

**Elizabeth Township
Board of Commissioners
Monday, January 18, 2016
Commissioners' Workshop Meeting**

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silence

Roll Call – All Present

Executive Session Acknowledgement: Yes

Solicitor Racunas makes a few announcements they will not tolerate any outbursts and where to direct comments. Asks audience to be orderly or they risk being removed from the meeting. Addresses videotaping and asks that anyone videotaping to not block walk ways and to not move around, block anyone's view or be disruptive. Solicitor Racunas addresses that the video tape was removed from the last meeting because the purchase of the video recording device was not approved. Makes a comment regarding residents requesting audio tape from last meeting. Administration was short discs and could not get requested discs in the right to know 5 day limit and that they will be coming. President Rhoderick addresses minutes not being approved from December 14th. Things will be done differently than from last administration. The 3rd Monday of each month will be a working meeting and the public will be able to come in and watch the commissioners craft the agenda. Won't be voting on anything unless it's legal, personnel, or budgetary. The public will no longer be required to state their address, only their name when they make comments. Minutes will be available Wednesday after they're approved and agendas will be available to be picked up for review prior to commissioners' meetings. It wasn't done like this before, but that's how it will be done for now on. A schedule will be provided with a calendar of all committee and board meetings.

Motion to approve of the meeting minutes from December 14, 2015

1st Motion Rhoderick Seconded Beckowitz

Roll Call

Commissioner Similo - Yes

Commissioner Saxon - No

We do work for the residents so these minutes need to be across the board and they need to be exactly what people said. I know this is an over view, but when a Commissioner speaks I want my constituents to know why I agree or disagree with something. Residents need to know verbatim why Commissioner Saxon voted for or against something. President Rhoderick states that if we're short staffed, the minutes will not be available by Wednesday. Solicitor Racunas states that you're not going to submit the minutes until after they're approved. Commissioner Saxon replies when the minutes get approved and are on the website they need to be what went on here. And we're accountable for what we say and do here. The nice part is that there is a camera here to catch that now. I want to be able to read minutes and know exactly why I was for or against something. When he speaks about something that goes on with the sanitary authority and he speaks it should be in the minutes verbatim. It shouldn't be vague. We need to be

verbatim. I may say something that I regret two years from now and if it's in the minutes, then there's proof that I said it. Solicitor Racunas says if you disagree with something to do with the minutes you can vote right now. Minutes being vague and word for word is a balancing act. President Rhoderick states minutes have always been an abbreviated version. We can get a transcriber about getting meeting minutes dictated word for word. There's no issue with being on tape so to be clear and transparent, we can look into a transcriber. It doesn't hurt anything to look at a price. President Rhoderick asks Commissioner Similo if he has a problem with looking at price on next meeting's agenda. He says no and the rest of the board agrees. President Rhoderick states that we aren't going to vote on it next meeting, we're going to price it and discuss it. We have to factor in our staff's time and the money available.

Commissioner Kuzma - Yes

Commissioner Beckowitz - Yes

Commissioner Blake - Yes

Commissioner Evans - No

President Rhoderick - Yes

5:2 Motion Carries

Motion to approve of the meeting minutes from January 4, 2016

1st Motion Beckowitz Seconded Kuzma

Roll Call

Commissioner Similo - Yes

Commissioner Saxon - No

Commissioner Kuzma - Yes

Commissioner Beckowitz - Yes

Commissioner Blake - No

Commissioner Evans - No, these minutes are not what happened two weeks ago. Solicitor Racunas says there's always a difference between dictation and abbreviation.

President Rhoderick - Yes

4:3 Motion Carries

President Rhoderick states the next item to discuss and I will kick this over to Matt about the Zoning Hearing flat fee for the Solicitor. Solicitor Racunas states that he had a conversation with Mr. Xides the Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor he is willing to reduce his fees. He is going to do a flat fee of \$10,000 for the year. Outside of any appeals he will charge that appeal hourly however he capped his overall fees at \$15,000 which would be a significant cost savings to the Township I believe last year somewhere around \$24,000 was spent. His fees would never be higher than \$15,000. He's agreeable and willing to do that so that is something you can add to the budget as far as that line item goes you can reduce that down. President Rhoderick I discussed this with Solicitor Racunas and we can save \$10,000-\$12,000 and we know we aren't going to go over budget because we're flat fee right there

Discussion Items:

1. KLH Proposal – Bryan has done a fantastic job and we deserve to keep him in consideration says Commissioner Beckowitz and the board agrees that KLH knows the Township and it might take 5 years to just learn the roads in a large Township like Elizabeth. Commissioner Evans comments that we should keep things the way they are.

2. Public Budget Meeting 2/1/2016. Budget must be ratified on this date to allow for 10 day inspection. Final Budget must be adopted by 2/15/2016
3. Move Code Enforcement Officer and Tax Collector to former management office and divide into 2 offices. The new offices would benefit the public. Enough information to look at bids. Commissioner Saxon addresses safety of Tax Collector being surrounded by glass. Chief Kerestes addresses counter being open anyway and that the counter should actually be higher. All money and checks are put in the safe always.
4. Discussion of purchasing a John Deere 6110M Cab Tractor and Mower in the amount of \$106,825.35. **NOTE** - John Castine to provide information that has been gathered so far.
5. Discuss sending 1 Public Works employee to Operator School that would start in spring 2016 at a cost of \$4,500.00
6. Police Department - purchase of vehicles
7. Police Department K9 Unit. Chief Kerestes will answer questions on research he has completed. The idea is to get everything paid for, the vehicles & the dog.
8. John Snelson - Building Inspection. Elizabeth Township purchased educational material for John in 2015 to begin the process of becoming certified in building inspection. We pay 80% profit to outsource so there is a lot of money to be saved that would all come back to the Township.
9. Recreation Committee – President Rhoderick cleared the air. Anyone that is already on the committee does not have to resubmit an application but anyone that wants to resign must submit a resignation. Commissioner Saxon comments on how a former Commissioner dedicated her life to recreation. Wants to know the basis of the decision other than politics. President Rhoderick responds that things were being run without board approval through the recreation committee and they were caught in the cross fire. Purchases were being paid out of the general fund, funded by the tax payers when there is a recreation fund. Politics aside, this is business and I'm trying to run a business. Commissioner Evans asks who is being hurt by having a past Commissioner on a committee because they are volunteers who freely give their time. Commissioner Blake states that she believes that Claire Bryce should be on the Recreation Committee. Commissioner Similo says that there was discussion two years ago about former Commissioners sitting out one year before serving on a Committee as a volunteer. Commissioner Evans responds that that motion never passed and never came to a vote. President Rhoderick states that it's not up for discussion because it is ultimately his decision. President Rhoderick states that he made the decision to have the majority of the board decide and they did last meeting. If a resident wants to volunteer and donate their time, they can do that. We would just ask that they complete a liability form. As far as actually being on the committee, that decision was made for administrative reasons. Commissioner Evans addresses President Rhoderick asking why all of the Commissioners weren't asked to attend the Recreation Committee Meeting that past Saturday. President Rhoderick responds that he inquired with Solicitor Racunas that not all of the Commissioners needed to attend. Solicitor Racunas confirms that they could not have all attended. Commissioner Evans asks President Rhoderick how he went about picking Commissioner Kuzma to attend the meeting. President Rhoderick says that he didn't have to pick anybody and Solicitor Racunas confirms.
10. Credit Card

11. Sound System – President Rhoderick says they are looking into a microphone for every Commissioner. A lot of people in the back of the room can't hear during the meetings. Commissioner Evans asks how old is this thing? The microphone is outdated just like everything else.
12. Huntley and Huntley – drilling update. Oil and gas industry in a sad state. This affects land owners like the Township because there is no profit. EQT who battled us back in the day, we're coming to terms they're in Forward township. We were hoping to be drilling by 2016 but it looks like that's going to get pushed back. Don't expect profit from this yet but you can participate if you want. We're going to be buying a gathering system. This will be a tie in from the union. There's a lot of projects coming into PA. We were built to import gas into PA from the Gulf now we have all this gas local and we need to get it out to stabilize price. On the other side not a lot of people are drilling so the price of drilling is coming down. We do look for big sums of money. We're private, we're different I don't care about stock holders.
13. Update Fire Protection for Elizabeth Township – President Rhoderick states that last year they almost lost their \$125,000 grant money because of a road block by the majority of the last board. There are a lot of areas in the Township that needs fire protection. In some places fire hydrants are few and far between. Not much can be done right now because the money is tied up but we would like to try and get a grant to work on the issue of fire protection. We will be looking for a grant and would appreciate residents making us aware of fire protection issues in the Township that they are more familiar with states President Rhoderick. Commissioner Saxon states that he was part of the majority that voted against the project because the grant money would not be enough for the over \$200,000 project.
14. Bond Refinance – there will be a presentation at the next meeting
15. Invenergy - Commissioner Kuzma states that Invenergy would like to build in Buena Vista 20-30 acres and invest 350 million dollars into a clean energy plant. The tax revenue would be enormous. There would be temporary draw backs such as building and there be an effort to hire Elizabeth Township residents to build. When the plant would be up and running it would require 21-30 unionized workers that would make around \$27/hr. Before we make any decisions we have planned a town hall meeting for Thursday, January 28th at 7:30 PM. Representatives and engineers from Invenergy will be making a presentation.

Commissioner Saxon expresses concern for the elimination of the Township Manager position. States that the removal of the position took us 20 steps back. President Rhoderick states that the Township Manager resigned, eliminated the position as opposed to accepting the resignation. Commissioner Saxon states that a management role would make the Township more pro-business. Commissioner Beckowitz responds that anyone in any administrative position has the ability to be pro-business no matter the title of the position. President Rhoderick states that we are short staffed and there will be discussion about which direction to go but the best way to run a business is to staff it. It could have been done differently but that's the way we did it. Commissioner Kuzma addresses gender equality. Commissioner Beckowitz states the title of the person doesn't make the position, the person in that position makes the position. President Rhoderick states that we're proposing a \$10,000 raise for someone doing two jobs and in

December we gave the Township Manager an \$11,000 raise which Commissioner Saxon had no problem with. Commissioner Saxon responds by saying two different resumes.

President Rhoderick addresses the conference for the League of Municipalities. With the budget issues, I'm asking starting this year that we pay for it because you can never have enough education. But I don't think we should pay for meals and lodging 45 minutes away. I'm asking that we decide as a board that if you want to go you pay and go on your own dime not the Township's dime. All of the Commissioners agree.

President Rhoderick comments on a vote from last June that the Commissioners' salaries would be eliminated and instead paid \$50 a meeting or \$100 a month. It is an injustice to the residents and tax payers that this was voted on but never acted on especially when it has to do with tax payer's money. How long would it take you to write that resolution Solicitor Racunas? Solicitor Racunas responds a couple hours. Commissioner Saxon asks why it was never brought up for six months that Commissioners were still receiving their paychecks. States that Commissioner Beckowitz and Commissioner Similo were receiving pension checks as retired Commissioners and a salary. Commissioner Beckowitz responds that the issue was decided by the ethics commission and PMRS that they have done nothing wrong. We can receive pensions because there was a break in service. Commissioner Saxon comments that 6 figures have been pulled out of the non-uniform pension fund. President Rhoderick comments that PMRS told Commissioner Similo to collect a pension. Directs to Commissioner Saxon that we will not win against the state. Commissioner Similo explains again that the state agency told and Commissioner Beckowitz and him that they could collect a pension after a break in service between December 31st and the first meeting of their new term.

Motion to have each member that sat on the board as of June 1, 2015 pay back the amount of their salary to date minus \$50 per meeting (roughly \$229.76/month)

1st Motion Rhoderick Seconded Similo

Roll Call

Commissioner Similo - Yes

Commissioner Saxon - No

Commissioner Kuzma - Yes

Commissioner Beckowitz - Yes

Commissioner Blake - No

Commissioner Evans - No

President Rhoderick - Absolutely, Yes, it's only right for the tax payers

4:3 Motion Carries

Motion that Township Commissioners that are collecting a pension that the pension be stopped and the money be paid back contingent on Solicitor Racunas review and approval

1st Motion Evans Seconded Saxon

Roll Call

Commissioner Similo - No

Commissioner Saxon - Yes

Commissioner Kuzma - No

Commissioner Beckowitz - No

Commissioner Blake - Yes

Commissioner Evans - Yes

President Rhoderick - Yes, contingent upon legalities
4:3

Citizens to address AGENDA items only:

Voting Items:

Motion to approve the Bill Warrant Report Dated January 18, 2016 in the amount of \$236,380.86

1st Motion Beckowitz Seconded Kuzma
Roll Call
All in Favor - Motion Carries

Motion to purchase police protective vests and rifles in the amount of \$8,387.54

1st Motion Beckowitz Seconded Saxon
Roll Call
All in Favor - Motion Carries

Motion to readopt the Recruitment, Hiring and Employment Policy enacted in September 2003

NOTE - See minutes from January 19, 2015, policy suspended for the hiring of a police chief

1st Motion Beckowitz Seconded Kuzma
Roll Call
All in Favor - Motion Carries

Motion to approve salary increase for Lauren Zang in the amount of \$48,000.00 effective January 5, 2016

1st Motion Similo Seconded Beckowitz
Roll Call
Commissioner Similo - Yes
Commissioner Saxon - No
Commissioner Kuzma - Yes
Commissioner Beckowitz - Yes
Commissioner Blake - Yes
Commissioner Evans - No
President Rhoderick - Yes
5:2 Motion Carries

Motion to re-appoint KLH as the Township Engineer at a flat fee of \$6,500 per month, excluding projects that exceed \$10,000

1st Motion Beckowitz Seconded Saxon
Roll Call
All in Favor - Motion Carries
Bryan Churilla thanks Commissioners.

Motion to eliminate the use of comp time for all Township employees effective immediately

1st Motion Saxon Seconded Beckowitz
Roll Call
All in Favor - Motion Carries

Motion to purchase John Deere 6110-M Cab Tractor & Mower in the amount of \$106,825.35 contingent on the finance rate of 3% & fee a of \$100 from Northwest Savings Bank with a down monthly payment of \$1,919.51 contingent on being the lowest rate after obtaining a second rate

1st Motion Beckowitz Seconded Similo
Roll Call
All in Favor - Motion Carries

Citizens to address items:

Cindy Ramaswamy: Thanks everyone for their time. What is the status of the recreation committee commission credit card investigation & will the audit extend all the way to the Township budget to expose anybody and any kind of collusive between Commissioners & Township employees? President Rhoderick responds that he spoke to the Auditor General's Office. The Recreation Committee was caught in the cross fire. President Rhoderick states that he believes that there was no wrong doing, just poor housekeeping. Pricing for forensic audit. President Rhoderick adds to agenda to make a motion to get pricing for forensic audit for the credit card

Motion to get pricing for forensic audit for credit card

1st Motion Similo Seconded Rhoderick
Roll Call
All in Favor - Motion Carries

Lynn Terby: Left. President Rhoderick states that she wanted to talk about having a Christmas Tree donated from Elizabeth Borough from Dr. Klein. 20 ft. metal tree with lights. Dr. Klein purchased it for the Borough and their recreation went to the wayside so they wanted to donate it to the Township for the community center or just our use in general. A picture of the tree is passed around to the Commissioners. All of the Commissioners agree that accepting the donation would be fine.

Patty Hoffman: Invenergy. In regards to the information on website, has it changed? Is there more information? Is there an update that can be put on the website or get out to the public? Commissioner Kuzma is working on communicating Invenergy payroll to residents. Patty Hoffman responds with what areas of the Township Invenergy will effect? How will all of the residents be notified? President Rhoderick Commissioner Kuzma will have update for the Invenergy meeting on the 28th. The meeting will be advertised in newspapers and online. Invenergy meeting will be locally advertised to the entire Township and covered by local media. Patty Hoffman states her concern that there may not be enough time for residents who would be most affected by Invenergy to be made aware of the meeting on the 28th. President Rhoderick assures her that all of the residents impacted will be notified. Asks Commissioner Kuzma to have Invenergy send postcards to residents that would be most affected and packets of information that

Invenergy would reimburse us the postage for. President Rhoderick suggests distributing the packets at one of the meetings. Patty Hoffman goes on to inform the board about waste dumpage into the Youghiogheny River 6 miles away and states her concern that if Invenergy is built and dumps waste into the river also, it could impact a lot of people.

Robert J. Tekavek: States that he is President of Elizabeth Township Sportsmans Association. 2 years ago they became an educational training facility. In a couple of months they will change status and will be considered a school. Robert Tekavek expresses his support of President Rhoderick proposing to get together a grant for fire protection in all of Elizabeth Township. Believes that education, recreation, & training goes hand in hand. I have been working on process to expand since Girl Scout Camp closed. States that the grant from sewage may have to be given up because it expires March 2016. We do more recreation than the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts and we have a national archery and shooting program. EF doesn't do competitive shooting forcing kids to leave to go to other Townships to shoot. Robert Tekavek states that there are more scholarships for shooting than any other sport. Everything we do is open to the community. How much Girl Scout money was actual grant money or actually spent? Commissioners state that it wasn't grant money it was from a bond issue. Robert Tekavek states his concern for other for profit venues that can hold events similar to those held at the Community Center and that the Community Center may be taking business away from them because they can't compete. Commissioner Beckowitz states that the Community Center is not rented for profit. Commissioner Similo praises the recreation created by shooting & archery for kids. We've always helped out when we can and we hope that you would do the same. Asks John Snelson for permit regarding dumping. Robert Tekavek proposes a question regarding payment for minutes and right to know. Minutes can be posted online for free to the public. Solicitor Racunas states that the money isn't for the document exactly but for the time it takes the administrator to locate the document & make the copy. Robert Tekavek asks if Commissioner Evans is still the official Commissioner Representative on the EMS board and Commissioner responds that he doesn't serve on the board, he's just a representative. President Rhoderick states his full support for the Elizabeth Township Sportmans Association and fire protection for the entire Township. The Police Chief serves on board also as part of charter. Each community has a representative on the EMS board. Robert Tekavek states that he would like to be included in grants for fire protection.

Devie Rollison: Expresses concern in continuing to honor the people that have made use of the Girl Scout Camp. President Rhoderick denounces the rumor that there was never any discussion of not still taking bookings of Girl Scout Camp. To rent the Community Center you can call the Municipal Building and ask for John Snelson to schedule a day and time to rent a building at the Center.

Chris Thoma: Ice skating rink concessions. Proposes to schedule concessions such as coffee hot chocolate, and vending machines. President Rhoderick states that he needs to check that there aren't any safety concerns. No Commissioner has any issues. Chris Thoma addresses Recreation Committee credit card and asks who had access to it? President Rhoderick states that it's more of a personnel issue. Solicitor Racunas states that it is an on-going investigation. Chris Thoma asks if Township employees did the purchasing as opposed to the Recreation Committee? This shouldn't be classified as Recreation Committee issue. States that he doesn't want anyone to be

put in a bad light. President Rhoderick states that most items were labeled recreation in general and that the Recreation Committee doesn't have any purchasing power. Solicitor Racunas states that there isn't necessarily any wrong doing – the process was wrong. The Recreation Committee is not being blamed, just for clarification says President Rhoderick.

Patrick Canavan: Sewage Taps. What is the board doing to back the authority? The authority is working hard to get these taps open for the residents who want to build houses for their families in this community and new businesses. What is the board doing to push the DEP to get these taps open? When this board decided to look into switching or selling the authority, I thought that was a jab to the authority because they are working really hard for this community. Patrick Canavan states that the Commissioners who voted should apologize because the authority worked hard. And I say that with the most respect ever. Solicitor Racunas responds in regards to the negotiations to move forward with the sewage taps saying that no one is going to tell the DEP what to do. The Commissioners are looking into any options, not necessarily a jab to authority. There's a lot of issues with the amended 537 and McKeesport and other things. There's no easy answer and no easy solutions. Patrick Canavan says to put pressure on the DEP and get media involved to make DEP aware. The Commissioners respond that the DEP is aware that there are people waiting to build homes because of the sewage taps. They're still looking forward and exploring what we can do. A member of the audience comments that the biggest complaint DEP had concerning the prior authority was that they were slow moving and that is not an issue now. The DEP wasn't shocked about the motion to sell but shocked that they were trying to work on it again. Patrick Canavan states that if they do make a motion to tap into McKeesport that him tapping into a sewage line will be pushed back even farther and delay businesses from opening and growth. I believe that you're still getting fined but I still don't have my house that I've paid for and put money into. Shed some light on the people who are sitting on property. President Rhoderick says it is one of my top priorities to get these sewage taps opened up. Taxes will be lowered and it has to be done. There is still a discussion to sell because the Act 537 from the DEP may not get approved. You can't build a plant without the 537 approved. I believe the best option is the build a plant but if that is not an option, we have to explore other options. We are trying to work together with the DEP and the Allegheny Health Department to get this done.

Dana Evans: Taxes. Dana Evans comments regarding the \$229 that you want paid back. I'm about to file my taxes. Addressing President Rhoderick, Dana Evans asks is your accountant about to figure out my taxes? This little bit of money puts my house in a higher tax bracket. I need to file my taxes and I'm not going to wait, so what do I do? Solicitor Racunas responds that I will look at it and let you know before next meeting. Dana Evans asks which accountant double checks because I want to make sure I'm paying the correct amount back.

Lani Knabenschuh: States that at the beginning of meeting residents were told to direct questions to President Rhoderick as President of the board. She asks him why did you opt to reopen the budget for the upcoming year, and you have said several times that you were 1 million over budget. Is there a specific area that's over as opposed to another? President Rhoderick responds what we have in the bank has nothing to do with the budget. We went over 1.6 million and in all fairness that was the Girl Scout camp. We are going to have a public budget meeting to go over that. The budget will be ratified February 15th. Lani Knabenschuh responds this overage that you're speaking of, where was it all spent? President Rhoderick says

all the way across the board we were over spent. We will have monthly budget reports go through our department heads so that we know where we're at monthly. If we're over budget we need to get to the department heads and talk to them about how to save money. Lani Knabenschuh responds I understand that, I have municipal experience in Lauren's position and municipal management. As a board you open your budget to reevaluate and Lauren, please don't take this personally because I don't know you and I'm sure you do a wonderful job but in the first hour of this meeting you spend money using a budget that's not approved. Hear me out, the only expense this meeting that was necessary was Mr. Snelson's education and the police department equipment. It was a group decision. Could we have not lived without a \$107,000 tractor? President Rhoderick says the tractor we have is 17 years old. You can't put a price on a life and if that tractor breaks down and it goes out for 3 months and grass doesn't get cut, you are going to be footing the bill. We voted through as a board to do that. Lani Knabenschuh asks why they couldn't hold a price on that? Solicitor Racunas responds I've never heard someone doing that. Lani Knabenschuh says right you can't put a price on a life but you're talking about splitting the front office that's surrounded by glass and your comment, Mr. Rhoderick, was about broken glass but what about the life behind the glass? Chief Kerestes mentioned safety. President Rhoderick responds this has always been an issue because it's always been an office. Lani Knabenschuh makes a comment about the meeting minutes they should be verbatim if I pay for a copy of those minutes it should be as if I'm sitting in that meeting. President Rhoderick responds that's why we took action to look into getting someone to transcribe the minutes. Lani Knabenschuh responds asking why a municipal employee should receive a \$10,000 raise when she should be doing the minutes and administrative duties are being added to her schedule and you're going to pay additional fees to transcribe minutes that she should be doing. President Rhoderick says that's why we have a board and we are just getting a price. If the price comes back and it's outrageous, then it's something we won't go with. Lani Knabenschuh then makes a remark that a Commissioner suggested that Lauren Zang's raise had to do with gender equality. I don't know of any company this day and age pays gender equality. Commissioner Kuzma asks do you think it's fair that the previous person in that position made \$68,000 and she was only making \$37,000? Lani Knabenschuh responds depending on her credentials, absolutely. And I'm probably the only woman you'll ever hear say that there shouldn't be gender equality. Commissioner Similo says I disagree, I consider myself educated and I don't consider myself to be any better than anyone else. If he can do the job and she can do the job they should receive equal pay. Lani Knabenschuh says no, again it shouldn't be based on gender. It should be based on qualifications. Solicitor Racunas responds to gender equality issue by stating that gender had absolutely, positively, without a doubt nothing to do with the decision of how much people make. It's never an issue here. Lani Knabenschuh says okay I was just curious as to how we can justify \$10,000 raises, not have a budget approved and then outsource some of the duties in the job description. I wasn't sure how that worked. You eliminated a position and then gave her the wages for the position. Solicitor Racunas responds no. That's not how that worked.

Emil Burak: the previous board gave Mr. Faulk a 9 or 12 thousand dollar raise right before he left. Solicitor Racunas responds that we aren't going to discuss personnel records. Emil Burak responds I agree with Mr. Saxon that the minutes should be taped and provided to the public because there have been remarks that I made that are in there that I didn't actually say. Solicitor

Ranucas says if you want an audio copy of the minutes, you can certainly get that. Emil Burak comments on the concessions proposal to just make sure it's safe. Emil Burak also comments that he feels bad about grant money possibly being lost because they're doing a great job for the surrounding community. The water grant is in jeopardy but you can't do the sewage without the water so may jeopardize both grants. Emil Burak states that he's not sure how this happened because he doesn't know when the grant process ends. Emil Burak moves on to say that there was a time where there were no microphones. A lot of people tell me they can't hear anything and there should be a mic in front of everyone. People question me and talk about me on Facebook and what I want to tell them is, and I say this in total confidence, I've probably come to more meetings than all these people combined. When people question what I say I like to believe that I talk about the facts. Patrick who was up here talking about the sewage authority, if the new board didn't come in here and create a new situation, that all would have probably been done it would have been connected to McKeesport. I filed a motion in court it was an 85-11 there was a 15 day limit got in on the 16th day and they denied me. I took it to the Supreme Court. I don't just come up here and blow smoke. I want people to understand where I'm coming from. Thank you.

President Rhoderick makes Motion to Adjourn

Claire Bryce: I just want you to clarify something you said to me. At any time did I ever use the credit card? Was I ever allowed to use the credit card? President Rhoderick says I don't know I can't answer that. I don't believe so. I've never seen the receipts. Claire Bryce states you keep saying the recreation committee used the credit card. Joanne Beckowitz settled that with me. Did she sign her name to the credit card? Commissioner Beckowitz responds I've requested copies of all those receipts because I want to see who signed them. Claire Bryce says did you ever see my name on any of those receipts? Did I ever have the credit card? Was I ever allowed to use the credit card? Commissioner Similo says no. Claire Bryce states I did not have the credit card so I would like for you to verify that I never used the credit card and you keep referring that I did and I want you to investigate all you can but you know Mr. Kuzma said people voted for a change and I congratulated him on winning but I never used any money for personal gain and I resent you saying that about me.

Motion to Adjourn

1st Evans

Seconded Beckowitz

President, Board of Commissioners

Lauren Zang, Office Manager

