

Elizabeth Township
Board of Commissioners
Monday, February 1, 2016
Commissioners' Meeting

Public Hearing prior to the start of meeting for the reading of zoning ordinance.

Solicitor Racunas – states time and the place for the public hearing on the proposed amendment to the zoning board procedures. The proposed ordinance would amend ordinance 820 as amended by ordinance 874 of the Elizabeth Township Code of Ordinances, also known as the Elizabeth Township Zoning Ordinances. The ordinance shall provide for additional notice requirements for zoning hearing board hearings held within the township of Elizabeth. The purpose of the amendment would be to provide notice by certified mail to property owners within 300 feet of any property that is subject to the hearing board notice. This proposed amendment was sent to both Allegheny County Planning Commission and also our own planning commission. I did receive a letter back from the county dated the 29th of January 2016, notifying us that they have no legal issue with proposed changes. They also noticed that we are permitted to make our notice provisions more restrictive, but not less restrictive than the NPC requirements and of course this proposed amendment would make it more restricted by permitting us or requiring the township to mail by certified mail to all property owners within 300 feet. Opens it up for any questions from the public on this proposed amendment. Mary Jane Carnahan- Asks if amendment would mean the new plant, you would have to notify anybody about the change. Solicitor Racunas- This amendment has not gone into place yet. So any pending applications would not be subject to this new notice requirement being any future applications would. Mary Jane Carnahan- Is there one pending now? Solicitor Racunas – states he believes there is one pending now, however not the solicitor for the zoning board, believes that application is already pending. Rule will go into effect whenever they decide to adopt it. I would think at this meeting tonight, the regular meeting. Scott Taylor –What is the current distance on book for notifying neighboring properties? Solicitor Racunas – only requirement property is posted. President Rhoderick- states he thought it was cleaned up last year due to issue then. Solicitor Racunas- confirms reason. Unidentified Speaker- Questions how they arrived at 300 feet? Solicitor Racunas- Pulled from another section in our own code that requires notice of 300 feet. It could have been anything, I felt it was consistent and used that same notice requirement. Unidentified Speaker- How does that compare to other municipalities? Solicitor Racunas- No other municipality has this in any other nature that he is aware of. It is pretty restrictive as far as what the NPC requires and as far as what we are going to do as a township to make sure that property owners are notified of the hearings. MaryJane Carnahan- If in the future then if you decide to put some other industrial site in and if it applies for zoning we wouldn't know about it unless we were 300 feet away from it. Solicitor Racunas – No. It is publicly advertised. The property is publicly posted and along with that your NPC requirements, those are the only requirements under the law, but commissioners are taking it on themselves as a township to make additional requirements so those who would be immediately affected would have notice. President

Rhoderick- just for clarification this has nothing to do with the power plant, issue that happened last year. Explains issue from last year with an addition put on and the adjacent property owner did not know what was going on. How many people look and say “hey there is a sign? It is about this big that is in the neighbor’s front yard.” Motion needed to let our property owners, everyone adjacent know if there is a zoning change. Again states for clarification this has nothing to do with what is going on, something done last year and board decided to take an extra step to protect residents. Betsy Piper- Would there be a different distance for residential zoning and industrial? President Rhoderick- No, 300 feet from the perimeter of the property. Unidentified Speaker- That is not very far to notify people 300 feet from the edge of the property. Solicitor Racunas – clarifies that these are additional requirements on top of what the law requires. This will not be only notice, hearings are still advertised in the newspaper. The property is still posted and in addition to all that the township is taking on these additional notice requirements. Unidentified Speaker- Does it specify the time limits it has to be out? Solicitor Racunas- one week prior to the hearing. Any Other questions or comments. They can be more restrictive than the NPC requires. Anything can be changed. They can adopt it tonight and change it next week. They can see how this goes and if not sufficient a month later make it more restrictive. If they cannot agree with it find it to cumbersome, and decide to get rid of it again.

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silence

Roll Call – President Rob Rhoderick, convened the Meeting of the Elizabeth Township Board of Commissioners at 7:00 P.M. in the Township Municipal Building, 522 Rock Run Road, Elizabeth, Pennsylvania. The roll was called to establish a quorum. Commissioners present were: Commissioner Similo, Commissioner Saxon, Commissioner Kuzma, Commissioner Beckowitz, Commissioner Blake, Commissioner Evans, and President Rhoderick.

Notice: Keep meeting orderly, a three (3) minute time limit shall apply to each member of the public who wishes to address the Township Board of Commissioners. A member of the public is not permitted to “share” his/her three (3) minutes with any other member of the public. All comments should be addressed to the Board President and/or the Solicitor. Anyone who is disruptive will be warned and if conduct not curbed commissioners have right to have you removed from the meeting. If videotaping do not block isles, get in way of others, do not move around and no disruptions. If wanting to video notify Lauren or Solicitor or President so we know

Executive Session Acknowledgement: Solicitor Racunas acknowledges executive session was held to discuss personnel and pending litigation with the sanitary authority.

Presentation by Joe Muscatello and Jeff Mills of Boenning & Scattergood- cancelled

Department Reports

Engineer- Bryan Churilla of KLH discusses the 2016 Paving Program and Paving Study that was completed. As per John Castine Terza Street, Heath Street and Clark can be paved in house providing we have contractor do the milling up front like it has been done in the past. Bryan

adjusted cost of paving since original cost estimate \$413,303.00 it will come down to about \$372,000.00. Projected Liquid Fuels money should be about \$485,000.00 so potential to add about 3 streets from the 2017 list. Top 3 streets Monongahela Avenue, Scenery Drive and Sherwick Drive. Number 4 on the 2017 list is Shields Street which is a lower cost one that could be added. Rhoderick states 3-4 added to list without going over budget. All commissioners in agreement.

Office – Grant Funding received for grant applied for last year, \$11,196.00.

Police – report from December 2015, 500 events logged from Allegheny County 911. 7 adult arrests, 0 juvenile arrests, 73 traffic stops, 6 traffic citations, 16 motor vehicle crashes, 8 reportable and 8 non-reportable with 2 injuries as a result of these crashes. Vests and rifles that were approved at the last meeting have been ordered. Waiting to hear from DA's office and the Roethlisberger Foundation for funding for a canine.

Road – not present

Solicitor – nothing outside written report

Citizens to address AGENDA items only:

Solicitor Racunas reminds of 3 minute time limit.

Tom Knesnaut- ordinance 921, article 104 references we still use Twin Rivers Council of Governments. Since not members should be updated.

Emil Burack- speaks on ETA, checks every week and they are not a legal entity. Wants to know how they are operating. He believes they are operating illegally. Racunas states he cannot respond because he is still fact finding.

Ordinances

Ordinance No. 921 – An ordinance of the Township of Elizabeth, County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending Ordinance No. 820 as amended by Ordinance No. 874 of the Elizabeth Township Code of Ordinances known as the Elizabeth Township Zoning Ordinance to provide for additional notice requirements for Zoning Hearing Board Hearings held in the Township of Elizabeth.

1st Motion Saxon Seconded Kuzma

Roll Call

All in Favor: Motion Carries

Resolutions

Resolution No. 2016-2 – A resolution appointing Rob Rhoderick as a representative of Elizabeth Township to the SHACOG Franchising Authority Board and Donald Similo as the alternate representative.

1st Motion Beckowitz Seconded Kuzma

Roll Call

All in Favor: Motion Carries

Resolution No. 2016-3 – A resolution appointing Saxon as a representative of Elizabeth Township to the SHACOG Joint Rate Review Board and Kuzma as the alternate representative.

1st Motion Similo Seconded Beckowitz

Roll Call

All in Favor: Motion Carries

Resolution No. 2016-4 – A resolution adopting the Allegheny County 2015 Hazard Mitigation Plan.

1st Motion Saxon Seconded Similo

Roll Call

All in Favor: Motion Carries

Discussion:

1. Budget will be available for review for 10 days as of 2/2/2016. Final adoption scheduled for 2/15/2016.
2. Formation of the Business and Economic Development Board. President Rhoderick announces the Recreation Committee first. Mary Walos, Bernie Serservic, Chris Thoma, Lynn Terbey, Dorothy Wycoff, Crystal Janosko, Jamiee DeSimeone, Christina Davies and Michael Luke. Vice President Beckowitz appoints Patty Hoffman to committee. Solicitor Racunas states hard to have even number for voting. Vice President Beckowitz asks why they would be voting, they should not be. President Rhoderick states they would only be making recommendations to the board. Commissioner Kuzma agrees with appointment of Patty Hoffman. President Rhoderick moves to the Business and Economic Development Committee. First appointment is Attorney Kerry Fraas, he is an attorney that lives in the township and was Assistant County Solicitor. Next appointment is Dan Poirier, Lee Pemberton, Mark Patrick, former Economic Coordinator with the county, Nyles Falatek, business owner of Chelse's Greenhouse. Cynthia Ramaswamy a former school director. Tom Sharkey, Vice President of the Elizabeth Forward School Board and Judy Marshall.
3. 2016 Paving. Discussed in Engineer's Report.
4. Continuing education and seminars for employees and elected officials. President Rhoderick asks Solicitor Racunas to draft a policy. Board agrees.
5. Recreation Committee officially reorganized. Discussed in item #2.

Voting Items:

1. Motion to appoint Jane Blake to the EMS Board.
1st Motion Beckowitz Seconded Similo

Roll Call

All in Favor: Motion Carries

2. Motion to approve the 2016 Budget in the amount of \$5,358,260.00.
Solicitor Racunas advises Commissioner Blake to abstain from any motions regarding the EMS Board.

1st Motion Beckowitz Seconded Similo

Roll Call

All in Favor: Motion Carries

Commissioner Evans asks if he should abstain from voting since he is Fire Chief.
Solicitor Racunas advises that he should, but not required since budget is not an actual expenditure.

3. Motion to approve the Bill Warrant dated February 1, 2016 in the amount of \$163,544.11.

1st Motion Similo Seconded Beckowitz

Roll Call

All in Favor: Motion Carries

4. Motion to authorize Solicitor Racunas to draft policy on the use of township credit cards.
1st Motion Similo Seconded Beckowitz

Roll Call

All in Favor: Motion Carries

5. Motion to authorize Solicitor Racunas to draft a resolution to changing the current salary of elected commissioners. The change in salary will go into effect after the current terms of each current commissioner expire.

1st Motion Kuzma Seconded Beckowitz

Discussion- Solicitor Racunas states he went back and looked at case law, based on salaries for First Class Township Code. Once seated as a commissioner salary cannot be changed until after the term is run. It is just the way it has to work, dictated by the constitution of state.

Roll Call

All in Favor: Motion Carries

6. Motion to authorize Solicitor Racunas to draft an ordinance eliminating the positions of the Township Manager and Township Assistant Manager.

1st Motion Similo Seconded Kuzma

Roll Call

Commissioner Similo- Yes

Commissioner Saxon- No

Commissioner Kuzma – Yes

Commissioner Beckowitz – Yes

Commissioner Blake – No

Commissioner Evans – No

President Rhoderick – Yes

4:3 Motion Carries

7. Motion to send 1 Public Works Employee to Heavy Equipment Operating School offered by PIA with a program cost of \$5,295.00.

1st Motion Saxon Seconded Beckowitz

Roll Call

All in Favor: Motion Carries

8. Motion to advertise for the 2016 Paving Program per KLH specs.

1st Motion Beckowitz Seconded Similo

Discussion- addition of 2017 roads that can possibly be added.

All in Favor: Motion Carries

9. Motion to approve the Szczerba Plan #5 lot plan adjustment per the Planning Commission. Conditions that KLH previously gave have been met.

1st Motion Beckowitz Seconded Similo

Roll Call

All in Favor: Motion Carries

Citizens to address items:

Steve Large - 537 Plan- States previously 3 items were holding up the release of the taps and now understands only 1 and pending issue with McKeesport. Has there been any contact with the City of McKeesport to see if we can come to some agreement? Solicitor Racunas states under pending litigation with where to go and what to do, attends all the ETA Meetings and has not heard any resolution. Large asks what the status is of the solicitation of PA American Water with regards to control of the sewage. Solicitor Racunas states still under fact finding and they have hired special counsel to investigate that and are waiting for report back.

Patty Hoffman - Invenergy- Passed out document for board to review. Has map to show commissioners the area affected by the power plant. States area will effect more than the 490 households in immediate area. Speaks regarding Invenergy in Lackawanna County, residents pushed to do this, pushed through zoning, those who fought were threatened and forced to put up bond. Other areas people were forced to sign gag orders so they could not say anything bad about the company. Hands out information she found online for the board to look at. Hoffman asks board to read the information; they are not our best friend.

Jim Hoffman- Invenergy- echoes what wife said about what kind of neighbor Invenergy is. They will say whatever they need to get approved, they do the minimum. Hands out more information on Lackawanna County. States this will be around more than 10 years, once they are gone we will still be living with the problem. Asks board to made recommendation. Asks what will happen to the rest of the property if this goes in. Concerned what else will happen, asks board to research. Community looking to board for leadership, not Invenergy.

Sandy Carnahan- Invenergy- questions from other evening that were not answered. Asks when the zoning hearing is for Invenergy. President Rhoderick responds February 18th. Sandy asks if known how much land is being included in the variance, if whole property.

Solicitor Racunas responds it is only the one section. President Rhoderick states he believes it is 22 acres. Carnahan asks if board thinks that is a rather small area for a 20 megawatt plant and if the township had an impact study completed on this. She knows they have feasibility studies, but that only means their company can work on the property. What about the impact on the environment, the air, land. We may not be here in 30 years, but what about all of these little kids that will be? Solicitor Racunas responds the Zoning Hearing Board, when the application is heard will have the ability to put conditions on if they permit it like an impact study. Zoning Hearing Board may be helpful with concerns. Carnahan asks for clarification from the other night on the jobs that will be coming to the area. States the representative said highly skilled and newspaper printed high school level education. President Rhoderick states the way he understood it was they would be union jobs starting out at \$27.00 per hour, not sure on skill level. Zoning Hearing Board separate arm of township, all commissioners agreed that the public needed to have input and say on this and that is why we had Invenergy come in.

Mary Jane Carnahan- Invenergy- 500 yards away from Henderson Road. Believes at times people lose sight of why we live in Elizabeth Township. It is certainly not because we can travel easily to our jobs, a lot of people travel over an hour each day to their jobs. It's not because we have a shopping mall around the corner, we travel a half hour for that. We live here and I love it here because it is a quiet, peaceful and safe community. A place where we are proud to raise our children. If anyone has the McKeesport zip code, the first thing they say is no, we are from Elizabeth Township and that is just a mailing address because we are proud of it. The thought of bringing this type of industry so close to our homes is devastating. The drilling, what happens when they hit those barrels? Will it be released into the air and we will have to breathe it. What about the workers traveling up and down Henderson Road? Asks board to please do not do this to our community. Blast area is 3 miles. Asks board to please consider.

Fred Bickerton- Invenergy- retired resident. Prior to his retirement worked as a Director for Waste Management and Manager of Synthetic Fuels for Duquesne Light. States he has been involved in the citing of several landfills and synthetic fuel plants. Concerned over the information that has been released by Invenergy at both meetings, one in October and one last week. What are they trying to hide? When asked about emissions the other night Mr. Cohen and his expert were very misleading. Everyone needs to read the EPA's report on natural gas combustion. They list over 40 organic compounds and metals that will be released into the atmosphere. This is the EPA, not some little outfit putting this information out. Most of this area is undermined from old coal mines. How is Invenergy going to guarantee that their operation will not cause more subsidence into that area and release the hazardous materials that were dumped on that site into the river and atmosphere? There are several studies and investigations that need to be done on that site to protect the public and the township. Will Invenergy compensate residents for the loss of their quality of life and property with the site they are going to put in? You will have issues with the noise, lights and other issues related to this plant. Will the residents have to bring suit against them for negligence for negligent design and misleading representation as many other municipalities

have? Go to Google and type Invenergy plus suit in and 600 hits. There are suits of over 40 million dollars against them because they didn't do what they said they were going to do. At meeting last week several people tried to tie them down about the taxes. Are they going to guarantee they will pay taxes or the equivalent to the township and the school district or are they going to pay it to PURTA? Elizabeth Township received \$22,000.00 in PURTA in 2104; City of Pittsburgh receives \$333,000.00. If taxes paid under PURTA we will not get anymore. President Rhoderick states they have agreed to sit down with us and that is a question he had. From my understanding they are a private company and they are going to pay real estate taxes like any other private individual would, but wants clarification. Bickerton asks are they going to guarantee they will pay the township taxes or equivalent. Tried contacting the PUC and he cannot get a straight answer. President Rhoderick agrees that is one question that needs to be answered. Bickerton offers to sit down with any of the commissioners on this and had about 15 minutes of issues to discuss.

Bobby Bauer - Invenergy- born and raised in Greenock, lives in Mt. Vernon. Same concerns as everyone else, health. Does not want to hear 15 years down the road that people have cancer. Who brought these people here? How did they get here? Whose door did they knock on? President Rhoderick states from his understanding the reason they came to Elizabeth Township was they did a nationwide search of areas, feasibility study for them. They looked for a site that had gas lines and overhead power lines. This site matched up and that is why they came here. Bauer states she attended the town meeting and they could not answer hardly any of the questions. The water that is going to be left over, he had no idea of where that is going to spill into. The vapors that will be coming up. The EPA Lady said that hopefully the wind would carry away the toxic waste coming from the vapors. These are concerns for those that live here, something we do not need and do not want. When they spoke about the 21 jobs, doesn't mean that they are hiring anyone who lives in Elizabeth Township, they may already have their idea of who they are bringing in to work this. Hopes the commissioners think about this and realize this is not what the residential community wants. Asks if it is possible to have referendum added to the ballot in May so that we as a community can vote for this? President Rhoderick will have Solicitor Racunas look into that.

Robert Anderson - Baseball- Heard that one organization is trying to get all the days on the fields. As an organization, he wants to know how to get field time. He is with the Marauders Group. Solicitor Racunas states he will be meeting with the Elizabeth Township Athletic Association to try and figure out if this is something feasible or not. As of right now he believes they reserved the fields and there is no more time slots available right now. Anderson asks how they can get reserved time for the fields when they took every field in Elizabeth Township. Group is only looking for certain nights of the week. Solicitor Racunas states he is not sure how the scheduling was done and he only found out after the fact when there was an issue with another organization who is also trying to obtain some field time. Will be setting up meeting this week with them. Anderson asks to be included in the meeting. Solicitor Racunas states if there is a subsequent meeting then yes, he would like to do the initial meeting with just himself.

Joe Castagnola - Invenergy- Gave his points to Mr. Saxon already today. Invenergy represented themselves on these things, it is a brownfield and nothing can be done with it. Western PA has many brownfield areas like the South Side, Waterfront, Frick and Hazelwood Office Complex. Does not believe this land should house any of those things, however does not believe it is limited to what they want to do there. Has a business in Boston, went through remediation in the 70's, business does not add any pollutants into the river, into the sky, no harmful things. Area can be remediated, other things can be done. The 22 acres out of 450 is only 4% utilization. 201 JJ Oil and Gas transparency in who owns property, who owns the rest of it and what they would like to do with it. 200-300 workers per year coming in, he tries to hire people here. 14 people work for him; he may be the only person working for his company that lives in the township. If they do not live here, all they will do is pay \$10 in privilege tax per year, so that is 2-3 thousand dollars. Do we have the housing inventory for these workers? They could easily get to Jefferson Hills, North Huntingdon. Why do we need this with expected budget surplus? Does not believe this is the type of business to bring to our community.

Chris Thoma - EFYA/Twp. Partnership. He is with EFYA and about a year and a half ago he was approached by about 5 of the current board members here. Approached about merging 2 organizations of about 50 years. Very tough when you have people who are embedded in tradition, hard to get them to see the larger picture? Part of what they were asked to do was start new organization and close the articles of incorporation for the ETAA and Mount Vernon Baseball. One organization created to prevent upstart from coming in here. One more round of sign ups sign ups to go, 32 teams, t-ball alone 12 teams, 7 teams of instruction. States they do have fields but limited on what they can do, some are Little League, Softball, Pro-style and Bronco. They have 5-6 teams for Bronco, Industry field is the only field that gives ability to do that. Normally one season alone has 2-3 games per week, not including practices. We have 5-6 teams trying to divide up time for that and becomes very difficult. Appreciates everyone's hard work including commissioners and residents. States his concern is having upstart recreation organizations coming in here from outside reserving our time on the fields that we desperately need. If that is the case, he wants everyone to know how important it is if he is not able to use those fields, he will have to go somewhere else. Hopes that something is able to be worked out and residents are not restricted from our fields. President Rhoderick addresses Thoma, states other teams have always used our fields. Asks how the fields were booked 7 days a week. Thoma responds that is was maybe an administrative issue and they have worked with other organizations in the past. Solicitor Racunas addresses Thoma, informs him that they need to sit down and talk about this, not handled this evening, will set up meeting this week to go over. Thoma wants board to understand they pay 50% of the maintenance costs for the fields. President Rhoderick understands and states however the taxpayers pay the other 50%.

Rich Dunkel – Invenergy- Business Agent for the Electrical Union out of Pittsburgh. Not a member of Elizabeth nor does he intend to get involved. Would like everyone to know he has been involved with other plants like this, never had issues, clean plants and we need the jobs. Points out where there are other plants that can be visited. Addresses concerns over

Henderson Road, up to Penn Dot to take care of, EPA for other issues. States that we need the jobs and people need to go and visit these plants, it will open their eyes.

Chris Petrone- Invenergy- Legislative Director for the Operating Engineers out of Local 66. 7,000 members in Western PA, 3 counties in Ohio. Many of their members live here in Elizabeth Township. Applauds those who come out and express their concern over the power plant, the environmental issues and the impact it can have. Early stages of this right now and there will be a lot more community input taken into account. A lot of discussion on how to best do this project and the input that people give is invaluable and your board will take this into consideration and absolutely move forward with your best interest at heart. Some of the other opportunities this plant is going to create is the investment opportunities first, 3-400 million dollars of potential money that will be invested into this community. This company is also in negotiations to do this work with local people so you are going to see 2-300 local people employed here or at least have the opportunity to be employed here in this area. These construction workers live here, there are many of them here in this room with us right now. This company also does a lot of renewable energy work so you are going to have concerns, but the company does have an image to uphold. Concerns are valid, however do not jump on them and say they are not because you haven't seen it yet. Encourages people to not make up their minds and not give up the jobs, do not look past the benefits.

Lois Marini- Invenergy- represents another side of the township. Never received notice, found out via the news, need more communication across the community. First thing she did was research where the location was and went online to find information on other locations. Moved here to retire, wants it to be a community and need to help those who are going to be affected. Would like to see petition. Even though tax break everyone is affected. Truth is everyone says they are going to hire people locally, would like to see it. Wants to see community across the board.

Joyce Johnson – Field Use- States meeting was opened with the United States Pledge of Alligance. Asks President Rhoderick for his allegiance to the children. As a parent of 2 children that will play baseball in Forward Township, finds it disheartening that Mr. Thoma would refer to their organization and children as an upstart. When our children get to 6th grade, as parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles, members of this community we are going to be hoping and praying that they get along with the kids of all the areas because they will become friends. They will be teammates, they will play together. I hope as the adults in this situation we not only teach our children which ball field to play on, we will teach them about collaboration, sharing, about coming together and finding a resolution and not an us versus them.

Chuck Meeleib- Industry Field- member of the Forward Township Athletic Association, Board President. Unfortunately not involved in merger that took place last year. States they grew from a smaller organization last spring from people coming to us, grew to 13 teams this coming year. They do not have a Pony field. Pony Coach, Rich Minda got a hold of Rhoderick to find out what he needed to do to use Industry field. Would like to know the status whether or not they are allowed to use it. He was told his name was the first on the

book and agreed to make payment if needed. President Rhoderick states that is absolutely correct and he asked Mr. Thoma how that came about because there were other teams in the book, but you guys were the first for Industry field and he sat there with Rich Minda when it happened. Meeting will happen to hash it all out; it is about kids and will try to come to some resolution. Chuck expresses his interest in attending meeting.

Bill Piper- Invenergy- a few observations while people were talking. Tax revenue may go up, jobs only temporary once plant built those jobs are gone. Particulate matter released, known carcinogens, what is not released will go into river. Companies will do whatever they need and want to get it in. If found to be faulty, a lot of corporations will pay the fine and not fix problem because fine is cheaper. Asks audience who wants plant and who does not. Comment about dust on cars. If we wait until plant is built it will be too late.

Ted Grice- Invenergy. 22 acres purchased because it was deemed remediated, being put where area is already cleared. Jobs created possibly not one from Elizabeth, not guarantee on anything. Sewage Plant has issues, other issues plant will create. The benefits may not be from Elizabeth, but effects will be forever. If residential area needs rezoned that should be enough right there. Post-Gazette article on people suing Clairton Works. Very Frustrated.

Amy Carothers- Invenergy- Born in township, grandparents built home in late 40's. Lived several places in her life but keeps coming back here. Has contemplated leaving township, but cannot find a place that is as beautiful. States benefits of our community and how it can all go away. Asks if anyone has contact the North Huntingdon Commissioners about the area in their township that will be affected. Camp site by Dravosburg Cemetery will be affected. Visits to other plants. Is it possible to go without letting Invenergy know we are going to see what kind of neighbors they are? Understands it will be expense but falls under due diligence. Lastly cares about environment cannot bear the thought of listening to constant hum in the background.

John Dzvoric- Invenergy- resident of 35 years. Book published in 1963 and spoke about Elizabeth Township and its tranquility and development that would enhance it. At that time peaceful and nice place to raise family. People came here to get away from the hustle and bustle of the industrial town. Primarily known as green space area and is known as rural. Looking at a facility 180 degrees opposite in preserving our environment. This proposal does not only affect those who are adjacent to the land, us as whole. It will become another entity in the decomposing MonValley area; does not want to see it happen to our township. Another concern is soft terrorist target, security large issue for our area. Does not want history to say we made a bad decision.

Claire Bryce- Bill Warrant and Baseball- States John Snelson lost book but he found it. Book was filled in October once fall ball was finished. States she went over the bills and asks board if they all went over them. Asks what the Visa Bill was for? Commissioner Kuzma informs her that it was for the police. Bryce asks for what, only states Visa. Commission Kuzma states she should ask the Police Chief. Vice President Beckowitz states it was the chief's dues for the year. Chief Kerestes confirms it was for dues. Commissioner

Kuzma states the bill was \$6,000.00 a month then \$5,000.00 a month and now it is \$400. Vice President Beckowitz confirms that there is a big difference. Bryce states the reason she is asking was because it was not listed and they would not know what it was. President Rhoderick states for 6 months he did not vote on bills because he did not get copies that he asked for. Bryce said she did not get a credit card bill either and just asked what it was for. Commissioner Kuzma informs her bill has been cut in half. Bryce thanks the board and for their sarcasm.

President Rhoderick creates a motion to adjourn. Bryce states Thank God.

Vice President Beckowitz adds two things. Reminds audience Zoning Hearing Board is February 18th and confirms will be held at the school if the arrangements can be made. Advises audience to keep tabs on the website for updates.

Commissioner Saxon asks for event to be put on Facebook as well as web.

Vice President Beckowitz states there are serious issues with the sanitary and feels as though she along with everyone else up here has been held responsible long enough.

Motion created by Vice President Beckowitz to terminate any agreement with the Elizabeth Township Authority because under Pennsylvania Law it does not exist. Commissioner Similo seconds the motion. President Rhoderick asks if there is any discussion, puts contingency on himself as dependent on Solicitor Racunas' investigation. Commissioner Similo states he feels negligent and needs to protect himself.

Roll Call

Commissioner Similo- Yes

Commissioner Saxon- No, not enough facts.

Commissioner Kuzma- No

Commissioner Beckowitz – Yes, because there are enough facts, it's in black and white.

Commissioner Blake- No, not enough facts.

Commissioner Evans- No

President Rhoderick- Yes, just for principle, motion failed.

4:3 Motion Fails

Motion to Adjourn created by Rhoderick Seconded by Saxon.

President, Board of Commissioners

Lauren Zang, Office Manager

