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# **MINUTES**

**March 11, 2013**  
**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, March 11, 2013, in the Public Meeting Room of the Whitehall Township Municipal Building, 3219 MacArthur Road, Whitehall, PA, with the following in attendance:

**COMMISSIONERS**

Linda K. Snyder, President  
 Philip J. Ginder, Vice President  
 Paul F. Geissinger, Secretary  
 Dennis C. Hower  
 Clair Hunsberger  
 Gerard F. Palagonia  
 Thomas Slonaker

**TOWNSHIP PERSONNEL**

Edward D. Hozza, Jr., Mayor  
 John D. Meyers, Deputy Mayor  
 Charles Fonzone, Attorney  
 Frank Clark, Keystone Engineering  
 Lee Rackus, PZ&D  
 Linda Kulp, Police Chief  
 Diane Hunsicker, Treasurer  
 Patricia Sweeney, Executive Secretary

The meeting was formally opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and a moment of silence for our troops.

**2) APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

Regular Public Meeting – February 11, 2013

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

**B. COURTESY OF THE FLOOR**

No one signed in for courtesy of the floor.

**C. PULBIC HEARING AND VOTING ON ORDINANCES**

**1. BILL NO. 2-2013 (Second Reading)**

TITLE: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER V OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP, CODE ENFORCEMENT, ARTICLE VIII, UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE AND THE 2009 INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE FOR ONE AND TWO FAMILY DWELLINGS, APPENDIX “G” – SWIMMING POOLS, SPAS AND HOT TUBS, AND ARTICLE IX, ADOPTING THE UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION

CODE OF PENNSYLVANIA, BY REVISING CERTAIN STANDARDS FOR  
SUCH INSTALLATIONS. (DEVELOP)

President SNYDER read Bill No. 2-2013 to the Board.

Commissioner GEISSINGER moved to approve, seconded by Commissioner SLONAKER. There were no questions or comments.

Seven Commissioners were present and voted “yes”. Bill No. 2-2013 was approved.

2. BILL NO. 4-2013 (Second Reading)

TITLE: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP TO ENTER INTO A RIGHT-OF-WAY GRANT WITH UGI UTILITIES, INC. CONFERRING UPON GRANTEE, ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, THE EXCLUSIVE, PERPETUAL RIGHT, PRIVILEGE AND AUTHORITY FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONSTRUCTING, MAINTAINING, OPERATING, EXTENDING, REPLACING, CHANGING THE SIZE OF AND REMOVING A PIPE LINE, SERVICE LATERALS AND RELATED FACILITIES FOR THE CONVEYANCE, TRANSMISSION AND DISTRIBUTION OF GAS (HEREINAFTER REFERED TO COLLECTIVLY AS “SERVICE FACILITIES”) ON, IN, OVER AND ACROSS A STRIP OF LAND IDENTIFIED IN EXHIBIT “A” WHICH IS ATTACHED HERETO, MADE A PART HEREOF AND INCORPORATED HEREIN BY REFERENCE. SUCH STRIP OF LAND BEING GRAY IN COLOR AND TOTALLING 729 SQUARE FEET LYING ADJACENT TO THE IRONTON RAIL-TRAIL AND BEING A PART OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WHITEHALL PROPERTY FOUND IN DBV 1597, PG. 1043. (ADMIN)

President SNYDER read Bill No. 4-2013 to the Board.

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

Seven Commissioners were present and voted “yes”. Bill No. 4-2013 was approved.

3. BILL NO. 5-2013 (Second Reading)

TITLE: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP MAYOR TO ACCEPT A DEED OF EASEMENT FOR A SIDEWALK THROUGH LANDS OF BETHANY BILE FELLOWSHIP CHURCH, WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP, LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA. (DEVELOP)

President SNYDER read Bill No. 5-2013 to the Board.

Commissioner SLONAKER moved to approve, seconded by Commissioner GINDER. There were no questions or comments.

Seven Commissioners were present and voted “yes”. Bill No 5-2013 was approved.

4. BILL NO. 6-2013 (First Reading)

TITLE: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP MAYOR TO EXECUTE DEEDS OF EASEMENT FOR AN EASTERLY AND WESTERLY STORM SEWER EASEMENT AND A SANITARY SEWER LATERAL EASEMENT OVER TOWNSHIP LAND ADJACENT TO WHITE CASTLE, 1280 MACARTHUR ROAD, WHITEHALL, PENNSYLVANIA. (DEVELOP)

President SNYDER read Bill No. 6-2013 to the Board.  
There were no questions or comments.

5. BILL NO. 7-2013

TITLE: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A PROPOSAL FOR THREE YEAR LEASE OF HP DL380P SERVERS, FOR THE WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 3.20 IN THE HOME RULE CHARTER WHICH REQUIRES AUTHORIZATION OF ACQUISITIONS IN EXCESS OF \$25,000 BY ORDINANCE. (ADMIN)

President SNYDER read Bill No. 7-2013 to the Board.

Commissioner GEISSINGER moved to approve, seconded by Commissioner HUNSBERGER.

Commissioner GEISSINGER asked the number of current servers and if they include the Treasurer's office. Deputy Mayor MEYERS stated 4, there will be 2 and includes EIT. Commissioner GEISSINGER asked the feasibility for tax to have a separate server. Deputy Mayor MEYERS responded in the negative stating most of what they do is off line, all garbage and real estate bills are done thru the Berks IU, nothing hard drive wise just the old EIT system and the BP and LST are in the Township's financial component which is backed up off-site, paid for quarterly and includes complete firewalls.

Seven Commissioners were present and voted "yes". Bill No. 7-2013 was approved.

6. BILL NO. 8-2013 (First Reading)

TITLE: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP MAYOR TO ACCEPT EIGHT (8) ACCESS EASEMENTS, FIVE (5) FROM WALMART REAL ESTATE BUSINESS TRUST AND THREE (3) FROM TWO GUYS FROM HARRISON HOLDING COMPANY, LP; AND TWO (2) DRAINAGE EASEMENTS FROM WALMART REAL ESTATE BUSINESS TRUST, ALL AS SHOWN ON THE "LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN FOR WALMART SUPER CENTER WHITEHALL SHOPPING CENTER" DATED APRIL 30, 2009 AT OR NEAR 2601 MACARTHUR ROAD, WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP, LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA (DEVELOP)

President SNYDER read Bill No.8-2013.  
There were no questions or comments.

7. BILL NO. 9-2013

TITLE: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF PROPOSALS FOR THE PROFESSIONAL SERVICE OF CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION SERVICES PER REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS #13-01, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 3.20 IN THE HOME RULE CHARTER WHICH REQUIRES AUTHORIZATION OF ACQUISITIONS IN EXCESS OF \$25,000 BY ORDINANCE. (ADMIN)

President SNYDER read Bill No. 9-2013 to the Board.

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

Seven Commissioners were present and voted “yes”. Bill No. 9-2013 was approved.

8. BILL NO. 10-2013

TITLE: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 15, SECTION 37 OF THE 2006 CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP, ESTABLISHING A NO PARKING ZONE ALONG THE SOUTH SIDE OF CRESCENT COURT EAST BETWEEN THE WESTERN EDGE OF 3678 CRESCENT COURT EAST’S DRIVEWAY AND THE EASTERN EDGE OF 3682 CRESCENT COURT EAST’S DRIVEWAY IN THE TOWNSHIP OF WHITEHALL, LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA. (DEVELOP)

President SNYDER read Bill No. 10-2013 to the Board.

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

Seven Commissioners were present and voted “yes”. Bill No. 10-2013 was approved.

**D. PUBLIC HEARING AND VOTING ON RESOLUTIONS**1. RESOLUTION NO. 2801

TITLE: A RESOLUTION APPOINTING CHRISTOPHER GRIM AS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR FOR WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP. (ADMIN/BOC)

President SNYDER read Resolution No. 2801 to the Board

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

Seven Commissioners were present and voted “yes”. Resolution No. 2801 was approved.

2. RESOLUTION NO. 2802

TITLE: A RESOLUTION CONDITIONALLY APPROVING THE LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN OF A-TEAM AUTO CENTER, LOCATED AT 1095

MACARTHUR ROAD, WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP, LEHIGH COUNTY,  
PENNSYLVANIA, INDEX #1825-12. (DEVELOP)

President SNYDER read Resolution No. 2802 to the Board

Commissioner SLONAKER moved to approve, seconded by Commissioner HUNSBERGER.

Commissioner GEISSINGER asked the status on some things discussed last week. Frank CLARK responded not much further along mainly because do not have recent traffic counts to see if 2 lanes are warranted, had some discussions with preparer and owner of the plan, there is existing concrete sidewalk and curb and any future design for N. Sixth Street for 2-way should not affect his property but may with a 3-lane configuration and noted the developer is aware should we need to go into the 60 foot of right-of-way, the sidewalk and curb will have to be relocated. Commissioner GEISSINGER asked if it should be noted on the plans. Mr. CLARK stated the owner is aware and is present to answer any questions. Commissioner SLONAKER stated he spoke with the gentleman and if there is a need to do it in the future, he is well aware it may cost some money but stated it would not be a problem. Commissioner GEISSINGER asked about the water. Mr. CLARK stated it would be connected to public water and the old oil tank has been empty for some time, was used for heating and will be removed since they have gas heat. Commissioner GINDER asked when the traffic impact study will be done. Mr. CLARK stated when Peter TERRY pulls the building permit for the other section, a garage bay. Commissioner GINDER asked about the flow of traffic on the property and the depressed curb on Rt. 145 for the exit. Mr. CLARK stated they received their HOP from PennDOT; he also requested in and out arrows and did speak to the owner about potential traffic back onto Michigan but is a rather steep drop. Commissioner GEISSINGER thanked the business owner for investing and expanding his business in Whitehall Township. Commissioner HOWER noted especially in that section.

Seven Commissioners were present and voted “yes”. Resolution No. 2802 was approved.

3. RESOLUTION NO. 2803

TITLE: A RESOLUTION OPPOSING THE PROPOSED LEASE-CONCESSION OF  
THE WATER AND WASTEWATER SYSTEMS OF THE CITY OF  
ALLENTOWN. (BOC)

President SNYDER read Resolution No. 2803 to the Board

Commissioner GEISSINGER moved to approve, seconded by Commissioner GINDER.

Commissioner SLONAKER stated he would like the phrase saying “tax through the tap” changed since water and garbage are not a tax but a fee. Commissioner GINDER asked that a small paragraph be added referring to our Sewer Authority and their position and referring to our Resolution 2780 passed ~ 2 months ago. Commissioner GEISSINGER suggested it say that “on October 8, 2012, the Board passed a Resolution expressing their opposition to the proposed sale or lease by the City of Allentown of their waste water treatment plant” and questioned the timeframe for this Resolution.

Joe MARX, 4119 Alice Lane, Whitehall, Community Affairs spokesman for the Coplay-Whitehall Sewer Authority and an appointee from the Township, stated March 21<sup>st</sup> is the date Allentown would like to sign a lease but so far everything has not been in their

timeline and since LCA has not had their charter extended, they may extend the timeline but is hard to tell. Attorney FONZONE stated they can make a motion to amend the word “tax” to “fee through the tap” and then make a motion to add “Whereas, the Board of Commissioners of Whitehall Township continues to support the Coplay-Whitehall Sewer Authority as stated in Resolution 2780 approved October 8, 2012”. Commissioner GEISSINGER stated since he made the motion accepts the change of “tax” to “fee” and to add the “Whereas” as stated by the Attorney. Commissioner GINDER changed his second to support it also.

Mr. MARX thanked the Board for their continued support, feels it is important to band together to look out for our citizens and ratepayers. He stated it is a very frustrating proposition, feels the City let all of the signatories out at the back door and do not seem to care what communities’ feelings are. He stated their agreement with the City, written in 1962 and revised over the years, is two-way because Allentown is a public entity and not for profit and there are no nuances to worry about but if a public company gets in and becomes a long term concessionaire, they have shareholders to answer too, have to get some return on their money so they look at the agreements with the signatories with the public system and at any capital improvements that are done to the plan and spread them among the signatories equally. They upgrade the plan or increase capacity and when that is done, then we are subject to rate increases and historically and nationally that is what has happened every time. Mr. MARX expressed his concern for the City personnel who may be left out on their own, wished the best for the City but noted they haven’t been very open or forthright with the signatories, haven’t answered a lot of our questions and there are too many unknowns at this point. Mr. MARX stated he hopes LCA is the potential concessionaire because they are a public entity, are local, and have worked with them closely over the years.

Commissioner GEISSINGER stated for anybody to spend \$150M up front to bail out the City of Allentown, the rates will have to go up because right now all their doing is paying for continued service and improvements to the system. Mr. MARX stated if you look at the structure of the agreement, it may not only be \$150M to \$200M but potentially a \$400M to \$450M annual lease for fifty years and if you add all those years together, you are looking at 30 or 50 years of debt service of about a half of billion dollars. He continued looking at Allentown’s numbers today, they break even as far as water and sewer because they are a public entity and any monies made are to be put back to capital improvements but a private entity doesn’t have to do that. Mr. MARX stated when Allentown put out its first proposal, the City Solicitor and Finance Director promised the signatories of Lehigh County that any changes made to the proposal would be red lined on a daily basis for transparency but they took the proposal off the web, never made any red line changes, rewrote the proposal and we did not know what was in it until it was released last week and now our legal teams are trying to figure out the nuances and how this is working out. He stated they had made some right-to-know requests from the City but got no response and filed a grievance with the State. He continued it seems they are trying to rush the timeline to get the agreement signed so they can deal with these issues later and our fear is because they are rushing the issue, we are going to get stuck with the bag.

Commissioner GINDER thanked Mr. MARX for attending and for all the time he has put in on this. Mr. MARX stated at a meeting at the County’s Government Center, the consulting firm ARRO was there on behalf of the City and LCA and the signatories were led to believe they were there solely to gather information from them to do a regional study so the City and LCA would know how to handle the current or any future situations



but what is actually taking place is the LCA and the City of Allentown are trying to compile a regional 537 Plan to basically take control of all of the signatories 537 Plans. Mayor HOZZA added he emphatically stated at the meeting that Whitehall Township has no interest in a regional 537 Plan, is not the intention of the Township to regionalize our water or sewer but was obvious if the LCA is the successful bidder to pay the debts payments for the acquisition, they would need a rapid expansion which would be the takeover of surrounding authorities. Commissioner GINDER stated it's wrong to put it on the backs of Whitehall and Coplay since we have done our due diligence, kept our system up, corrected our infiltration problems but the western part of the County has been left go for years and years, developed and developed, and nothing put in the ground for infrastructure and now they want us to pay for it. We took care of our needs as we built and does not feel we should have to pay for other municipalities that haven't done their due diligence. Mr. MARX noted Whitehall Township, Coplay and the Coplay-Whitehall Sewer Authority denied their proposal, walked away and will not cooperate at this point. Commissioner GINDER stated it is scary to think we could end up paying for what other people haven't done. Mr. MARX opined the powers to be out there are trying to regionalize our systems and feels it is important for our communities to band together and fight this. Commissioner SNYDER stated the Board is united with the Sewer Authority, appreciates everything they have been doing and they will do anything they can to help. Commissioner GINDER stated he is concerned this may get shoved down their throats which seems to happen with government today and is not fair and getting a little old. Mr. MARX stated the Sewer Authority hired a consultant a few years ago to do a flow water study on our system who told us we have one of the top five systems thanks to our staff, have heavily invested a lot of money, and have been proactive in keeping our system sound and working. He noted other municipalities have neglected their systems and now it seems it may fall back on us anyway and is wrong. Mr. MARX stated they have some of the lowest rates in the state, have a lot of infirmed and elderly, try to keep rates as low as possible but because we have some of the lowest rates in the state, when you go to borrow money or issue a bond, you don't get it. It was noted a copy of the resolution be sent to the Mayor, City Council and County Commissioners.

Seven Commissioners were present and voted "yes". Resolution No. 2803 was approved.

Commissioner SNYDER thanked Commissioner GEISSINGER for his efforts in regard to this.

#### **E. OTHER**

1. Commissioner SLONAKER moved, seconded by Commissioner GEISSINGER to approve the reappointment of Doris PAVEL to serve on the Recreation Commission representing the Beautification and Garden Club, term expiring September 30, 2015.

There were no questions or comments.

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

2. Commissioner SLONAKER moved, seconded by Commissioner GEISSINGER to approve the appointment of Monica CHIBBER to serve on the Environmental Advisory Council, term expiring December 31, 2016.

There were no questions or comments.

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

3. Commissioner PALAGONIA moved, seconded by Commissioner GEISSINGER to approve the reappointment of Mario SPAGNOLETTI to serve on the Environmental Advisory Council, term expiring December 31, 2016.

Mario SPAGNOLETTI, 351 Sumner Avenue, Whitehall, thanked the Board for his reappointment noting it has been a pleasure to serve on the Environmental Committee. He noted his appointment is to 2016 when he will be close to 90 years old.

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

All members of the Board thanked Mr. SPANOLETTI for his many years of service.

4. Commissioner GEISSINGER moved, seconded by Commissioner HOWER authorizing the Township Solicitor to file a petition for intervention in the Atiyeh Quiet Title Action No. 2011-2358.

There were no questions or comments.

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

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

1. Commissioner GINDER asked if anything was received regarding the Northern Tier, with a negative response. He stated the second item on the L & L agenda was taken care of this evening and if there was anything else. Commissioner SNYDER stated there are old industrial and commercial properties that are vacant, unmaintained, unattractive, nuisance generating, with no tax dollars and to perhaps look at our ordinance and tailor our legislation to be more specific and conforming to existing neighborhoods to make them more compatible. She noted there would be much work involved but in the long run would benefit businesses and the community and asked if the Board agrees to place this on L&L agenda for study. Commissioner SNYDER stated at a previous meeting it was brought up to include discussion on creating a LERTA program but this is not the same issue since many of the properties would not fall into that category, need to deal with each issue separately. She noted it should be a combined effort and something needs to be done to try to help promote these businesses that have gone out. Commissioner GINDER asked if this is something in the changing of zoning ordinances, with an affirmative response. Lee RACKUS stated there are several old commercial or industrial development properties in the Township surrounded over the years by residential properties, are extremely difficult to develop mainly because of the nature of their structure and Commissioner SNYDER asked if there is there a legislative way to look at these structures and come up with appropriate uses without everything needing to go before the Zoning Hearing Board as a non-conforming use. Ms. RACKUS stated she compiled a list these properties and suggested to do legislation they are comfortable with because there will always be someone waiting to manipulate the words. Commissioner GINDER opined what you do for one; you will need to do for all. Ms. RACKUS stated those are things to discuss, to provide a couple of opportunities to make it attractive for someone to come in and do what you want them too rather than always going before the Zoning Hearing Board, is not saying it is a solution but may be a legislative approach to consider. Commissioner SNYDER stated they cannot and no one is trying to influence the Zoning Hearing Board, just to look at the concept if there are other ways for people to develop these buildings. Commissioner GINDER noted they spent a lot of money at the



Dairy and then the owners walked away. Commissioner SNYDER stated the need to try and make a difference since some of the property owners have worked their entire life and paid taxes and maybe there are ways to have them develop a property but can't now because of certain requirements.

Commissioner GINDER stated the biggest problem is we tend to think things are worth more than they actually are but there is a day when a building has outlived its usefulness, and would cost too much to redo. Commissioner SNYDER stated that could be said of some old buildings they have preserved in the Township and maybe they should take out Cementon. Commissioner GINDER stated you cannot keep throwing good money after bad. Commissioner SNYDER stated she doesn't see where they are throwing money into it. Commissioner GINDER stated every time you pay the attorney to sit in a meeting you are throwing money into it. Commissioner SNYDER replied so then you would rather leave everything status quo. Commissioner GINDER responded in the negative, has been down this road before stating they did work with a few properties and the one it did work with was Tarkett. Commissioner PALAGONIA stated he feels Commissioner SNYDER is on the right track, every building has its own merits and the more money we can receive from commercial property, the less tax money we will need from our residents and to check into it. Commissioner GEISSINGER stated it may cost a few dollars now but need to look at tax revenue, jobs and whatever else it could create, need to take a chance, invest a few dollars in researching and developing a plan to help developers rehabilitate these properties without having to jump through hoops. Commissioner GINDER stated they may have success with some but others there is nothing you can do and is not willing to throw public money against failure. Commissioner SNYDER suggested then to tear them all down. Commissioner GINDER stated he is just pointing out the fact you may not find acceptable uses or developers for these buildings but has no problem looking at these buildings. Commissioner SNYDER stated she has seen poor residents come in and be treated like dirt because no matter what they did or tried, they were rejected. Commissioner GINDER stated then it will be put on L&L. Lee RACKUS stated she has some things that will be ready for next month and will contact Lehigh Valley Planning Commission regarding the Northern Tier. It was decided to cancel L&L. Commissioner HOWER asked if the property list was given to our Industrial & Commercial Development Authority, with an affirmative response. Commissioner SNYDER stated there is a fine line in creating a LERTA and changing ordinances. Commissioner HOWER stated not everything revolves around a LERTA. Mayor HOZZA stated the Lehigh Valley Economic Development also has the list.

Commissioner GINDER asked when Doug Bowen is retiring from the Whitehall Authority and feels the Board should recognize him in an appropriate manner since he has done a good job. Mayor HOZZA noted it is in August. Commissioner SNYDER stated the Doug BOWEN ran the Water Authority the way it should be done, is an example and deserves recognition.

2. Commissioner GEISSINGER asked everyone to go out and vote in May.
3. Commissioner HOWER thanked the Mayor for the painting of the lines in the construction zone on MacArthur Road and reminded residents it is a construction zone and to be safe since we had a horrible accident out there and thanked Mario for everything he does.
4. Mayor HOZZA stated street sweeping has begun and asked residents to pay attention to the schedule. He announced May 11<sup>th</sup> from 9 am to 1 pm will be the Annual Electronics

Recycling Event, Document Shredding and VIN Etching on the Township complex. Mayor HOZZA noted cleanups have been done throughout the Township and the annual clean-up will continue with volunteer groups and Township Public Works crews and every one of our Parks has annual clean-ups done by their Athletic Association groups. Mayor HOZZA noted the speed limit in the Rt. 145 Safety Improvement Zone is 30 mph and to be careful and expressed his condolences to the families of the 4 tragedies that have occurred in the Township recently.

5. Treasurer HUNSICKER stated payments made to date are: residential garbage \$126,900 which includes 113 senior discounts, landlord garbage \$14,300 with 6 reductions for seniors and real estate \$166,900 which includes \$1,000 on installments.

Paul SCHMIDT stated the Rail-Trail is one of most wonderful recreational programs in the Township and asked if anyone was given permission to block the entrance/exit to the trail at Lehigh Street since people were trying to get up and down and they couldn't. Mayor HOZZA responded in the negative stating it unfortunately was the home of the young lady who passed last week, the family had visitors and were not aware that it is an approved detour for the bridge project and should not happen again. Mr. SCHMIDT stated he told them they were blocking it improperly and was asked him if he was asking for trouble. Mayor HOZZA stated he should have called 911 or 437-5252. Mr. SCHMIDT stated he did call police from his home. Mayor HOZZA stated an officer was dispatched but was then re-dispatched to a higher priority incident with a prisoner. Mr. SCHMIDT thanked them again for the Rail-Trail. Commissioner SNYDER stated he should thank Commissioner GINDER who has worked on the Rail-Trail for many years. Commissioner GINDER stated to thank the members of the Rail-Trail Committee who are out almost every day doing something.

**G. ADJOURNMENT**

1. MOTION - Commissioner HUNSBERGER moved, seconded by Commissioner PALAGONIA to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m.