

**A G E N D A**  
**Board of Supervisors**  
**Work Session 6PM**  
**February 19, 2019**

1. Call Meeting to Order: Anne Lamberton, Chair
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Solicitor Report:  
    Authorize to advertise the public hearings for the following:
  - Proposed Omnibus Zoning Ordinance Amendment
  - Proposed amendment to Zoning Ordinance [renaming PCRED District as MUTCD District]
  - Proposed Ordinance amending Chapter 99 Parks
4. **Old Business:**
5. **New Business:**
  - A. Fire Companies payment in lieu of EIT credit – discussion
  - B. Blakeslee Storage King [Expansion] LDP and Lot Consolidation
  - C. Lands of Tunkhannock Creek Assoc. & Halgas (Robert & Sherrie) Minor Subdivision & Lot Consolidation
  - D. T & M Associates Task Order No. 2019-02 Kalahari Engineering Committee [Sewer District #1]
  - E. Consider Exeter Blakeslee Lot 100 Land, LLC [Sitework] - Financial Security Reduction No. 3
  - F. Consider Resolution 2019-005 authorizing the destruction of specific records
  - G. HRG Engineering proposal – authorize additional services for Hike & Bike Trail
  - H. Consider Resolutions 2019-006 and 2019-007 Emergency Vehicle Preemption [SR115/SR940 and SR940/Harvest Lane/Spruce Lane traffic signals]
  - I. 2019 Road Paving Project – authorize to advertise for Bids
  - J. K 9 Fundraiser
  - K. Penn Strategies Progress Report by Jason Fitzgerald
  - L. Lake Naomi Club Temporary Holding Tank and Maintenance Agreement
6. Board of Supervisors Report/Comment
7. Public Questions and Comment

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Before  
THE TOBYHANNA TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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In Re: Work Session

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Tobyhanna Township Government Center  
105 Government Center Way  
Pocono Pines, Pennsylvania 18350  
Tuesday, February 19, 2019, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

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PRESENT: JOHN J. HOLAHAN, III, Vice-Chairperson  
HEIDI A. PICKARD, Board Member  
BRENDON J.E. CARROLL, Board Member  
JONATHAN J. REISS, ESQUIRE, Solicitor

ALSO

PRESENT: John J. Jablowski Jr.  
Township Manager  
Autumn Canfield  
Assistant Township Manager

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1 MR. HOLAHAN: I'm going to call  
2 to order the workshop for February 19. Start  
3 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

4 (Pledge of Allegiance recited.)

5 MR. HOLAHAN: So do you want to  
6 do your solicitor report now, and then again?

7 MR. REISS: Sure. Well, I  
8 mean, you can just --

9 MS. PICKARD: Yeah, we only  
10 need --

11 MS. REISS: -- give me  
12 direction on these things.

13 MR. HOLAHAN: Let's just do it  
14 now.

15 MR. REISS: First is the  
16 proposed Omnibus Zoning Ordinance Amendment. And  
17 I just had a conversation with Mr. Carroll, who  
18 indicated that he found some things and spoke to  
19 Barbara about them that Barbara has not  
20 communicated to me; so I would recommend you  
21 table this so I can talk to Barbara to find out  
22 what those issues are.

23 MR. CARROLL: Yeah, I found  
24 some inconsistencies with -- there -- there's  
25 some language we'll have to change in the zoning

1 by changing the daycare ordinance --

2 MR. HOLAHAN: Okay.

3 MR. CARROLL: -- because it  
4 became a special exception with the zoning  
5 hearing board. So that language needs to be  
6 changed. The biggest thing was, our online  
7 zoning ordinance and our hard copy zoning  
8 ordinance don't match.

9 MR. HOLAHAN: Gotcha.

10 MR. CARROLL: So --

11 MS. PICKARD: It hasn't been  
12 updated. It hasn't been --

13 MR. CARROLL: -- Jonathan  
14 recommended whoever correlate -- co --

15 MR. REISS: Codified.

16 MR. CARROLL: -- codified, I'm  
17 sorry.

18 MS. PICKARD: It hasn't been  
19 codified in a couple of years and we had quotes  
20 on that a bunch of times.

21 MR. CARROLL: Yeah --

22 MS. CANFIELD: Well, we just  
23 signed one --

24 MR. REISS: Well, we just  
25 had --

1 MR. CARROLL: No. I just --

2 MR. JABLOWSKI: I guess it  
3 just --

4 MR. CARROLL: I just got a  
5 codification for my book that I had.

6 MR. JABLOWSKI: Yeah.

7 MS. PICKARD: Oh, so we did get  
8 it?

9 MR. JABLOWSKI: Yeah, it --  
10 it's been updated, but I'm not sure the online --  
11 but we'll have to --

12 MR. CARROLL: But -- but the  
13 online and -- and our hard copy don't -- the  
14 numbers are --

15 MR. REISS: So --

16 MR. CARROLL: We -- we really  
17 need to look at this, I think, before --

18 MR. REISS: Is that in the  
19 codification or a standalone copy of the zoning  
20 ordinance?

21 MS. PICKARD: Should be --

22 MR. CARROLL: I didn't -- I  
23 didn't do it against the codification that -- I  
24 just got one from --

25 MR. REISS: Okay.

1 MR. CARROLL: -- Margie like a  
2 week ago.

3 MR. REISS: So that --

4 MR. CARROLL: The one I had  
5 prior to that was what I was looking at.

6 MR. REISS: Okay. Because  
7 that's an issue with the publisher.

8 MR. CARROLL: Yeah. That's --  
9 I -- I just -- in -- in a lot of things, it -- it  
10 doesn't say the same thing, so some -- I -- I  
11 just think we should --

12 MS. PICKARD: So somebody needs  
13 to call --

14 MR. CARROLL: -- look at it.  
15 I -- I did mark it up with pen, and I had a  
16 discussion with Barbara, but --

17 MS. PICKARD: But that wouldn't  
18 be a --

19 MR. CARROLL: It was a holiday.  
20 I -- I only gave it to her Friday. So I guess it  
21 was probably Friday I saw her.

22 MS. PICKARD: Is this for the  
23 new ordinance, because that wouldn't be in --  
24 general code wouldn't have that?

25 MR. CARROLL: It was -- it

1 was -- what -- what we're -- we're talking about  
2 the --

3 MR. REISS: Probably sections  
4 that would've been cited.

5 MR. CARROLL: It was  
6 allowing -- it was a permitting use to -- for  
7 childcare in the CI District. It was the sign --  
8 vehicle sign ordinance, which I had a question  
9 with, and --

10 MR. REISS: That was that  
11 Omnibus Amendment --

12 MR. CARROLL: Yes.

13 MR. REISS: -- that we talked  
14 about a month or two ago?

15 MR. CARROLL: Yeah, it's been  
16 on the thing here for a couple months. That's  
17 all. I just -- I saw it --

18 MS. PICKARD: I'm still  
19 confused about what needs to be advertised,  
20 because that hasn't been codified. That's just a  
21 proposed ordinance.

22 MR. CARROLL: That's correct.  
23 But there's some inconsistencies --

24 MS. PICKARD: Okay.

25 MR. CARROLL: -- with what --

1 MS. PICKARD: So she needs  
2 to --

3 MR. CARROLL: -- with -- with  
4 the resolution, that I think we should --

5 MS. PICKARD: We should be  
6 doing at the --

7 MR. CARROLL: -- house --  
8 provide some housekeeping on.

9 MR. REISS: First of all --  
10 right. First of all, if you have a codification,  
11 you have to bite the bullet and spend the money  
12 quarterly, semiannually, to get it updated,  
13 because otherwise there's -- you spend a lot of  
14 money to codify it, and if it's not up to date,  
15 it's useless.

16 So if there was a period of  
17 time where the township wasn't sending updates to  
18 the publisher --

19 MS. PICKARD: There's been  
20 several years until this one.

21 MR. JABLOWSKI: No. We did --

22 MR. CARROLL: Yeah.

23 MR. JABLOWSKI: We did one, I  
24 think, at the end of December. I'll have to get  
25 the exact date.



1 MR. CARROLL: That's the one  
2 that just came.

3 MR. JABLOWSKI: Yeah, so that  
4 was seven or twelve different -- I mean, it  
5 was -- it was a whole -- there's a booklet.

6 MR. CARROLL: I have it. I  
7 didn't open it to put it in my book yet.

8 MR. REISS: But I guess my  
9 concern is, though, that if the public either --  
10 someone has to communicate with the publisher to  
11 say the codification online, which they control,  
12 and the codification that they print, which they  
13 control, doesn't match.

14 MR. CARROLL: Right.

15 MR. REISS: You know, they need  
16 to correct it.

17 MR. JABLOWSKI: And part of our  
18 discussion with them was to do that, so thank  
19 you. We're going to call --

20 MR. CARROLL: Ask Barbara.  
21 I -- I didn't keep a copy --

22 MR. JABLOWSKI: Yeah, we're --

23 MR. CARROLL: -- of it. I made  
24 my changes and gave it to her just for  
25 discussion.

1 MR. JABLOWSKI: Yeah, I didn't  
2 discuss that with her today, she was in and out,  
3 but I will, tomorrow, find out. They have to  
4 mesh. That's why we pay them.

5 MR. CARROLL: Yeah.

6 MR. JABLOWSKI: They got the  
7 money.

8 MR. CARROLL: Yeah, just --

9 MS. PICKARD: They had --

10 MR. CARROLL: Just, you know,  
11 like I said, it's one of those things until --

12 THE REPORTER: Just one at a  
13 time, guys.

14 MR. CARROLL: I didn't hear.

15 THE REPORTER: Oh, just saying  
16 one at a time, please. Thanks.

17 MS. PICKARD: She couldn't hear  
18 us talking.

19 MR. HOLAHAN: All right. So  
20 that was -- that's already been sent out to  
21 Barbara then, so we just need to wait for all  
22 those things to come back so we can go back to  
23 the people that are putting this out and make  
24 sure that those are all matching up.

25 MS. PICKARD: But the --

1 MR. REISS: The sections match.

2 MS. PICKARD: Yes. But the --  
3 but what we're proposing isn't -- general code  
4 doesn't have it, until we pass it.

5 MR. REISS: Correct.

6 MS. PICKARD: We just have to  
7 make sure that all the sections are going to hit  
8 the right area.

9 MR. REISS: Currently match.

10 MR. HOLAHAN: Yes.

11 MS. PICKARD: What general code  
12 does have is a new legislation section. So all  
13 the new ordinances are in that section until we  
14 send them to codify it.

15 MR. REISS: I think what the  
16 problem is, and I've seen this in other times  
17 where Barbara has sent me provisions to update or  
18 change, she cites sections that when I go  
19 online -- because that's what I use, the online  
20 version.

21 MS. PICKARD: I do too.

22 MR. REISS: -- it's a different  
23 section number, and I just assume it's -- I  
24 always just assumed it was a typographical error  
25 or something, but now it sounds like it isn't.

1 MR. CARROLL: Yeah, I did too.  
2 When -- in -- in the -- I -- I don't know if I  
3 have it here, but where you cite it in the  
4 resolution like the sections, I'm pretty sure  
5 when I looked online, it -- it doesn't exist the  
6 way -- or online it's one way, in our hard copy  
7 it is -- it doesn't exist or --

8 MS. PICKARD: Unless it's  
9 something in between.

10 MR. CARROLL: I don't know.

11 MS. PICKARD: The sign  
12 ordinance might not be codified --

13 MR. CARROLL: Yeah.

14 MR. REISS: No. The sign  
15 ordinance.

16 MS. PICKARD: -- yet because we  
17 just did that --

18 MR. CARROLL: Yeah, that's  
19 correct.

20 MS. PICKARD: So it actually  
21 might be sign -- you know, going to that.

22 MR. REISS: Correct.

23 MR. CARROLL: But that was one  
24 of them. And -- and in our ordinance, I felt the  
25 vehicle signs, the definition that we had in the

1 sign ordinance, was good enough for what she  
2 wanted it to do. So I said -- you know, but we  
3 have that definition in the sign ordinance and  
4 then we have another definition in regular 155.  
5 I don't know.

6 MS. PICKARD: I don't think the  
7 sign would've been codified. When did we pass  
8 that?

9 MR. REISS: I think it may be.

10 MR. JABLOWSKI: No. I think --  
11 I think it was in there.

12 MR. CARROLL: That -- that  
13 might be there. I'm sorry, I didn't open the  
14 package yet.

15 MR. REISS: But there are  
16 provisions.

17 MS. PICKARD: I didn't -- I  
18 didn't see, unless it's in my box.

19 MR. REISS: And when I worked  
20 on it, there were provisions that I had to go to  
21 the adopting ordinance as opposed to the  
22 codification.

23 MS. PICKARD: Okay.

24 MR. JABLOWSKI: We'll check  
25 that.

1 MR. CARROLL: Anyway, it needs  
2 to be looked at.

3 MR. REISS: So at this time,  
4 with those changes and other issues I think that  
5 Brendon brought up to Barbara, I'll put -- hear  
6 from her, put them in a draft and recirculate to  
7 everybody.

8 MS. PICKARD: Okay.

9 MR. HOLAHAN: Okay. So motion  
10 to table?

11 MS. PICKARD: Well, we're doing  
12 the work session. Are we going to do this now  
13 and then do it again later?

14 MR. HOLAHAN: Let's just --

15 MS. PICKARD: We just -- we  
16 don't --

17 MR. HOLAHAN: -- do it now  
18 while we're dealing with it, and I'll strike it  
19 from the other agenda.

20 MS. PICKARD: All right.  
21 Motion to table the authorization to advertise  
22 the proposed Omnibus Zoning Ordinance amendment.

23 MR. CARROLL: Second.

24 MR. HOLAHAN: Motion and  
25 second.

1 Further discussion from the  
2 board?

3 Anything from the public?

4 MR. HOLAHAN: Okay. All in  
5 favor, aye?

6 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

7 MR. HOLAHAN: Opposed?

8 Motion carries.

9 MR. REISS: The next item came  
10 up as a result of legislation that's working its  
11 way through Harrisburg to allow for some  
12 additional liquor licenses to come into the  
13 township at the -- what is right now the PCRED  
14 District.

15 MR. HOLAHAN: Um-hmm.

16 MR. REISS: That legislation  
17 refers to a Mixed Use Town Center Development  
18 District. So we have to change the name of the  
19 PCRED to match the state legislation. So the  
20 draft ordinance, which I circulated to everybody,  
21 that's all that ordinance does.

22 And all I'm asking tonight is  
23 for authorization to send it out to the township  
24 and county planning commissions. I'm assuming  
25 they're not going to have any problems with the

1 changes. And so if you want me to advertise it,  
2 I could, or we could wait to get their comments  
3 back.

4 There is one additional change  
5 in there, and actually this was in the Omnibus  
6 amendment, and that was a typographical error  
7 that's for the parking aisles. I think it said  
8 angle or something, so we changed it.

9 MR. CARROLL: Oh, right, right,  
10 right, yep.

11 MS. PICKARD: I'm -- I'm fine  
12 with that.

13 MR. HOLAHAN: Yep.

14 MS. PICKARD: I'll make a  
15 motion that we send the proposed amendment to the  
16 zoning ordinance renaming the PCRED District as  
17 MTCD District and typographical changes to the  
18 P -- township PC and the county PC and authorize  
19 advertising.

20 MR. CARROLL: Second.

21 MR. HOLAHAN: I have a motion  
22 and a second.

23 Further discussion from the  
24 board?

25 Anything from the public?



1                   Hearing none. Call the vote.

2                   All in favor, aye?

3                   BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

4                   MR. HOLAHAN: Opposed?

5                   Motion carries.

6                   MR. REISS: This next item is  
7 something you addressed last year, but the  
8 township staff found that we weren't -- didn't  
9 address it completely. You amended Chapter 99  
10 for parks to allow alcoholic beverages in the  
11 parks; however, further down in Chapter 99 there  
12 was another area that had a spec -- another  
13 specific prohibition about alcoholic beverages in  
14 the park that's still in the ordinance.

15                   So I drafted an amendment that  
16 would take that provision out as well so it's  
17 consistent with your other prohibitions and  
18 restrictions.

19                   MR. HOLAHAN: Okay.

20                   MS. PICKARD: Now, if we're  
21 going to do the park board, is any of that going  
22 to be in the ordinance at all about --

23                   MR. REISS: If you're going to  
24 create a park board, that's actually authorized  
25 by state statute, so you would have to do an

1 ordinance to create a park and rec board.

2 MS. PICKARD: Should we wait  
3 until -- we're going to be doing that next month.  
4 Should we do that all at once?

5 MS. CANFIELD: Our  
6 understanding was that it wasn't a formal park  
7 and recreation board.

8 MS. PICKARD: Okay.

9 MS. CANFIELD: Our consultant  
10 was looking more towards --

11 MR. CARROLL: An advisory --

12 MR. JABLOWSKI: Advisory  
13 committee.

14 MS. CANFIELD: -- one to two  
15 days work session just to talk with the people  
16 that are chosen and get the ideas and then put  
17 them together in a package.

18 MR. HOLAHAN: Okay.

19 MR. JABLOWSKI: That's  
20 (inaudible) committee.

21 MS. PICKARD: We don't need to  
22 have an ordinance for that?

23 MR. REISS: Not for that. That  
24 seems like an ad hoc committee just to work with  
25 a consultant on an advisory --

1 MS. PICKARD: I thought we were  
2 going to continue with it. That was my  
3 understanding, but --

4 MS. CANFIELD: That's up to the  
5 board.

6 MR. HOLAHAN: Okay. Do I have  
7 a motion to --

8 MR. CARROLL: Can -- can I ask  
9 something, John?

10 MR. HOLAHAN: Sure.

11 MR. CARROLL: Something came up  
12 after we did that ordinance last summer that was  
13 brought to my attention that I -- and -- and when  
14 we were doing that, I think it was our intention  
15 to allow it here at Blanche Price for the people  
16 that rent the facilities. And then it was my  
17 understanding there were some issues --

18 MR. HOLAHAN: Ball parks and  
19 stuff?

20 MR. CARROLL: -- at the ball  
21 parks that maybe -- do we -- if we have the  
22 opportunity, do we want to -- can you do it both  
23 ways or only --

24 MR. REISS: Well, you can --

25 MR. CARROLL: -- permitted only

1 at Blanche Price when -- when a facility is  
2 rented through the township through the --

3 MR. REISS: You could -- you  
4 could --

5 MR. CARROLL: I don't know how  
6 that works. But I don't know. So I heard some  
7 complaints from parents of people drinking at  
8 the --

9 MR. HOLAHAN: Oh, I gotcha.

10 MR. CARROLL: -- little league  
11 games at Keiper Field and Locust Ridge Field and  
12 things that --

13 MR. REISS: You can do --

14 MR. CARROLL: -- made people  
15 uncomfortable.

16 MR. REISS: -- it however you  
17 want in those regards. So if you want to carve  
18 out restrictions or carve out exemptions, you can  
19 do that.

20 MR. HOLAHAN: I think we -- I  
21 think we need to talk about doing that too.

22 MR. CARROLL: Yeah. And, you  
23 know, maybe -- I think that could be a discussion  
24 that --

25 MS. PICKARD: Can we table this

1 until we have --

2 MR. CARROLL: -- the park

3 people have.

4 MS. PICKARD: -- the rest of us

5 here, because --

6 MR. HOLAHAN: And maybe the --

7 MS. PICKARD: -- Dave and I are

8 on the parks board?

9 MR. HOLAHAN: Maybe some parks  
10 people --

11 MS. PICKARD: Yeah.

12 MR. HOLAHAN: -- who are on the  
13 board and come up with suggestions like that.

14 MS. PICKARD: Yeah.

15 MR. CARROLL: Yeah. I mean,  
16 that --

17 MR. HOLAHAN: Motion to table?

18 MS. PICKARD: So moved.

19 MR. CARROLL: Second. Sorry.

20 MR. HOLAHAN: Okay. Tabled.

21 Look at us now, huh? We're  
22 already working on the next agenda.

23 MS. PICKARD: I don't know what  
24 we're going to do at seven o'clock --

25 MR. HOLAHAN: That's all right.

1 So these next --

2 MR. JABLOWSKI: Mr. Chairman,  
3 if you go under old business, I -- I could --

4 MR. HOLAHAN: Oh, yeah, please.

5 MR. JABLOWSKI: We met today  
6 with a Boy Scout who's doing the gazebo as an  
7 Eagle Scout project, you might recall, in Blanche  
8 Price Park. So we've scheduled the next meeting,  
9 March 19, for him to come and officially present  
10 the plans. It's pretty exciting, a great gazebo.  
11 It's gonna be a good addition. The gazebo itself  
12 is probably about a \$10,000 gazebo. He's in the  
13 process of developing a fundraising plan in order  
14 to come up with the cost of that, but I just  
15 wanted to advise the board and let the board know  
16 that he'll be here next meeting.

17 And we'll have plans before the  
18 sketch drawings and -- everything's gonna be  
19 circulated to the board. His hope is that he  
20 gets our approval so he could move forward with  
21 it to begin construction whenever Spring hits  
22 here. Just wanted to update you on that.

23 MR. HOLAHAN: Does he have a  
24 place to build it?

25 MR. JABLOWSKI: Well, we're

1 looking where the horseshoe pits are.

2 MR. HOLAHAN: I was just  
3 wondering if anybody is interested in a gazebo,  
4 but we've got a place for it already. Good.

5 MR. CARROLL: So we waive the  
6 permits and all that stuff now? I'm just tea --  
7 I'm kidding.

8 MR. HOLAHAN: Well, I think we  
9 should see the prints first --

10 MR. CARROLL: I'm -- I'm sorry.

11 MR. HOLAHAN: -- before we  
12 waive them.

13 MS. PICKARD: But I don't think  
14 we can waive bills --

15 MR. HOLAHAN: In lieu of.

16 MR. CARROLL: That's true.

17 MR. ED TUTRONE: Well, the  
18 permits will be through the township, 'cause we  
19 own the property.

20 MR. JABLOWSKI: So bill it in  
21 our name, and then we'll -- we'll ask Bill Burton  
22 for their assistance, make that helpful.

23 MR. HOLAHAN: Is that it?

24 MS. PICKARD: Is that the  
25 manager's report?

1 MR. JABLOWSKI: That's just an  
2 update, but, yes, that's all I have.

3 MR. HOLAHAN: So now the -- the  
4 next, right down to L, is all stuff they're going  
5 to be talking about. All right.

6 MS. PICKARD: I have --

7 MR. CARROLL: Well, some of  
8 this is new stuff that we should probably talk  
9 about at this meeting.

10 MR. HOLAHAN: Yeah, let's go --

11 MR. CARROLL: And some of it  
12 we've seen before.

13 MR. HOLAHAN: Yep.

14 MR. CARROLL: And then some of  
15 it I don't think we're going to act on tonight,  
16 but we can talk about it. Right?

17 MR. HOLAHAN: Sure.

18 MS. PICKARD: Before we do  
19 that, can I just talk about some treasurer stuff  
20 that's going to be on the other agenda?

21 MR. CARROLL: Under new  
22 business, you want?

23 MS. PICKARD: Well, just under  
24 work session business.

25 MR. CARROLL: Okay.



1 MR. HOLAHAN: Sure.

2 MS. PICKARD: I thought we'd  
3 have like committees and be able to talk about  
4 DPW and treasurer, finance committee.

5 MR. CARROLL: Okay.

6 MS. PICKARD: I just wanted to  
7 mention that Dave and I had met and gone through  
8 the bills yesterday and we had a couple  
9 suggestions and questions, but I wanted to bring  
10 it up before we get to the meeting with the bill  
11 pack.

12 MR. CARROLL: Okay.

13 MS. PICKARD: One, just to help  
14 make it clear for us, could you go back to  
15 breaking out the legal bills by project and  
16 project invoice that Jonathan bills them? We  
17 find it helpful that we all know what Kalahari's  
18 bill was and what the other bills are, separate  
19 from our zoning bills, our in-house bills and our  
20 land development tract bills. So we have a  
21 different invoice number for each, but that's  
22 what I had been doing before was just break it  
23 down by project.

24 MS. CANFIELD: Yeah.

25 MS. PICKARD: But that way it

1 all went under 414 for zoning/legal, so we don't  
2 know what was billed out and how much was  
3 in-house, but it's helpful to know that \$3,000 of  
4 that \$10,000 bill was Kalahari's.

5 MS. CANFIELD: It is all --

6 MS. PICKARD: And a thousand  
7 was --

8 MS. CANFIELD: -- in the bill  
9 pack itself. It has the breakout, but we can do  
10 it --

11 MS. PICKARD: I know, but we  
12 want it on the breakdown that goes to the board.  
13 And the other thing was, again, and I had  
14 mentioned to you with the projects, there's  
15 another \$30,000 bill in there for HRG. We still  
16 don't have the permit for the parking lot, so  
17 we're a little concerned about that. And I had  
18 asked if you could initial them, but we want a  
19 report with those project bills because,  
20 honestly, it's like a crap shoot. We're billed,  
21 we don't know what we're paying for. We looked  
22 at them, but we have no way of knowing what was  
23 done and what to recommend.

24 MS. CANFIELD: Okay.

25 MS. PICKARD: But we're

1 still -- I was very surprised that it was \$90,000  
2 for HRG and that we just paid them 25 last month  
3 and we have 30,000 this month and what was  
4 actually done and accomplished, so we could see  
5 that. Same thing with the --

6 MR. CARROLL: We expanded that  
7 contract, though, just --

8 MS. PICKARD: I know we  
9 expanded it, but we just paid another 30,000. So  
10 I don't know what he did when he still didn't get  
11 the permit --

12 MS. CANFIELD: Well, that's  
13 a --

14 MS. PICKARD: -- for the  
15 parking lot. And then the question with Barb was  
16 in here saying that -- that she and Bob were  
17 working on it, which was not HRG who we're paying  
18 \$30,0000, so -- I know we --

19 MR. JABLOWSKI: Yeah, that's a  
20 good point. We should probably also schedule  
21 Mark to come in too. I think it'll be good for  
22 us.

23 MS. PICKARD: So if we had some  
24 kind of document there. Like I knew we were  
25 doing progress reports and some kind of

1 something, but somehow if we could attach  
2 something. Because then when we're looking at  
3 that, we also don't remember what the total  
4 project was.

5 MR. CARROLL: But didn't --  
6 when -- when I was doing it, like Autumn would  
7 present like the quote, engineer's quote for the  
8 project and then highlight because -- I know  
9 they're confusing --

10 MS. PICKARD: All we have is  
11 the --

12 MR. CARROLL: -- but I -- I  
13 don't know. I thought it was helpful because you  
14 would always highlight --

15 MS. PICKARD: We don't -- yeah,  
16 we just --

17 MR. CARROLL: -- what --  
18 what --

19 MS. PICKARD: -- had the PO.

20 MR. CARROLL: -- we were paying  
21 for out of the original.

22 MS. PICKARD: No. But  
23 that's --

24 MS. CANFIELD: You guys are  
25 talking about the same thing. It's --

1 MR. CARROLL: Okay.

2 MS. PICKARD: It's same but  
3 different. But what it does --

4 MR. CARROLL: Same, but --  
5 okay.

6 MS. PICKARD: -- it just -- the  
7 system every time you make a payment, breaks it  
8 out like that --

9 MR. CARROLL: Write down, okay.

10 MS. PICKARD: -- and highlights  
11 the amount, but it doesn't tell us what we're  
12 paying for. And the bills that were in there  
13 from HRG don't really have a breakdown of ever --  
14 anything to explain what -- what they did. So  
15 we've now paid \$55,000, and in as far I'm sitting  
16 here, I'm sure you guys are meeting with them and  
17 know, but Dave and I are reviewing the bills and  
18 we have no idea what \$30,000 worth of work was  
19 done.

20 MR. JABLOWSKI: And it will be  
21 good to hold his feet to the fire by having him  
22 at a meeting and say, here's what -- where he is,  
23 what's -- you know -- you're right, we're in  
24 communication with them obviously, but it'd be  
25 good to get --

1 MS. PICKARD: Right. Some of  
2 them on the -- you know, the other -- the only  
3 other one was RKR Hess, and we know those things  
4 and -- and the Pennoni stuff, it was easier to  
5 track and we've been getting updates. But the  
6 park was just really -- like I have a hard time  
7 recommending to pay that bill right now because I  
8 don't have any information.

9 MS. CANFIELD: Okay.

10 MS. PICKARD: All right.

11 MR. HOLAHAN: We have -- in  
12 that proposal, does it have the breakdowns of  
13 what the draws would be and when they draw? When  
14 they request the draw?

15 MR. JABLOWSKI: You'd have to  
16 look at the proposal.

17 MR. HOLAHAN: Right. Maybe  
18 that -- maybe that would help as well if we saw  
19 that.

20 MS. PICKARD: Or on some of  
21 them it'll say meetings, and they'll say the  
22 hours for each engineer and kind of what task it  
23 was on, which sometimes is confusing, but at  
24 least it's something. I really -- we really had  
25 a hard time with --

1 MR. HOLAHAN: Okay.

2 MS. PICKARD: -- the HRG bill.

3 MR. HOLAHAN: And do you have  
4 more?

5 MS. PICKARD: No. That was  
6 really all that we had on -- on the bill pack,  
7 everything else was -- was, you know, normal.

8 MR. HOLAHAN: Okay. What would  
9 you like to discuss from this, Brendon? Do you  
10 want to talk about fire companies?

11 MR. CARROLL: I guess there  
12 was -- there was a -- a draft resolution that  
13 Jonathan presented, I gu -- there was some. Now,  
14 you were at the fire commission?

15 MR. HOLAHAN: Yep.

16 MR. CARROLL: You could  
17 probably speak better than me. I don't see  
18 that -- that -- that proposal that we got at  
19 that -- at that meeting in here.

20 MR. HOLAHAN: I don't think  
21 that was --

22 MR. CARROLL: Oh.

23 MR. HOLAHAN: -- sent off to --

24 MR. CARROLL: Or is it -- is it  
25 two different things, maybe?

1 MR. REISS: I brought a copy of  
2 it. I --

3 MR. JABLOWSKI: Do they have  
4 copies of it?

5 MS. PICKARD: The EMS check,  
6 did we get the letter?

7 MS. CANFIELD: We got their  
8 letter --

9 MR. CARROLL: Yeah, I don't --  
10 I -- I didn't see -- I didn't know if that was  
11 what we wanted --

12 MS. PICKARD: There's not a  
13 check in the bill pack --

14 MR. JABLOWSKI: You want me to  
15 make copies?

16 MR. HOLAHAN: Okay.

17 MS. CANFIELD: We got the  
18 letters, I had the conversation with --

19 MS. PICKARD: I know, but could  
20 we -- could you make a note to get that out?  
21 Because this is the time of year where they  
22 really need the money.

23 MS. CANFIELD: Yeah.

24 MR. HOLAHAN: I don't see much  
25 else on here for discussion that we couldn't --



1 that we're not going to be able to act on during  
2 our regular meeting.

3 Do you all see anything?

4 MR. CARROLL: I know Ed wants  
5 to do the roads.

6 MS. PICKARD: Yeah, I was  
7 wondering why we're waiting. I feel like we're  
8 waiting so long. I thought we've had that --

9 MR. CARROLL: And the fire  
10 comp -- I'm confused now. A lot of this stuff I  
11 think I'm confusing it with the planning  
12 commission that I've already seen.

13 MR. REISS: Well, there's two  
14 items that --

15 MR. CARROLL: The Blakeslee  
16 Storage and the Lands of Tunkhannock Creek.

17 MR. REISS: Right.

18 MR. CARROLL: Those -- those  
19 were all good, so that's just coming -- I don't  
20 know.

21 MR. REISS: That's coming up  
22 for approval from the supervisors.

23 MR. CARROLL: That -- that's  
24 coming up. So I've seen -- we saw that in the  
25 planning commission --

1 MR. HOLAHAN: Right.

2 MR. CARROLL: -- not on here.

3 That's why it's -- and the T&M, we've talked  
4 about that with Kalahari already. Right?

5 MR. HOLAHAN: Right.

6 MR. CARROLL: And No. E, Exeter  
7 land -- that came through planning -- no,  
8 that's --

9 MR. REISS: I can tell what I  
10 think HRG, that's to get the survey done so they  
11 can give me the legal description. Right?  
12 Because the township needs an easement from the  
13 school district.

14 MR. CARROLL: Okay.

15 MR. REISS: So I need a plan  
16 that shows the easement area and the legal  
17 description for it.

18 MR. HOLAHAN: Yep.

19 MR. JABLOWSKI: Still warming  
20 up. So I'm sorry --

21 MR. HOLAHAN: It's 1,500 to  
22 \$2,000. It's fairly typical for a survey.

23 MS. PICKARD: Yeah.

24 MR. CARROLL: Hi, Jeanine.

25 MS. PICKARD: I'd just like to

1 see the other (inaudible).

2 MR. HOLAHAN: Understood.

3 MR. REISS: The Lake Naomi  
4 Club.

5 MR. CARROLL: Yeah, we could  
6 Lake Naomi's right?

7 MR. HOLAHAN: Yep.

8 MR. REISS: Because you  
9 actually -- you already discussed that item at a  
10 meeting once before and authorized -- authorized  
11 the agreements. So tonight you just need to vote  
12 and authorize the vice-chair to sign the  
13 agreement.

14 MR. JABLOWSKI: Jason called  
15 before. He's not going to be here. He gave me  
16 two updates maybe I can provide to the board.

17 MR. HOLAHAN: Okay.

18 MS. PICKARD: Well, that's what  
19 I was going to -- I was going to ask that because  
20 I didn't see it on here and I was wondering what  
21 we're paying for. That was my other question.

22 MR. JABLOWSKI: Yeah. We asked  
23 him to be. He called this morning just to let  
24 Margie know that he couldn't be here. So I  
25 texted him and I said --

1 MR. CARROLL: He's not coming?  
2 Is that what you said?

3 MR. JABLOWSKI: Correct. I'm  
4 sorry. So I asked him, I said, we'd like to  
5 provide the board some update. He mentioned that  
6 an RACP Grant has gone in for 3.8 million.  
7 That's under the purview --

8 MS. PICKARD: 3.8 million?

9 MR. JABLOWSKI: Correct. It's  
10 currently under review. There's a public comment  
11 period, which is now. They expect award  
12 announcement sometime in April.

13 MS. PICKARD: And when does a  
14 build grant go in?

15 MR. JABLOWSKI: As soon as the  
16 window opens up.

17 MS. PICKARD: Okay. So we  
18 haven't heard anything on that?

19 MR. JABLOWSKI: No. It  
20 hasn't -- in addition, we're looking at applying  
21 for multimodal for the other section of 940 on  
22 the eastside. We have the order of magnitude  
23 from Pennoni on the construction for the roadway.

24 MS. PICKARD: Is that for the  
25 limited access?

1 MR. JABLOWSKI: Correct. Curb  
2 the limited access and curb the intersections.

3 MS. PICKARD: Did we get  
4 approval for that?

5 MR. JABLOWSKI: No. But  
6 we're -- we need to begin the process of applying  
7 for a multimodal grant. We haven't got PennDOT's  
8 approval yet, but we look at multimodal funding  
9 for that.

10 MR. HOLAHAN: Okay. So let's  
11 talk about the firefighter service stipend  
12 program or the FSSP. Got a nice ring to it.

13 MR. JABLOWSKI: Thank you.

14 MR. PICKARD: Could you  
15 pronounce that?

16 MR. HOLAHAN: FSSP. In an  
17 effort to provide a reimbursement for the service  
18 provided by firefighters in Tobyhanna Township  
19 and encourage participation and as a vital  
20 protective effort in our community, the FSSP has  
21 been developed. And so here's proposed  
22 highlights of the program.

23 There'd be a service stipend of  
24 \$350 a year that members can choose to accept or  
25 waive. Qualified for this service stipend would

1 be a life member or an active member meeting the  
2 listed-below criteria.

3 So they have to --

4 MS. PICKARD: Uniform cleaning  
5 allowance, is that the UCA?

6 MR. HOLAHAN: Yeah. So they  
7 have to -- and -- and that's one of the ways it  
8 was discussed on how you could -- what's the  
9 monitor that we would -- we would give this so  
10 that -- they're concerned about it doesn't look  
11 like payroll.

12 MS. PICKARD: Okay.

13 MR. HOLAHAN: Right. So what  
14 they need to do to qualify is respond to 25  
15 percent of calls, attend 25 percent of the  
16 drills, and attend 6 business meetings. And it's  
17 calculated on a period of 12 months.

18 MR. CARROLL: I think there  
19 was -- it's on the back.

20 MR. HOLAHAN: Hmm?

21 MR. CARROLL: I thought there  
22 was two pages, but it's on the back.

23 MR. HOLAHAN: Right. We're  
24 saving resources and trash.

25 MS. PICKARD: So if the life

1 member is not an active anymore, they can still  
2 get an annual stipend?

3 MR. HOLAHAN: Yes, yep. Life  
4 members are --

5 MR. ED TUTRONE: You want me to  
6 talk a little about it?

7 MR. HOLAHAN: Yeah, yeah. Go  
8 ahead, Ed.

9 MR. ED TUTRONE: Ed Tutrone,  
10 Tobyhanna Fire Company President.

11 So we -- we worked along with  
12 the fire commission to come up with this. And,  
13 yes, I would -- basically in our bylaws it states  
14 our life members are entitled to everything our  
15 active members are entitled to. So the \$350  
16 stipend was the EIT for the earned income and  
17 also for the property relief. There was some  
18 concern that if people are members and they're  
19 renters, instead of owning a house, that they  
20 wouldn't get the benefit even though they're  
21 putting in the time.

22 MR. CARROLL: Excuse me. Can -  
23 can I interrupt you for the public? Because --

24 MR. ED TUTRONE: Sure.

25 MR. CARROLL: -- this is

1 confusing to me.

2 JJ, the -- the Pennsylvania --  
3 the state enacted a law to give property tax  
4 relief to -- to emergency services providers,  
5 fire company, EMS -- right? -- I think, is --  
6 and -- and I think we felt --

7 MR. ED TUTRONE: Yeah, I'll  
8 back up a pace, yeah.

9 MR. CARROLL: So -- so I -- I  
10 just think people are going to -- what are we  
11 talking about?

12 MR. ED TUTRONE: Yeah, I'll  
13 back -- I -- I'm sorry. Yeah.

14 MR. CARROLL: So -- so the  
15 state is -- has offered some -- some financial  
16 compensation to emergency services providers  
17 in -- in tax relief. Right?

18 MR. ED TUTRONE: Through the  
19 township.

20 MR. CARROLL: I'll let you  
21 speak, but I think --

22 MR. JABLOWSKI: Well, the state  
23 basically punted the ball back to local  
24 governments, and the state allowed local  
25 governments to give some of the revenue back.



1 MR. CARROLL: Okay.

2 MR. JABLOWSKI: So the state,  
3 in my opinion, didn't do crap.

4 MR. CARROLL: Okay.

5 MR. JABLOWSKI: They said, you  
6 can do it. So the state program will allow for  
7 an earned income tax credit provision and -- and  
8 a -- and the homeowner's provision, but, really,  
9 when you drill down to that, most volunteer  
10 firefighters that are active, may not own a home  
11 because they're in their 20s or 30s, so -- and  
12 their -- their income isn't as high as if you're  
13 in your 40s or 50s usually. So the -- the  
14 discussion here to create what we created here,  
15 our proposal, basically provides that incentive  
16 regardless if you own a home or not.

17 And that's not the criteria,  
18 not your income or your property, but basically  
19 your service and, really, base any stipend on  
20 your service whether you have a lifetime of  
21 service or you're currently active or both.

22 MR. CARROLL: So this program  
23 is really a -- a -- a hybrid -- it's your own  
24 creation of what maybe works well for Tobyhanna  
25 Township and not what the rest of the world is

1 doing.

2 MR. REISS: Well, actually --

3 MR. CARROLL: Right? Or --

4 MR. REISS: -- a lot of  
5 municipalities are doing this because otherwise  
6 it creates bookkeeping nightmares for the tax  
7 collectors --

8 MR. CARROLL: Oh, okay.

9 MR. REISS: -- who aren't used  
10 to giving -- having credits and things. So I can  
11 tell you in Bucks County this is uniformly being  
12 done, I think in Montgomery County also, but in  
13 more counties as well.

14 MR. CARROLL: All right. And  
15 that's what you provided us, something similar?

16 MR. REISS: I -- I gave you a  
17 sample --

18 MR. CARROLL: New Britain  
19 Township or something, I think it was.

20 MR. REISS: -- resolution that  
21 one township did.

22 MR. ED TUTRONE: And then --  
23 and then take it one step further. So you have  
24 the life members, even if they don't make the 25  
25 percent of the calls for the year and 25 percent

1 of the drills to -- to be an active firefighter  
2 and get benefits from the fire department. So to  
3 bring it a step further to enhance trying to get  
4 more people out from the active side who are  
5 coming out to the calls and fighting the fires or  
6 coming out to the emergencies, we -- we came up  
7 with this. And this, I believe, I want to say,  
8 Coolbaugh Township is using this also, to where  
9 they -- we put in a uniform cleaning allowance  
10 because the -- the firefighters that are --  
11 and -- and -- and that are going to be coming out  
12 for the calls, that's the ones that are going to  
13 have the uniforms that -- so then it goes into  
14 a -- a uniform cleaning allowance where the fire  
15 company will provide the township with a list of  
16 all of the people that met that criteria in a  
17 year's period.

18 Now, it's not gonna be a  
19 calendar year in order for the township budget to  
20 be able to get it out in December -- the checks  
21 out in December to the fire department for their  
22 budget, but what's going to happen is the member  
23 has to come to the -- give a paper to the chief  
24 requesting their money, their stipend. The chief  
25 will then look through everything, make sure they

1 met the criteria, and then the chief will sign  
2 off. And then -- I want to say it was by  
3 December 1st. Then it would come to the  
4 township, then you guys as supervisors would have  
5 it for your township meeting in December to be  
6 able to cut the check to the fire department.

7                   When that check get cuts to the  
8 fire department, then the fire department will  
9 disburse it to the members that were eligible and  
10 then they will again sign off on a piece of paper  
11 stating that they received the check with the  
12 check number. And then when it's all said and  
13 done, the township will receive a copy of  
14 everybody who received a check. So it's checks  
15 and balances on the township end and the fire  
16 company end. It's not strictly donation from the  
17 township to the fire company and then you don't  
18 know where it goes after that.

19                   So a little more of an  
20 incentive then should be able to try to get more  
21 people out to calls. If they hear that they're  
22 getting a little bit of money around  
23 Christmastime, it might spark their interest a  
24 little more to come out.

25                   We did check with workmen's

1 compensation and also the PA --

2 MR. JABLOWSKI: Compensation  
3 Rating Bureau.

4 MR. ED TUTRONE: The  
5 Compensation Rating Bureau, yes. Thank you. And  
6 it is -- it is all legal. There's nothing  
7 evasive about it. They said -- the only thing  
8 is, keep it under the \$600 for the 1099, which in  
9 essence it would be because they're two different  
10 types of stipends. In the future, if we would  
11 decide to go -- if this didn't work very well and  
12 we decided to a "per call", say, I'm just gonna  
13 throw a number out, \$10 a call per person per  
14 call, then that could range. You could start  
15 paying money 5, \$6,000 a year that would get a  
16 1099. So right now --

17 MS. PICKARD: So --

18 MR. ED TUTRONE: -- we're -- we  
19 want to hopefully stay away from that part of it.  
20 We just want to do the stipend and see how that,  
21 you know, works to bring people out.

22 MS. PICKARD: So it's my  
23 understanding, through my Workset, any total over  
24 \$600. So if they're getting the 595 and the 350,  
25 I don't see how you can't 1099 them.

1 MR. ED TUTRONE: Well, the 350  
2 because it's part of that tax incentive to the  
3 state --

4 MS. PICKARD: It's not --

5 MR. CARROLL: It's two  
6 different thing -- it's going to be two different  
7 things.

8 MR. ED TUTRONE: Yeah, that --

9 MS. PICKARD: I know it's two  
10 different things, but if it's paid --

11 MR. ED TUTRONE: That's the  
12 Bureau of --

13 MS. PICKARD: -- the same --

14 MR. ED TUTRONE: Was it the  
15 Bureau that told us that there were two different  
16 --

17 MR. CARROLL: Two different  
18 divisions.

19 MS. PICKARD: I know, but I  
20 still -- two different divisions I still have to  
21 1099 if --

22 MR. ED TUTRONE: And I -- I  
23 believe --

24 MS. PICKARD: This could be  
25 different because of the tax incentive, but --

1 MR. ED TUTRONE: And I believe  
2 the fire commissioner was gonna talk to Jonathan  
3 about that just to make certain that that was in  
4 fact what we had talked about.

5 MR. JABLOWSKI: Well, it isn't  
6 the township who's writing the fire company a  
7 check. So anything would be incumbent upon the  
8 fire company to --

9 MS. PICKARD: I know that,  
10 but --

11 MR. JABLOWSKI: I mean, that's  
12 up to them --

13 MS. PICKARD: -- they don't  
14 need to be in trouble --

15 MR. ED TUTRONE: Like I said,  
16 the fire commissioner I know asked about speaking  
17 with Jonathan to find out if that in fact would  
18 be able to work that way.

19 MS. PICKARD: So you only have  
20 30 living lifetime members?

21 MR. ED TUTRONE: No.

22 MR. CARROLL: Twenty-eight.

23 MR. ED TUTRONE: There's 20, I  
24 believe it was.

25 MR. CARROLL: Twenty and ten.

1 MR. REISS: Thirteen active and  
2 twen -- seventeen life. That's -- looks like the  
3 numbers.

4 MS. PICKARD: I just figured  
5 there was more people.

6 MR. ED TUTRONE: So the 30 --

7 MS. PICKARD: Include the --

8 MR. ED TUTRONE: There's 20 --  
9 there's 20 life members -- now, a life member --  
10 like I'm a life member, but I'm still an active  
11 member, so --

12 MS. PICKARD: Okay.

13 MR. ED TUTRONE: -- I'm  
14 included in that 20.

15 MS. PICKARD: I was just  
16 thinking that there would be 13 active. So you'd  
17 have the --

18 MR. ED TUTRONE: Yeah, the 13  
19 active --

20 MS. PICKARD: -- 17 that are  
21 life members that are not as active.

22 MR. ED TUTRONE: Well, the 13  
23 active that you see there for the 595, that --  
24 for the -- for the last year -- for 2018, that  
25 was all the regular active members and then three



1 of us that were life -- are life members but are  
2 still active that met the criteria.

3 MS. PICKARD: That's scary.

4 MR. ED TUTRONE: It is.

5 MR. HOLAHAN: What? That it's  
6 only that many? I think that's what this is  
7 supposed to --

8 MR. ED TUTRONE: Now -- now,  
9 don't get me wrong. There's a -- that's just the  
10 ones that met the criteria, the 13.

11 MS. PICKARD: Okay.

12 MR. ED TUTRONE: There's  
13 probably, I wanna say, at least another 12 to 15  
14 on that list that could potentially meet that  
15 criteria if they so choose.

16 MS. PICKARD: All right. Okay.  
17 I thought this was maxed out.

18 MR. ED TUTRONE: No. This is  
19 just the 2018 --

20 MS. PICKARD: Okay.

21 MR. ED TUTRONE: -- the people  
22 that would be eligible from 2018 that met the  
23 criteria for 2018.

24 MR. CARROLL: For 2018. All  
25 right.

1 MR. HOLAHAN: Yep.

2 MS. PICKARD: But that would be  
3 interesting to see, if you -- keep us apprised  
4 whether it seems like it's working to get some  
5 interest back.

6 MR. HOLAHAN: So what we'd have  
7 to do is budget if --

8 MS. PICKARD: That's what I'm  
9 wondering.

10 MR. HOLAHAN: -- let's write it  
11 20 here and say -- because we're talking about a  
12 reserve, you know, a 20 or 25 percent --

13 MR. CARROLL: Like 10 -- 10 to  
14 15 percent.

15 MR. HOLAHAN: -- reserve, but  
16 we should actually look at -- you could possibly  
17 almost double this number --

18 MS. PICKARD: Yeah.

19 MR. CARROLL: Yeah.

20 MR. HOLAHAN: -- of active  
21 people.

22 MR. CARROLL: Yeah, we missed  
23 that little piece --

24 MR. HOLAHAN: Yes, we did.

25 MR. CARROLL: -- that they

1 didn't -- okay.

2 MS. PICKARD: Did we budget  
3 anything in this year's budget?

4 MR. HOLAHAN: No.

5 MR. CARROLL: No.

6 MR. HOLAHAN: I guess we'll  
7 have to look at that.

8 MR. REISS: Want me to check  
9 with one of the tax attorneys about the 1099?

10 MR. HOLAHAN: Would you,  
11 please?

12 MR. CARROLL: Yeah, they were  
13 supposed to be sending that. Right?

14 MR. HOLAHAN: But did talk you  
15 to your accountant, Ed?

16 MR. ED TUTRONE: I did not get  
17 a chance to yet, no.

18 MR. HOLAHAN: Okay.

19 MR. CARROLL: I think it's a  
20 good start. I think it's gotta be something  
21 that's a living -- it -- it may change, but I --  
22 I think it's --

23 MS. PICKARD: No. I think it's  
24 a good idea.

25 MR. CARROLL: I think it's -- I

1 think it's a good start, and it's different, and  
2 I think it would provide some incentive and --  
3 to --

4 MR. REISS: Do you want me to  
5 draft the resolution based on this for your  
6 consideration?

7 MS. PICKARD: I -- I would -- I  
8 would -- we need to get on this.

9 MR. CARROLL: Yeah, I'm -- I --  
10 I would --

11 MR. HOLAHAN: Yes.

12 MR. CARROLL: Yeah, if we're  
13 going to do this, I think it's -- that would be  
14 good.

15 MR. MIKE ERLSTEN: Is there  
16 other towns that do the same thing? I think  
17 there are other towns that do it. Right? I  
18 mean, I'm sorry I'm late.

19 MR. ED TUTRONE: Coolbaugh  
20 Township is kind of following along, from my  
21 understanding their discussions were doing the  
22 same thing New Britain.

23 MR. REISS: Most of the  
24 municipalities in Central Bucks County and  
25 Montgomery County are doing it.

1 MR. ED TUTRONE: Yeah, and then  
2 I saw that -- someone sent me a newspaper article  
3 about a month ago, I want to say it's Plymouth  
4 Township --

5 MR. HOLAHAN: Yes.

6 MR. ED TUTRONE: -- down in --

7 MR. REISS: That's in  
8 Montgomery County.

9 MR. ED TUTRONE: -- or Plymouth  
10 Meeting, they just started doing it also.

11 MR. MIKE ERLSTEN: That's the  
12 only way you're gonna attract new members. I  
13 mean --

14 MR. HOLAHAN: Ed, didn't -- Ed,  
15 didn't you say something about your bylaws say  
16 that they can be active but not living in this  
17 township as long as they're in the area that's  
18 served?

19 MR. ED TUTRONE: Yeah. The way  
20 our membership is, is that you have to live  
21 within our primary coverage area. We used to  
22 have it in our bylaws that you had to live in  
23 Tobyhanna Township, but we ran into an issue with  
24 that because Timber Trails -- half of Timber  
25 Trails is Coolbaugh Township, Arrowhead, Locust

1 Lakes. So we changed it then to say our primary  
2 coverage area.

3 MR. REISS: But this is re --  
4 this is intended to reimburse only people who  
5 live in Tobyhanna Township. Right?

6 MR. HOLAHAN: No.

7 MR. MIKE ERLSTEN: No. You're  
8 a member of the Tobyhanna Township Fire Company,  
9 I --

10 MR. REISS: No. It's supposed  
11 to be just the township.

12 MS. PICKARD: And this is  
13 attached because this will be a credit --

14 MR. REISS: So in Coolbaugh --  
15 you have people from Coolbaugh in Tobyhanna  
16 Township Fire Department, they should be  
17 reimbursed by Coolbaugh -- or not reimbursed, but  
18 the stipend should come from Coolbaugh. Because,  
19 you have to understand, this is all coming about  
20 because of the earned income tax credit.

21 MR. JABLOWSKI: No. It's --

22 MR. REISS: Yes --

23 MS. PICKARD: Or property  
24 taxes.

25 MR. REISS: But this is -- this

1 started because of the state law that says you  
2 can get an earned income tax credit and a  
3 property tax credit. And the reality is, if you  
4 don't live in the township, why should Tobyhanna  
5 Township be paying that as -- because if you just  
6 went with what the state law authorized --

7 MR. HOLAHAN: Then it would  
8 only be residents.

9 MR. REISS: Right.

10 MS. PICKARD: And I get that  
11 too, but if they're serving in Tobyhanna  
12 Township, putting out fires --

13 MR. ED TUTRONE: No. I didn't  
14 see -- actually, that's what Jonathan's saying.  
15 Well, the -- the 350 then would -- would have to  
16 come from Coolbaugh. The other one is not part  
17 of the -- we want to look at that as part of the  
18 --

19 MR. JABLOWSKI: (Inaudible) tax  
20 relief.

21 MR. REISS: All right. So, for  
22 example, I saw a report in Plumstead Township,  
23 which has this, and they are paying money to fire  
24 departments outside of Plumstead Township that  
25 has Plumstead Township members as residents.

1 MR. MIKE ERLSTEN: Yeah, but I  
2 don't think we get money from Coolbaugh Township  
3 to fight --

4 THE REPORTER: May I just have  
5 your name, sir?

6 MR. MIKE ERLSTEN: Mike  
7 Erlsten.

8 THE REPORTER: Thank you.

9 MR. MIKE ERLSTEN: I don't -- I  
10 don't think we get money from Coolbaugh to fight  
11 fires within our coverage area.

12 MR. ED TUTRONE: We do. The  
13 fire company does.

14 MR. MIKE ERLSTEN: What do you  
15 get -- what do you get for the --

16 MR. ED TUTRONE: A total of, I  
17 believe, 43,000.

18 MR. MIKE ERLSTEN: So that's  
19 for everything that we cover within -- 'cause  
20 we're closer to the responding time than -- than  
21 them.

22 MR. ED TUTRONE: Correct.

23 MR. MIKE ERLSTEN: So they give  
24 us money?

25 MR. ED TUTRONE: Yes.



1 MR. MIKE ERLSTEN: So I guess  
2 it's --

3 MR. ED TUTRONE: They gave us  
4 some tax money and -- and a donation. I want to  
5 say it's 20,000 in tax money and then 23,000 in  
6 the donation or vice-versa. I can't --

7 MR. MIKE ERLSTEN: Whatever.  
8 So we can take money from that, that they get  
9 from that, to --

10 MR. ED TUTRONE: Well, it's  
11 something that -- that I'll bring to Coolbaugh's  
12 attention. I'm trying to think on the top -- off  
13 the top of my head if any of the members that we  
14 have right now currently reside in Coolbaugh  
15 Township.

16 MS. CANFIELD: Ed, you had  
17 mentioned that Coolbaugh is doing similar. Do  
18 you know, do they have similar bylaws to  
19 Tobyhanna where if someone is living in Tobyhanna  
20 but part of their coverage area, they can go join  
21 their fire department?

22 MR. ED TUTRONE: That I don't  
23 know.

24 MR. CARROLL: Well, they'd had  
25 to follow the law too, maybe -- didn't we --

1 weren't we going to invite, John, the --

2 MR. HOLAHAN: Yes.

3 MR. CARROLL: -- their chief to  
4 the fire commission meeting?

5 MR. HOLAHAN: Yes.

6 MR. CARROLL: Maybe that's  
7 something you ca -- maybe you could mold  
8 something --

9 MR. REISS: And that draft  
10 resolution --

11 MR. CARROLL: -- retroactively  
12 between both. Reciprocal is what I meant.  
13 Sorry.

14 MR. REISS: The resolution that  
15 I have provided with you as an example actually  
16 says, must being a resident of the township.

17 MR. ED TUTRONE: And, Jonathan,  
18 I'll ask you this question. Not to cross lines,  
19 but I know Patrick Armstrong from your firm  
20 represents them. Would that be something that if  
21 he -- he would draft the same kind of thing that  
22 you have there?

23 MR. REISS: Assuming this board  
24 of supervisors wants to do it.

25 MS. CANFIELD: Jeanine just let

1 us know that they actually approved the EIT --

2 MS. JEANINE HOFBAUER: And  
3 property tax.

4 MS. CANFIELD: -- and the  
5 property tax credit.

6 MS. JEANINE HOFBAUER:  
7 Coolbaugh Township for -- Coolbaugh Township fire  
8 company approved the EIT and property tax. I can  
9 look up the rate -- or the sums, but I think it  
10 was last month or the month before.

11 MR. REISS: So what that means  
12 is, is that a resident from Coolbaugh, who may be  
13 a member of the Tobyhanna Township, is going to  
14 be getting that credit. You're going to have --  
15 you as a fire department will have to provide  
16 them with the information to say that they  
17 qualified, but they should get that credit.

18 MR. JABLOWSKI: But, see, this  
19 doesn't -- superceded by state law. I mean, this  
20 doesn't have anything to -- this isn't based on  
21 that.

22 MR. REISS: Right. But why --  
23 I mean, you -- you need to make a policy  
24 decision. And I think if you look at the state  
25 law, the state law was saying that you're doing

1 this for your residents who are active  
2 volunteers. I don't know. I mean, I think it's  
3 a very slippery slope for you to start saying,  
4 okay, we're going to do it for all volunteers no  
5 matter where they come from.

6 MS. PICKARD: But they're  
7 active in our fire department.

8 MR. CARROLL: Can you send us a  
9 copy of the law for JJ or whatever to look at for  
10 the --

11 MR. JABLOWSKI: Yeah, but --

12 MR. CARROLL: -- to the  
13 commission just so you --

14 MR. JABLOWSKI: This isn't  
15 based on the state law.

16 MR. REISS: Right. I  
17 understand.

18 MR. JABLOWSKI: I mean, I think  
19 you're correct in that the policy of the board is  
20 the policy of the board. If the board chooses to  
21 re -- or to provide a stipend to any individual  
22 regardless of his or her residence but that is a  
23 member of the Tobyhanna Township Fire Company, I  
24 think, legislatively, it could do that.

25 MR. REISS: Well, you could,

1 but here's an example: So in Tobyhanna Township  
2 let's say you have some residents from Coolbaugh  
3 and Tobyhanna. The residents from Coolbaugh are  
4 actually doing better because they're getting an  
5 earned income tax credit, they're getting a  
6 property tax credit, and they're getting a  
7 stipend --

8 MR. JABLOWSKI: That's correct.

9 MR. REISS: -- whereas the  
10 people in Tobyhanna are just getting a stipend.

11 MR. JABLOWSKI: That is true.

12 MR. HOLAHAN: Mike?

13 MR. MIKE ERLSTEN: I got a  
14 question. I grew up in Coolbaugh Township, I  
15 grew up in Pocono Summit. I belong -- I belonged  
16 to, at one time, Pocono Summit Volunteer Fire  
17 Company, which is now -- well, whatever the  
18 status of it is, whatever it is. But that  
19 resides in Tobyhanna Township. So whatever  
20 changes with that fire company that that becomes  
21 all Tobyhanna Township at some time or whatever  
22 they do with it, what happens to the person?  
23 'Cause 99.9 percent of the members that belong to  
24 Pocono Summit live in Coolbaugh Township, but the  
25 actual facility resides in Tobyhanna Township.

1 So how does that all work with that?

2 MR. REISS: Well, assuming they  
3 qualified for whatever the qualifications that  
4 Coolbaugh said you need to be -- to satisfy to  
5 get that earned income tax credit and property  
6 tax credit, they should get -- get that from  
7 Tobyhanna -- Coolbaugh Township.

8 MR. MIKE ERLSTEN: But if they  
9 fight -- but they fight the majority of their  
10 fires between -- that's why that fire company was  
11 there, to fight it between Tobyhanna Township and  
12 Coolbaugh Township. So how do you differentiate  
13 between the two townships then?

14 MR. HOLAHAN: Yeah. Well,  
15 let's take a look at what that language is  
16 because if it says --

17 MR. MIKE ERLSTEN: I mean,  
18 that's --

19 MR. HOLAHAN: If it says  
20 firefighter or firefighter resident, or --  
21 because you could be -- just as you're a  
22 volunteer firefighter and a resident of Coolbaugh  
23 Township, are you eligible regardless of where  
24 you serve?

25 MR. MIKE ERLSTEN: I mean, I'm

1 just -- I'm just bringing it up hypothetically  
2 because that's -- that happens because half -- I  
3 mean, when they did provide service, half was in  
4 Emerald Lakes, Stillwater Lakes, and then  
5 wherever Tobyhanna Township didn't cover, you  
6 know, then they covered stuff in Coolbaugh  
7 Township. I mean, they're like in between, so --

8 MR. HOLAHAN: Right.

9 MR. MIKE ERLSTEN: That's the  
10 only thing I'm saying is because -- I mean, at  
11 one time they had -- they had quite the  
12 membership, not as big as Tobyhanna Township, but  
13 they had -- they had quite a few active members  
14 there at one time. I mean, I don't know how it's  
15 all gonna go down, but I'm just saying that's  
16 gonna come down the road again eventually, I  
17 think.

18 MS. PICKARD: But as long as  
19 they can get paid by Coolbaugh and Tobyhanna  
20 Township Fire Company, like John's saying,  
21 they'll get paid.

22 MR. REISS: Well, they'll get  
23 the credit.

24 MS. PICKARD: But I do see the  
25 issue if they're getting from two places and the

1 others can't, that doesn't --

2 MR. HOLAHAN: Well, it depends  
3 on what the language is there, because one of the  
4 reasons that we looked at going to the  
5 alternative was for the people that were not  
6 paying property tax that would not get a credit.  
7 So you could be a resident of Coolbaugh Township  
8 and that -- they're a renter and not realize the  
9 credit.

10 MR. ED TUTRONE: The chief is  
11 up there tonight for their meeting. So what I'll  
12 do is, I'll send him a text message and I'll ask  
13 him to get that language that they put in place  
14 and bring it back --

15 MR. HOLAHAN: Okay.

16 MR. ED TUTRONE: -- so we could  
17 see exactly what they have and then run it by  
18 Jonathan, I guess, and see what --

19 MS. PICKARD: She has it.

20 MS. JEANINE HOFBAUER: I pulled  
21 up the article that I wrote. It indicates that  
22 10 Coolbaugh Township Fire Company volunteers  
23 will soon -- excuse me one second -- will soon  
24 see some tax relief with the qualifying tax  
25 credit cleared through the supervisors. The



1 incentive allows reimbursement of up to \$250  
2 earned income and up to 20 percent in local  
3 municipal real estate taxes distributed following  
4 supervisor approval. Tax collector's  
5 certification, then township check the issuance.

6 So it was the 10 qualifying  
7 volunteers with Coolbaugh Township Fire Company  
8 that reside in Coolbaugh Township.

9 MR. ED TUTRONE: That's the  
10 state -- that's the way --

11 MR. HOLAHAN: Right.

12 MR. ED TUTRONE: -- the state  
13 did it. So they just followed the state  
14 language.

15 MR. REISS: The state did it,  
16 though, for -- you can give it -- see, Tobyhanna  
17 Township can't give, under the state law, an  
18 income tax credit -- earned income tax credit to  
19 someone who doesn't live in the township.

20 MR. HOLAHAN: Right.

21 MR. REISS: So if you wanted to  
22 follow that earned -- the state law, it would  
23 clearly only be applicable to township residents.  
24 But it doesn't -- state law doesn't limit it to  
25 volunteer firemen who fight in that township.

1 That limitation does not exist. So you could  
2 live in Coolbaugh, be a member of Tobyhanna, and  
3 still, under state law, qualify for the earned  
4 income tax credit and the property tax reduction.

5 MR. HOLAHAN: Which doesn't  
6 really help the incentive because it -- Coolbaugh  
7 Township's trying to get people for their fire  
8 company.

9 MR. REISS: Only.

10 MR. HOLAHAN: Right.

11 MR. REISS: Well, they can only  
12 give that credit --

13 MR. HOLAHAN: To people that  
14 are residents --

15 MR. REISS: -- of Coolbaugh.

16 MR. HOLAHAN: -- that belong to  
17 their fire company?

18 MR. REISS: No. That live in  
19 Coolbaugh.

20 MR. HOLAHAN: But they could  
21 be -- they could live in Coolbaugh but be a  
22 member of Toby.

23 MR. MIKE ERLSTEN: Which --  
24 which is -- it happens.

25 MR. HOLAHAN: Yeah.

1 MR. CARROLL: But -- but this  
2 was -- this is designed to be more attractive.

3 MR. HOLAHAN: Right.

4 MR. CARROLL: And so does it  
5 apply to the state law? Because it's -- it's not  
6 an earned inc -- it's not a -- we're not -- we're  
7 not writing the fire company a check of Tobyhanna  
8 Township taxpayer money. I mean, for that  
9 reason.

10 MS. PICKARD: Yes, we are.

11 MR. CARROLL: Not -- not -- not  
12 as an earned income tax.

13 MR. REISS: You're not paying  
14 on the -- you're right. You're -- you're paying  
15 a stipend to the volunteer fire department.

16 MR. CARROLL: So is it  
17 different? That is what my question --

18 MR. ED TUTRONE: So if that's  
19 the case then, I think, Jonathan, you're gonna  
20 find when you talk to tax attorney, if that's the  
21 case, we're not going by any guidelines  
22 whatsoever under the tax rebate, then we are  
23 going to have to issue 1099s.

24 MR. REISS: I think you are.

25 MR. HOLAHAN: Yep. Then this

1 sounds like this needs to go back to the  
2 commission. And we'll see if we can get Bill  
3 from Coolbaugh Township to come to our  
4 commission -- the fire commission meeting.

5 MS. PICKARD: Tunkhannock's  
6 doing this as well?

7 MR. ED TUTRONE: Yeah, I think  
8 they did --

9 MS. PICKARD: -- because it  
10 brings up Emerald Lakes --

11 MR. ED TUTRONE: They did the  
12 state -- from my understanding, they did what the  
13 state regulation was also. I'll bring it --  
14 I'll -- I'll also bring it back to our fire  
15 department too. But if a 1099s gonna be issued,  
16 then it'll be issued by the fire department not  
17 by the township. And, I mean, I honestly don't  
18 see that as a big deal, but we'll -- we'll see  
19 what --

20 MR. HOLAHAN: Yeah, you're only  
21 writing one check a year or 30 or 40 checks one  
22 time a year.

23 MR. ED TUTRONE: Right. So if  
24 you -- if you can get back to me then, Jonathan,  
25 when you get back to them, just let me know and

1 I'll -- I'll bring it back to the fire company as  
2 y as the 1099s goes.

3 MR. REISS: Yeah.

4 So you want to table this for  
5 now?

6 MR. HOLAHAN: Yes, let's -- no.  
7 Let's talk about it some more and then we'll --

8 MS. PICKARD: It's almost time  
9 for our next meeting.

10 MR. CARROLL: I think it's good  
11 in theory.

12 MR. HOLAHAN: Yeah.

13 MS. PICKARD: Yeah. No. We  
14 gotta work the --

15 MR. CARROLL: The devil's in  
16 the details.

17 MS. PICKARD: -- details out,  
18 but, yeah.

19 MR. HOLAHAN: So in the eight  
20 minutes we have left, is there --

21 MS. PICKARD: (Inaudible).

22 MR. JABLOWSKI: Mr. Chairman?

23 MR. HOLAHAN: Yes.

24 MR. JABLOWSKI: I know we had a  
25 personnel issue on security.

1 MR. HOLAHAN: Want to do that  
2 now?

3 MR. JABLOWSKI: If it's the  
4 board's pleasure, we can do that under the  
5 solicitor's guidance in executive.

6 MR. HOLAHAN: Yes. Yes, let's  
7 go into executive.

8 MS. PICKARD: Well, can we  
9 close this meeting --

10 MR. HOLAHAN: Well --

11 MR. CARROLL: Yeah, we should.

12 MS. PICKARD: -- and then open  
13 the other meeting?

14 MR. HOLAHAN: If there's  
15 nothing else --

16 Mr. Chairman?

17 MR. HOLAHAN: -- we'll be  
18 going --

19 MR. LLOYD VOUGHT: John? Being  
20 that we're on fire departments, can I ask a  
21 question in reference to fire departments?

22 THE REPORTER: Can I have your  
23 name, please?

24 MR. LLOYD VOUGHT: Lloyd  
25 Vought. L-l-o-y-d V-o-u-g-h-t.

1 THE REPORTER: Thank you.

2 MR. LLOYD VOUGHT: Can people  
3 who are convicted and found guilty of arson serve  
4 on any fire department in our township?

5 MR. ED TUTRONE: According to  
6 the fire commissioner's office, no.

7 MR. LLOYD VOUGHT: The reason I  
8 ask is, there were people on several fire  
9 departments, two of which burnt my house down.  
10 Those people are on the fire department over at  
11 Towamensing Township.

12 MR. HOLAHAN: Yeah, that's  
13 probably something you want to bring up with  
14 Towamensing then.

15 MR. LLOYD VOUGHT: No, I'm  
16 saying, they tried to get it into --

17 MR. HOLAHA: The forest.

18 MR. LLOYD VOUGHT: -- law here,  
19 is that a fact is it on the --

20 MR. HOLAHAN: Well, I guess  
21 it's a state law.

22 Isn't it, Eddie?

23 MR. ED TUTRONE: We -- we do  
24 background checks on all our members. And we had  
25 a member that did not have a clean background

1 check, but not for anything major, so we asked  
2 the fire commissioner's office. And unless it  
3 has something to do with child molesting or  
4 arson, then there -- there's not an issue. But  
5 they are not allowed to be members if those two  
6 are on their record.

7 MR. LLOYD VOUGHT: I went to  
8 the state and got a different answer. That's  
9 been a few years, but Kevin Long, I believe he's  
10 still a fire chief, he was involved in it.  
11 There's actual language stating that convicted  
12 arsonists aren't allowed on the fire department.  
13 Is that a fact? Do you know the language? And  
14 could I get a copy of it?

15 MR. ED TUTRONE: I don't know  
16 the language, but from a phone call to the fire  
17 commissioner's office that's what we were told.  
18 And we as Tobyhanna Township Fire Company would  
19 not take somebody with that on their record.

20 MR. HOLAHAN: Okay. Is this  
21 going to take five minutes, Eddie?

22 MR. ED TUTRONE: Yeah.

23 MR. HOLAHAN: Okay. Let's go  
24 in executive.

25 A motion to adjourn?



1 MS. PICKARD: So moved.

2 MR. CARROLL: Second.

3 MR. HOLAHAN: Motion and

4 second.

5 All in favor, aye?

6 BOARD MEMBERS: Aye.

7 MR. HOLAHAN: Opposed?

8 Motion carries.

9 (Meeting concluded at 6:55

10 p.m.)

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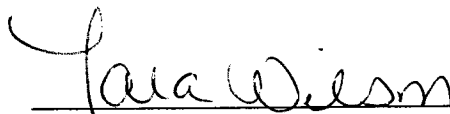
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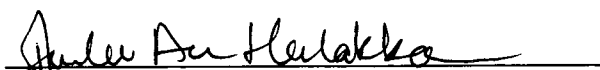
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