

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2015
7:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Sam Abatta called the meeting of March 2, 2015 to order at the Municipal Complex, 1000 Church Hill Road at 7:25 p.m. Due to the urgency of some business matters, the meeting was delayed from 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: Mapel-Present, Barefoot-Present, Kisow-Present, Shiwarski-Present, Abatta-Present. Also in attendance were Lynne Finnerty, Esq. , Township Manager Silka, Treasurer Kezmarsky, Planning Director Urbano, Engineer Maher and Mrs. Merks for the purpose of taking minutes.

Presentation by Dan Smith representing the James L. Smith Insurance Agency.

Mr. Smith, I would like to express my gratitude to the Board of Commissioners. During the Fall there was a request for proposals for agencies to handle the Township's insurance needs and fortunately we were selected to do that for a three year period. I want to thank you for that vote of confidence in our agency to help guide the Township through its risk management. For the past several years, the insurance for the Township on the property liability, public officials, police professional and automobile has all been handled by Employers Mutual. Since they are a mutual company, one of the things that they do, they are required to return any excess premiums that they have collected. The way that they do that is through a dividend program. The Township for the period from 2013 to 2014 had an exceptional loss record and so Employers declared a dividend on that policy year and the Township is now being returned approximately 20% of the premiums that were collected during that period. I have a check in the amount of \$25,112.73 to present to the Township.

Chairman Abatta, thanked Mr. Smith and the James L. Smith Agency for their service, good business practices and representation.

Presentation by Michael Christ and Ericka Deyarmin (Waste Management)

Ms. Dayarmin, I am here to speak on behalf of Waste Management. Thank you for having us here this evening. We are here to introduce the new recycling carts that are going to be delivered to residents at the end of March. There is a sample here this evening. It is a 65 gallon recycling bin. It is going to house all of their single stream materials. We are switching to a new automated recycling collection that is going to begin during your service week of April 6th. What is going to happen is, these recycling

carts are going to be picked up by an automated arm that extends out from our truck, lifts the container, puts the material into our bin and then takes it off for recycling. With the new size container, we are hoping that it increases your participation in recycling and it also makes it easier for residents to use. There are wheels on the back of the container which makes it very easy to maneuver. It is also very lightweight and will withstand up to 50 mph winds. Inside your recycling container, it will hold all of your old materials that you formerly put into your old bins such as your glass, plastic, paper, cardboard and your metals. We ask that residents use them without any of the plastic bags. They can just put the materials freely flowing into the container. They are going to be delivered the week of March 30th. There is a rolling delivery that week, so all residents by the end of the week (April 4th) should receive their containers.

When they receive the containers, they will see a flyer that gives them all of the instructions on how to use them and also what materials can be placed in the cart. They are very easy to use as long as the arrow on the front and top are pointing forward. For the old bins, we are going to set up a roll-off container right here at the Township building where residents can either choose to keep their bins or they can bring them to this container for recycling. We will pick up the containers after a chosen date for recycling and re-use.

Vice-Chairman Shiwarski, if a resident does not receive it by a certain date, is there a number or a procedure that they should follow in order to secure their container?

Ms. Deyarmin, we ask that they contact Waste Management at the customer service number that they normally call. We will make sure also that as these carts are being delivered, there is an RF ID chip in here that is going to be associated with an address. The Township will receive the list after the deliveries have been made so you will be able to identify the cart to the resident's home.

Chairman Abatta, Ericka made a great presentation and I am sure that it is worthwhile and is something that we all can use. We have some senior citizens, myself included, that live in the Township. The container may be bigger than them. With it loaded up, it may be hard for them to handle. Are there smaller ones or any other options for them?

Ms. Deyarmin, I am going to defer to Mr. Silka on that.

Mgr. Silka, we are on the agenda for the March 11th AARP luncheon. We will do this presentation to the seniors to show them how easy it is, even though it looks ominous. It is not as heavy as it looks. There may be an option if somebody absolutely cannot physically maintain that unit.

Ms. Deyarmin, if you think about the old bins, there are no wheels on them which make it very difficult to pick up and maneuver. These wheels can be a lot easier when you are wheeling it down or up your driveway.

Chairman Abatta, will this be on the website?

Mgr. Silka, we will be starting our media blitz on this.

Commissioner Barefoot, and this is a very nominal cost to our public? I know that we covered that.

Mgr. Silka, correct.

Vice-Chairman Shiwarski, there are several other communities that have rolled this out as well?

Ms. Deyarmin, yes. We have several communities in the North Hills area and starting April 1st, we will have four communities in the South Hills area. We will have Robinson Township, Scott Township, Peters Township and Upper St. Clair.

Vice-Chairman Shiwarski, this doubles the capacity that we can collect. There is a residual on the amount of recyclables that we collect so if we do collect then it also goes back to the Township.

Mgr. Silka, we do receive a recycling grant every year from our usage. If I may add one thing, this service was included in our latest bid for Waste Management and one of the reasons that makes this affordable, is because Waste Management owns these containers. The residents are not buying them.

Chairman Abatta, in closing, the pickup dates will not change?

Ms. Deyarmin, your pickup dates will not change. April 6th is going to be the week that we begin the service. We do ask that you not use your old containers at that time. You can put your new containers to use.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Chairman Abatta, I see that Mr. Meyer is not here this evening.

Engineer Charles Maher is substituting for Mr. Meyer tonight.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

CDBG Year 40 –The remodeling of the restroom on the 2nd floor has been completed.

CDBG Year 41 – this relates to ADA signage through a grant from COG. We are awaiting further direction.

Fawnvue Dr. Storm Sewer – review of the plans have been completed. Public Works will begin construction shortly.

2015 Road Program – we have met with the Township staff and are beginning the specification development.

Park Manor Boulevard Drainage – the preliminary investigation and review of existing conditions has been completed. We are working on a cost estimate and investigating the downstream conditions.

DEVELOPMENTAL INSPECTION

ISC – Developer is continuing to work on site. They have also submitted a waiver request which is on the agenda this evening for screening materials.

MONTOUR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL –the contractor is continuing to work on the site. The site work is 75% complete.

PROVIDENCE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH – The contractor is continuing to work at the site.

PLEASANT VIEW CONDOMINIUMS – a list of bonds need to be put in place for the work at Pleasant View Condominiums. The list includes outstanding bonds for incomplete work at Phase I and II along with road maintenance bond for W. Windhaven Rd. and repair of Wingate Drive. The bonds have been forwarded to the Solicitor for incorporation into the development agreement.

TWO MARQUIS PLAZA – the contractor is currently working on the stormwater conveyance. They are also looking at having some revisions to their existing stormwater pipes.

BRANDYMILL WOODS SITE PLAN – the performance bond needs to be incorporated into the developer's agreement. The review of the plans has been completed and have performed a performance bond in the amount of \$555,000.

THE RIDGE AT ROBINSON SITE PLAN – we are working with the developer and have come up with a bond estimate. This estimate has also been forwarded to the Solicitor for incorporation into the Developer's Agreement.

Arbor Trail Subdivision – a pre-construction meeting has been scheduled for March 5th.

DEVELOPMENTAL REVIEWS

ARBOR TRAIL SUBDIVISION – the amended subdivision plan has been recommended for approval by the Planning Commission and is on the agenda this evening.

Keith (Knickerbocker) Site Plan – we have met with the applicant and stated that the application was incomplete as submitted. The applicant will be hiring an engineer in order to meet the requirements of the SALDO and Zoning.

Massaro Site Plan and CRA II Plan of Lots – we are working on the review of the site plans

Vice-Chairman Shiwarski requested that Mr. Silka give a quick overview on the Fawnvue Drive project, Park Manor and the Road Program.

Mgr. Silka, I do not have that report in front of me, but the 2015 Road Program, what we are taking a look at is through the last couple of months the Public Works Foreman, myself and the Public Works Chair, we took a look at the Township roads and started ranking them on the need to perform maintenance and at what level. Also, what we now have is our wish list. We are going to meet with MATR to see what their future projects are to make sure that we are not paving a road that is going to be dug up in the next year or two. We are going to try and touch every part of the Township within our \$500,000 budget to get the most bang for the buck and at the same time, not pave over something with new asphalt that will be dug up by MATR. We are going to work on that and probably at next month's meeting we will have a pretty good list of where we are going to be.

Regarding the Fawnvue Dr. issue, that is a drainage issue where we have a stormwater outlet that came out in back of homes. The pipe has blown out and has caused severe erosion at the back of the Fawnvue properties. It is a two pronged approach. The first prong is going to be to re-direct the water from the current storm inlet to a second storm inlet and that will be done by our work crew, hopefully in the next couple of weeks once the weather breaks. The second part of that is going to be reclamation of the eroded area with engineered fill. We are releasing geo-mechanics to do a study of what we need to do to make sure that fill is put in properly and give us a proper engineering. It is going to be approximately \$11,000. We just cannot backfill because we have to make sure that the fill is correct as there are properties involved.

The Park Manor Drive around the mall, we are suffering some pipe failures in large rains. We have a lot of velocity into the pipes. We are going to take a look at re-routing certain pipes. That is going to be a major capital expense and probably will involve bond funding that we will be addressing in the next couple of months. We have a 48 inch pipe and as the water comes down, it is blowing out the pipe segments. As we reinforce one pipe, it is just going downstream and now we have a major hole. What we have done is basically left a hole there to relieve the pressure on the pipes. We are going to have to re-route some water from 48 to 60 inch pipes.

POLICE REPORT

Lt. Krall submitted a copy of the February Report, which is attached to the minutes.

Chairman Abatta, it is good to see Chief Vietmeier in the audience. I hope that you are healing. We want you back.

ADMINISTRATION UPDATE

Manager Silka, in regards to the comprehensive plan/zoning ordinance update, we are having our kick-off meeting this Friday at 9:00 a.m. with our consultant, Environmental Planning and Design. I have notified the state contract manager and there is a good chance that Mr. Puko will be attending also. The meeting will map out our framework of how we are going to move forward on implementing this process. We will keep the Board up to date and anyone who wants to attend is more than welcome.

I will be attending the PELRAS Conference on March 17th thru March 20th. This is the premier labor relations conference for public sector. I waited too long last year, but I was able to get in so I will be away at that conference. That is one of the better conferences in the state to attend.

Our salt price is down to \$76.48 a ton. The fuel surcharges of .55 have actually been taken away. The problem now is a supply issue. Fortunately, we have no problem with supply as we have a good amount left, but our policy is to fill it as we use it. Currently we are ordering as we use it. Right now we are owed about 800 tons of salt of last week. I had a managers meeting this morning and currently Cargill is not supplying the salt. The one good thing is that in our contract we do have liquidated damages that we will be assessing on the company, which will reduce the price we pay per ton per contract because they have not delivered within the five day window. I want to re-state again that we do not have a salt problem in the Township, we are just not replenishing some of the salt that we have used in the last two weeks and we are waiting for 800 tons to come back to us. We have been very fortunate this year that we were able to keep our salt supply going and keep our roads where they need to be.

Let me dovetail into this, this winter has been very trying for our public works personnel and it was great that we received a lot of positive feedback from residents. I just want to echo publicly that our public works guys have worked above and beyond what they needed to do to keep our roads open and passable. We have received a lot of emails and phone calls and I just want to publicly thank them on the record. It was a very trying winter.

I was presented by Commissioner Shiwarski with a mailing that State Representative Kotik did involving some senior services that are available within his district. What I am going to do is have this put up on our television channel so that seniors know what services are available through the state and through Representative Kotik's office that they may want to access.

Just to update the Board, we have the COG dinner coming up on April 16th at Peter's Place in Bridgeville. I sent home registration forms in the packet last week. If anyone is interested in going, let us know so that we can take care of the reservation for the Township.

As you know, we are currently still interviewing for the Assistant Manager position. That will be a continued process going forward. I would be happy to answer any questions?

TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Finnerty had no report.

FINANCE REPORT

Vice-Chairman Shiwarski, we are in the midst of our yearly audit with Turnley & Associates and everything is going well from what I understand. We will probably have the results from that next month. Also at this time of the year, Ms. Tallon puts together her newsletter that she puts out to all of the residents. I just want to share with the residents, something that will be in the newsletter. For a better terminology, we will call it our financial condition report.

Words can paint many different stories, but the numbers usually don't lie. The numbers surrounding Robinson Township's financial and budgetary story are quite good and continue to trend in a most positive direction. The four basic goals for our Finance Department are: A well planned budget, a sound bookkeeping and accounting system, proven and set procedures and rules for receiving and spending, and favorable independent annual audit. All have continually been met or exceeded by the current board. Probably the most important number to our residents is that Robinson's property tax assessment has not risen in eight years and our 2.60 millage rate is the 118th lowest out of 134 municipalities in Allegheny County, even lower than the 3.05 it was in 2012 before county-wide reassessment. This has been accomplished while increasing our annual budget from \$8.8 million dollars in 2008 to over \$13.5 million in 2015 without any reduction in service or personnel as all departments, police public works and administrative and secretarial have increased in size and efficiency over this same period. Now for some specifics, our year end general fund balance has increased incrementally to nearly \$2.2 million dollars at year end 2014. This has allowed the luxury of no TAN (Tax Anticipation Note) for the third consecutive year. Real Estate, EIT, and LST were collected at or above 100% of the forecasted amounts in 2014 and revenues outpaced expenditures for the second consecutive year. Also, at the start of 2014 the Board was tasked by Chairman Abatta and myself, with watching and stopping exorbitant overruns, specifically with our legal fees. Here are the results of our efforts: In 2013 our Solicitor's budget was \$100,000 and other legal was \$10,000. The actual expenditures in 2013 came in at \$149,532 and \$57,621 respectively. In 2014 the budgeted amounts were revised to \$120,000 and \$20,000 and the actual expenditures came in at \$57,432 and \$33,082, nearly \$50,000 under budget and over \$117,000 below the 2013 totals. Fantastic results! Also, improvements in the health of the police pension fund (valued at over \$14.1 million as of 12/31/2014) continued. These types of accomplishments and others assist and enable the Board to annually expand our annual

road program and improved our winter salt reserves while affording flexibility to add new equipment and technology to all departments within the Township. This increases the ability to provide safety and security for all residents and local businesses, which includes our ongoing equitable contributions to the three local fire departments. Amenities are also not forgotten, for example, nearly \$270,000 is budgeted to our Clever Park pool facility, while our Parks and Recreation Department and Library continue to flourish and expand in scope and reach. In closing, any unexpected expenditures always can play havoc with any budget, but careful planning, a vigilant eye, and economic restraint help mitigate the unforeseen and create a healthy financial environment. 2015 offers the opportunity for continued prosperity with sensible growth in Robinson Township thanks to the efforts of many and the prudent use of tax dollars.

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CONDUCTED AN EXECUTIVE SESSION ON MARCH 2, 2015 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 DURING THIS MEETING.

Discussion to approve the February 2, 2015 Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Minutes as submitted.

Discussion to approve the February, 2015 Treasurer's Report.

Discussion to approve the February, 2015 List of Bills.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion to approve the Preliminary and Final Subdivision Amendments to the approved FC Aiken, LLC – Arbor Trail Subdivision Phase 1 as recommended by the Planning Commission.

Discussion to approve the amendment for Phase II for Arbor Trail. This is for Preliminary approval only as recommended by the Planning Commission.

Discussion to approve a waiver for the relocation of the shrubs that were planned for the screening of the north side of the property, but are to be relocated elsewhere on the site of Industrial Scientific Corporation as recommended by the Planning Commission.

Discussion to advertise Ordinance No. 1 of the Township of Robinson, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, amending Section 1 of Ordinance 7-1982 to include the Volunteer Fire Departments of the Township of Robinson; amending Section 5 – False Alarm charge to include a charge for each false alarm for the Volunteer Fire Departments of Robinson Township; and providing for an increase in the amount of penalties for violation of this

Ordinance from Five Hundred (\$500.00) dollars to One Thousand (\$1,000.00) Dollars for each offense.

Discussion to hire part-time officer Joseph Tomko as a permanent full-time police officer for the Township effective March 2, 2015. Officer Tomko will remain on probation until he meets his required 2,080 hours as per the Civil Service Rules and Regulations.

Discussion to hire part-time police officer Gregory Woodhall as a permanent full-time police officer for the Township effective March 2, 2015. Officer Woodhall will remain on probation until he meets his required 2,080 hours as per the Civil Service Rules and Regulations.

Discussion to hire part-time police officer John Cronin as a permanent full-time police officer for the Township effective March 2, 2015. Officer Cronin will remain on probation until he meets his required 2,080 hours as per the Civil Service Rules and Regulations.

Discussion to adopt Resolution No. 2 of 2015 establishing and adopting an accident policy involving Township vehicles and employees.

Discussion to approve a second amendment to the Developer's Agreement between the Township of Robinson and Industrial Scientific Corporation.

Discussion to approve Resolution No. 3 of 2015 authorizing the submittal of an application for traffic signal approval to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.

Discussion to approve the conditional hire of Steven Papas as mechanic, subject to pre-employment testing and background checks and contingent upon Mr. Papas enrolling and completing the classes to be determined and paid for by the Township during his one (1) year probation period.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

Jason Pottle (owner of Steubenville Pike Auto), we have towed for the Police Department on the tow rotation for the last several years. In December of 2014, I once again received a call from the secretary of the Police Department informing us we would be on the rotation in 2015. As any business owner, I made plans based on that commitment from the Police Department and the Township as we have for years in the past. I had no reason to think anything of it. Around February 3rd of 2015, I received a phone call from Mr. Silka in the afternoon informing me that we were taken off of the list and a company that does not do primary business in Robinson Township was on the list, as well as another towing company in Robinson Twp. The ironic thing was, that

morning we received a call from the Allegheny County dispatcher to provide assistance to one of the towing companies because they were not able to provide adequate assistance to the police department in a timely fashion where a vehicle was on the road. Why I wanted to talk with the Board today and I sent a letter to Mr. Silka to ask why we were removed from the list and he instructed me to ask the Board. I have two questions, why were we taken off of the rotation? Secondly, I believe with the opportunity to talk about our resume and what we can provide the Township, we certainly deserve to be on the rotation being a property owner for the past 13 years in the Township, as well as employing 34 people in the Township and having the truck strength, the background checks and drug tests of our employees and all of the things that we can provide. I am not bad mouthing any of the other businesses that tow here, but we certainly bring a lot to the table and I would just like to ask the Board if we could understand why we were taken off the list and what we can do to get back on? I was just surprised to hear that it was changed without anybody calling me personally to ask what the procedure was to make sure that we were represented properly in the decision making.

Chairman Abatta, from what I know about it Mr. Pottle, and I will address it in my Commissioner comments, but a lot of it had to do with financial policies and restrictions. It will be addressed during the Commissioner Comments segment of the meeting.

BUILDING INSPECTOR/ZONING OFFICER REPORT

A copy of the February, 2015 Report by Mr. Urbano is attached.

Mr. Urbano, the first two months of this year surpassed 2014. We have done \$8,073,132.00 of new construction. We are still moving forward and I think it is attributed to management and the way the Township has turned itself around. People want to come here. As long as we can keep the momentum, I think we are going to be one of the top Townships around.

MEETING MOTIONS

MOTION Shiwarski, SECOND Barefoot to approve the February 2, 2015 Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Minutes as submitted.

ROLL CALL: Mapel-Y, Barefoot-Y, Kisow-Y, Shiwarski-Y, Abatta-Y
M/C 5-0

MOTION Shiwarski, SECOND Barefoot to approve the February, 2015 Treasurer's Report.

ROLL CALL: Mapel-Y, Barefoot-Y, Kisow-Y, Shiwarski-Y, Abatta-Y
M/C 5-0

MOTION Shiwarski, SECOND Barefoot to approve the February, 2015 List of Bills.

ROLL CALL: Mapel-Y, Barefoot-Y, Kisow-Y, Shiwarski-Y, Abatta-Y
M/C 5-0

MOTION Barefoot, SECOND Shiwarski to approve the Preliminary and Final Subdivision Amendments to the approved FC Aiken, LLC – Arbor Trail Subdivision Phase 1 as recommended by the Planning Commission.

ROLL CALL: Mapel-Y, Barefoot-Y, Kisow-Y, Shiwarski-Y, Abatta-Y

M/C 5-0

MOTION Shiwarski, SECOND Barefoot to approve the amendment for Phase II for Arbor Trail. This is for preliminary approval only as recommended by the Planning Commission.

ROLL CALL: Mapel-Y, Barefoot-Y, Kisow-Y, Shiwarski-Y, Abatta-Y

M/C 5-0

MOTION Barefoot, SECOND Kisow to approve a waiver for the relocation of the shrubs that were planned for the screening of the north side of the property, but are to be relocated elsewhere on the site of Industrial Scientific Corporation as recommended by the Planning Commission.

ROLL CALL: Mapel-Y, Barefoot-Y, Kisow-Y, Shiwarski-Y, Abatta-Y

M/C 5-0

MOTION Kisow, SECOND Shiwarski to advertise Ordinance No. 1 of the Township of Robinson, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, amending Section 1 of Ordinance 7-1982 to include the Volunteer Fire Departments of the Township of Robinson; amending Section 5 – False Alarm charge to include a charge for each false alarm for the Volunteer Fire Departments of Robinson Township; and providing for an increase in the amount of penalties for violation of this Ordinance from Five Hundred (\$500.00) dollars to One Thousand (\$1,000.00) Dollars for each offense.

ROLL CALL: Mapel-Y, Barefoot-Y, Kisow-Y, Shiwarski-Y, Abatta-Y

M/C 5-0

MOTION Barefoot, SECOND Mapel to hire part-time police officer Joseph Tomko as a permanent full-time police officer for the Township effective March 2, 2015. Officer Tomko will remain on probation until he meets his required 2,080 hours as per the Civil Service Rules and Regulations.

ROLL CALL: Mapel-Y, Barefoot-Y, Kisow-Y, Shiwarski-Y, Abatta-Y

M/C 5-0

MOTION Shiwarski, SECOND Barefoot to hire part-time police officer Gregory Woodhall as a permanent full-time police officer for the Township effective March 2, 2015. Officer Woodhall will remain on probation until he meets his required 2,080 hours as per the Civil Service Rules and Regulations.

ROLL CALL: Mapel-Y, Barefoot-Y, Kisow-Y, Shiwarski-Y, Abatta-Y

M/C 5-0

MOTION Shiwarski, SECOND Barefoot to hire part-time police officer John Cronin as a permanent full-time police officer for the Township effective March 2, 2015. Officer Cronin will remain on probation until he meets his required 2,080 hours as per the Civil Service Rules and Regulations.

ROLL CALL: Mapel-Y, Barefoot-Y, Kisow-Y, Shiwarski-Y, Abatta-Y
M/C 5-0

MOTION Shiwarski, SECOND Barefoot to adopt Resolution No. 2 of 2015 establishing and adopting an accident policy involving Township vehicles and employees.

ROLL CALL: Mapel-Y, Barefoot-Y, Kisow-Y, Shiwarski-Y, Abatta-Y
M/C 5-0

On behalf of the Board of Commissioners, Chairman Abatta congratulated all of the newly hired full-time police officers.

MOTION Shiwarski, SECOND Barefoot to approve a Second Amendment to the Developers Agreement between the Township of Robinson and Industrial Scientific Corporation.

ROLL CALL: Mapel-Y, Barefoot-Y, Kisow-Y, Shiwarski-Y, Abatta-Y
M/C 5-0

MOTION Kisow, SECOND Shiwarski to approve Resolution No. 3 of 2015 authorizing the submittal of an application for traffic signal approval to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.

ROLL CALL: Mapel-Y, Barefoot-Y, Kisow-Y, Shiwarski-Y, Abatta-Y
M/C 5-0

MOTION Shiwarski, SECOND Barefoot to approve the conditional hiring of Steven Papa as a mechanic, subject to pre-employment testing and background checks, also contingent upon Mr. Papa enrolling in and completing classes to be determined and paid for by the Township during his one year probationary period.

ROLL CALL: Mapel-Y, Barefoot-Y, Kisow-Y, Shiwarski-Y, Abatta-Y
M/C 5-0

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Mapel, I really do not have much to say this evening, but since we have several police officers here this evening, especially Chief Vietmeier, as this Township has grown and we have seen the need for additional tools, equipment, manpower and resources to keep us safe, it pleases me as the former Police Commissioner to see how things are developing. You guys have some good work ahead of you and I know that you are going to take it seriously and we are grateful to have you. That is all that I have.

Commissioner Barefoot, (comments not audible due to automatic switching of the recording device).

Commissioner Kisow, I would like to congratulate the three new officers. This will bring us up to a force of 29 full-time police officers. I also want like to talk about the fire alarm ordinance. It is not \$1,000 if your fire alarm goes off. The way it is worded is confusing. I believe it starts out as the first two are free, the third one is \$300 and the cost accelerates. It is mostly to address the serious nature of calling out the volunteers to false alarms to the same building constantly in the Township. It seems that there are several buildings that don't like to fix their equipment. We will pretty much make them fix it this way. That is our hope. When you get a false alarm four times in one building you risk a lot of volunteers in traffic. I hope this addresses the Township's commercial alarm problem. It is not for the homeowners. It was not designed for that. It is for the commercial buildings who will not fix their problems.

Chairman Abatta, when an alarm goes off, it is not like one person goes. The trucks go, firemen, etc. Hopefully these systems that are at fault in these commercial dwellings and buildings will come up to date and stop the false alarms.

Vice-Chairman Shiwarski, I would like to congratulate Officers Tomko, Woodhall and Cronin. Continue doing a good job. The same thing, it is very good to see the Chief out and about. Thank you for coming and supporting your men. They would expect nothing less I am sure. Also, congratulations to Mr. Papa on his job offer as a mechanic with public works.

Chairman Abatta, Mr. Pottle, I hope that we brought some light on the subject that you had some concerns about. Basically, it was a financial decision made by the Board and that is the way that it worked out.

I would also like to congratulate Officers Tomko, Woodhall and Cronin. Welcome to Robinson Township. I am sure that you will serve us in a upstanding manner. We appreciate your service. You are working for a good Chief, so keep up the good work.

Also, congratulations to Mr. Papa on his appointment as a mechanic.

MOTION Shiwarski, SECOND Mapel to adjourn the meeting.

ROLL CALL: Mapel-Y, Barefoot-Y, Kisow-Y, Shiwarski-Y, Abatta-Y.

M/C 5-0.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Carol Merks
Township Secretary