

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 6, 2015
7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Sam Abatta called the meeting of July 6, 2015 to order at the Municipal Complex, 1000 Church Hill Road, Robinson Township, PA at 7:10 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, Engineer Meyer and Mrs. Merks for the purpose of taking minutes.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

The Engineers Report dated July 6, 2015

CAPITAL PROJECTS

Fawnvue Dr. Landslide – The geotechnical company has provided the report detailing the soil stability of the site. The report is being reviewed and cost estimates prepared for slope rehabilitation.

2015 Road Program – Work on paving roads under the 2015 Road program should begin on August 17, 2015. There will be a pre-construction meeting at the beginning of August.

Park Manor Boulevard Drainage – A company is under contract to perform some of the televising. Because of the weather, only 70% of it has been done. They are hoping to finish up within the week.

August Drive Inlet Replacement – Plans are being prepared.

Keiners Lane Storm Pipe – A survey of the corroded metal storm pipe has been scheduled.

Swale at Conley Drive and Falck Rd. – A survey of the swale and easement requirements has been scheduled for Monday, July 13th weather permitting.

Lake Steuben Dam Permit – has been submitted to DEP.

DEVELOPMENTAL INSPECTIONS

Montour Elementary School – Contractor is continuing to work on site. Site work is approximately 90% complete.

Providence Presbyterian Church – the contractor is continuing to work at the site. The site work is approximately 100% complete.

The Ridge at Robinson – clearing and grubbing work is complete. Contractor is continuing storm sewer and stormwater management work. They have approximately two months of storm work remaining.

Arbor Trail Subdivision – currently doing earthwork and storm sewer work at the site.

Campbells Run Business Center Bldg. 2 Site Plan – Excavation has begun for footers.

Moon Run Residential Plan – a pre-construction meeting was held and construction should commence shortly.

DEVELOPMENTAL REVIEWS

Bayer Heritage Drive Subdivision – A variance has been granted so it will be back before the Planning Commission.

Lang Conditional Use Application – Previously discussed.

Parkside Land Development – the review has been completed for the proposed-multi-family residential development. The applicant is currently seeking a variance from parking space requirements from the Zoning Hearing Board.

Moon Run A – currently under review for subdivision and site plan.

Pike Plaza – currently under review for proposed development.

Chairman Abatta, I just have one quick comment. I will be speaking with you after the meeting at some point in time. Because of some of the calls and concerns that I have on some of the capital projects, I am going to ask you at some point in time in the very near future that we take a road trip to visit some of these projects.

Engineer Meyer, certainly because obviously with the length of this report, you can see all of the different items and I think it would be worthwhile just to go through and get a visual picture of them as well.

POLICE REPORT

Chief Vietmeier submitted a copy of the June Report, which is attached to the minutes.

Commissioner Mapel, I don't have any questions, but I wanted to make a comment. I really want to express my appreciation for the service that we are getting on Clever Rd. with the high traffic and speeding conditions. The presence is there and if you speed through that intersection, you are probably going to get a ticket.

Chief Vietmeier, it is going to continue.

ADMINISTRATION UPDATE

Mgr. Silka, in regards to the comprehensive plan update, we are in the meat of the comprehensive plan review. We have had our first staff meeting as a core group with our consultant. They are compiling a lot of the background data and at the same time, we are getting a list of the stakeholders of the community that they are going to reach out to so they can start some telephone interviews. The next step will most likely be setting up some public hearings and meetings to get public input on where we should go. We are right on track where we should be.

If you watch the news, you will see a lot of reports of people pretending to be somebody they are not and getting access into homes. What I would like to report today is that Robinson Township Public Works, Administration, people who are out in the field for the Township, we have all been issued company identification. If somebody has a question as to whether it is a Township employee on their property, all of our guys have cards to prove that. It is step 1 of an ongoing security feature that we are going to step up through the next budget cycle to make our building a little bit more secure and make sure that we are providing the safest work environment that we can for the people that work for us.

Over this summer we have had an alarming number of complaints regarding contractors using our public roads as lay down areas for mulch, driveway material, etc. Our roads are public streets and they cannot be blockaded with construction equipment while you are doing driveway work or other work. It is just a friendly reminder not to use our public thruways as lay down areas for projects within the Township.

On a positive note, our COG salt bid has come in. The bids for this year with Cargill will be \$69.20 per ton, which is \$10.00 less than last year. If we use our minimum order, that should be a \$65,000 savings going into 2016. That is a gamble that the COG took to bid that out.

Lastly, I had updated the Board that we were looking at possibly going to a smaller group salt bid in the next year. SHACOG decided to move their time frame up a little bit so we were not able to get our independent bid out, so we will be bidding again with SHACOG for salt. Looking forward, we are thinking of forming a smaller purchasing cooperative with a couple of the larger municipalities within our region where we can do some cooperative purchasing outside the purchasing alliance that will benefit the very close municipalities around us.

Just a couple more revenue items, PennDOT sent us our winter maintenance from last year at \$6,956.00 for various small portions of state roads that we touch with our plows and our salt. That is a refund for the service based on a contract that we have through 2016.

Crown Castle reported that they did an audit of their payments to us for the cell tower that they lease ground for in the Township and they found that they have underpaid us \$7,727.00. That is additional money that is coming in that was not anticipated this year. That is positive revenue that will help our bottom line.

On a professional note, I would like to update the Board that I was offered an appointment to the Pennsylvania Municipal League Legislative Committee. That is one of the controlling committees of the Pennsylvania Municipal League that tracks legislation, lobbies Harrisburg and takes the ball to advocate the rules of municipalities to the state government. I am very honored to be appointed to that committee by Mayor Nutter of Philadelphia. I have served in a past capacity, but I did want to let the Board know that I did receive the appointment and I am going to accept it.

Chairman Abatta, this is something we are very proud of, speaking from the Chair. This is not a menial thing. It is coming down from the Philadelphia area. I know that you have to attend conferences there and everything. We want you to stay in contact and represent Robinson Township in a positive way. I was going to bring that out in my comments, but you still are to be congratulated for your hard work.

Mgr. Silka, we received a letter of support from the Hollow Oak Land Trust for a RAD grant that they are submitting to the County for connecting the Moon Run Trail to the Montour Trail. This costs Robinson nothing, but it is touching Robinson Twp. so they are asking for a letter of support from the Board. I have a motion on the agenda tonight to authorize me to submit that letter of support for their project. The Hollow Oak Land Trust owns a lot of public land and public access wilderness land in this area and their vision is to have trail access for everyone in the County.

Lastly, I have a motion on the agenda for you to consider participating in the National League of Cities Community Showcase Video Program, which provides a free promotional video that can be put on our website or on our Facebook page. There is no charge for the initial offerings of this project. The National League of Cities is making this offer and we are taking advantage of it through our membership in the Pennsylvania Municipal League.

Chairman Abatta, explain that a little more so that everyone knows what you are speaking of.

Mgr. Silka, if you go on certain municipalities websites there are small videos that you can play that highlight the quality of life aspects of the municipality. This program allows us to engage in this as a member of the Pennsylvania Municipal League, which is a sister organization to the National League of Cities. We will be able to participate in having the video made for us at no charge for us to put on our website. It is a great promotional quality of life video for the Township.

Vice-Chairman Shiwarski, I just had a follow-up on that ID card. I think it is a great idea because I know from a recent communication that I had from a resident on Fawnvue Dr., they wanted to know if they were our employees or geo-tech employees on their property. This should eliminate confusion like that with our residents when we are addressing any situation within the Township. I think it will put everyone at ease as far as who is on their property at any given time. The last thing that I wanted to mention, we received the letter about the detour over Beaver Grade Rd. over the next couple of months and maybe we can put that on our website so people can know what to expect over the next two months.

Mgr. Silka, I don't have the documentation in front of me.

Vice-Chairman Shiwarski, the letter from Lane Construction states that starting on July 6, 2015, there is a project going on for drainage repair, various roadway repairs, miscellaneous traffic construction, milling resurfacing, shoulder repair, base repair, etc. The limits of the work for this project will start at the intersection of Lincoln Highway (Route 60) and Beaver Grade Rd. through the intersection of Clever Rd. and Beaver Grade Rd. Beaver Grade Rd. will be restricted to one lane with alternating traffic flow around the work area using flaggers from 8:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. until the project is completed. The time is approximately two months. That is not part of the Township road program. That is a PennDOT program. We will put this on the website.

TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Finnerty had no report.

FINANCE REPORT

Vice-Chairman Shiwarski, I will just touch on a few things and then if you have anything to add. Our EIT tax for the year through the month of June, we are at approximately 63% of our budget collected so far. If everything is equal, we should be at 50%. We are running ahead of pace right now. In regards to the property tax, we have collected approximately 92% of the budgeted amount. We budgeted \$4,200,000 and so far year to date we have collected \$3,862,000. Both of those are ahead of pace which is a good thing. There are a few other pick-ups that we have made, so the future is looking pretty good.

Mr. Kezmarsky, we are halfway through the year and most of the bigger items such as health care and wages are right about the 50% level. There are no big surprises right now, unless some huge expenditures come down the road. It looks like a pretty smooth year so far. The cash balance is about \$4.2 million. We have a good comfortable cushion to get us through the summer and winter months. One thing that did come up, Robinson Township will be hosting a GFOA (Government Finance Officers Association) Conference here on July 22nd from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. I would like to invite any of the Commissioners who care to stop in, and Jeff as well, to touch base. It is a very lively group. We set up a series of tables and discuss financial issues, budgetary concerns, salaries, how to get certain things done, government reporting, etc. It is a very useful conference. It costs the Township nothing.

Vice-Chairman Shiwarski, I did have a question and I alluded to this a little last month. For our LST, we budgeted \$950,000 for the year. So far through June we have collected 28% of that. Last year through June we had collected 42% and the year before 51%. It seems that we are off a little bit.

Mr. Kezmarsky, I can do a little research and send you an email. It is probably just a timing issue. I will take a look at it.

BUILDING INSPECTOR/ZONING OFFICER REPORT

Mr. Urbano was not present.

Commissioner Barefoot presented the June 2015 Report (Attached to Minutes)

CITIZENS COMMENTS

No comments.

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CONDUCTED AN EXECUTIVE SESSION ON JULY 6, 2015 FROM 5:30 P.M. TO 6:45 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 June 1, 2015 Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Minutes as submitted.

Chairman Abatta, hearing no discussion, I will accept a motion.

MOTION Shiwarski, SECOND Barefoot to approve the June 1, 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.

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

Chairman Abatta, hearing no discussion, I will accept a motion.

MOTION Shiwarski, SECOND Kisow to approve the June, 2015 Treasurer's Report.

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

Discussion to approve the June, 2015 List of Bills.

Vice-Chairman Shiwarski, on Page 2, I see that James L. Smith Insurance Agency, we had five items on an audit for our Workmen's Compensation for a check total of \$35,923.00. Could you just enlighten us on that?

Mgr. Silka, every year when we renew our Worker's Compensation we estimate salary. What you do is estimate the best that you can and then you are audited each year. When you put in overtime, special duty, etc. sometimes you get a refund and sometimes you get a surcharge. The last two years we have had some overtime. We are working on bringing our estimates up on our Worker's Compensation premium, but this is an anticipated cost. It is simply reconciling our budget. I believe this was two years back that they did the audit. This is just reconciling for some overtime that was not accounted for in the original estimates.

Vice-Chairman Shiwarski, this is information that we can take forward in our budget workshop this year?

Mgr. Silka, yes we will definitely boost our earnings up for next year.

Vice-Chairman Shiwarski, on Page 5 there is a Parks item. We had a new roof put on the Lion's shelter?

Chairman Abatta, we have great facilities in the Township of Robinson and we always want to make sure that we improve on their structure or basic shape. We added a new roof. The Road Department did a fantastic job for us. We are very proud of the work that they did. It is an item under maintenance that increases and enhances the value of our properties of which we are very proud. We want to continue good work in that regard.

Vice-Chairman Shiwarski, any time we can give kudos for our parks and recreation which is second to none, I would like that spotlight to shine.

MOTION Mapel **SECOND** Barefoot to approve the June, 2015 List of Bills.

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

M/C 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION Barefoot, **SECOND** Mapel to approve the Grace Manor Plan No. 2 – Amended Lot 7 Subdivision Plan 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 approve Bond Reduction Request #3 submitted by FC Aiken LLC dated June 15, 2015 for the Arbor Trail Phase 1. The bond is recommended to be released in the amount of \$62,728.60 with the remaining bond to be \$718,474.35 as per the recommendation of the Township Engineer.

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

M/C 5-0.

MOTION Barefoot, **SECOND** Shiwarski to approve Bond Reduction Request #3 submitted by Maronda Homes, Inc. dated June 15, 2015 for the Grace Manor Plan of Lots. The bond is recommended to be released in the amount of \$55,700.70 with the remaining bond to be \$45,533.40 as per the recommendation of the Township Engineer.

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

M/C 5-0.

MOTION Barefoot, SECOND Mapel to approve cancellation of the existing Letter of Credit #S909512 for Industrial Scientific Corporation in the amount of \$5,000,955. The Letter of Credit will be replaced with a Maintenance Letter of Credit in the amount of \$500,096 and must remain in place until July 6, 2016 as recommended by the Township Engineer.

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

M/C 5-0.

MOTION Shiwarski, SECOND Kisow to adopt Ordinance No. 2 of the Township of Robinson, Allegheny County, PA establishing Emergency Service Cost Reimbursement of Hazardous Materials in the Township of Robinson, Allegheny County, PA

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

M/C 5-0.

MOTION Mapel, SECOND Kisow to approve the hiring of Joseph Tomko as a permanent full-time police officer since he has successfully completed his one year probationary period as recommended by Chief Dale Vietmeier. The effective date will be immediately, July 6, 2015.

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

M/C 5-0.

MOTION Barefoot, SECOND Shiwarski to approve the hiring of Gregory Woodhall as a permanent full-time police officer since he has successfully completed his one year probationary period as recommended by Chief Dale Vietmeier. The effective date will be immediately, July 6, 2015.

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

M/C 5-0.

MOTION Shiwarski, SECOND Barefoot to approve the hiring of John Cronin as a permanent full-time police officer since he has successfully completed his one year probationary period as recommended by Chief Vietmeier. The effective date will be immediately, July 6, 2015.

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

M/C 5-0.

MOTION Shiwarski, SECOND Barefoot to approve the Tax Appeal Settlement to BV-12-495 concerning Parcel 334-C-204 filed by John M. Prendergast for \$912,304 for tax years 2013 through 2015.

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

M/C 5-0.

MOTION Barefoot, SECOND Mapel to authorize the Township Manager to enter into an Agreement with CGI Communications to participate in the National League of Cities Community Showcase Video Program.

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

M/C 5-0.

MOTION Kisow, SECOND Mapel to authorize the Township Manager to submit a letter of support to the Hollow Oak Land Trust for their proposed Moon Park – Montour Trail Connector project.

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

MOTION Shiwarski, SECOND Barefoot to approve Bond Reduction #13 in the amount of \$3,363.80 for Stafford Park Phase I. The remaining bond is \$102,701.50 as recommended by the Township Engineer.

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

MOTION Shiwarski, SECOND Kisow to approve the hiring of Phillip Gieske as a part-time seasonal employee for Public Works on an “as needed basis” at the rate of \$7.25 per hour as recommended by the Township Manager.

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

MOTION Barefoot, SECOND Shiwarski to hire Nicholas Smarsh as a part-time seasonal employee for Public Works on an “as needed basis” at the rate of \$7.25 per hour as recommended by the Township Manager.

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

Chairman Abatta, I have three addendum items that I would like to read into the record. If there are any citizen comments, they can take place after the motions are read.

Discussion to approve the Settlement Agreement by and between George Raymond Kopko residing at 350 Baldwin Road Extension, Pittsburgh, PA 15205 in Robinson Township, a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of PA with its principal place of business at 1000 Church Hill Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15205 for the sum of \$65,000.

Discussion to approve Resolution No. 7 of 2015 of Robinson Township, County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of PA approving the Transfer of the Restaurant Liquor License No. R-10240 into Robinson Township from McKees Rocks Borough.

Discussion to approve the Conditional Use Application filed by the Estate of Richard E. Lang dated December 15, 2014, subject to the following conditions:

- 1. Pursuant to Section 300 154.A (3) (c) (1) of Ordinance 4 of 2014, the billboard structure must have a maximum of one vertical support being a maximum of three feet in diameter or width and without bracing or vertical supports. The applicant must receive a building permit from the Township Building Code Official.**

2. Pursuant to Section 300-154.A (3) (e) of Ordinance 4 of 2014, the Applicant must provide a certificate of insurance for public liability and property damage which holds the Township harmless, in an amount of one million dollars each for personal injury and property damage. Such insurance shall not be canceled or reduced without first giving ten days notice to the Township.

CITIZENS COMMENTS FOR ADDENDUM ITEMS

Chairman Abatta, hearing no comments or nobody speaking to these particular items, I will ask for the motions.

MOTION Shiwarski, SECOND Mapel to approve the Settlement Agreement by and between George Raymond Kopko residing at 350 Baldwin Road Extension, Pittsburgh, PA 15205 in Robinson Township, a political subdivision of the Commonwealth of PA with its principal place of business at 1000 Church Hill Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15205 for the sum of \$65,000.

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

MOTION Kisow, SECOND Mapel to approve Resolution No. 7 of 2015 of Robinson Township, County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of PA approving the Transfer of the Restaurant Liquor License No. R-10240 into Robinson Township from McKees Rocks Borough.

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

MOTION Mapel, SECOND Shiwarski to approve the Conditional Use Application filed by the Estate of Richard E. Lang dated December 15, 2014 subject to the following conditions:

1. Pursuant to Section 300 154.A (3) (c) (1) of Ordinance 4 of 2014, the billboard structure must have a maximum of one vertical support being a maximum of three feet in diameter or width and without bracing or vertical supports. The applicant must receive a building permit from the Township Building Code Official.
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COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Mapel, I have nothing this evening.

Commissioner Barefoot, just a few comments. We have had a lot of rain and the grass is growing high. We want to let our citizens know that we expect our ordinances and lawns maintained. We have had a few problems in our Township. If you get a knock on the door, it is a courtesy knock. That is all that I have.

Commissioner Kisow, on June 21st I had the worst fear that I fire chief could ever have. At approximately two minutes after midnight, our fire house caught on fire from a utility vehicle, in the station, not plugged in. It just decided to catch on fire. As to the investigation, the forensic lab is still working on it. Basically, it has been difficult. The reason the building was saved as it was, the siren tripped from the heat of the flames. That notified two firemen across the street and woke them up. It was not activated by the County so they looked out the window and the fire station was on fire. Our Assistant Chief Ray Dankert, Firefighter Steve Campbell and Matt Montgomery went across the street and literally put the fire out themselves. They drove an engine thru the door, all with no gear on. I was the first one there after the County activated us. They went above and beyond and prevented more damage. I really appreciate what those three firemen did, without any protective equipment. By the time I got there, it was knocked down. It was a long time waiting for a fire department to come. I really empathize with what the people feel like waiting for us to get there. It seemed to take forever, but it really didn't. When you are in that position, you just don't want to be. We are waiting for the adjusters and the contractors to give us some numbers and work out a figure for what it is going to cost us. There is a lot of paperwork. We are fully insured, but we do have deductibles. The station is technically sound and the trusses are still up. We lost two trucks, three boats and probably about \$100,000 in water gear. We did not lose any engines and the majority of our fire gear because our main truck was out to service. Our reserve engine that we keep in the house for that, literally saved the house. I just want to thank everyone for their support. It has been overwhelming. I would like to thank all of the fire departments from here to Ohio. I really appreciate it and thank everyone for that. We were never really out of fire service. We still had the other two fire companies. For the three days it took us to get the door back on and the truck in there, Forest Grove and Moon Run covered us. We only had an ATV call. On Thursday we had our equipment up and running. We are just missing two other trucks right now. We had Bayer, Robinson Lions, Kehm Oil, all of the donations that have come in, it has been overwhelming to us. We will get through it. It is just paperwork. Nobody was hurt. We had two firefighters that had to go to the hospital. The one firefighter literally crawled into the building four times to get that truck out to drive it through the door. It is so impressive that they did what they did.

Those two went above and beyond. I would like to thank Duckstein Restoration for being there promptly and doing a great job on the itemization. You don't know how much you have lost until somebody puts it on USB and gives it back and it is 4 gigabytes.

Chairman Abatta, we are proud of the job that you and your guys do down there. We as Commissioners and taxpayers will try to help you out as best we can. You are a volunteer company. When Mr. Shiwarski and I see fire, we run the other way and you run in. Kudos go out to you and all of your men. I know Mr. Dankert pretty well and I know that he was the first or second person on the scene. Who was the gentleman who drove the truck through?

Commissioner Kisow, that was Steve Campbell.

Chairman Abatta, they were very instrumental. Maybe at some point we can bring them in and give them our personal thanks.

Vice-Chairman Shiwarski

On July 4th I had the opportunity to watch our fireworks. I thought that it was a very good show this year. I want to thank everybody who went into the planning and staging of that for our residents and non-residents to enjoy. I wanted to recognize the people that helped stage that.

Chairman Abatta

I have a short Parks Report. Robinson Township's 13th Annual Autumn Festival will be held on September 12th at the Burkett Sports and Recreation Complex. Robinson Parks Board has been busy planning another great festival. Very exciting activities have been planned. If you would like to become a vendor, applications are available on our Township web page.

Robinson Township and Robinson Town Centre will team up once again to present our 2nd Annual Car Cruise. It will be held on September 27th from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. The first 150 to register will receive dashboard plaques. Visit the townshipofrobinson.ticketleap.com to register. Stay informed for current announcements and Like us at facebook.com or visit our website at www.townshipofrobinson.com. If you have any questions, you may contact Jane Tallon at jtallon@townshipofrobinson.com

I am so proud of the Parks Board people. They keep coming up with these events. They are a lot of fun and a lot of people in the Township participate. The last event that they had was the Pet Parade at Settlers Ridge and I attended that with my wife and grandchildren and we had a great time. Something is always happening and we are always looking to do new and innovative things. It comes from our Parks Board people who do a fantastic job for us. Please continue to support them in all of their endeavors.

I would like to throw this back to our manager, Jeff Silka as per our earlier discussion.

Mgr. Silka, there are community fund raising events that have been set-up throughout Robinson Township to help offset the personal cost of the fire at Robinson Station 244 who volunteer their time to protect and serve the Township. One is Bob Evans at 6541 Steubenville Pike. They will donate 15% of sales from July 13th thru July 17th from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. There are flyers circulating and it is also on our Township Facebook page. You can download and print the flyer to take to Bob Evans. J-Lynns Café at 5500 Steubenville Pike in the Montour Plaza, they are hosting a 50/50 raffle. There is also a GoFundMe account setup to make personal donations directly to RTFC #244.

The Commissioners have discussed setting up a fund to help the firefighters. What they would like to do if the Chairman would entertain a motion, is to set up a matching fund account to match up to \$5000.00 in donations for the Robinson Township Volunteer Fire Company #1 through the GoFundMe account. They would match all personal donations up to a \$5000.00 total.

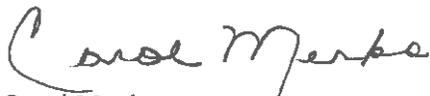
MOTION Mapel, SECOND Shiwarski to set up a matching fund account for the Robinson Township Volunteer Fire Company #1 through a GoFundMe account to match up to \$5000.00 in personal donations.

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

MOTION Shiwarski, SECOND Barefoot to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Carol Merks
Township Secretary