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# **MINUTES**

**August 8, 2016**  
**Regular Public Meeting**

**Board of Commissioners**

**Township of Whitehall**

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**A. CALL TO ORDER**

- 1) The regular Public Meeting of the Whitehall Township Board of Commissioners was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, August 8, 2016, in the Public Meeting Room of the Whitehall Township Municipal Building, 3219 MacArthur Road, Whitehall, PA, with the following in attendance:

**COMMISSIONERS**

Phillips M. Armstrong, President  
Dennis C. Hower, Vice President  
Thomas Slonaker, Secretary  
Jeffrey L. Dutt  
Philip J. Ginder  
Joseph J. Marx, Jr.  
Linda K. Snyder

**TOWNSHIP PERSONNEL**

Edward D. Hozza, Jr., Mayor  
John D. Meyers, Deputy Mayor  
Charles Fonzone, Attorney  
Frank Clark, Township Engineer  
Diane Hunsicker, Treasurer  
Michael Marks, Acting Police Chief  
Patricia Sweeney, Executive Secretary

The meeting was formally opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a) Commissioner MARX moved, seconded by Commissioner GINDER to approve the minutes of the following meeting:

Regular Public Meeting – July 11, 2016

Seven Commissioners were present with six voting “yes” and Commissioner DUTT abstained. Motion carried

**B. PULBIC HEARING AND VOTING ON CONDITIONAL USE**

**1. RESOLUTION NO.2944**

TITLE: A RESOLUTION CONDITIONALLY APPROVING THE CONDITIONAL  
USE PLAN OF 855 THIRD STREET, A.K.A. EVOLVE SOBER LIVING, LLC,  
LOCATED AT 855 THIRD STREET, WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP, LEHIGH  
COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, INDEX NO. 1887-16. (DEVELOP)

Lisa PEREIRA, Broughal & DeVito, stated she was counsel for the applicant, Evolve Sober Living, LLC, and has two witnesses, Talia EHRET and Gene BERG.

Margaret KALNAS, 222 Quarry Street, Whitehall, stated she was in attendance as an opponent to this matter.

Michele FABIK stated she would be speaking on behalf of her mother, Joanna FABIK.

Attorney PEREIRA presented exhibit packets she would be speaking too in her presentation to utilize the property at 855 Third Street as a rooming house, also known as a boarding house in the Township zoning ordinance.

Attorney PEREIRA asked Talia EHRET, 2747 Fairview Street, Bethlehem, if Evolve Sober Living currently leases the property at 855 Third Street and if the property owner authorized her on behalf of Evolve Sober Living to appear here tonight, with an affirmative response. Ms. EHRET stated she is a licensed aesthetician who got into the recovery realm ~4 years ago working at Haven of Grace recovery house in Hellertown. Ms. EHRET stated the property's current use is for residential for up to five women or residents living there who are unrelated. Ms. EHRET stated the property is ~14,000 square feet in size, there is no parking in front of the residence house, a back yard, a garage with 2 spots in front of it, a pond, has five bedrooms, have no plans to make any alterations to the property and preceded to explain the pictures of the inside of the property.

Ms. EHRET stated Evolve's mission is to provide a safe drug and alcohol free environment for women coming from successfully completing a reputable treatment program. It's a living arrangement to help adult women transition back into society, do not do any treatment or counseling of any sort on site, is staffed 24 hours, currently are two of them and if approved, will have another person for overnight. President ARMSTRONG noted the word staff is implying there a number of people working there and asked if the staff is two people, with an affirmative response. Ms. EHRET explained the women come from rehabilitation programs, stay a minimum of 3 months and a maximum of 12. They grocery shop, prepare breakfast and lunch on their own and prepare a sit-down dinner together. They are proposing to have ten beds with five bedrooms which by Township ordinance would require ten off-street parking spaces but received relief from the Zoning Hearing Board for a variance with certain conditions one being residents cannot have vehicles. Ms. EHRET stated there is a morning shift from 9 to 5, mid-shift is noon to nine depending on the 12-step meetings they are being taken too. The night shift person comes after dinner and is there until morning. Residents wake-up around 7 am, sit down for a morning reflection, have breakfast, do a chore, have a little free personal time or go to the gym before a meeting, have lunch, then do a sit down group 3-4 times a week, the other days are for appointments or grocery shopping, have some free time before dinner, have an evening meeting, some down time until 11 pm when they have to be in bed. Visitors are permitted and if permitted, off-site visitations on Saturdays.

President ARMSTRONG noted the zoning approval asked about leasing two additional parking spots within 100 feet and questioned if the lease would continue or be dissolved if they belonged to a property being sold. Attorney PEREIRA stated the Zoning Hearing Board indicated they could provide the two additional spaces on site which they plan on doing and would not be leasing. President ARMSTRONG stated he attended the Zoning Hearing Board meeting, is not under the impression they said you would meet all the parking requirements on the property and is why the two parking leases. Attorney PEREIRA stated because of the short distance between the property and potential leased spaces, have determined it is feasible to place two additional parking spaces on site but if

they lease would be a requirement the lease would run with the land. President ARMSTRONG asked if that has been approved. Attorney PEREIRA stated they have a plan to locate them right next to the driveway and understand they would have to be approved by zoning. Commissioner MARX asked if she intends for them to vote on this and have this as a condition, with an affirmative response. President ARMSTRONG stated he does not want to have another burden to the Whitehall Police Department if they should lease two spots, which she stated at the Zoning Hearing Board they would probably only be needed on Saturdays and then someone else parks on them and the police have another problem to deal with. Attorney PEREIRA stated it would be set forth in the lease agreement they would be for their exclusive use and would have to look into having signage. Commissioner HOWER asked if they have approached any of the available spaces to see if they can be leased, with a negative response as they are looking to put them on site. President ARMSTRONG stated he would feel more comfortable if the pad was already approved by zoning before he votes. Attorney PEREIRA stated they would not be able to get the CO to utilize the property until the parking issue is satisfied.

Commissioner DUTT asked what licensing board or agency makes sure they are doing what they say and what the screening program is for these women. Attorney PEREIRA stated its private, are not licensed, work directly with the treatment centers, need at least 30 days of sobriety, get to know the person through conversation and dealing with the families.

Commissioner SLONAKER asked where these conversations take place. Attorney PEREIRA stated at the treatment center, on the phone and some face-to-face. Commissioner SLONAKER stated if face-to-face there will be some cars during those times and asked if the family has to come in on a regular schedule. Attorney PEREIRA stated only on a Saturday with a schedule of one-half hour apart and is for pick-up. Commissioner SLONAKER asked when and where these initial discussions take place and what constitutes an adult. Ms. EHRET stated they meet the family at the rehab facility, then thru a lot of phone conversation, not on the property and an adult is eighteen and over.

Commissioner GINDER asked how clients with backgrounds are screened regarding child abuse, pedophiles or Megan Law violations. Ms. EHRET stated they do not screen for that, only issues they may have to deal with are drug possession, a DUI situation or theft and have the right to reject for any of those conditions. Commissioner GINDER asked if there is a day care at the Church down the street since there was a time when we could and then couldn't have control over what was going on close to schools and day cares but the laws have changed over the years. Attorney FONZONE stated one of the things they have a right to determine is how this fits into the neighborhood.

Commissioner SNYDER stated she feels the Board is concerned about the two extra parking spaces, either they need to get approval before we vote or we don't vote because we don't have the criteria for those two spaces, doesn't think we can use that as a condition here if it was a condition set by zoning. Attorney FONZONE stated the condition in the agreement with zoning is they need four off-street parking places. Commissioner SNYDER stated then they need to do that first so the Board feels more comfortable. Attorney PEREIRA stated this property obtained zoning approval for the addition of 3 spaces several years ago. Commissioner SNYDER noted that was for a different use. Attorney PEREIRA stated the issue is for a certain number of parking spaces, not for the specific use and actually have approval for 3 parking spaces being added to the property. President ARMSTRONG stated that wasn't brought up at the

Zoning Hearing Board. Attorney PEREIRA stated she introduced the prior written decision as part of the record. Commissioner GINDER asked why the Zoning Hearing Board still required two more parking spaces. Attorney PEREIRA stated they just required an additional two and the prior relief granted was for an office building. President ARMSTRONG stated that approval was for a different use, the simple solution is to go back, have it approved, then come before us and we will vote on it since there are a lot of new rules on permeable surfaces and water run-off.

Attorney PEREIRA stated understanding the board's concerns, are requesting this hearing be continued to allow us to discuss this with the zoning office and then come back and proceed with the hearing. Attorney FONZONE stated then you are requesting a continuance with your client's authority and you and your client are waiving any problem with time with respect to when you come back, with an affirmative response. Attorney FONZONE asked for it in writing and to send a letter.

Mayor HOZZA asked about the business in Hellertown. Ms. EHRET stated it was Haven of Grace, not affiliated with any nonprofit or church. Mayor HOZZA stated the plan indicates two full bathrooms and asked if they exist now. Ms. EHRET stated there is one full bathroom and the second is proposed for the first floor and have an architect who prepared the plans. Mayor HOZZA asked how they get to the gym and if laundry facilities are on the plan for the basement. Ms. EHRET responded they take them to a gym in Whitehall and laundry facilities are in the basement now. Mayor HOZZA stated they receive payment from the family and if it is cash or medical insurance. Ms. EHRET stated its cash, do not take insurance. Mayor HOZZA asked how eviction was handled at the other facility and if they ever had to rely on the Hellertown Police. Ms. EHRET stated if someone was asked to leave, depending on the situation, the family was called immediately. Mayor HOZZA asked what is in place if someone leaves during the night. Ms. EHRET stated they have an alarm that lets them know if someone is coming in or out but they are permitted to leave with someone at any time with the expectation to return within a certain time frame.

Commissioner MARX asked how they would handle it if any of their clients had parole or probation issues and have to meet routinely with officers. Ms. EHRET stated that would take them. President ARMSTRONG asked if there are arrangements for any specialized medical care or having a doctor on call. Ms. EHRET stated the women get a primary physician in the area to be able to call when they need medical attention and in an emergency would call 911. Mayor HOZZA asked if they are trained to give Narcan, with a negative response.

Frank CLARK stated the Zoning Hearing Board decision was to provide a minimum of four off-street parking spaces, not including the garage. He noted standard parking spaces are 10 by 20 and should be dimensioned on the plan. Mr. CLARK stated the need to be cognizant of the increase in impervious cover and a new curb cut will need a street opening permit. Commissioner GINDER asked if any of the spaces need to be handicap-accessible. Mr. CLARK stated he would check. Commissioner SNYDER questioned the need for any type of qualifications with ten people in this home. Attorney PEREIRA stated no treatment is occurring, is just their home.

Michele FABIK asked how many people are on the payroll for Evolve Sober Living, what the client is required to pay to live there, what other sources fund their overhead, does Evolve have any other facilities, is Evolve considered an intensive or regular outpatient program and what kind of medical or psychology credentials do the staff have.

Ms. EHRET stated the fee is \$3,100 per month, have no other source funding, is their only facility and is just considered a residence. Attorney PEREIRA objected to this line of questioning as to its relevance. Ms. FABIK stated she is trying to ascertain the ownership of the LLC and at the July 13<sup>th</sup> meeting it was reported that Talia EHRET and Lauren KEAVENY are partners and owners of Evolve Sober and renting the home from Mr. ATIYEH with two clients already residing there and asked when their residency started. It was noted one came May 1<sup>st</sup> and the other in mid-June. Ms. FABIK stated according to pa.gov, it shows Evolve Sober Living, LLC became an entity on March 7, 2016 and lists its address as being 1177 Sixth Street, Whitehall, PA which is the address of Whitehall Manor owned by Mr. ATIYEH. So how does their LLC have the same address as one of the companies owned by Mr. ATIYEH? Ms. EHRET stated that is where it started before we decided on a location and then re-put to 855 Third Street. Ms. FABIK asked since the original address is 1177, is it correct to assume the owner of 855 Third Street is also part owner of Evolve Sober Living, LLC, with an affirmative response. Ms. FABIK stated then there are three, you, Ms. KEAVENY and Mr. ATIYEH. Ms. EHRET agreed stating under the Willow Race Company. Mayor HOZZA asked if both have registered with the Township tax office as business entities since creating an LLC requires a business license for every entity, with an affirmative response. Commissioner SNYDER asked how they are already functioning as a business if we haven't approved it yet. Ms. EHRET stated they are living with under five unrelated people as a residence and want to get approved to move forward to be a rooming house for ten women. Ms. FABIK asked if the clients are permitted any on-site or off-site visitors who are not vetted friends or family members. Ms. EHRET stated the need for anyone to be approved. Ms. FABIK asked the likelihood of visitors supplying their clients with drugs or alcohol. Ms. EHRET stated it's very minimal since the people in their lives are all on the same path to help them get healthy and stay sober and clean.

Margaret KALNAS stated the facility is not under lockdown to prevent them from walking down to her house and doing something, has a six-year old grandson at her home most of the time, before long will have drug dealers there, wants to know what they will do about preventing the clients from leaving the property unescorted in the middle of the night and come banging on her door and should have someone there who is able to do counseling by law. Ms. EHRET stated it is a residence for women to help them transition back into the world, are coming from successfully completed treatment. Commissioner ARMSTRONG stated there are no regulations we have here, would have to be done on the state level. Ms. KALNAS stated she wants to make sure if she has problems and calls the police, they will come. Ms. EHRET asked if she had any problems from their residents. Ms. KALANS responded in the negative but stated she has been in that home and knows of problems that happened there before.

Attorney PEREIRA asked if they should set a date for the continuance. President ARMSTRONG stated to get the answers from zoning first. Attorney FONZONE noted they can't set a date because there are people involved that are not here. Attorney PEREIRA stated for clarification you want us to meet with the zoning officer regarding the parking. President ARMSTRONG stated whatever it takes to get it straightened out, does not know what they will require. Attorney PEREIRA stated they will discuss it with the zoning officer and come back.

The Resolution was continued until a future date.

**NOTE: The above represents a brief summation of this Conditional Use Hearing. A complete, verbatim transcript of the proceeding can be viewed at the Township's Municipal Building, 3219 MacArthur Road, Whitehall, PA.**

**C. COURTESY OF THE FLOOR**

Mario SPAGNOLETTI, 351 Sumner Avenue, Whitehall, stated a newspaper article noted some of the western Townships and Boroughs in Lehigh County are up against environmental protection. He has been on Trout Unlimited, the Little Lehigh Chapter and the Little Lehigh Water Coalition who are trying to fix the sewage and back up storm water because when it rains heavy, the manhole covers fly up and raw sewage goes in the Little Lehigh Creek. He noted the EPA is going to get tough on them, will cost them millions to fix it and asked if the Township has any problems with the EPA and if we are up to standards as far as the regulations.

Frank CLARK stated Whitehall has taken care of its own problems, the issue referred to is an ongoing problem in most municipalities, is called I & I, infiltration and inflow. Infiltration is when there are gaps in the joints of the sewer pipes where water can get in, a lot more volume goes in the sewer pipes going to the treatment plant and gets processed, are trying to process all of the waste without any extra water because it adds to volume and makes the plant work less efficiently. Inflow is when there is a direct connection between storm water going into the sewer pipes, could be illegal or historic, and are still areas of the country where there are combined sewers. The EPA and our local DEP directive is to reduce the infiltration and inflow, is why the Sewer Authority has been very proactive in going out and trying to eliminate the things that cause excess volume into the sewer, don't have an inflow problem but always looking for infiltration, and one of the recent things they did was to replace the entire Coplay Creek interceptor that goes from the pump station on Eberhart Road all the way up into North Whitehall. These big sanitary sewer interceptors follow the streams because they are the natural low point in trying to run a gravity sewer so it runs by itself. Commissioner MARX stated as a member of the Sewer Authority, it has been one of the most proactive of all the signatories in the County, have spent over \$20M to improve the system the last few years, have one of the best staff's in the County and as far as the administrative order, asked to be relieved when the extension came up but were not granted an out, even though they felt strongly they had complied and went above and beyond, was part of the crew that was responsible for the home and business inspections, have inspected almost 95% of the properties in Whitehall and Coplay, have been very proactive and successful, are currently under the extension, feel strongly they have taken all the action necessary and will continue. The only impact it will have on the Coplay and Whitehall people in the Authority is for any improvements that need to be done to Kline's Island, pay a percentage based on the daily averages of how much is sent to the plant, there will be an impact but it won't be substantial, the worst case scenario is we will have to pay our fair percentage to upgrade the plant. Mr. SPAGNOLETTI stated they knew this years ago in trying to get the raw sewage from going into the Little Lehigh and now someone has to pay for that. Commissioner MARX stated it has been years of neglect of the infrastructure, no one wanted to go and take the initiative to fix things and let it go until it got very bad. Mr. SPAGNOLETTI stated Lower and Upper Macungie and some boroughs just keep building and building. Commissioner MARX assured him Coplay and Whitehall residents are well protected. Mayor HOZZA stated we do not have a shared sewer system in the signatories that feed into Kline's Island, are not like Lancaster and Harrisburg where the sewage and storm water run in the same pipes and who are facing up to a \$1B in trying to slow down what is going into the Chesapeake. Our storm water regulations from NPDES and the MS4 are going to become much more stringent, is why many communities throughout PA are now creating their own Storm Water Authorities and he is advocating to go with a Regional Storm Water Authority in Lehigh County to deal with these new regulations. He noted years ago if you crossed the Cementon, Hokey or Coplay Bridges after a 2 inch rain event, the river would

be muddy for days but due to a lot of these new regulations, it is rare to see the Lehigh muddy. Also get calls from people asking why we don't cut the grass/weeds down along the streams and river banks but that is a riparian buffer which prevents storm water with silt or mud coming over land from getting in.

Jeff WARREN, 4568 Pharaoh Street, Whitehall, stated he has observed some habitual offenders who cut their grass and think cleaning their sidewalks is to blow the grass into the street. Public Works has a full plate of tasks, cannot clean every street on a weekly basis, so maybe something can be put in the newsletter for next spring because it is a violation since it is littering and the Township does have an ordinance.

***D. PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTING ON RESOLUTION***

1. RESOLUTION NO. 2943

TITLE: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RETIREMENT AND THE  
COMMENCEMENT OF MONTHLY PENSION BENEFITS TO FORMER  
POLICE OFFICER RICHARD GARNER. (ADMIN)

President ARMSTRONG read Resolution No. 2943 to the Board.

Commissioner DUTT moved to approve, seconded by Commissioner HOWER. There were no questions or comments.

Seven Commissioners were present and voted "yes". Resolution No. 2943 was approved.

***E. OTHER***

1. Commissioner MARX moved, seconded by Commissioner DUTT to approve the purchase of a half page ad at \$300.00 for all three seasons for the Varsity W Club in the Whitehall-Coplay School District.

Seven Commissioners were present and voted "yes". Motion carried.

2. Commissioner GINDER moved, seconded by Commissioner SLONAKER to approve the payment of bills passed onto the Board by the Whitehall Township Industrial and Commercial Development Authority in the amount of \$4,749.00.

Commissioner GINDER asked if the numbers were correct. Deputy Mayor MEYERS stated the invoices are attached, are spacing out the needs of the Authority to go thru the year without any problems.

Seven Commissioners were present and voted "yes". Motion carried.

3. Commissioner GINDER moved, seconded by Commissioner DUTT to approve the appointment of William FRIES to serve as counsel to the Zoning Hearing Board at a rate of \$120.00 per hour.

Commissioner GINDER asked why the Zoning Board doesn't appoint their own counsel. Attorney FONZONE stated they do but you pay them

Seven Commissioners were present and voted “yes”. Motion carried.

4. Commissioner GINDER moved, seconded by Commissioner HOWER to approve the execution of the Stipulation and Agreed Order Resolving Complaint of Whitehall Township against Northeast Revenue Service, LLC and Lehigh County Tax Claim Bureau regarding the Hollar detention pond property.

Seven Commissioners were present and voted “yes”. Motion carried.

***F. REPORTS OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS***

1. Commissioner GINDER commented on the report they received from the Planning Commission for 2015, thanked them for everything they do, everything is always in order when they receive it and also thanked the office of Lee Rackus.

Commissioner GINDER stated the Whitehall Township Authority has placed an old fire hydrant and inserted a bronze plaque on it in memory of Fire Chief Robert Benner in front of their building.

2. Commissioner SLONAKER asked about the sinkhole in the Coplay Creek. Mayor HOZZA stated both sinkholes were filled by the property owner and is holding. Commissioner MARX noted it is not holding downstream, CWSA workers discovered there is no water going south of the Hokey Park.

Commissioner SLONAKER commented on the Night Out held recently by the Police Department and feels it will get better each year.

3. Commissioner MARX stated he rode second shift with Officer QUERIO last week, had a rollover accident, a felony traffic stop, was a very colorful evening, and thanked the Chief for the service of the men and women in this Township as they improvise well. Commissioner Marx stated he toured the police facility, noted there is no facility for our canine's, basically sit in the vehicles, feels something needs to be done for them as they provide a wonderful service and after looking at the shower and locker facilities feels the need to take a look at the facility to make it more amicable to the police officers because they do a good job. Commissioner GINDER stated there are plans coming to have a new police station because by today's standard it is basically a stable. Mayor HOZZA stated he, former Chief KULP and Acting Chief MARKS found a plan and have two options, to go with that plan or an addition to this building which will be presented to the Board very shortly.
4. Commissioner DUTT thanked everyone for their cards, prayers and well wishes on the passing of his mother. He can't remember living here and having 2 major fires within a month, thanked the fire fighters who did a great job, visited the townhomes in Hokey, was glad to see all the neighbors out helping along with a small child who had a dollar and some change and wanted to donate it to the families, feels that is what Whitehall is all about and thinks we can use that example across our Township. Commissioner DUTT stated on Monday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm will have the first town hall recreation meeting with the Recreation Commission to get residents input for a seven year plan for recreation and part of that plan is the senior center being worked on and want input to offer more, especially for seniors and to give a widespan of recreation offerings throughout the Township. He noted there would be a senior center meeting here at 7 pm



on Thursday, are coming to the end of getting a facility started and need help to get it arranged.

5. President ARMSTRONG congratulated our Police Chief on the First Night Out, was definitely a great start and is sure it will grow bigger and bigger. On the Whitehall Stroll, the Whitehall Lions Club has taken over with the Duck Derby raising money for visually enhanced machines at the library, had a demonstration, they are fabulous, will enhance documents and also can read it to you. Hoping to raise enough money with the Duck Derby to buy 2 of these machines and will be the only Township in the Lehigh Valley to have them.

Commissioner ARMSTRONG stated they had several meetings for the Fall Festival which will be on Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup>.

Commissioner ARMSTRONG stated he and Lee RACKUS attended a conservation conference of the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission dealing with the buffers of trees and plants and how beneficial they are to all residents and found out there is practically nowhere in the Lehigh Valley you cannot reach by using a bicycle or walking, almost have trails now for everything in the Lehigh Valley.

President ARMSTRONG commented on the pride we have in this Township, recently saw the Mayor sweeping on MacArthur Road, was inspiring, is a state highway and our Mayor should not be sweeping but feels that states what we all say about this community, we take pride in it, want to make sure it is one of the best places to live in the Lehigh Valley

President ARMSTRONG asked any of the Board if they had any questions on the packet they received on the CRIZ. Commissioner DUTT asked about the loan and how they would have to back it for the CRIZ. Jeff WARREN stated he is not sure he has the real answers, feels they need to formulate a list of questions and pass it on to the state or people who are more involved but like in the past if Bethlehem's CRIZ Authority would finance a project and it did not create the revenue to pay off that bond, on the last day of the 30 years if there was any outstanding balance, the municipality would be on the hook for it. Now they have tightened that up so that it doesn't become a borrowing scheme where the guy at 30 years from now has to deal with the problem, they shortened it up to 7 years and the hooks are in there were the CRIZ Authority has the power to thumbs up or down the projects that are viable or not. President ARMSTRONG stated he read now it could be just one particular project, not the entire CRIZ area. Whereas, one area was doing well and the others were not that took the entire CRIZ program down and they would have the say. Mr. WARREN stated every developer's project stands on its own, would not be adversely affected if another project fails, that allows that developer to get confidence of the lending firms and the Authority to move forward with the project knowing his project is going to succeed and he can count on that revenue to pay off his debt. President ARMSTRONG stated he can also obtain private lending in this new program. Mr. WARREN stated there are more revenue streams that are defined in this amendment that weren't there in the past. Commissioner GINDER asked with all those new revenue streams what does that do to our Authority's ability to generate the lending. Mayor HOZZA stated we would first have to be approved and feels it would require someone in Harrisburg to lobby for the Township, is the key. Mr. WARREN stated there is criteria the Department of Community Economic Development uses as a scoring card, go thru each line item with many eyes looking at it and evaluate independently to make sure they have the best application to put forward. Mr. WARREN stated CRIZ has come

by us twice, the first time there was a defect in the legislation that DECD could not award a pilot zone CRIZ, when they got that fixed only 2 municipalities knew about it and they were the only 2 applicants, we weren't notified and only had a 2 week window to apply. This code amendment gives them strict reporting requirements, public notification that next time it gets released it is not a stealth press release with only the fortunate knowing about it.

6. Mayor HOZZA stated PennDOT and the contractor have notified the Township we are entering the next phase of the Fullerton Avenue project, all of the ramps on the southbound side will close on August 18<sup>th</sup> until the spring of 2017. The only ramp to remain open will be the one for eastbound traffic, is the quickest way for the contractor to rebuild the southbound lanes and ramps. Traffic will be moved onto the new deck on Fullerton Avenue.

Mayor HOZZA stated most of our Community Economic Development projects in the Township are new restaurants. He noted both the Radio Shack and Casual Male Malls are now under the ownership of St. Luke's University Health Network and will be their decision on the use. Both the Casual Male and the Vitamin Store will be moving to the former Sleepy's southbound on MacArthur Road next to Savona Tile.

Mayor HOZZA stated the interviews for the position of Fire Chief have been completed, he will be meeting with the Assistant Chiefs and the board before he is announced to the community and feels everyone will be please by the choice.

Mayor HOZZA stated the gray tsunami has come, it is the number of employees retiring at a rapid pace, right now have 15 openings for the first time in decades, are down to 99 employees from 128, are advertising and for one position alone had 500 applications.

Mayor HOZZA congratulated the community on their support of the appeal that went out on Facebook for donations for the Hokendauqua fire victims, we received ~\$5,000 in gift cards and cash to be distributed to the families. Work has begun on the repairs and hopes they will be able to go back to their homes by Christmas.

President ARMSTRONG announced the Board would be going into an executive session but no further action would be taken.

**G. ADJOURNMENT**

1. MOTION – Commissioner DUTT moved, seconded by Commissioner HOWER to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.