

Summit Hill Borough Council
April 27, 2015, 7:00 p.m. Borough Hall

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Summit Hill Borough Council was held at the above time and place with Vice President John O'Gurek presiding.

Roll Call – Vice President John O'Gurek, Michael Alabovitz, Greg Kosciolk, Jesse Walck, Bill Chapman, William O'Gurek, Solicitor Michael Greek and Mayor Paul McArdle were all in attendance. President Mike Kokinda was absent.

Minutes - Motion was made by Bill Chapman and second by William O'Gurek to approve the March 9, March 23 and April 14, 2015 meeting minutes. Motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council.

Floor - Nothing at this time

Mayor's Report – Mayor Paul McArdle reported the income from the District Justice in the total of \$937.30 for the month of March 2015. **Motion was made by Greg Kosciolk and second by William O'Gurek to approve the Mayor's report for the month of March 2015.** Motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council.

Police Report – Chief Fittos said he has nothing further to add to the Police report at this time. He mentioned needing a new server for their records management. Kira Steber said that they discussed purchasing a new printer for the police department at the last meeting. She called a few places to try and get the old printer repaired. A new fuser was purchased, she put it in the printer and now the printer is doing nothing at all. In last month's meeting minutes it states that if we try to repair it and it cannot be repaired we can replace it. She was just verifying that she can still purchase a new one. The old one has seen better days. It is jamming when trying to make copies and the top part of it is broken off the printer. She purchased a new fuser for \$215.00 and it cannot be returned. She noted that she can call someone in to repair it at \$90.00 - \$100.00 an hour, but it is not guaranteed it can be fixed. She stated that she does not want to do anything without Council's permission. Kira said that a copy of the costs for a new printer is in everyone's packets. The cheaper one would be a total of \$1,925.00. Joe Fittos explained that right now they can't receive faxes or do anything else with it anymore. Kira said that the police are currently using her fax and printer, not that it is a problem, but it is inconvenient for them, especially if they have someone in the office or in custody. Michael Alabovitz asked Chief Fittos if they print a lot of big files like a PDF that is 5 megabytes or bigger. Fittos explained that they sometimes receive large documents that need to be printed but not that often. Kira again asked if she had permission to purchase a new printer. Alabovitz said he feels that we do not need the more expensive one unless it is necessary due to the memory, then he would rather spend the money if necessary. **Motion was made by Michael Alabovitz and second by Greg Kosciolk to purchase a new printer for the police department and only spending the extra money if it necessary based on the memory in the printers.** Motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council. Kira said that Council has a copy of a letter of resignation from Officer Collin Leibensperger. **Motion was made by William O'Gurek and second by Michael Alabovitz to accept the resignation letter from Collin Leibensperger.** Motion opened to the floor for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council. William O'Gurek thanked Officer Leibensperger for his service. Chief Fittos stated that Collin was only with the department for a few month and that we wasted money on him training him and getting him certified and expressed his disappointment to Officer Leibensperger. Fittos stressed that the pay rate for part-time officers is low and feels that it needs to be raised from \$15.00 to \$18.00. He feels that we need to bump the rate if we want to keep part-time officers. He said that Tamaqua starts at \$17.00 per hour and we start at \$15.00. John O'Gurek stated that budget time is right around the corner and we can discuss it at that time. Fittos said that if we don't do something, we will get stuck paying overtime. **Motion was made by William O'Gurek and second by Bill Chapman to approve the Police Report for the month of March 2015.** Motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council.

Planning and Zoning – Borough Secretary, Kira Steber, said that everyone has a copy of the Planning and Zoning report; there is nothing out of the ordinary. **Motion was made by Michael Alabovitz and second by Greg Kosciolk to accept the Planning and Zoning report for the month of March 2015.** Motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council.

Work Leader Report – Borough secretary, Kira Steber, said there are a few items that need to be addressed. The F550 need to go to the dealer to get an estimate on repairs. John O'Gurek said this is something that needs to be discussed. It seems that every time we turn around we are spending money to fix it. Kira asked if she has permission to have the workers take it to the dealer to get an estimate on repairs. John said he thinks we should see what it will cost and go from there. Kira explained that there is a drainage problem down near Mr. Kane's property at Poplar and Fell Streets. John O'Gurek said he will address the issue with him. It is private property and we shouldn't have to repair it and he is not happy about us putting stone down. Kira explained that the problem is where Mr. Miller put in his driveway. She believes the Borough does have a right-a-way. Bill Chapman thinks that the engineer should take a look at it. O'Gurek said that Tirpak was already there to look at it. The problem is they are both saying it is their property. Kira stated that Tirpak said that we should contact the county and see what they have on record. John said that we can get some dirt or stone and dump it in there to stop the drainage. He believes that it is a sanitary sewer line that runs through the property. He also mentioned that there is work that needs to be done on McMurtrie Street. Chapman said that there are soft spots in the street. John said they will look at it when they look at the issue down on Fell Street. **Motion was made by William O'Gurek and second by Bill Chapman to accept the Work Leader report for the month of March 2015.** Motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council.

Tax Collector Report – Nothing to report at this time.

Wage Tax Report – Borough Secretary, Kira Steber, read the Wage Tax report for the month of March 2015. Berkheimer submitted a total EIT of \$14,351.78 with a commission of \$248.29 and postage charges of \$5.43. Total LST submitted was \$95.81 with a commission of \$1.96 and postage charges of \$18.47. **Motion was made by Bill Chapman and second by Jesse Walck to accept the Wage Tax report for the month of March 2015.** Motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council.

Receipts – Borough Secretary, Kira Steber, read the receipts for the month of March 2015. General Fund receipts were \$43,537.00, Sanitation Account receipts were \$8,159.23 and Community Center receipts were \$595.00. **Motion was made by Bill Chapman and second by William O'Gurek to accept the Receipts for the month of March 2015.** Motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council.

Committee Reports –

Streets - John O'Gurek said that we already discussed what needs to be done on streets. He explained that Mountain Road going West is in bad shape and we need to load the pickup truck with cold patch and repair it. He hopes to get that done tomorrow.

Buildings - Kira Steber asked Michael Alabovitz if he has heard anything on the locking system for the doors at the Community Center. He said that he spoke to the guy but will give her his phone number so that she can call and talk to him. John O'Gurek asked about the PA system for the Council room; Alabovitz said it is the same guy. Kira said if she gets the number, she will call.

Recreation - Jodi McAndrew said that they submitted the DCNR grant and will doing another on for DCED, which is due June 30th. She explained that they need to hire a park inspector and was wondering if there is someone the Borough uses. They will need to hire someone before they submit the next grant. Michael

Alabovitz asked if there is someone who does it for a living. Jodi explained that the person needs to be certified to do park inspections. Alabovitz said he would think that the Borough's insurance carrier would have someone. Kira stated that they use to have a person that would come and inspect the buildings and playground equipment, but that was with the old carrier. Alabovitz suggested contacting Lehigh Engineering, Barry Isett or call someone from Allentown. John O'Gurek stated that he would like to thank Representative Jerry Knowles for helping with the grant. Jodi asked who she needs to contact to have the Fire Police assist with the race. Kira said she will make sure to get the request to them. Solicitor Greek said that Council needs to make sure that we put it in the meeting minutes that we are authorizing the use of the Fire Police. He stated that he will have to draft something up for council which will allow them to assist with the events but right now someone needs to make a motion to allow them to help with the race. If you know the list of events at the beginning of the year, you could put it all in one motion at the beginning of the year. You don't want your insurance carrier not paying if someone gets hurt because it was not in the minutes. **Motion was made by Michael Alabovitz and second by Greg Kosciolk to allow the Fire Police to assist with the race on May 24, 2015.** Motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council. Jodi also said that Bill Black Park is not being opened up or locked up every day. She stated that one of the commission members lives nearby and is willing to open and close the park every day, if Council is ok with her having a key for the gate. She said the member sees families going up to the gate all the time and they can't get in because the gate is locked. Chief Fittos said he unlocks the gate every day when he is working but when he unlocks it he does not swing the gate open so they may think it is still locked. Michael Alabovitz suggested getting a lock and giving her a key if she is willing to do it every day. Fittos said he will make sure she gets a key. Jodi also asked if the diggers have been installed in Bill Black Park. Kira stated that she thought one might be in, but she wasn't sure. Jodi said that it would be nice to have them in before Memorial Day so that people who have donated can see that they are doing things to the parks especially since they purchased the diggers with the money that they raised from last year's race. Alabovitz said that she needs to have Kira put in a work order and give it to the Borough workers. Jodi's final request is to have the cameras that were approved for purchase last summer installed. Kira stated that they were approved twice but we never purchased them. Alabovitz said it will be extremely expensive to do the entire park and we will not get great coverage with them. Jodi stated that she would like to see them in before they start putting money into the park. If the grant gets approved, they are looking at starting the work in the park in March. She explained that the next big grant they are applying for in June will go to upgrade the equipment at the park. Michael suggested putting a pole up with a camera on it. The problem is there is no power over there. He said once the park starts getting ripped up, we can run the wiring for the cameras. Jodi feels that the ideal place for a camera would be by the shed but on a pole. Michael suggested Jodi look at the plans and incorporate the pole and camera to save some money.

Motion was made by William O'Gurek and second by Bill Chapman to accept the committee reports for the month of March 2015. Motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council.

Communications –

1. Council received a letter from St. Joseph's Church announcing their Annual Festival on July 17-19, 2015. They are acquiring a liquor license to sell and serve alcoholic beverages at the festival. The Two Saint Scamper and 2nd Annual John "Toot" O'Gurek Memorial Horseshoe Tournament will be held on Saturday, July 25th. They are asking permission to use the streets for the scamper and to have the streets that are closest and parallel to the Church blocked off during the festival. The procession of St. Gabriel will be held on Sunday, July 19th beginning at 3pm. Kira said a motion will need to be made to hold the festival, block off the street, hold the scamper and to allow the use of the Fire Police. **Motion was made by Jesse Walck and seconded by Bill Chapman to approve the request from St. Joseph's Church to hold their annual festival July 17-19, 2015, block off the requested streets for the festival, hold the Two Saint Scamper using the community streets and allowing the use of the Fire Police.** Motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council.

- Council received an invitation from Carbon County Emergency Services to participate in the County's Hazard Mitigation Planning Process. Michael Alabovitz said he will try to attend but would also like to see the Borough EMA attend.

Communications for the Month of April 2015

Motion was made by William O'Gurek and second by Greg Kosciolek to approve Communications for the month of April 2015. Motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council.

Bills - Borough Secretary, Kira Steber, read the expenses for the month of April 2015. The General Fund Expenses were \$34,686.86, Sanitation Fund Expenses were \$23,838.54, there were no expenses for the Community Center and Street Account Expenses were \$2,363.72. **Motion was made by William O'Gurek and second by Greg Kosciolek to accept the bills for the month of April 2015.** Motion was opened to the floor for comment. Joseph Kosalko asked what the total expenses were for on the PPL bill. Kira stated that it is for everything that we get an electrical bill for. Kosalko asked why the expenses were not broken down individually like they use to be. Kira explained that she use to do separate checks for each PPL bill and now she does one check for all of the bills. Kosalko stated that he thought Council was going to go around and check which street lights were not needed a few years ago. Michael Alabovitz said he got hell for suggesting to remove lights in town. Kosalko asked about the bill in the amount of \$239.00 for Blue Ridge Communications. Kira explained that it is for the digital phone system. She said that the bill if actually two bills, one for the police and one for the borough. William O'Gurek asked what the bill was for to Jerry's Sport Center. Kira explained it was for ammo that was ordered last year for the Police Department. Chief Fittos explained that they are always a year behind in receiving what they order. Motion was again opened to the floor for comment; no additional comments made. Motion carried unanimously by Council.

Old Business -

- Ordinance No. 4 of 2015 - Rescind the Water Authority Ordinance. Jesse Walck asked if the Water Authority hired anyone for the Office Manager position. John O'Gurek stated that they hired someone at their meeting that was held last week. Jesse asked Wayne Gryzik if he had a chance to look through the Water Authority's budget. Wayne said he has just started the process of looking through it. Jesse asked if there was money in the budget for line replacement, like he asked last month. Wayne said he believes there is but he is not sure. He told Jesse that there will be a board meeting on May 19th and he is more than welcome to attend and he can ask any questions he wants and can see whatever he wants. Jesse said that he has the numbers and there is nothing there. Long term there is nothing there and this is a problem. If lines start to break, it is not a short fix. You are looking at long term costs and that is why we need to move on taking the Water Authority over. **Motion was made by William O'Gurek and second by Greg Kosciolek to adopt Ordinance No. 4 of 2015 rescinding the Water Authority Ordinance.** Motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made. Roll call vote was taken.

Michael Alabovitz	No
Greg Kosciolek	Yes
Jesse Walck	No
Bill Chapman	No
William O'Gurek	Yes
Vice President John O'Gurek	Yes

Vote was 3-3. John O'Gurek stated that Mayor Paul McArdle had to vote to break to tie.

Mayor McArdle asked what exactly is the question. William O'Gurek explained that voting yes would rescind the ordinance to take over the Water Authority and voting no would keep the ordinance with the Borough taking over the Water Authority in June. McArdle asked if he had to give his vote right now. Solicitor Greek said he will need to check the Borough Code to see what the timeframe is. He has to vote but there is a certain time frame as to when he has to vote. Joseph Kosalko asked if there was a motion last month to rescind this until January 1st. Jesse stated that you cannot make that motion, as per the solicitor.

Council moved on with the meeting until Solicitor Greek researched the Borough Code to see what the timeframe is for the Mayor to break a tie.

2. Snow Plowing Meeting - John O'Gurek mentioned that we had discussed scheduling a snow plowing meeting sometime from now until September. He asked if we can hold it a half hour before our next Council meeting. Kira felt that wasn't a good idea because that meeting will drag on forever. Bill Chapman agreed saying that we will never get things straightened out in a half hour. William O'Gurek said the sooner we have the meeting the better off we will be. If we don't schedule it soon, it will never happen and then we will be stuck in the same situation as last year. Chapman said let's shoot for a meeting in July this way we have a few months to work through it before the snow comes. Kira said the regular Council meeting will be on July 27th. Kira said we are looking at tentatively holding the meeting on July 21st at 7:00. Chapman stated that all interested parties should attend. **Motion was made by Bill Chapman and second by Greg Kosciolk to advertise a Snow Plowing meeting on July 21, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.** Motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council.
3. Karen Ruzicka said a few months ago the Historical Society sent a letter requesting that the roof on the gazebo be replaced and they had no response from Council. They would like to see it done before the Hootenanny but that is get close. Kira said she will contact Maxine or Louie Vermillion to follow up on the request.

Solicitor Greek explained that when there is a tie vote like this the Mayor has the option to cast the deciding vote or should direct the matter to be tabled until a special meeting of Council. A special meeting of Council shall be held in no less than 5 days and no more than 10 days at which time the matter would be reconsidered by Council. If a tie of the split vote exists, it shall be the duty of the Mayor at that time to cast the deciding vote. Greek said the Mayor either votes on it now or if not, then it would be scheduled for a special meeting, which he would have to attend, and cannot be less than 5 or more than 10 days from today's date. Mayor McArdle said he was thinking about it and right now he does not feel that we are ready to take them over. The other thing that concerns him is the people of the town. Everything is so old in town and once they start going, they are going to go. He would rather see the Water Authority pay for the repairs then our taxes. Jesse explained that the entire Borough is not on the water system so you cannot use tax dollars to repair the lines. Michael Alabovitz said the taxes do not pay for the water, water rates pay for the water. Joseph Kosalko said if the line start to break the taxes will go up to repair them Alabovitz explained again that you cannot use tax dollars to repair water lines. The water rates pay for the water system and said that Kosalko will never have to worry about it because he is not on the public water system. Mayor McArdle said his vote is to leave the Water Authority the way it is. Jack asked if that meant he was voting to rescind the ordinance; he said yes. A heated discussion took place. William O'Gurek said this is something that needs to be discussed at a Water Authority meeting and he believes the Mayor has cast his vote on the ordinance. Alabovitz said he is only trying to point out the facts. The Mayor again said to leave the Water Authority the way it is because he feels we are not ready for it. Alabovitz said that's your opinion. Bill Chapman added that we have to make a move one way or another because the water system is failing. Right now we have fire hydrants in town that are dry. People probably don't even realize this and people's insurance companies probably don't even know this either. Alabovitz said that it is a fact that insurance companies will raise your rates if they know there is not a working hydrant

near your home. William O'Gurek asked how many times in the last 5 years has Borough Council sat down with the Water Authority to discuss any of these issues with the authority members. William said he can answer that question, zero times have we met with them. Alabovitz said that he is wrong and he has already sat down with the chairman of the board. John O'Gurek hit the gavel and said the vote was cast, it is over and we need to move on. Motion was again opened to the floor for comment; none made. Motion carried by majority vote.

New Business -

1. John O'Gurek mentioned that last year Jesse Walck suggested a sewer transmission fee. He agrees but disagrees because of the amount of the fee to charge. In light of the letter that was received from DEP, he strongly suggests that we entertain a fee so that they at least see that we are trying to implement something. He would like to start at \$50.00 this year, then \$75.00 next year and then the third year increase it to \$100.00. Jesse Walck feels that we should have a special meeting about it to let the people from the town who will be paying it involved. John said he would like to have something documented so when Jesse goes to the meeting he can show that we have started implementing something. Jesse said they are not going to care at this point William O'Gurek said that he would like to wait until after the meeting with DEP to see what they say and go from there. Michael Alabovitz stated that he gets a kick out of the fact that we wait until we get in trouble to do something. John said the Kira informed him that there is money sitting in the CDBG funds and he knows that Lansford used some of theirs for replacements. Jesse said that is a drop in the bucket for repairs. William O'Gurek said that he gets a kick out of going after the Water Authority for not having something in place but in the meanwhile, we get called to a special meeting with DEP for something that we didn't do. Alabovitz said we had meetings with the engineer to get a plan in place. William said those that live in glass houses shouldn't cast stones. Michael said he remembers trying to put a transmission fee in place and it was voted down. Look back in the meeting minutes to see who voted against it. He knew this was coming but everyone said the people can't afford it. Guess what, when DEP comes in and says that they know owe \$1,000.00 a year, how are people going to afford that. John said well now we want to change it. Alabovitz said yes because now we are in trouble. John said we didn't collect for one year. Does that get us out of the woods with DEP, no. John said we will table it until next month.
2. Letter of Support to the Commissioners for a Fire Training Building - Commissioner William O'Gurek asked if he would be able to address the matter with the board because the Borough Secretary had called the Commissioner's office looking for additional information. Commissioner O'Gurek read the letter that was sent to Council in regards to the fire training facility. He stated that Chief Fittos is on this committee, which has been planning this for several years. County municipal officials, like yourselves, should know that the county is not asking any municipalities to invest and/or to pay anything towards this project. The county has hired the Delta Development Group to find funding solutions for the project. Part of the grant application process is to seek letters of support from municipalities that will benefit from the multi-purpose facility in many ways including joint training for fire, police, EMS, sheriff, prison guards, adult and juvenile probation officers, drug and state task forces and other state and federal agencies. Regarding this application, the most recent county grant application that was funded allowed the county to help every municipality within the county with meeting the narrow band requirements of the Federal Communications Commission. The county received \$974,053.00 and they shared it with the municipalities. Summit Hill's benefit was \$57,784.00 including \$4,733.00 towards the Police department's radios and \$53,050.00 for the Fire Company to change over its frequencies. Summit Hill's cost of the \$57,784.00 project was only \$764.00 out of pocket to towards the installation to have all your radios become FCC compatible. He would also like to point out some other ways Summit Hill has benefited from grants that were awarded by the Commissioners. In 2004, we did street improvements on Ludlow Street for \$51,000.00. In 2005, we did street improvements on Ludlow Street for \$47,000.00. In 2007, street improvements on Ludlow Street for \$54,000.00. In 2009, when we received economic stimulus money from the Federal Government, \$73,895.00 we gave it all to Summit Hill. In 2014, when the county got \$105,000.00 to

distribute among the non-entitlement communities, we allocated \$104,830.00 for Summit Hill. More than 50% of the money they got they gave to Summit Hill for White Street from Walnut Street to Market Street and from White Street from Oak Street to Pine Street. Can anyone tell him what a mill of taxes in Summit Hill is worth. Jesse Walck said it is a little over \$43,000.00. Commissioner O'Gurek said that \$43,000 into the \$330,725.00 that the Commissioners have given to Summit Hill Borough equals 7.4 mills of taxes. This is the kind of cooperation this town is getting from the County Commissioners. He did not do it himself, contrary to what some think. The Commissioners voted to give this money to you. He has been part of two administrations now, different compositions of Commissioners, that was able to vote collectively to bring money to Summit Hill. We are talking almost \$400,000 that has been given to this Borough. He is asking that Council consider the letter of support. He feels it is very important. You can ask the Police Chief how valuable this is to his department for training and meetings that they can attend. You can ask the firemen how it will help them. He thinks it is something that represents an investment for all of the municipalities of Carbon County at no expense to the municipalities. He shared all this with Council to provide as much information as possible. There have been all kinds of mistruths stated about it including that they are building a new 911 center, which they are not. They are building a facility that would be used for training and police, prison guards, sheriffs and probation officers and this is why it is being dubbed a multi-purpose facility. He said if anyone has questions about the project, he would be happy to answer them. He came here tonight to provide as much information about the project that he could. Chief Fittos said that he has been on the committee for a number of years now and it has gotten to the point where funds are becoming available. People that read it in the paper, it seems like its fire, fire, fire. It's not the fire. It is going to be state of the art facilities for all fire companies in Carbon County. It will be state of the art facilities for law enforcement and EMS. We do not normally train together. Michael Alabovitz said that this is long overdue. We do not have anything decent in this county and it is about time something is being done about it. He knows that it has been a long process and it really bothers him how it has become a political thing for some people. People are putting out misinformation about the process and project itself. He knows this is something that the Emergency Services community in the County has been asking for, for a very long time. Fittos said that this is not political because they have been doing this for 7-8 years. Politics has nothing to do with it. Alabovitz said that Fittos is right but people are making it political. Fittos said he will continue to offer his support for the project. This will be something that has never happened before. If there is a big event, we are all going to be there and we need to be on the same page. We have been training with the Task Force and have had to go out of the area for training. This will allow us to train locally. There is going to be a state of the art computer generated use of force where you can go into different situations and it teaches you how to react. There will be a shoot house for the police departments and the Fire Training Center will have a burn house. We need to train together so we just act and automatically do it. Karen Ruzicka asked if there is no existing training center like this. She saw the article in the paper it made it sound like there were existing training centers. Commissioner O'Gurek stated that there was a facility in Lehighton. In 2013, they shut it down because it was unsafe and it was strictly a fire training facility at Baer Memorial Park. They had to demolish it because it was unsafe. Karen asked where do they have to travel for training. Commissioner O'Gurek said they had to travel to Bucks, Montgomery, Monroe and Lycoming counties. John C. Poko said they have traveled to Schuylkill County, Monroe County, Luzerne County, Northampton County and Montgomery County. There is nothing in this area for training. The only thing that is in Carbon County for County training as a prop is an old IDC trailer that was converted into a maze to gain confidence. It is so fire fighters can go in and build their confidence in a dark environment wearing breathing apparatus and work their way through the maze. This was made well over 30 years ago. It was built with the lumber from a house they tore down on West Iron Street back in the mid 80s. Commissioner O'Gurek said the plan is to use our facility as a central training place so other counties can come here and our fire fighter will no longer have to travel to other counties for training. Chief Fittos said training is very important. When there is a fire, firefighters run into a burning building to save lives. When there are shots fired, the police run towards the shots, not away from them. The training is beneficial to everyone. Commissioner O'Gurek asked if there are any other questions. Jesse Walck thanked Commissioner

O'Gurek for his time and agreed that this project is a no brainer. Commissioner O'Gurek said that they are in the process now where they will be applying for funds. They were notified that the RACP round of funding will be opening up. They will be applying for 2 million dollars of the RACP money, which requires a dollar for dollar match which they are hoping will come from the gaming money. They already have letters of support from Representative Heffley and Senator Yudichak and he feels they will have some input with the gaming monies. They have hired someone who knows how to leverage money and match it with other monies. So if they get the RACP grant for 2 million and the matching for 2 million, then they already have their first 4 million for the project. Chief Fittos thanked the Commissioners for all that they are doing for this project. Joseph Kosalko thanked Commissioner O'Gurek and the Board of Commissioners. He stated that this is a non-entitlement community, which means the Commissioners didn't have to put any money up here. Bill said that is correct. We get about 4 million dollars a year and the Commissioners entertain proposals from communities to try to help them. We have been able to bring money to Summit Hill and have helped Lansford. They were able to put the ramp in front of the Water Authority so older people don't have to climb those stairs down there. We try to help other communities and share the monies. John O'Gurek said we appreciate everything that they do for us. Kosalko added that in the many years of service in this town he has seen a lot of money come in to redo the streets in this town and he thanks them for everything that they have done. John O'Gurek said the parade route keeps getting better with each project. Commissioner O'Gurek added that if they remember when they received the stimulus money the fire company project was just about complete and there were no funds to complete the street repair in front of the new station. He said that the Commissioners would appreciate a letter of support and hopefully in a couple of months the County will receive letter that they will be receiving funding. **Motion was made by Michael Alabovitz and second by Jesse Walck to give a letter of support to the Carbon County Commissioners for the new training facilities.** Motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council.

3. 2nd Quarter 2015 Garbage Exemptions - Kira stated that she forwarded the list on to Bill Chapman to review and everything looks good. **Motion was made by Bill Chapman and second by William O'Gurek to approve the 2nd Quarter garbage exemptions.** Motion opened to the floor for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council.
4. Handicap Parking Applications - Kira explained that there are two applications for renewal and one new application. The applications are for a new handicap parking spot at 233 South Chestnut Street and renewals at 24 West Walter Street and 314 West Ludlow Street. **Motion was made by Bill Chapman and second by William O'Gurek to approve the handicap applications.** Motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council.
5. Drop Box for Payments - John O'Gurek said he asked Kira to check into prices for a payment drop box because of an incident that happened this past winter with tickets being given out on the holiday and people not being able to get into the building to pay them. He was a little surprised at the prices she had received. Kira asked Chief Fittos if he had any catalogs for police ticket payment boxes because they would be much cheaper than what she found. Fittos said he will look and see what he may have. John O'Gurek said it isn't going to be an issue now with the weather, but we will need something for the winter. John said to get some prices and we will discuss it further. Michael Alabovitz asked if we are looking for an interior or exterior box. Kira said exterior. We could do interior but she didn't know if they would want to put a hole in the wall.
6. Spring Clean-Up - Kira wanted to remind everyone that spring clean-up is coming up. She has handouts for anyone who is interested. The dates are May 4th and May 11th.
7. William O'Gurek said that he would like to wish Councilman Michael Kokinda well in his recovery from his surgery that he recently had. John O'Gurek stated that he should be back for the next meeting.

Motion was made by William O'Gurek and second by Jesse Walck to adjourn at 8:27 p.m. until the next regular scheduled meeting of the Summit Hill Borough on May 18, 2015. Motion was opened to the floor for comment; none made. Motion carried unanimously by Council.



Mike Kokinda
Council President



Kira Steber
Secretary/Treasurer