

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2016
7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Sam Abatta called the meeting of September 7, 2016 to order at the Robinson Township Municipal Complex, 1000 Church Hill Road, Robinson Township, PA at 7:15 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL: Mancini-Present, Barefoot-Present, Kisow-Present, Shiwarski-Present, Abatta-Present. Also in attendance were Solicitor Jack Cambest, Township Manager Silka, Assistant Manager Susko, Chief Vietmeier, Public Works Supervisor Mike Volpe, Finance Officer Jerry Kezmarsky, Planning Director Rick Urbano, Engineer Mike Meyer and Mrs. Merks for the purpose of taking minutes.

Chairman Abatta, on behalf of the Board of Commissioners presented Mrs. Merks with a Proclamation honoring her 28 plus years of service and declared September 30, 2016 "Carol A. Merks Day" in Robinson Township.

ROBINSON TOWNSHIP LIBRARY PRESENTATION

Sharon Helfrich, Library Director thanked Mr. Silka for the opportunity to speak. Back in June, there were 700 people present in the lot for "Touch a Truck". It was suggested that she speak to the Board of Commissioners about current events relating to the Library. September is "Love your Library Month". There is fundraising coordinated with the Allegheny County Library Association. The Foundation gave \$125,000 to Allegheny County to give matching funds for anything that is given to the library this month.

Leslie Paulovich, Outreach Librarian was introduced as well as Gabi Bolland, Youth Services Librarian, Chris Willey, Board President, and Barb Ondo, Secretary/Treasurer.

To date in 2016, 37,339 people have come to the library. 11,213 were attending programming. There have been 534 programs between all of the ten staff members that are currently part of the library.

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Ms. Bolland (Youth Services Librarian) stated that she does programs for ages 0 to 18, including outreach to all of the public schools. There was a summer reading program that included 210 programs in the Library and 5,575 patrons participated in those programs. Minutes are tracked as part of the summer reading programs. Between all who signed up for summer reading, both adults and children, 257,000 minutes were read to date. Some of the upcoming programs include a drive-in movie theatre upstairs. The children will be making cardboard cars that they can sit in and watch a movie and eat popcorn. There is also a Devoli program that will be held on October 26th. There will be crafts, foods, games and stories.

Ms. Paulovich (Outreach Librarian) stated that as important as it is for people to come into the Library, it is equally important to take the Library out into the community. There are book discussions held at various locations, story time at places such as the Mall at Robinson, Chick-fil-A, etc. There is programming at local parks for the summer. Ms. Bolland visits daycares, schools and the YMCA programs as well. Another outreach opportunity is the Community Literacy Initiative. There have been eleven bookshelves put out into the community that are stocked with books. The materials range from books for babies to novels for adults. Seven of the bookshelves are in Ohio Valley Hospital, one at UMPC Urgent Care and The Mall at Robinson. These are ways to reach out into the community. They are also looking to work with The Willows to take some programming there, as well as other partnerships.

Chairman Abatta, in my past life as I am a retired educator, I used to teach reading so I understand what you are saying and appreciate all of the programs that you and your staff do. It is fantastic. I am proud of your innovation and what you are doing. We received something in our administrative report that you may like to address and it is the free book setup that you are going to have at Clever Rd. Park.

Ms. Helfrich, that is Leslie's project, so I am going to let her explain.

Ms. Paulovich, the project that we have approached the Township for is a second phase of our community literacy initiative. We are working with local boy scout and girl scout troops. They are going to construct little free libraries, which are mobile libraries that will be placed in local parks and they will contain books and various materials for all ages. Patrons in the community can go there and get

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ENGINEER'S REPORT

The Engineers Report dated September 7, 2016 is attached.

COMMISSIONERS ACTION REQUESTED

Panda Express Site Plan – The Planning Commission has recommended approval.

Aldi Expansion Site Plan – The Planning Commission has recommended approval of this project.

Kashmer Plan of Lots Subdivision – The Planning Commission has recommended approval of this project.

Marquis Plaza II – a bond release in the amount of \$411,837.25 .

Castelluccio Plan – recommended for approval.

DEVELOPMENTAL INSPECTIONS

Brandy Mill Woods Site Plan – a meeting was held with the Developer on the site. There were concerns with the entrance to the roadway and the grading. The developer, Mr. Urbano and I had met and the developer is going to be sending his response next week for us to review to see if it is acceptable.

Cable Property and Moon Run A – work is continuing

Arbor Trails Phase II – construction has begun on temporary stream crossing.

DEVELOPMENTAL REVIEWS

Parkside Land Development – The project is located on the other side of the Parkway and work has begun. A pre-construction meeting was held on September 2nd.

Guardian Self Storage – they are looking to begin work sometime this month.

Engineer Meyer, when I started doing this 30 years ago, my mentor said to give your engineering report and make it short and sweet and don't say anything else. There is no way that I can go through this meeting without saying thank you to Carol. I keep trying to think of words to describe how well she does and what a loss she is going to be to the Township and to me personally. Anytime we ever needed anything, she knew what was going on and it was a tremendous thought that I knew if I went down there, she would be there and always in a good mood. That is not easy in this profession. I just want to thank you very much. You have really meant a lot.

Chairman Abatta, we will agree she is the heart and soul of Robinson Twp.

POLICE REPORT

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

Chief Vietmeier stated, I would like to give a warning to all residents of the community. We have a wonderful community and residents, but we are not immune to crime due to the high volume of unemployment and the abuse of drugs in today's society. What I am referring to are incidents that happened this past month, August 24th in the Countryview/Lakeview Drive area, on August 25th Coventry Park, August 26th, Grace Manor. It is car break-ins with people leaving their vehicles unlocked in their driveways. In one instance, keys were left in the car and the car was actually taken. That was on August 25th. We as police officers take it to heart when repeat crime happens in your community. On August 26, Thursday night into Friday morning, my 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. officers set up surveillance the entire night in the Clever Rd. area and lo and behold at 5:00 a.m. , the stolen car from the night before in Coventry Park came cruising down Clever Rd. A pursuit occurred and the car wrecked on Phillips Lane. The kids got out and ran into the woods. We had a 3 1/2 hour manhunt in

the woods and apprehended all five juveniles, ages 12 to 16 from the East end of Pittsburgh. Three were taken to Shuman Center and two were released to family members, with charges being filed. They came from all over the place. We suspect that most of the time it is people from our community or neighboring communities, but these kids were from the east side of Pittsburgh. The officers did a great job, but my problem is, if you see something that does not look normal, please call 911. That is the only way that the police can get dispatched to see you or come into the neighborhood. I can only tell you that on August 24th, we had several residents who actually saw three kids at 3:00 a.m. walking on the street in a residential neighborhood. They were surprised and it stunned them, but they thought they were going to be interfering by calling 911 because it is for emergencies only. It is not for emergencies only. That is the only way that we can get dispatched to come to your residence or neighborhood. I urge all of the residents out there, and it is happening in every community right now, not only Robinson. Please do not leave valuables in your car and certainly do not leave the keys in your car and make sure that your car is locked when it is parked outside of your driveway. Furthermore, that includes sheds. We had one shed that was broken into and a bicycle was stolen. We thought we had it solved with this group of kids, but it happened again this past weekend. It happened in McCormick Farms and in Waterford Woods. It is out there. It is hard because all of these crimes are happening after midnight, most of the time between 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. We ask you all to be vigilant and call 911 anytime you see something suspicious.

Chairman Abatta, suggested this be placed on the website as well.

I have one final thing. For the past 28 years I have had the pleasure of working with Carol. She is the backbone of the operation of this Township. For the past 22 years as Chief, she has been there any time I needed her. I know this is your last meeting, but I want to wish you the best of luck in your retirement and the best of health. I know one thing, I will miss that smile and personality and that wonderful friendship.

ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

Mgr. Silka, a few items to update the Board and the public. Since some of my comments are going to dovetail into Ms. Merks and the position. I have only been here for 3 1/2 years but in that time, Carol, has been a very valuable asset, not only to me, transitioning into the job, but the simple day to day operations of the Township and the wealth of institutional knowledge that you can never replace without a couple more decades of training. I wish her very much luck. I will miss her. I consider her a friend as well as a colleague.

The comprehensive plan update, this is probably the best report I am going to have because we are getting ready to have the public meeting which should be scheduled in October. It is currently being reviewed by the County. We will have our comprehensive plan ready to go and approved at the October meeting. That will be Phase 1 of the two phase process completed. We are also currently revising our Zoning Ordinance. This work is being done via committee the same way the comprehensive plan is being done. I am hoping that by the end of this year, we will have completed the task, have a new comprehensive plan and an updated zoning ordinance and maps. The committee that is working on that i.e. Mr. Urbano, Commissioner Barefoot and our consultant, it is a very efficient way to do that. The Planning Commission and Board of Commissioners are being brought in for their interface. I never thought that the process would go as smoothly as it has. I am pleased with its progress.

The 2007 Budget has been started one month early with department heads. We will be bringing the Commissioners in for their comments. I hope to have a draft some time mid November and do the formal presentation at the November meeting. If everything works out, we can get everything passed at our regular December meeting and not have to have any extra meetings in December. I have asked my department directors to work vigilantly on that. We will do our best to keep this process going smoothly.

At the last meeting we made a motion to offer employment to a Candidate A at the meeting for the position for Administrative Secretary. I want to let you know that we did that because we had a time frame to make an offer and get a person replaced and on board. We had not made the formal offer to the candidate yet, so we did not want to have something leaked in public to the candidate if they did not give their employer notice. We did hire Ms. Kristin Police. She is here with us tonight. She will start work officially on September 12th. I wanted this put on record.

Chairman Abatta requested that Ms. Police be introduced to the public.

Ms. Police, thanked the Board. I know that I am going to have some pretty big shoes to fill around here, but I want to thank you for hiring me for this position and I look forward to working with you all here.

Mgr. Silka continued, the purchase of a Grinder is also on the agenda this evening. We are spending \$474,000 plus to replace our recycling grinder. We received a \$250,000 grant for this. The paperwork is executed and the purchase is on the agenda. Item No. 31 on the agenda is a financing agreement. I worked this out with First National Bank, which is our current depository. It will be a \$474,000 note, with six months of interest only payment. When we are reimbursed with the grant, we will be able to pay it down and have it reformulated to the debt service for five years. We will have to amend the motion because they did revise their interest rate from 4.05 to 2.60%. I did receive three quotes ranging from a low of 2.6 to a high of 5.20%.

We were awarded a silver level badge for a Sustainable Pennsylvania Community Certification. I would like Ms. Susko to explain that. I asked her to take it on as a project.

Asst. Mgr. Susko, I know everyone has been mentioning it too, so I would be remiss if I did not say something as well. I have only been here four months, which compared to 28 years that is not very long. I could tell from day one how important Carol is to the Township. I have been grateful to her for helping me get acclimated and being a wonderful resource. I will definitely miss seeing her in the mornings as well. She is always cheery and puts me in a good mood. Thank you to her.

In regards to the Sustainable Community Certification, I would like to take the opportunity to update everyone on this project that the Township has been working on. It is to gain recognition for our good government practices and the sustainable planning approach that we have been taking. Over the last month we have been working on getting this certification. It is a program that was created from a partnership between sustainable Pittsburgh and the PA Municipal League. It now works in a statewide capacity in order to recognize municipalities that show commitment to implementing community policies and institutional procedures that ensure the sustainability of the organization in the long term. The certification is a voluntary process and involves responding to an in depth questionnaire about the Township practices, providing subsequent documentation for the answers and as Jeff said, I am pleased to report that

Robinson has achieved a silver level certification, which was approved by Sustainable Pittsburgh last week. There are several levels that range from associates of platinum and being recognized at the silver level is something that requires a substantial commitment to sustainable conscientious stewardship of the community. The best part of Robinson's achievements in the program is that all of the things that qualified us were things we are already doing so we were able to earn this recognition due to sound management and the strong leadership of the Commissioners. Just for context, there are 2,562 municipalities in the State of Pennsylvania and only 61 of them have been recognized as sustainable certified communities and that puts Robinson Twp. in an elite group of only 2% of Pennsylvania communities can claim membership.

In addition to getting this much deserved recognition, this also opens up greater opportunities for state funding, the department of economic and community development grants and Township management will continue to use the criteria to look for opportunities to improve what has already been recognized as a really excellent organization and the silver certification is a great start for that.

Chairman Abatta, it shows that we are maintaining all of the First Class Township standards. It is great being recognized in that regard.

TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Cambest stated, I have no report, but I would like to say a few words. I am probably the second shortest person of the administrative and elected staff up here, but I probably have been doing this type of work for about 35 years and I can honestly tell you that in doing this type of work for 35 years, I can honestly say that Carol is one of the top secretaries that I have seen in boroughs and townships across Western PA. It was very good working with you and good luck to you and your husband in the future.

FINANCE REPORT

Mr. Kezmarsky, just a few highlights for the month of August. The current cash balance as of the end of August is \$3,236,082. We are two thirds of the way through the year, so that is a good position to be in. The earned income tax for the month of August is \$503,000 for a total year to date of \$2,166,000. Local Services Taxes are \$116,654 collected for August and a total of \$370,000 for the year to date. Real estate property taxes are \$103,000 collected and that is

\$4,249,223 year to date. That is in excess of the budget amount. Delinquent taxes collected were \$10,024 and that is \$160,340 for the year. The budget amount is \$150,000, so that is in excess. Real estate transfers collected is \$37,559 for the month of August for a year to date total of \$191,482.

Vice-Chairman Shiwarski, we are starting on the budget process. I have to give kudos to all of the departments and Jerry gets the information to us so that we can make the proper decisions on our budget going forward, so keep up the good work.

BUILDING INSPECTOR/ZONING OFFICER REPORT

A copy of the August Building/ Inspector/Zoning Officer Report is attached,

Mr. Urbano, I never thought that I would here to say this, but I hate to see you go. I have been working with Carol for 28 years from when she started with the Planning Commission. All that I have to say is what I said to her after her first month. The Board asked me what I thought about when I hired her and I said "you hired the best." She did not let me down. She is the best. Thanks Carol.

PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR REPORT

Mr. Volpe, the three major projects accomplished during the month were the storm sewer project on Moon Run Rd. The hot mix program was completed. There are a few punchlist items that the contractor (Folino) needs to take care of. We are in the process of doing all of the yard restoration. Also, the fencing project around the public works building was completed. Upcoming projects for the month of September, the work will be commencing for the Autumn Festival. The pool will be winterized and we will be getting ready for the upcoming leaf collection season.

I wish Carol the best of luck from the now second newest employee in the Township.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

No citizens have signed in to comment.

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CONDUCTED AN EXECUTIVE SESSION ON SEPTEMBER 7, 2016 FROM 5:00 P.M. TO 7:00 P.M. TO DISCUSS LEGAL AND PERSONNEL MATTERS. THE BOARD WILL TAKE OFFICIAL ACTION, IF ANY, FROM THIS SESSION DURING THIS MEETING.

CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION Mancini, SECOND Shiwarski to approve Items #14 through #27 listed on the Consent Agenda.

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

REGULAR AGENDA

Discussion to approve the August 2016 Treasurer's Report.

MOTION Barefoot, SECOND Mancini to approve the August, 2016 Treasurer's Report.

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

Discussion to approve the August, 2016 List of Bills.

MOTION Shiwarski, SECOND Barefoot to approve the August, 2016 List of Bills.

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

Discussion to authorize the Township Manager to purchase a 2016 Peterson 4700B Horizontal Grinder from Cleveland Brothers at a net cost of \$474,168.00 off of State Contract #4400011364.

MOTION Mancini, SECOND Kisow to authorize the Township Manager to purchase a 2016 Peterson 4700B Horizontal Grinder from Cleveland Brothers at a net cost of \$474,168.00 off of State Contract #4400011364.

ROLL CALL: Mancini-Y, Barefoot-Abstain, Kisow-Y, Shiwarski-Y, Abatta-Y.
M/C 4 Yes, 1 Abstain (Barefoot)

Discussion to authorize the Township Manager to execute a 66 month financing agreement with First National Bank for a total sum of \$474,168.00 at a rate of 2.60% with a structure to account for the lump sum grant reimbursement of \$250,000.

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

Discussion to approve Pay Application #1 in the amount of \$247,459.35 to A. Folino Construction, Inc. for the 2016 Township Road Program as recommended by the Township Engineer.

Mgr. Silka, this year was an exceptional year. As it relates to customer feedback, we had very few complaints, less than on a normal paving project. Last year was a huge headache for the staff and our engineering consultant. This went very smoothly and we are very pleased with the work that was presented.

MOTION Shiwarski, SECOND Barefoot to approve Pay Application #1 in the amount of \$247,459.35 to A. Folino Construction, Inc. for the 2016 Township Road Program as recommended by the Township Engineer

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

Discussion to approve Pay Application #3 in the amount of \$18,508.50 for the Fawnvue Drive Slope Repair as recommended by the Township Engineer.

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ROLL CALL: Mancini-Y, Barefoot-Y, Kisow-Abstain, Shiwarski-Y, Abatta-Y.
M/C 4 Yes, 1 Abstain (Kisow)

Discussion to approve Pay Application #1 in the amount of \$36,131.40 for the Keiners Lane Stormwater improvements as recommended by the Township Engineer.

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MOTION Barefoot, SECOND Shiwarski to approve Pay Application #1 in the amount of \$36,131.40 for the Keiners Lane Stormwater improvements as recommended by the Township Engineer.

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

M/C 5-0

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Discussion to approve Resolution No. 13 of 2016 establishing the 2016 Minimum Municipal Obligation for the Non-Uniformed Employees Pension Plan in the amount of \$374,441.60.

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

M/C 5-0

Discussion to approve Resolution No. 14 of 2016 establishing the 2016 Municipal Obligation for the Uniformed Employees Pension Plan in the amount of \$568,611.00

MOTION to approve Resolution No. 14 of 2016 establishing the 2016 Municipal Obligation for the Uniformed Employees Pension Plan in the amount of \$568,611.00

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

M/C 5-0

Discussion to approve Ordinance No. 5 of 2016 authorizing and directing the incurring of non-electrical debt through the issuance of two series of General Obligation Bonds of the Township of Robinson (The "Township") in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed Eleven Million and 00/100 dollars (\$11,000,000.) consisting of its General Obligation Bonds Series A of 2016 (The "Series A Bonds") and its General Obligation Bonds, Series B of 2016 (the "Series B Bonds", along with the Series A Bonds are collectively, the "Bonds"); the Series A Bonds are issued for the purpose of providing funds to refund, on

current refunding basis all of the Township's outstanding General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2006 ("2006 Bonds" or "Prior Bonds") in the outstanding principal of \$4,135,000.00 plus accrued interest to November 1, 2016, and (2) pay the costs associated with issuing the Series A Bonds (The "Refunding Project"); the Series B Bonds are issued for the purpose of providing funds to (1) fund a portion of the construction and equipping of a new municipal complex and other various capital improvements throughout the Township, and (2) pay the costs of issuing and insuring the Series B Bonds (The "Capital Project", along with the refunding project are collectively, the "Project"); stating that realistic cost estimates have been made for the project, authorizing the payment of other capital projects upon appropriate amendment hereto and stating the estimated project completion date; stating the realistic estimated useful life of the project for which said bonds are issued; describing certain prior projects, ratifying and confirming the originally estimated realistic useful life of said prior projects and stating the remaining useful life thereof; directing the proper officers of the governing body to prepare, certify and file the required debt statement and borrowing base certificate; covenanting that the Township shall include the amount of annual debt service in its budget for each fiscal year; providing for fully registered bonds, date of the bonds, interest payment dates, provisions for redemption and stated principal maturity amounts and fixing the rates of interest on such bonds and providing for book-entry only bonds; authorizing the proper officers of the Township to contract with a bank or bank and trust company for its services as sinking fund depository, paying agent and registrar and stating a covenant as to payment of principal and interest without deduction for certain taxes; providing for the registration, transfer and exchange of Bonds; providing for facsimile signatures and authentication; approving the form of the bonds, paying agent's authentication certificate and assignment and providing for cusip numbers to be printed on the Bonds; providing for temporary Bonds; awarding such Bonds at private sale and stating that such private sale is in the best financial interest of the Township; creating a sinking fund; authorizing and directing the proper officers of the Township to certify and to file with the Pennsylvania Department of community and economic development certified copies of the necessary proceedings; covenanting that the proceeds of the Bonds shall not be used in such a manner as to cause the Bonds to be Arbitrage Bonds under Federal Tax Law provisions and designating the Bonds as "Qualified Tax Exempt Obligations" under Federal Tax Law provisions, approving the content and form of a preliminary official statement and authorizing the

distribution thereof and authorizing the preparation, execution and delivery of an official statement and the undertaking of certain continuing disclosure; authorizing and directing the proper officers of the Township to do all things necessary to carry out the Ordinances; and otherwise providing for the refunding of the prior Bonds; providing for the appointment of Bond Counsel; authorizing and directing the proper officers of the Township to pay issuance costs; rescinding all inconsistent Ordinances; providing for severability of provisions; and stating the effective date.

Mgr. Silka, what we have is a rather long Ordinance because we are issuing two sets of bonds for 2016. The first is a refunded refinancing of our 2006 debt, which is approximately \$4.2 million. By refinancing that we will see a savings over the course of that refinancing of over \$311,000. The second is issuing new money, roughly \$5.2 million for our ongoing and upcoming capital projects. That would be the pool and the new municipal building. This will get us started in the construction process. We are taking a look at the refinancing right now because of favorable market conditions. In order to refinance a bond issue, which can be done at the 10 year mark, you have to see a savings of at least 2% on the refund offer. Right now we are going to see a savings of over 12% by refunding the bonds at this time. We are saving money in debt service going forward. That is also allowing us to have the money to complete the pool and to start the municipal building.

Vice-Chairman Shiwarski, just so that is very clear to us, there are restrictions placed on municipalities as to when they can refinance a bond. The threshold has to be at least 2%?

Mgr. Silka, that is correct.

Vice-Chairman Shiwarski, due to the economic climate right now and where we are at in this situation, our savings at this point will be over 12%. That is why, aside from the projects that are mentioned, the refinancing makes sense at this point in time.

Chairman Abatta, could you put this in legalize terms Mr. Cambest?

Solicitor Cambest, from the legal aspect, in order to do what Chairman Abatta has read and what Mr. Silka has told us about the projects, you have to adopt a “not to exceed ordinance” because going forward in order to sell the bonds and close, we hope to have that all completed by October 26, 2016. Those numbers will change depending upon market, but they generally do not change much. Even if the market would change, we would still be looking at somewhere around 12% savings. One of the key items that I believe the underwriters have done for us is, if you think of refinancing your mortgage if the interest rate goes down, if you can drop your rate and keep the term of your mortgage, that is a very important issue and that is what the underwriters have been able to do here. In regard to the refunding of our old bonds, we will keep that termination date and those bonds will remain the same. That is in 2030. With the new money coming aboard to do the other projects, naturally there will be an additional term for the money to be paid. That is from the legal and economic aspect of it. I can tell you that I am probably doing 10 to 15 of these a year and this is probably one of the best that I have seen so far this year in regards to potential savings for the municipality.

MOTION Mancini, SECOND Shiwarski to approve Ordinance No. 5 of 2016 authorizing and directing the incurring of non-electrical debt through the issuance of two series of General Obligation Bonds of the Township of Robinson (The “Township”) in the aggregate principal amount not to exceed Eleven Million and 00/100 dollars (\$11,000,000.) consisting of its General Obligation Bonds Series A of 2016 (The “Series A Bonds”) and its General Obligation Bonds, Series B of 2016 (the “Series B Bonds”, along with the Series A Bonds are collectively, the “Bonds”); the Series A Bonds are issued for the purpose of providing funds to refund, on current refunding basis all of the Township’s outstanding General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2006 (“2006 Bonds” or “Prior Bonds”) in the outstanding principal of \$4,135,000.00 plus accrued interest to November 1, 2016, and (2) pay the costs associated with issuing the Series A Bonds (The “Refunding Project”); the Series B Bonds are issued for the purpose of providing funds to (1) fund a portion of the construction and equipping of a new municipal complex and other various capital improvements throughout the Township, and (2) pay the costs of issuing and insuring the Series B Bonds (The “Capital Project”, along with the refunding project are collectively, the “Project”); stating that realistic cost

estimates have been made for the project, authorizing the payment of other capital projects upon appropriate amendment hereto and stating the estimated project completion date; stating the realistic estimated useful life of the project for which said bonds are issued; describing certain prior projects, ratifying and confirming the originally estimated realistic useful life of said prior projects and stating the remaining useful life thereof; directing the proper officers of the governing body to prepare, certify and file the required debt statement and borrowing base certificate; covenanting that the Township shall include the amount of annual debt service in its budget for each fiscal year; providing for fully registered bonds, date of the bonds, interest payment dates, provisions for redemption and stated principal maturity amounts and fixing the rates of interest on such bonds and providing for book-entry only bonds; authorizing the proper officers of the Township to contract with a bank or bank and trust company for its services as sinking fund depository, paying agent and registrar and stating a covenant as to payment of principal and interest without deduction for certain taxes; providing for the registration, transfer and exchange of Bonds; providing for facsimile signatures and authentication; approving the form of the bonds, paying agent's authentication certificate and assignment and providing for cusip numbers to be printed on the Bonds; providing for temporary Bonds; awarding such Bonds at private sale and stating that such private sale is in the best financial interest of the Township; creating a sinking fund; authorizing and directing the proper officers of the Township to certify and to file with the Pennsylvania Department of community and economic development certified copies of the necessary proceedings; covenanting that the proceeds of the Bonds shall not be used in such a manner as to cause the Bonds to be Arbitrage Bonds under Federal Tax Law provisions and designating the Bonds as "Qualified Tax Exempt Obligations" under Federal Tax Law provisions, approving the content and form of a preliminary official statement and authorizing the distribution thereof and authorizing the preparation, execution and delivery of an official statement and the undertaking of certain continuing disclosure; authorizing and directing the proper officers of the Township to do all things necessary to carry out the Ordinances; and otherwise providing for the refunding of the prior Bonds; providing for the appointment of Bond Counsel; authorizing and directing the proper officers of the Township to pay issuance costs; rescinding all inconsistent Ordinances; providing for severability of provisions; and stating the effective date.

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

Discussion to appoint Theresa Laurent to the Zoning Hearing Board for a term that will expire on December 31, 2019.

MOTION Mancini, SECOND Shiwarski to appoint Theresa Laurent to the Zoning Hearing Board for a term that will expire December 31, 2019.

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

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

Commissioner Mancini, I also would want to say congratulations to Carol. Even though I have only been here for nine months, I have known her for about 100 years, although she is only 29. Congratulations to you, Tom and your entire family.

Commissioner Barefoot, I would like to wish Carol much luck in her retirement. If you need any advice on grandkids, give me a call. I think Tom retired a year earlier just so he could get acclimated so I think you will catch up pretty quick. Leave your cell phone number here.

Commissioner Kisow, I wish the same thing, the best in your retirement. Thank you for helping me out as Commissioner and also being Fire Chief. I appreciate all of your help and wish you the best.

Sunday, September 11th from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. we are having a car cruise at our fire station. Junior's Cruise is what we call it. Junior Evans is going to open up his garage. It is like a museum. It is something to see. We usually get about 100 to 125 cars. It is worth stopping down and seeing. It has been two years since we had our last one, but everyone is welcome. There will be food and refreshments.

Vice-Chairman Shiwarski, it was many years ago, but I recall going down to the ballfield to help coach one of my daughter's teams and that was the first time that I met Carol. She was managing or helping with the team. Just the enthusiasm that she brought to that environment when it is not easy to enthuse players on the field, and Carol's smile I think is a characteristic has been common out of everyone's comments that they make. That smile is very contagious and inviting and comforting to anybody that has to deal with the Township. That is what she brought, besides the knowledge. When I was first running for Commissioner and knocking on doors in the neighborhood and not knowing many people, one of the groups of people that I was talking to said, "we don't know much about you, but Carol Merks says you are an o.k. person." "If she says that, that is good enough for us." I soon found out through engagement of calling the Township and talking, if Carol did not have the answer, she knew exactly who to put you in touch with to get that answer. I am sure that over her time with the Township, that is the connection that she made with many residents and many of the people that do business. Enjoy your retirement. We all work to get to this point. Have the health and happiness and everything that you deserve with Tom, your children and grandchildren. Nothing but the best of luck. We love you dearly.

Chairman Abatta, Carol, you know the way that I feel about you as a person. I probably am the longest tenured Commissioner sitting here, so you and I go way back quite some time. As I said before, you are the heart and soul of Robinson Twp. Anytime something needed to be solved or questions needed to be answered or fires had to be put out, we would refer to you. You saw how much longer this meeting is taking because everyone is talking about you. We are very proud of you. We want you to enjoy your retirement and your grandchildren. We do have something else planned for you and at this point in time, I would like to invite anyone who feels that they would like to pay their respects to you on September 16th approximately 12:00, we will have a little set-up honoring you. I would appreciate if our employees would take a couple minutes out of their day to come in and give their kudos and say their official goodbyes and good luck. We love you. God Bless you.

Chairman Abatta continued, I generally give the Parks report at this point, but I see our Parks Board Chairperson here. We are right on the eve of our Autumn Festival and she is ready to go, so I am going to ask her to give the report.

Ms. Tallon, we have a lot going on in Robinson Township. A lot of fun things. Carol, you are going to have a lot of fun things going on soon because you are going to be able to take that cruise and vacation any time of the year you want, with that said, we have a festival in ten days. We started planning this back in February and every year we have a good time. It will be held September 17th at the Burkett Sports and Recreation Complex. You will find a variety of foods, crafts, drinks and more. We have vendors selling homemade jellies, pierogies, donuts, funnel cakes, Ricci hot sausage, pulled pork, etc. You name it we will have it. There will be information from many of our Township entities. There are so many vendors, there is no time to name them all, but they are listed on our website: www.festival.townshipofrobinson.com This is our 14th year and we would like to thank all of our sponsors. With their support, we can keep our costs low to our visitors and vendors. The ride all day wristband will remain at \$10.00. We hope to see everyone there. There will also be fireworks at dusk. Our next event will be the Car Cruise. The Cruise will be held on October 1st at Robinson Towne Centre from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

The Robinson Township Parks Board would like to thank Carol. She has been our right arm through the years. I have only had this position for a short time and all those many years and events and she was always there to help in any way she could. You are one of a kind and I personally am going to miss you dearly and so will many other people. We would like to send our wholehearted thank you and wish you all the happiness and joy that your future will bring you. I would thank to thank the Commissioners as well.

Chairman Abatta, before I ask for a motion to adjourn, I would like to recognize Ms. Police. She will be taking Mrs. Merks place. Welcome aboard.

Mrs. Merks, if I could just say something quickly. First of all, I want to welcome Kristin. I know she will do a great job and you will be working with some terrific people and you will love it. I promise you. You are probably tired of hearing about me. I want to thank all of you for your kind words. I want to keep this short, because you know I don't want to get emotional, but you all mean so much to me. I want to thank the Board for their support, kindness and most importantly, your friendship over the years. I know that will always continue, no matter what. I can't thank my co-workers and staff enough for the privilege of

working with them. They are truly the best and are a great group of people who work so hard and they all deserve so much appreciation. I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge the former Board members and staff. In 28 plus years, I have had the opportunity to work with a lot of amazing people, some of them are no longer with us, but they are all so very special to me and always will be. Last, but not least, there are so many terrific residents out there that I have had the good fortune to meet over the past years. Whether it was for shelter rentals or just general questions, and I thank them for being so gracious to me. They did more for me, than I could ever hope to do for them. They are wonderful residents. They stop in to pay their taxes and they come down just to say hello because we started to form these little friendships over the years just from seeing one another. This is such a great community to live in and work in. Everybody here Mike, Chief, Rick and everybody who has said such nice things. I feel the exact same way about all of you, because I could not have been smiling if not for all of you because you treated me with the most respect and kindness that anybody could ever hope for. Thank you and God Bless all of you.

MOTION Mancini, SECOND Shiwarski to adjourn the meeting.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Carol Merks
Township Secretary