

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 4, 2012

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Samuel Abatta called the regular meeting of June 4, 2012 to order at the Municipal Complex, 1000 Church Hill Road at 7:10 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: Cegelski-Present, Mapel-Present, Shiwarski-Present, Forquer-Present, Abatta-Present

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CONDUCTED AN EXECUTIVE SESSION ON JUNE 4, 2012 FROM 5:00 P.M. TO 6:00 P.M. TO DISCUSS LEGAL AND PERSONNEL MATTERS. THE BOARD WILL TAKE OFFICIAL ACTION, IF ANY, FROM THIS EXECUTIVE SESSION AT THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING ON JUNE 4, 2012.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Chairman Abatta, as everyone is aware, this is a business meeting and this is the format that we enacted at last month's meeting. The residents may speak to agenda items only. It is not that you are being limited as to what you would like to speak to. There is a portion of the meeting after the business meeting where a resident may speak to a non-agenda public item. Please bear in mind that at that point of the meeting, the regular rules of decorum and order will apply. I believe I went over those rules as last month's meeting and those particular items still apply.

The following citizens have signed in to speak on agenda items: Jack Cairns has signed in to speak on Item #4 (Citizens Comments). This is not an item on the agenda for official Board action. Comments on this item at this time are inappropriate. You may comment on this during the post agenda comments. Stephen Taylor is requesting to speak on Item #6 (Building Inspector Report). This also is not an agenda item for official Board action. As such, your comments on this item at this time are inappropriate. You may comment on this item during post-agenda comments.

Michael Malinsky voiced an objection from the audience.

Solicitor Garvin questioned whether Mr. Malinsky is objecting to citizens' comments?

Mr. Malinsky, I am objecting to the fact that he is not permitting citizens to speak on non-agenda items.

Solicitor Garvin, your objection is noted.

Chairman Abatta continued, Chuck Marks also has signed in. Your communication to the Township fails to identify an address for you in the Township. The Sunshine Act authorizes comments by residents. Without your establishment as a resident or demonstration that you have paid or are subject to taxation in Robinson Township, we have no obligation to permit you to make comments.

There were inaudible comments from the audience.

Chairman Garvin, if there is a Sunshine Act objection, state the objection and sit down.

Chairman Abatta, everyone will be heard as far as residents and taxpayers are concerned. There will be non-agenda public comments at the conclusion of the regular board meetings. We definitely want to hear what you have to say. We are not limiting your free speech at all, but we are running a business meeting here.

Mr. Marks spoke from the audience, I am a tax paying citizen. I do business in this Township and I have a right to speak under the Sunshine Act.

Chairman Abatta warned Mr. Marks to stop being disruptive or he will be removed from the meeting.

Mr. Marks continued to speak from the audience and after several warnings was escorted from the building by Chief Vietmeier.

Linda Jakubec (539 Meade Dr.), first I would like to commend the Commissioners on the process used to hire the new finance officer. It was nice to see that you posted and advertised the open position. You conducted interviews and presumably thoroughly discussed the qualifications of all the candidates before you decide to extend an offer. I would like to know why this same open and transparent process was not used when you appointed a person to fill the vacant Commissioner's seat earlier this year? This process lacked transparency and had the appearance of a political appointment. During this process, you did not advertise the open seat to seek the best qualified candidates. You did not interview all candidates that communicated their interest in the position and you did not have any public meetings regarding the opening as was done when you yourself were appointed. Some Commissioners have been hypocritical in their term "transparency" during these meetings, seemingly only transparent when it is to their advantage to do so.

Second, I would like to address the July caucus meetings. I would like the Commissioners to provide a set time for both meetings, rather than being ambiguous in the starting time of the regular meeting. Notwithstanding the additional restrictions you have recently placed on citizens comments, not having a set start time for the regular meeting makes it difficult for citizens who want to be here and address the Board with concerns. In addition, starting the caucus meeting at 6:00 p.m. makes it difficult for people who work and want to get to the meeting on time. May I suggest that you start the

caucus meeting at 7:00 p.m. and the regular meeting at 8:00 p.m. Better yet, have the caucus meeting and regular meetings start at 7:00 p.m., but on different dates. This was done under the previous meeting schedule. Either of these suggestions would provide less of an obstacle for citizens to participate in these meetings. Maybe that is why you are making it so difficult. Maybe you really don't want us to speak. Maybe you just want to hear your own viewpoints.

Chairman Abatta, I stand corrected. Mr. Cairns you are permitted to speak. I overlooked that you wanted to speak on Item 17 on the TAN repayment. That was my fault and I apologize.

Jack Cairns (Lewis Avenue), this is my first time here. My main reason for coming was that I did want to address safety issues on Lewis Ave. I understand that I am not going to be allowed to speak about that. The other thing I wanted to do, I was confused and I was hoping for a little more of an explanation of what Item 17 is. What is the million dollars that we are paying?

Chairman Abatta, your issues will be answered in a timely fashion.

Mike Malinsky (535 Meade Dr.), I see the agenda this evening includes approving the repayment of the second half of the tax anticipation note was taken out early this year. It looks like that between the payment that was made last month and the payment on the agenda for this month, the total amount of that TAN note was about \$2.5 million. I commented on this before and I will again, there is a disturbing trend in increasing TAN note amounts over the past several years. It went from \$400,000 in 2009, \$700,000 in 2010, \$900,000 last year and a huge jump to \$2.5 million this year. I believe these numbers are correct or at least close enough for my point. I cannot help but wonder why the amount of the TAN notes keep increasing year after year when the finance reports at these meetings paint a picture of a fiscally strong municipality? We should not have to borrow these amounts of money. I know it is the Commissioners policy not to answer questions during citizens comments, but do know that you are fiscally responsible for what goes on in this Township and you work for the taxpayers, not the other way around.

Jerry Brouker (284 Coraopolis Rd.), I am here to speak on an agenda item, however, Mr. Garvin at the beginning of the Caucus Meeting asked me to raise any objections to the Sunshine Act during Citizens Comments. I will do that tonight for you because I do not believe that any of you has a full understanding of the Sunshine Law and I will take care of that tonight so to avoid any more unpleasantness with you throwing people out of here for trying to speak their mind. I did give a copy of the Sunshine Act to Mr. Garvin and highlighted the areas of concern. I hope that he shares it with you. My objections tonight are very simple. It says right in the Sunshine Act that any person within the community in the meeting, has a right to raise an objection at any time during the meeting if they perceive a violation of the Sunshine Law. I was thrown out of the last meeting for raising an objection to you not allowing Mr. Marks to speak. You are in violation right now for what you did. Secondly, I have an objection to Mr. Cairns not being able to speak about

non-agenda items. That is in violation of the Pennsylvania Sunshine Act, Section 710 A and was also found to be a violation of the first amendment in Plum Borough versus Schlagel et al. That was taken to court and the Plum Borough Commissioners lost that particular court case. I ask that you properly permit public comment on any items that are or may be before the Commissioners in accordance with the Sunshine Act. I further ask that this objection be recorded in the official minutes of the meeting as required by law. I object to the Commissioners not permitting business taxpayers of Robinson Twp. to participate in public comment. This is a violation of Pennsylvania Sunshine Act Section 710 1 (A) which allows for public comment from both residents and taxpayers. I therefore ask that you properly permit public comment from all taxpayers of the Township, including business owners as required by the Sunshine Act. I further ask that this objection be recorded in the official minutes of the meeting as required by law and understand that you also violated that by having Mr. Marks escorted out tonight. What I actually came to speak on was your agenda item in reference to the meeting for next month. I believe that Linda (Jakubec) touched on it. As a former Commissioner, I know that we had the caucus meeting on one Monday and the regular meeting on the second Monday. I see Mr. Simm is back here. I don't know if he knew the new rules that you set up, but these rules are set up to harm people like me to try and suppress our speech. That is what you are trying to do. However, you are harming people like Mr. Simm. He is 70+ years old. There are other people besides us that would like to speak to you. When you set up a caucus meeting at 6:00 p.m., they can last anywhere from twenty minutes, like it did two months ago and we missed the entire meeting, or it can last three hours. I lived through many of those three hour meetings myself as a Commissioner, but that is what I signed up for. If you guys don't want to do it, you should not be on the Board. I will also reiterate what Linda (Jakubec) said. Have a caucus one night and have a regular meeting the next night or the following week as it was before so that people have a set time to know when they can come and when they can speak. I am asking that very politely and I am respectful to that as well.

Chairman Abatta, please finish up.

Mr. Brouker, I just want to say that I cited the violations on the Sunshine Act and I have given a copy to Mr. Garvin and I hope that he passes it on to you and I hope that you repeal your resolution in time for your next meeting. If you do not, please understand that we as citizens can take legal action and if it is proven that you knowingly violated the Sunshine Law, not only can we take legal action against the Township, but there can be a surcharge against every one of you.

Chairman Abatta, you are over your time limit.

Mr. Brouker, Mr. Mapel you read the proclamation for Sgt. Postava in caucus. He is a friend of mine and I happen to know that his mother's address is on the proclamation. I would ask you to change that before he puts it on the wall at his house.

FINANCE UPDATE

Vice-Chairman Forquer, the balance in the general fund account as of this morning is \$4,937,810. Our balance forward in the general account given at the May 7, 2012 meeting was \$3,696,000. The balance in the real estate fund as of this morning was \$103,850. The market value of the police pension fund as of the close of business day on Friday, June 1st was \$9,746,680. Please note that is down from the May 4th report which was \$10,169,550. The police pension fund is funded every year by the Township and the State. Because a good portion of the account is in stock and bond funds, the account balance is subject to market volatility. As some of you may have noticed, the market sold off on Friday after the unemployment rate increased to 8.2% from previous 8.1% and non-farm payrolls were much lower than expectations. It is also notable that there is a downward trend in the foreign markets due to the lower growth expectations and the sovereign debt issues with Greece and Spain that still remain unsolved. For the May Treasurer's Report, EIT transfers of \$274,469 were reported for the month from Centax and \$357,094. from Jordan, the appointed collector for the southwest region. This brings the total for the year to date to \$1,181,444. The LST collected in May was \$4,768 which brings the year to date total to \$344,959. Past history year to date shows that the high was \$362,000 and the low is \$246,000 for this time. Real Estate taxes, including interim collected for May were \$1,664,916 and year to date \$2,303,610. The budget year to date for real estate and interim taxes is \$2,065,000. We are slightly better than anticipated. Real estate delinquent taxes collected by Jordan for May were \$25,140.00 and year to date is \$111,652. which is over the budget for the year of \$75,000. Item 17 on the agenda tonight is to pay off the bridge loan. There were no issues raised when we voted on that It was voted on unanimously by this Board. Concerning the uncertainties that we were facing when our Treasurer walked off the job and the court ordered property reassessment was imminent, all of this raised the risk of an interruption in the disbursement of real estate collection. There was another major change also being implemented this year concerning earned income tax collection. Municipalities no longer collect their income tax because of Act 32. Agents have been appointed in four districts in Allegheny County to collect earned income tax. We were told that the transfers from these agents to the municipalities may not be seen until June. Fortunately for us, Doug Perkey, our new Treasurer, has been doing a good job collecting taxes and running the Treasurer's office. It is notable that Doug runs the operation himself. The office was staffed prior to that with one full-time employee and two part-time employees as well as the Treasurer. The annual savings to the Township since Mr. Perkey was appointed will be approximately \$80,000 per year. Mr. Perkey was the person who handled the TIF Districts and has a very good grasp of what it takes to run the Treasurer's office because he served for six years as the Deputy Treasurer. I would also point out that our balance forward for 2011 was over \$2 million. I took office in 2010 and the balance forward in 2009 was \$185,000. In 2010 I believe that the balance forward was near \$1.5 million. We are slowly but surely building back a reserve in our accounts. I would point out that all the money that spent down our reserves, those items were all voted for by unanimous vote by the prior Board. There is enough blame to go around here. I think we are doing

our best to correct that situation and moving forward we will continue to find ways to cut costs and to improve our financial situation.

BUILDING INSPECTOR/ZONING OFFICER REPORT

The Report provided by Mr. Urbano is attached to the Minutes.

MINUTES

MOTION Shiwarski, SECOND Mapel to approve the Board of Commissioners Caucus Meeting Minutes dated May 7, 2012 as submitted.

ROLL CALL: Cegelski-Y, Mapel-Y, Shiwarski-Y, Forquer-Y, Abatta-Y.

M/C 5-0

MOTION Cegelski, SECOND Forquer to approve the May, 2012 Treasurer's Report

ROLL CALL: Cegelski-Y, Mapel-Y, Shiwarski-Y, Forquer-Y, Abatta-Y.

M/C 5-0

MOTION Shiwarski, SECOND Forquer to approve the May, 2012 List of Bills

Chairman Abatta questioned an invoice on 5/09/12 for MEIT which appeared twice. One is for \$56,000 and the other is for \$26,784 for group term insurance. Can you explain that?

Mgr. Bibro, the totals are the monthly allotment that we pay for healthcare for all of our employees. The way that is it coded is incorrect. We did notice this on Friday after the packets went out. This will be corrected. We spend roughly \$80,000 per month on healthcare for our employees. The amount is correct, but the coding will be corrected if it has not already been done.

Chairman Abatta also questioned invoices for American Leak Detection for pool repairs and whether the leak has been fixed?

Mgr. Bibro responded that the water last year would dip approximately 1 ft overnight and this year it is about 1/4 of an inch. Commissioner Forquer recommended a pressure test and American Leak Detection brought a welder out and fixed the pool leak.

Chairman Abatta also questioned a purchase in the amount of \$5,000 capital purchase for a fire truck from Rennerdale Volunteer Fire Dept.

Mgr. Bibro, public works owns a small pumper which they use to clean the shelters after picnic. Ours broke down and we were putting more money into maintenance than it would cost to buy this one that is used but in good condition. We bought it off of another municipality (Rennerdale) and you do not have to do any bidding.

Chairman Abatta, also an invoice for W. J. McNabb Plumbing in the amount of \$1,114. for plumbing services?

Mgr. Bibro, that one is pretty general. I will have to look into that and speak with our public works department.

Chairman Abatta, I also had a question about an invoice from Airport Safe & Lock in the amount of \$2,382.50 for the repair of the Police Department door.

Mgr. Bibro, that is correct. There had been a door that had been aging for years on the side of the building where the police enter and exit. It became a safety hazard where somebody could probably enter and get into the cell facility. It was something that we had to fix and Airport Safe and Lock does a lot of our door and window work here at the building.

Chairman Abatta, the last item that I have is an invoice from Parking Lot Painting Co. in the amount of \$6,750. for traffic paint.

Mgr. Bibro, last weekend the public works crew was out doing some of the striping throughout the Township. Last year we purchased a thermo-plastic striper so the lines themselves will last longer. This is the first time that we got to use it and this is the paint that goes in the unit.

Commissioner Shiwarski, they coordinated that with the police department. We approved the striper last year in order to save us money in the long run.

ROLL CALL: Cegelski-Y, Mapel-Y, Shiwarski-Y, Forquer-Y, Abatta-Y

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION Cegelski, SECOND Shiwarski to hire the employees on Attachment I as part-time seasonal summer employees at the Clever Park swimming pool contingent upon providing copies of required certifications to the Township as recommended by the Township Pool Manager

Chairman Abatta, we had hired some people before and I made the statement at one of the prior meetings that at some point in time because of college commitments or other things that arise or a lack of being able to staff the facility as recommended that we might have to go out for a second round of hiring. This is where we are.

Mgr. Bibro, that is correct. Also, several employees declined employment after we offered it to them so we found ourselves somewhat shorthanded.

Chairman Abatta, these are all lifeguards.

ROLL CALL: Cegelski-Y, Mapel-Y, Shiwarski-Y, Forquer-Y, Abatta-Y.
M/C 5-0.

MOTION Cegelski, SECOND Mapel to hire the employees on Attachment J as summer camp counselors contingent upon providing copies of required certifications to the Township prior to employment.

ROLL CALL: Cegelski-Y, Mapel-Y, Shiwarski-Y, Forquer-Y, Abatta-Y.
M/C 5-0.

MOTION Forquer, SECOND Shiwarski to adopt a Resolution authorizing the entry into an employment agreement between the Township of Robinson and Gerald Kazmarsky as the Robinson Township Finance Officer effective June 5, 2012.

Vice-Chairman Forquer, Gerald Kezmarsky has been working here for about three months on a temporary basis. It is a very good way to get to know how people work. He worked as a finance officer for the Borough of Edgewood. He has been an assistant controller at the United Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh. He has experience as an internal auditor with Landmark Savings Bank. He was a corporate trust administrator for Mellon Bank, a senior controls accountant for Equibank and a staff accountant for Commerce Travel. His education is that he has a masters degree in science and accounting from Robert Morris University and a B.S. in accounting from Duquesne University. We think he is going to work out well for us.

Chairman Abatta, Aaron, could you please explain to the residents because some may be misinformed as to the procedure and process that we used in this instance.

Mgr. Bibro, we had a vacancy in our administration department as of early March. We hired Mr. Kezmarsky on a temporary basis, which the Board approved at the April meeting. I advertised the opening in the Tribune Review, Monster.com and some professional trade magazines and publications for municipal management. I received roughly 30 to 35 applications. I interviewed four applicants, including Mr. Kezmarsky. Based on the experience, interview and the few months that I was able to work with him, I recommended to the Board this evening that the Township hire him. I believe that he will be a strong asset to our administration.

Commissioner Shiwarski, this is the same process that we used to hire his predecessor?

Mgr. Bibro, yes and myself as well. It is pretty much what every best practice will tell you to do. We tried to get the biggest pool of applicants that we possibly could. For a position like this, there are not township residency requirements. We tried to find the most talented individual with the most relevant experience. It was important for me to have someone with public sector experience that would make the transition smooth.

ROLL CALL: Cegelski-Y, Mapel-Y, Shiwarski-Y, Forquer-Y, Abatta-Y
M/C 5-0.

MOTION Forquer, SECOND Mapel to schedule the July 2012 Caucus Meeting for July 2, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. with the regular meeting to immediately follow.

ROLL CALL: Cegelski-Y, Mapel-Y, Shiwarski-Y, Forquer-Y, Abatta-Y.

M/C 5-0

MOTION Forquer, SECOND Shiwarski to make a final payment in the amount of \$1,267,279.15 to First Commonwealth Bank for the 2012 Tax Anticipation Note.

ROLL CALL: Cegelski-Y, Mapel-Y, Shiwarski-Y, Forquer-Y, Abatta-Y.

M/C 5-0

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Cegelski stated that as the liaison to the Robinson Township Library, she would like to encourage our residents to participate in the many fine events being sponsored by the library over the summer months for all ages. They have things for young children, young mothers and fathers, programs for teens and wonderful programs for adults. She encouraged residents to participate in the many scheduled summer events.

In regards to tax assessments, Commissioner Cegelski encouraged residents to contact state representatives. Senator Wayne Fontana has introduced a bill that would eliminate property taxes and implement other kinds of taxes to fund the county, school districts and municipalities.

Congratulations to the Montour Class of 2012. Flag Day will be celebrated on June 14. A happy Father's Day was wished to all dads present and also in memory.

Commissioner Mapel, with respect to last month's meeting, there were four school board directors present through the conclusion of the meeting. Once the meeting was adjourned and there was an opportunity to talk in an informal setting, the question arose as to why the Boards cannot sit down with respect to the issues regarding building permit fees to talk about these things without attorneys, administrative people and superintendent to work this out on behalf of our taxpayers. I thought that was a good idea and I believe that everybody sitting up here thought that as well. I went ahead and put this meeting together for a date and time. I had Mr. Barnett present, Mr. Urbano, anybody who could answer questions showed up for the meeting. I am going to tell you that nobody that promoted that meeting bothered to show up. Instead, Mr. Smith, President of the Montour School Board appeared by himself and then later Dr. Boyer came and informed us that if we were not going to rebate 90% of the fees back, that we had nothing to talk about. I don't know where this goes, but what we try to do is provide information based on the information that we get back. We have asked via Right to Know for items that involve the cost of these projects; the renovations at the school, the physical education facility that is in progress right now. Based upon the fact that these building permit fees are based upon construction costs, we need that information. We have requested the information in order to determine whether any infractions have taken place on behalf of either the Township or a misinterpretation on behalf of the school district. I implore the

school district to please provide that information for us so that we can move this process forward. I would also like to briefly mention that there are currently some occupancy issues that are being addressed and that will be addressed shortly after school adjourns. We have the health, safety and welfare of our children, our faculty and everybody that works in those buildings, paramount. That is why we do what we do. That is the reason for all of this. We will not compromise their safety for the sake of saving money. With respect to that subject, that will be addressed moving forward.

In regards to Stafford Park, people have asked me over and over again. There is work going on and then it stops. What is going on with this project and is it ever going to end? We are trying as we have said, to do things uniformly with respect to all developers and builders in fairness to the ordinances and codes that we have to enforce. One of our public officials passed that site recently and found a crew of people dismantling a guard rail without county supervision. That is not the way it is done. We went back to see why that could be happening and found that the HOP permit for that project had expired back in December. There are some other issues that come into play with respect as to whether that permit is actually valid or not. We are looking into that further trying to decide whether there is a valid HOP for that project. If you see things happening, it is because we assume that they have the adequate permits. If you don't, it is because they do not.

In regards to public safety, I would like to speak about something positive. I am going to get Chief Vietmeier back up here for a moment to expound on something that I mentioned last month with respect to our growing congestion at the intersection of Route 60 and Beaver Grade Rd. I have some good news for you and I am going to let Chief come back up here and elaborate on that for a brief minute.

Chief Vietmeier, at the request of Commissioner Mapel, we had a discussion about the traffic congestion at Route 60 and Beaver Grade Rd. It seemed to be heavier than ever before on Beaver Grade Rd. Part of the problem is the CVS Pharmacy. Prior to them being there, it was a seasonal car wash. The traffic was never flowing like it is now. Both have a green light at the same time and nobody knows who should go. I contacted PennDOT and requested a meeting. Mr. Mapel was unable to attend, but Mr. Bibro was there with me, as well as several officials from PennDOT. Prior to them coming to our meeting, I did not know that they were monitoring the traffic at Route 60 and Beaver Grade Rd. They agree with our analogy of CVS compounding the problem. As a result, prior to our meeting, PennDOT changed the timing on Beaver Grade Rd. a little bit. It allows an additional ten seconds of green. It has helped a little bit. It seems that due to the traffic backing up on the Parkway inbound every day, people are detouring onto Montour Run and Beaver Grade Rd. As a result of that meeting, we found out that next year PennDOT is going to repave Steubenville Pike all the way from below King's Restaurant to Tonidale. They are also going to put in new traffic lights at the intersection of Beaver Grade Rd. and Route 60. They are going to use a new system that is supposed to have fewer maintenance issues. The old way was putting loops in the pavement and when the road would be milled up, the loops would deteriorate and be ripped apart. They

then went to a camera system, which works much better but every so often you have to get up there and clean the lens and there were a lot of breakdowns. They are going to go to a radar system to operate these lights. CVS will not have a green light at the same time as Beaver Grade Rd.

Commissioner Shiwarski, just to reiterate regarding the road program. I think Mr. Meyer eluded to what we are trying to accomplish. We are trying to address the immediate needs, but also address the roads by giving them some attention at this point in time so that it saves us dollars in the future. We are exploring a lot of different avenues to get the most bang for our dollar. The Public Works Department is doing line painting, storm sewer work, etc. There is a lot of work that they do that goes into saving dollars for the Township. We are trying to do that in every department that we look at. We recognize that these are residents' dollars that we are spending and when we spend that dollar we want to get the most value that we can and for the longest term that we can.

Congratulations to all future graduates both from high school and recent college graduates. I wish them the best of luck in their pursuits.

Vice-Chairman Forquer, on May 15th Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald asked Chairman Abatta and I to attend a meeting in his office to discuss tax increment financing problems that we are currently trying to resolve. In attendance were representatives from the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County and their legal department. Our solicitor, Bob Garvin was also in attendance and together we laid out some possible solutions to arrive at a settlement to resolve the contractual disputes in both districts. We are currently in negotiations and hope to be able to reach agreements soon, inclusive of all parties involved.

I attended a Three Rivers Wet Weather Meeting on May 24th. There was considerable discussion at that meeting about the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Consent Degree for Alcosan requiring a wet weather plan. They also have some pollution standards that have to be met as part of that. I had some communications with MATR after the meeting and was told that Robinson Township's exposure to some of the serious financial issues that will arise to put Alcosan in compliance in our Township is very minimal. We don't have that many Alcosan lines here.

On May 30th we celebrated Memorial Day. It is a day of remembrance for those who have died in our nation's service. No other country in the world has so readily given the lives of their youth to fight in the cause for freedom throughout time and all over the world. Let us not forget our soldiers, sailors, men and women in far corners of the globe who currently are risking their lives and the millions of brave soldiers and sailors who are currently buried in cemeteries all around the world.

Chairman Abatta, I have a couple of closing thoughts that I would like to express to the residents and taxpayers of the Township. If you saw the caucus meeting and the regular

meetings tonight and some of the first comments, there were not a lot of items on the agenda. The reason there are not many items at this point in time is that things are typically more relaxed at this time of the year. I think the most important reason why our agenda was so succinct is because most of the people whom I have spoken with during my visits throughout the Township that have issues, we have laid out a framework for them to get answers to their problems. When you have an issue, something that you are concerned about, please do not wait until the first Monday of the month to come here and express your concerns and expect the Board to have immediate solutions. This is a process that we have to work through. As a result, a lot of the residents that I spoke to within the past month, have taken me to task and been in contact with me. I answered no less than 7 emails and I had no less than 5 phone calls from residents with concerns. What I did was relay them to the appropriate department or individual to get an answer and they were very thankful for it. We want to hear what your issues and concerns are. Everyone that came here this evening and spoke, I want to commend you. I hope that you understand that the meetings from now on are business meetings. You may speak to agenda items before we vote on them. This keeps things in order. We do not want a circus atmosphere, people coming to the microphone screaming or personal attacks against sitting Commissioners or employees of the Township. I understand that everyone here at some point in time has an issue, but please follow the same procedures to get your issues heard. Once we adjourn this particular business meeting, we will hear comments on non-agenda items or anything that the residents would like to speak to. Please bear in mind that the same rules of decorum must apply. There will be no personal attacks or making false accusations or screaming from the back of the room. We will get you answers to your problems. We will work for you. That is what everyone on this Board is here to do. We are here to serve, not be served.

I would like to congratulate the Montour Girls Softball team on winning the Class AAA WPIAL crown by defeating Elizabeth Forward 7-0. Congratulations to Coach Bill Wills and his entire team. At the conclusion of their season, we would like to have all of the players and coaches attend the next televised meeting to receive a well earned commendation for all of their dedication, hard-work and accomplishments in representing our community. I would also like to announce that Robinson Township will be hosting our COG meeting on June 21st.

The Robinson Township Community Newsletter should be in your mailboxes today. Thanks goes out to our Parks Department and Ms. Jane Tallon for helping to get this out to the residents.

In conclusion, the Autumn Festival will be held on September 15, 2012. There will be food, games and activities for all ages. The feature band this year will be "No Bad JuJu". Lastly, Parkway West Rotary Club will hold their 14th Annual Jerry Dulac Charity Golf Classic at Diamond Run Golf Course on July 14th. Anyone interested in sponsoring auctions or to join a foursome, please call 724-947-1234 for more information. The Rotary Club supports many worthwhile causes and organizations. This year the Rotary

Club would like to help our parks. They are looking to purchase an outdoor stage to be used for our community events.

MOTION Forquer, SECOND Shiwarski to adjourn the Meeting.

ROLL CALL: Cegelski-Y, Mapel-Y, Shiwarski-Y, Forquer-Y, Abatta-Y.

M/C 5-0

CITIZENS COMMENTS - NON AGENDA ITEMS

Charles Simm (34 Eichelberger Drive) spoke regarding concerns about the Sunshine Law. He stated that he is requesting 48 hour advance posting of the agenda at the Township municipal offices. He also inquired as to how he can get legal questions on the agenda.

Linda Jakubec (539 Meade Drive) stated that she refused to participate in a meeting which she feels is illegal.

Steve Taylor (Scottdale Drive) spoke regarding the Sunshine Law Sections 710.A, 710.1A, 708 B, 710.C. He also spoke regarding veterans and freedom of speech issues.

Respectfully submitted,



Carol Merks
Secretary.