a section 20 inches across, but the problem now is that is snowed yesterday and all the spreaders are on the trucks, so its harder to get asphalt. He said they were hoping to talk to him and assure him that he would be the first project in the spring, and that he would be acceptive to the idea that Chris has to fix this little dip in the road. Jerry asked if we can mill it out right now? Ryan said that they could. Jerry said that he will call him tomorrow. Ryan explained that Chris can meet with him but it is a pretty simple fix, and unfortunately in a week or two the asphalt plants close, so they ran out of time. Jerry said that if he wants us to mill it now we can, Ryan explained that the milling is not going to help and it will just create more ponding. Jerry said it could be milled right across, Mike Spock said about milling it right now, so the water doesn't pond there, but he said that he wasn't able to look at it yet. Jerry said that he will call Mr. Pavuk.
- Jerry said that he has one other issue, he knows Georgiann was involved, he doesn't know if Ryan was, but Mike was also involved with the Maple Lane Trailer Court. No one from that area was present. Jerry explained that they had a water problem that they were out of water. That is privately owned by PMI, but residents were calling Georgiann and himself about being out of water. Jerry spoke with a Kelly at PMI, and they said they are doing everything they could. Jerry is unsure if the water is back on. Attny Karpowich explained that they should have to bring temporary water in, because it is

in violation of the International property maintenance code, so the twp could start fining the property owner. He told Jerry to let PMI know that they need to provide water, and if it is not fixed then the code officer will be fining them. Attny Karpowich said that since the code officer and Tino are away he will draft the letter and send it. Mike Spock explained that the system is from the 70's and it is only one well. Georgiann and Jerry explained that there are four wells but one two are working. Attny Karpowich said that he can draft the letter and have Mike sign it.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Mike Spock would like to remind everyone about the comedy show on Saturday. He would also like to let the board know that the fire company sent out approximately 2700 donation slips and to date they have only received 549 back.
- Hazlebrook Residents expressed concerns about the DEP Mine reclamation project. They said they were speaking to someone in charge and they were bringing in rock for the new bike trail. Attny Karpowich explained that they know the process because Keith has been on top of it. Residents are concerned about the safety of the bridge over the tracks. The residents are unaware of anything that is going on.
- Pat King would like to thank the board for the berms of the roads in AgMar. The postmaster approved for mail delivery.
- John Petrick would like to let the board know that the problem on Carbon St is still getting worse, and he has been complaining for 9 years. Jerry said they were on Forest Ave, then they had to head down to AgMar, and now it's the weather. Chris said that he can do something with the manholes, if the weather breaks a little bit. Jerry said knows it has to be re-milled, but the weather turned and there's no where to get asphalt. John would like to know if it will be done next year. Jerry said that he will be done after Mr. Pavuk. Freeland is going to need to help because its partially their problem. John expressed his concerns about the complaints month after month with pot holes here and there, and there's nothing getting done. Jerry said that these people need to see him. Jerry asked where the pot holes are? John said Highland, and asked Jerry if he takes a ride around the twp since he is the roadmaster. Jerry said he does, and John said that he needs to take a ride by his house. John said that he didn't look at it. Jerry explained that its not that bad, that he did check it out after he gave him his complaint, he said it is not as bad as the other ones the twp had to do. John asked why Jerry didn't tell him that over the telephone? Jerry asked what he wanted him to say, John said that he wanted him to tell him the truth. Jerry said that it is not that bad and they will get to it next year.
- Hazlebrook residents would like to know if once DEP is done are they going to do anything with the road? Attny Karpowich said that they had to put up the \$50K bond for the roads. He said that once they are done, we can take the bond and do it ourselves, if they do not take care of it.

ADJOURNMENT

- Motion to Adjourn
- Motion to Continue

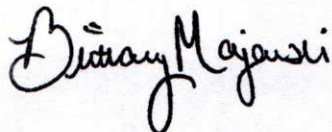
Motion By: ■ Ms. Eckrote-Jones
□ Mr. Uricheck
□ Mr. Brogan

Second By: □ Ms. Eckrote-Jones
■ Mr. Uricheck
□ Mr. Brogan

Roll Call: Ms. Eckrote-Jones
■ Yes
□ No
□ Abstain

Mr. Uricheck Mr. Brogan
■ Yes ■ Yes
□ No □ No
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Respectfully Submitted,



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Municipal Secretary