

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2012

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Samuel Abatta called the regular meeting of September 4, 2012 to order at the Municipal Complex, 1000 Church Hill Road at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

The Board recognized Christopher Siak for his recent Eagle Scout Award. His project was setting up two new signs for the Montour Trail along the Airport Connector/Montour Trail. He also constructed a picnic shelter on Mile 9.5.

The Board congratulated Mr. Siak for his service and accomplishments.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

The Engineering Status Report from Remington, Vernick & Beach dated September 4, 2012 is attached.

Engineer Meyer stated that the remaining work for the 2011 and 2012 Road Programs will probably begin approximately 2 weeks from today. The roads that are left to be paved are: Parkway View Drive, East Windhaven Road, Buratti Drive and Geysler Road.

Mgr. Bibro, it depends on where we are budget wise as well as far as how many of those roads are going to be completed. A few of those are guaranteed to be completed and some are discretionary as we move forward, depending on the budget.

Engineer Meyer, a pre-trial date has been set September 10<sup>th</sup> for Oak Ridge Estates/Oaks. The solicitor had me go out and take some pictures to create a revised bond estimate with some new numbers as well as if any further damage has happened since the last punchlist.

Chairman Abatta, does he have the ability to appeal? What can he do legally?

Solicitor Kamin, this is a pre-trial as opposed to a trial. During the pre-trial, the judge will bring all of the parties in and see if there is any basis for settling the case before the trial. The trial date will probably be set in October or November and will go on the list.

Engineer Meyer, one other thing that has occurred since we wrote our report last Thursday concerning Stafford Park, they are intending to be working on their basin tomorrow, weather permitting. At that point, they should be out doing more work. Also,

in the meantime I received correspondence and spoke with people from MATR that there are some concerns about the right of way locations of some of the sanitary manholes. With that, I sent them a letter requesting that they supply their as-built drawings which show where the road is located and making sure that any of the stormwater is in the proper location. That has been sent to the developer as well.

Engineer Meyer, in regards to Lake Steuben, all of the spillway adequacy calculations have been completed and we are awaiting response from DEP on whether any additional work needs to be completed.

POLICE REPORT BY CHIEF VIETMEIER

Chief Vietmeier was not in attendance

Ms. Jane Tallon (Parks Board Chairperson) spoke regarding the 10<sup>th</sup> annual Autumn Festival to be held on September 15<sup>th</sup>. The Daniel P. Tallon Memorial Field will be dedicated at 7:00 p.m. Musical entertainment will take place throughout the day and concluding with fireworks at 10:00. Additional information can be found on the Township website.

Chairman Abatta, at some point I am going to mention all of the contributors. I would also like to have the Parks Board present at a future meeting for recognition so people in the Township can realize that it is not a one person operation,

Ms. Tallon responded. Absolutely. This is not just the Parks Board, it is Public Works, Board of Commissioners, Twp. Manager, Secretaries, etc.

TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Kamin stated that he will report later on in the meeting.

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CONDUCTED AN EXECUTIVE SESSION ON SEPTEMBER 4, 2012 FROM FROM 6:00 P.M. TO 7:00 P.M. TO DISCUSS LEGAL MATTERS, DOCKET NO. GD12-011597. THE BOARD WILL TAKE OFFICIAL ACTION, IF ANY, FROM THIS EXECUTIVE SESSION DURING THIS MEETING.

Discussion to approve the August, 2012 Treasurer's Report distributed on September 4<sup>th</sup>.

Discussion to approve the August 2012 List of Bills

**NEW BUSINESS**

Discussion to commit \$5,000 in the 2013 budget towards a Campbell's Run Watershed Study in conjunction with Carnegie Borough and Collier township to provide support for securing a grant through the Community and Infrastructure Tourism Fund (CITF)

Vice-Chairman Forquer, they did want more than that, but I think that is what we are going to offer at this time and see how that goes. They are trying to get Congressman Murphy involved with this so that maybe he can get us a federal grant as well.

Discussion to approve the financing for two (2) 2013 Peterbilt Dump Trucks (Model 348 and 367) in the amount of \$274,874 through First National Bank at a 5 year term with an interest rate of 3.75% and a \$50,000 down payment due at the time of delivery.

Discussion to approve Resolution No. 19 of 2012 establishing the 2013 Minimum Municipal Obligation for the Non-Uniformed Employees Pension Plan in the amount of \$196,435.20.

Discussion to approve Resolution No. 20 of 2012 establishing the 2013 Municipal Obligation for the Police Pension Plan in the amount of \$625,282.

Discussion to approve Resolution No. 21 of 2012 updating the Robinson Township Emergency Action Plan as recommended by the township's Emergency Management Coordinator.

Brian Jazudek (Emergency Management Coordinator), the plan is required to be updated every 2 to 3 years. Without that plan signed off on by the Commissioners, in the event of any type of disaster where you would want federal funds, if you do not have a plan in place and registered with the county, your request usually ends up in the circular file. That happened to a lot of communities out near the Hershey area last year when they received over 11 inches of rain. They did not have their plan up to date and they were basically denied federal funding.

Discussion to notify Central Tax Bureau of Pennsylvania, Inc. to terminate its contract with the Township for the collection of Local Service Taxes (LST) and Delinquent Earned Income Taxes (EIT) as a result of its failure to remit monthly payments and statements and in accordance with the termination provision stated in the contract effective immediately.

Mgr. Bibro, I want everyone to be clear that the agenda originally said ninety (90) days and that is because the contract states a ninety (90) day termination. This was prepared before we actually found out that Centax is closing its doors and will not be operating in a very short time period. There is also a clause in the contract that if Centax is failing to

do a lot of the things that they committed to do, we can terminate immediately and appoint a new collector, which is what we are going to do. We decided that we cannot afford to wait ninety (90) more days. They have been holding our LST money for four months. We need to make a move immediately and appoint a new collector.

Solicitor Kamin, what has happened is, the Borough of Greentree filed a petition to appoint a receiver for Centax. There were a number of municipalities that attended a meeting with Judge Ward, who handles complex matters in Allegheny County. On behalf of the Township, I would like to recommend that we intervene in the receivership. This basically is a conservator or somebody here who is going to walk in and see that no further damage is done to Robinson Township. They will gather all of the books and records together and try to find out what happened to the money. We have not received any money since May from LST so I would like to become part of that receivership and get in on the ground floor. I am going to ask for a Motion later on that you allow the Manager and the Solicitor to take further action as is necessary to prosecute the receivership that is currently before Common Pleas Court.

Chairman Abatta, I think that is a prudent move.

Discussion to appoint Jordan Tax Services, Inc. as the Township's Local Service Tax (LST) and the Delinquent Earned Income Tax (EIT) collector effective immediately after termination of the Township's contract with Central Tax Bureau, Inc. subject to the entry into an agreement in form and content acceptable to the Township Solicitor.

Chairman Abatta, I have another addendum that I am going to enter. I am calling it 16-A.

Discussion to advertise Ordinance No. 7 of 2012 of the Township of Robinson adopting the schedule of reasonable costs in connection with the collection of Delinquent Local Services Taxes and Delinquent Earned Income Taxes and Net Profit Taxes as authorized by the Local Tax Enabling Act, Act 511 as amended by Act 7 of 27 and Act 32 of 2008.

Discussion to appoint Chris Crytzer to the Robinson Township Library Board to complete a term that expires December 31, 2013.

#### CITIZENS COMMENTS (AGENDA ITEMS)

No citizens signed in.

#### FINANCE UPDATE BY VICE-CHAIRMAN FORQUER

Vice-Chairman Forquer, the balance in the general account as of this morning was \$3,576,151. The market value of the police pension fund as of the close of business day, Friday, August 31<sup>st</sup> was \$10,268,112. This was an increase from the August 3<sup>rd</sup> report which was \$10,177,432. The police pension fund is funded every year by the Township and the State. Because a portion of this account is in stock and bond funds, the account

balance is subject to market volatility. The downward trend in foreign markets due to our lower growth expectations and the sovereign debt crisis in Greece and Spain are still unresolved. Currently Spain has a 25% unemployment rate and people are withdrawing their funds from the banks and leaving the country. The concerns now are that Spain could be worse off than Greece. For the August Treasurer's Report, EIT transfers were \$601,400 for the month from Jordan. We collected \$38,000 from Centax. The year to date total is \$2,107,438. Of that total, \$395,000 of the total was paid to us by Centax for this year. Although the bank transfers indicated those payments from Centax were from last year, I am reserving comment until I have seen an audit of our Centax accounts. In any case, I am estimating that by this year's end the Township should collect \$2,963,600 in EIT. The budget was actually \$2,150,000. That is an estimated \$813,600 that would be above the budget for that particular item for the EIT transfer. LST collected in August was 0, which brings the year to date to \$348,207. The past history to date shows that the high was \$607,000 and the low was \$500,000. The budget for the year is \$880,000 so the uncollected revenue at the end of the year could amount to as much as \$232,000. Fortunately, because of the gains in EIT and Delinquent Tax Collection, even if we don't collect the remaining \$532,000 of the LST taxes, our revenue should still exceed the budget by \$360,000. Real Estate taxes including interim collected for August were \$60,061. The year to date is \$4,000,741. The 2012 budget for real estate is \$4,100,000 so we are getting close to what our budget was and I think we are going to make it. Interim taxes collected for the period were 0 and year to date \$6,928. Our budget for interim is \$30,000. I think we are going to have to look into that. I understand there might be some problem with Allegheny County that is holding up interim collection. We will be looking into that before the next meeting. Real Estate delinquent taxes collected by Jordan for May were \$2,748. The year to date is \$175,596. Our budget for the year was only \$75,000, so Jordan's collection has exceeded our budget by over \$100,000. They are doing a bang-up job for us. On the earned income taxes, their turnover is very quick.

Solicitor Kamin, if I may just add that all is not bleak. You mentioned our loss, but on August 18<sup>th</sup>, this Board authorized us to file a notice with the surety of Centax. We have made a claim on their bond. I believe that it is Travelers Insurance. There is a time lag and you will have to have an audit in order to figure out how much has not been paid, but we have made the claim on the bond so it will not be a total loss. The Board did insist that Centax have a bond whenever we entered into the contract and now maybe it will pay off.

#### BUILDING INSPECTOR/ZONING OFFICER REPORT

A copy of the August, 2012 Report by Mr. Urbano is attached to the minutes.

MOTION Cegelski, SECOND Mapel to approve the August, 2012 Treasurer's Report.

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

M/C 5-0

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

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M/C 5-0

MOTION Forquer, SECOND Shiwarski to authorize the Township Manager and Solicitor to intervene in the lawsuit filed at GD12014609 titled the Borough of Greentree versus Central Tax Bureau of Pennsylvania, Inc. Further, that the Solicitor and the Township Manager are authorized to take all actions necessary, including the execution of any documents with respect to this particular case and any other case which may deem appropriate in order to collect the funds which were not remitted to Robinson Township by Central Tax Bureau

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MOTION Shiwarski, SECOND Forquer to appoint Chris Crytzer to the Robinson Township Library Board to complete a term that expires December 31, 2013

Commissioner Cegelski, just for the public, that is because we had a resignation from Mr. Daniel Vete.

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

#### NON-AGENDA CITIZENS COMMENTS (3 MINUTES)

Stephen Taylor (108 Scottdale Drive), tonight I just want to bring it to attention that for two years I have been trying to solve a problem with the building permits and the occupancy permits for the Brother's Grimm. It appears that there has been no help in trying to solve this. There is a court date set for October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00 a.m. downtown. I currently have subpoenas to deliver to Mr. Urbano, Mr. Forquer, Mr. Mapel and Mr. Bibro requesting certain information. I have tried for over two years to get

information from the Township and for the lack of something, none of this information has been delivered. I do have papers here requiring that information to be brought with you to court.

Chuck Marks (6154 Steubenville Pike), over the past month, many citizens have expressed their thanks for fighting for my right to speak to this forum. Others have questioned me as to why last month's meeting was only shown once, which was during live broadcast. I believe the meetings are re-run every Monday of the month. I just find it puzzling that the meeting that was not shown dealt with public comments. Hopefully this meeting will be shown again. Was there a mechanical failure?

Chairman Abatta, in the budget we spent upwards of \$2000 to repair some of the video equipment.

Kathy Jo Marks (6154 Steubenville Pike), at the last public meeting the Board of Commissioners stated on record to the citizens of Robinson Township that Chuck and I did not live or own property in Robinson Township. That is correct. More importantly, I want everyone here to know these facts. This Board of Commissioners so eloquently implied that Chuck was marginally worthy of speaking here at this public meeting. Mr. Abatta was not trying to be nice, kind or polite by allowing Chuck to speak at the last meeting. It is Chuck's legal right to speak here. Chuck not only pays his taxes, but is a small business owner here in Robinson Township who employs several workers. I would think that this Board of Commissioners would like to keep an open communications link with the small business owners and in turn would promote growth and stability in our community.

Russell Cook (160 Helen St.), I would just like to thank everybody that took my phone number last meeting up here and I appreciate your phone calls because I got none of them. Nobody called me and nobody came down to look at my situation. I guess that is the way this Board is running now. The administration never returns any phone calls, but they send a letter out that costs money. I think a phone call is a little cheaper than sending letters out. I would like to see where you came down and looked at this property and seen a tree line that this describes. You must have been looking in the air because there is no tree line where I live. Maybe you didn't understand me the first time that I said this, but there is a man who lives on that street that came down with a bulldozer and ripped up 150 ft. of Township road and you sat there and did nothing about it. You paved the road. What did it cost the Township taxpayers? Did it cost \$30,000? What is he giving back to you? I know over the years he has also donated to the Township Christmas parties. Is that what he is doing this year? I would like to see him repay this money that you did not even study your homework and find out why that road was never paved in 4 years before you jumped the gun and paved it. Mr. Bibro, you are looking out the window at the rainstorm today. I heard you giggling and saying "lucky the storm sewers are working and we are not getting flooded out". Well, that road that you paved.....

Mgr. Bibro, I never said that Mr. Cook.

Mr. Cook, come down and look at my property from that road. You never put drainage up there and I am getting swamped out and there is mud down in my property every day that it rains. That was an engineer's call and not a manager's call on that road. Four years ago they declined to do that road, but you go and jump the gun and spend and waste taxpayer dollars. I don't think that should be going on in this Township.

Chairman Abatta, before Commissioners Comments I would like to illicit some informational items that I think are very pertinent. The responses that I have been getting because of some of the concerns that I and many residents have about issues that directly affect the Township of Robinson through the Montour School District. I would like to make some things public. I am sure that you seen in the newspaper, the Superintendent from the Montour School District making some comments which I feel were totally off-base and not to the fact. I would like to respond to some of those comments. What I have in front of me is a letter dated August 6, 2012 from GAI Consultants. What basically it is, is a preliminary site punchlist for Montour High School, Robinson Township. As you are all well aware, the construction going on at the high school has been going on for quite some time. There are some issues. There is a list of approximately 19 issues here that have not been met by Montour School District. I am not going to go through and read every specific one, but one that I feel is very germane I am going to comment on at this time because the Superintendent has commented on it also. Regarding the emergency access road, if any of you people are familiar with it, I am talking about at the bottom of Clever Rd., across from the gas house. If you look up towards your left if you are coming from Kennedy Township to Robinson Township you can see what the school district thinks is an emergency access road. It is not up to standards. It is basically a goat path. One of the big concerns that I have with that particular road not being constructed the way that it should be constructed is that in the event of an emergency. We are living in 2012 now. We all realize what has happened in Colorado and Wisconsin. It may never happen in our specific area and we certainly hope that it does not, but the access road to that high school is not feasible. It is something that needs to be done according to the plans that were submitted by GAI Engineers and it needs to be in conformance as far as grade is concerned and cartway width in the event that an emergency should arise at that high school. If you ever have to get out of there and the main entrance is blocked for some unforeseen reason, there is no way to access or egress that property from another area. I feel that is a very valid concern that has to be addressed and I feel that the district is remiss in addressing this particular issue. This is not the only issue that I am concerned with. Board members also have some other concerns with it. I will make this GAI Consultants letter public. I have had our Manager make copies and I would like to distribute it to the press and anyone else in the audience who is interested in seeing where the problem lies. I wanted to address this now before the Commissioners comments because some of the Commissioners may react to the same things I am talking about here.

#### COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

**Commissioner Cegelski**, I hope everyone had an enjoyable Labor Day as we celebrated and recognized the important contributions of America's workforce for their economic

and social contributions. As the Commissioner liaison to the Robinson Library, don't forget to check out the Robinson Township Library happenings for the month of September and some events to note are as follows: Tomorrow night if you are interested in finding out about an Alaskan cruise, that will be at 6:30. There is a mystery book discussion on Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. For our seniors, caring for your loved ones/solutions for seniors and their families on Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. and representatives from Synergy Home Care Senior Living Advisors, Julian Gray Elder Law, Asbury Heights, etc. They will all be there to provide information and answer questions. You will need to pre-register if you are interested in attending.

I look forward to attending the Autumn Festival Celebration on September 15<sup>th</sup>. I am hoping that as many residents as possible can attend.

**Commissioner Mapel**, I actually had a few items prepared this evening, but I think that in light of a lot of this is heading towards or is already in litigation, I think it is best to skirt around some of this as best we can. I think the folks in the listening audience have a right to be updated on some of the ways their tax dollars are being spent and their government is being run. I am going to start off on a positive note with the pending project with Industrial Scientific. We very much look forward to this project. There will be over 800 new jobs to this area. It is critically important to our regional economy. Recently, it was in a perilous condition with regards to the issuance of sewer taps, which we did not realize was going to be a problem as this project developed. I would like to thank the DEP and our municipal authority and the efforts of our Township Manager and Mr. Urbano. They took time to meet at the DEP and work through these issues. I am very pleased to be able to report to you tonight that this project is moving forward with these issues having been resolved. I think they are all deserving of our gratitude.

Several other items that I would like to briefly comment on. Chairman Abatta has made mention of some corrective measures that need to take place at the high school project that is ongoing. I am not going to get into those kinds of details in a lot of depth right now, but it needs to be understood that the emergency access road is not the only issue. Contrary to what has been published, there are other issues. There were in excess of 30 plus items on our engineer's punchlist that were either not done, or not done in accordance with the way the plans were prepared and approved. We have a right to know where our tax dollars are being spent. We have a right to have a sense of confidence that the items that are being built and constructed with our publicly funded monies are being done in accordance with the way those drawings were prepared and approved by this Township. That is what we are here to insure happens. It is disheartening to me when I see how decisions are made based upon priorities that would be very inconsistent with the priorities that I represent personally and this Board represents in general. To prioritize the safety, health and welfare of our students, faculty and anyone that occupies that high school campus, that is our highest priority. I cannot imagine why a school district and board of directors that make those decisions on behalf of that district would prioritize anything else. There has been issue taken with whether our fire code was properly

adopted. I don't even know why that would even be an issue? If it is, it should not be. We are still in the process of exploring specific to that code, whether in fact it was adopted properly and if it does exist. I have reason to believe that it was intended to be adopted in its entirety. We are still in the process of seeing if that happened. It is a mute point as far as I am concerned. If that road was designed into the plan to provide a safety access/exit route off of that campus and it is not being built that way, then we need to understand why, especially if funds were budgeted and allocated for that construction. Furthermore, I am not going to get into details as to whom said what and when it was said, but I will tell you this, as long as I have been sitting on this Board which has been five or six months now, and prior to that when I sat on the Planning Commission with Mr. Urbano, I have seen nothing but professional behavior from our Planning Director and members of our Planning Commission. No activity or decision that has been made is not consistent with protocol and the highest professional measures. Have confidence and know that there should be no question about the integrity of anyone sitting up here. I am offended if that is what is being said out there.

Moving on to Public Safety, I would like to thank Giant Eagle. We have been talking as the months progress about the ongoing effort to acquire a canine for our police department. That is still in the process of moving forward. Giant Eagle has offered to produce, as often as necessary, the feed necessary for this new acquisition to our police department and I think they need to be commended for their contribution. When we put the budget together that accommodates this, I think that needs to be taken into consideration as well. Also, we have talked over the past several months about police activities. There are people who ask me on a fairly regular basis why we are not kept abreast of activities as they go on in real time. You would have to talk in more detail to our attorney about the legalities, but I will pass this on to you. Chief Vietmeier has given me the radio frequency which is 460.025 for anyone who cares to monitor that frequency. You can get as much as you like. It is all there for you. All you have to do is tune into that frequency and you can hear whatever you want. Beyond that, our Township Manager, our Police Chief, any of us are available at any time if you have additional questions that you cannot get by tuning in.

I just received this information before I left for the meeting this evening, I think it is appropriate that we commend Officer Joel Hamilton for some above and beyond duty. He was able to apprehend some shoplifting at the Giant Eagle Market District. It may not sound like a big deal, but when you have \$1700.00 in your shopping cart and you do that two days in a row, it is a big deal. He was able to apprehend and get a confession from these people who are not from this area. I think that type of police work deserves to be commended.

**Commissioner Shiwarski**, I would like to speak in regards to the school. When we are talking about those who are at the school, this could be students, teachers, people going there for activities, their safety has to be paramount. The safety of the people that we are charged with taking care of is paramount to any decision that we make. I would like to echo Commissioner Mapel's sentiments. Also, we have Solicitor Kamin here this evening. He have us a little tutorial on what a pre-trail is and I am hopeful that the pre-trail for The Oaks will make that situation disappear to the satisfaction of the majority and the residents and what they deserve up there. Also, just as a notice, my wife is one of the people who has talked about this, if we have a pest control? She seen a raccoon out in my backyard in the middle of the day, is there a link on our website where we can call for some assistance?

Manager Bibro, there is a number for Triangle Pet and it is on our website.

Commissioner Shiwarski continued, lastly, I just want to give a little bit of appreciation to the citizens who show up here every meeting, not to get up to the podium, but just want to be involved in the government and watch how it happens and to the people who are at home who watch this on their television sets. That is our community and government at its best and I appreciate that.

Remember that our Autumn Festival is coming up and as Jane stated, it is one of the things that Robinson does better than almost any other community around. It is well worth anybody coming to participate and enjoy. There is good food there so please come out and enjoy.

**Vice-Chairman Forquer**, I too think that the emergency road going up to the school is very important. It was on the drawings and it was a full-blown emergency road and was graded properly if you had an issue where the main route was blocked up there because of an accident down on Clever Rd or for any reason, you could not get vehicles up and down there. It would not necessarily have to be a fire, it could be an EMS unit or something. We cannot have a road with a 30 degree range because you would have to have booster rockets or something on your vehicle to get up there. It needs to be addressed. The money must have been in the budget at the beginning of the project to build that road so to take it out right now, I think they better find a way to get that in there and built properly. It was in there for a reason because they needed it and it should be completed. The next thing, I agree with Bobbie, our labor force in the United States is extremely important and it is important for so many reasons. We have to maintain the capability to be able to do manufacturing in the United States and at very high technical levels as well as getting down to machine shops where they are turning wheels or axels or whatever. We need to keep our manufacturing capabilities in this country. I think we are starting to see some of that come back. It is not so much the grand exodus that it once was. What we need right now to turn this country around, we have to have some prosperity. If some of the other countries in the world can turn their economies around and they get the ball rolling, China has been a tremendous driver. There are jobs in the

energy industry that are available for people. I think things are going to turn around. It may not be as fast as we thought it was going to happen initially, but I think over the next two years or so, I think we will see an upturn. The market actually in the U.S. is probably close to its highest point within the past year. I track the market pretty much because of my own investments. Also, at the invitation of the Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald, Sam Abatta and I were asked to attend a meeting on May 15<sup>th</sup> in his office. It was to discuss the 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 lawyer, Bob Garvin was also in attendance and together we laid out a possible solution to resolve and come to a settlement for the contractual disputes that are involved in both the TIF contracts. We are currently in negotiations and hope to reach agreement soon inclusive of all parties. Since then, the progress has been extremely slow and I am beginning to lose patience with the situation. Both taxing bodies besides us, Allegheny County and Montour School District, and I believe that Allegheny County is going to begin withholding TIF on the Peripheral Bonds and the school district needs to do the same thing. That will perhaps pressure the developers into coming to the table and resolving issues on that. On the Peripheral bonds, if we don't reach a settlement where they accept the prevailing rates of taxes, there is going to be \$9 million worth of debt left at the end of 2019 and it is not right. There was not enough funds in that district to fund the amount of bonds. Those bonds are owned by the developers. One bond was 16%, one was 12% and another at 9%. One of the bonds actually goes away if you don't pay anything on it, which is very strange. I am not going to complain about that. I wish they were all written that way. We need to get that resolved and the other TIF contract resolved. I think maybe on that one we are closer. I am just getting a little frustrated and I hope this thing moves along a little quicker.

Finally, I would like to remind everyone about the Autumn Festival. It is really something. If you have not been there or know people who have not been there, tell people to come over and check it out. There is a lot of good food, rides for the kids and I think you will have a very good time. Our parks board and road crew, etc. put a lot of work into it. I think it is one of the things that really showcase our Township and we are all very proud of it.

Chairman Abatta, please join us for the festival on September 15<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 to 10:00 p.m. at the Burkett Field.

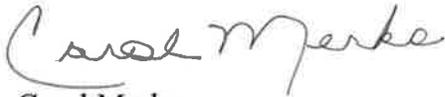
Copies of the report that I made public this evening are available if anyone in the audience would like a copy. If you cannot pick one up tonight, Mr. Bibro will have these available to you during regular business hours.

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MOTION Forquer, SECOND Shiwarski to adjourn the meeting.  
ROLL CALL: Cegelski-Y, Mapel-Y, Shiwarski-Y, Forquer-Y, Abatta-Y.  
M/C 5-0

Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Carol Merks". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Carol Merks  
Secretary