

Minutes  
LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, February 16, 2011

**Meeting called to order:** 7:03 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Members Present:** Trustee Lynda Bowers, Trustee Nanci Shanley, Trustee Bryon Macron, Fiscal Officer Shirley Bailey.

**Minutes -**

L. Bowers – We have for approval the regular meeting minutes of January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2011 and a special meeting which was our Comprehensive Plan Open House on February 8, 2011.

N. Shanley – I have, I confess that I have not had a chance to read them. I would ask that we table them until our next, even our special meeting.

L. Bowers – I’m good. You alright?

B. Macron – I’m fine with that.

L. Bowers – Okay. Both sets of minutes will be tabled until our workshop meeting which is Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.

**Correspondence –**

L. Bowers – In correspondence, we received our subdivision assessment. Has everyone had an opportunity to take a look at those?

N. Shanley – Yes.

L. Bowers – Okay. One of the things that we have to do every year and we’ve really never had an issue with them, is we take a look at our subdivision assessments to make certain that they’re not collecting beyond the initial installation costs and in this particular case this year, probably the February collection put five of them at collection, at initial instillation or maybe even over. So we’re going to need to have a discussion with the County Engineer and the County Auditor to make sure we don’t continue to collect those assessments in the areas where we’d be over. And that’s going to be to rollback the collection on the residents in Ryan Farms phase I and II, Lafayette Meadows phase I and Laurel Crossing phase I and II. Does everybody have those in front of them?

N. Shanley – Yup.

L. Bowers – If you look down, it’s the first four, skip one and then number six. If you look at what their average receipts are, what the ending balance is and what their maximum balance is, and that maximum balance is the original installation costs that we’re not allowed to exceed. You know, one more collections going to put almost everyone of them there,...

N. Shanley – Over.

L. Bowers – And certainly, certainly a second collection before the end of the year will, so, unless the Board wants, if there's someone who has a burning desire to do it themselves, I'll work with Shirley and make sure we bring that to the Auditor's attention.

N. Shanley – That'd be fine.

B. Macron – Works for me.

L. Bowers – You alright with that, Nanci?

N. Shanley – Yeah, yup.

L. Bowers – Okay. And it looks like then we're good on the rest of them. For the folks in the audience, the subdivision reg...the subdivision assessments are anytime a new subdivision goes in the property owners are assessed for a period of time until a certain amount of money is collected and held in a fund and that money's used to do things like repair storm sewers and things like that in areas where we don't have our open ditches which we take care of a different way. But we're not allowed to collect...

A. Strogin – Bring it forward.

L. Bowers – It is, I apologize. We're not allowed to collect beyond the initial installation costs and we've had some subdivisions long enough that that's happening now. Okay. Is there any other correspondence that any member of the Board has that they want to bring to the attention of the Board?

B. Macron – No.

L. Bowers – Nanci, anything?

N. Shanley - I have correspondence but it pertains to a topic further down the line so I'll bring it up when it's appropriate.

L. Bowers – Okay. Good enough. Shirley, you want to do your financial report then, please? And requisitions?

**Financial Report –**

L. Bowers –This all go to Nanci?

N. Shanley – It's separate.

B. Macron – No, one's for you and one's for Nanci.

S. Bailey – Each of you get a packet.

L. Bowers – Okay. I see it, thank you.

S. Bailey – What I'm handing out is the monthly financial report for January, completed one. Also, I have attached or included the payment register which I wasn't able to complete until about 4:30 this afternoon. And a fund status report. On the fund status, we have in the checking balance \$1,428,658.44. In the investment balance we have \$1,125,034.34. And the secondary balance, which is for the HRA, the health insurance plan, is \$3,021.94 leaving a balance in the checking balance of \$1,425,636.50. Any questions?

B. Macron – That's more than I got in the bank. Thank you.

L. Bowers – Thank you.

S. Bailey – Okay. On the requisitions, I have two additional requisitions for the fire department. One is an addendum for B & C Communications. They needed an additional \$15.80 on that account, and Samsel Supply for \$272.34 bringing their balance to \$5,611.50. On the service department, they have a total of \$870.22. Administration has a total of \$650.59. Grand total, I didn't complete it. Let's see, we have...\$7,332.31. That's including the two new requisitions. Also...

N. Shanley- What was that total again, Shirley? Please?

S. Bailey - \$7,332.31.

N. Shanley – Okay. Thank you.

S. Bailey – Also have several supplemental appropriations. Even though we have started off with a new budget, new appropriations, as I had stated we were going a little bit too low on some of the figures and that has come true. I have had to do adjustments within the funds in order to cover for bills, especially in the fire department. They have had quite a few requisitions on engine 101-1 and it has over, it's gone over the \$5,000.00 that you appropriated for it.

N. Shanley – Okay.

S. Bailey – It's up over \$8,000.00 now. We have encumbered \$8,708.36 already.

L. Bowers – Breaks we have to fix it.

S. Bailey – And we're only in the beginning of February.

L. Bowers – Can't break for the rest of the year, okay Brad?

B. Winter – Keep your fingers crossed.

N. Shanley – Should, if we, if we're amending that, should we amend it for a higher figure, because I just have a suspicion that's not going to be the last thing that happens with that particular apparatus.

L. Bowers – You pulled from stabilization?

S. Bailey – Right.

L. Bowers – How much have you pulled from stabilization? Cause we didn't make that a huge one.

N. Shanley – Over three, obviously.

S. Bailey – I, I pulled three thousand.

N. Shanley – That's three.

L. Bowers – She's got more. She said she had more.

S. Bailey – I pulled \$3,708.00 from that...

L. Bowers – Total.

S. Bailey – Right.

L. Bowers – Okay. So that's the only thing you pulled for fire. So how much does that leave in stabilization?

S. Bailey – No, that's just on that one.

N. Shanley – On 101-1.

L. Bowers – Yeah, I'm talking about your total in fire, so let's go through them all and see where we're at and might have to look at that one too.

S. Bailey – Well I changed sewer and water for station two because you only appropriated \$600.00. Their, since they have sewer and water there, their bills run between \$85 and \$95 a month, sometimes even more than that. So I felt that we should set aside at least \$1,200.00 for the year, which means we need an additional \$600.00, which I've appropriated again out of the budget stabilization.

N. Shanley – Okay.

L. Bowers – Okay, that's \$4,300 out of stabilization.

S. Bailey – Okay. For the Medina County Emergency Management, you didn't appropriate anything for that and so I had to pull \$1,500.00 from budget stabilization.

N. Shanley – Are there, some of these I remember looking at last year's and some of the decisions that we made as a Board were based on expenditures last year. Some of these things that are being billed now that weren't billed before, are you seeing that or did we just miss them?

S. Bailey – This would be, we get billed every year.

N. Shanley – Yeah. Okay.

S. Bailey – That’s from the...

B. Macron – What fund is that out of?

L. Bowers – It’s fire.

S. Bailey – Fire.

N. Shanley – Fire, fire fund.

B. Macron – Fire?

S. Bailey – Cause it’s for emergency management and emergency management comes out of fire. Okay, let’s see. Well, this is 101.

L. Bowers – So I show we’re at \$6,200 out of stabilization now.

S. Bailey – And the other, okay, this one is for the general fund. We needed to set aside more for the tax assessments cause...for the general fund on the properties, our tax assessments were \$5,180.12 for the general and for cemetery since we don’t have funds in cemetery, I had to take it out of general which it would come out of anyways and that was \$1,358.12 for the parks and for the cemetery and gazebo, \$1,333.53. In order to cover all of the tax successments.

N. Shanley – So, back to fire since that’s a separate fund, is it your, should we be increasing your stabilization line item?

S. Bailey – I feel you should, yes.

N. Shanley – Okay. I mean, we’re already up to, what is it Lynda? \$7,000 something?

L. Bowers - \$6,200.00.

N. Shanley - \$6,200.00.

L. Bowers – Shirley, if we moved ...

B. Macron - \$6,800.00.

L. Bowers – If we moved the original appropriation 101-1 to \$10,000, so that’s an additional \$5,000 and we moved \$6,200 back into stabilization since we’re only in February to bring stabilization back to what we originally appropriated less than thirty days ago, are you comfortable with that? That gives you three, that gives you about \$3,000.00 left on 101.

S. Bailey – Right.

L. Bowers – To...

S. Bailey – Cause it's over \$8,000 already, so do you think that's going to be...

L. Bowers – You know, you don't know.

N. Shanley – That's a crystal ball question.

L. Bowers – If it breaks you got to fix it.

N. Shanley – Yeah, that's a crystal ball question.

S. Bailey – But they have to deal with 101 and...

B. Winter – And originally where that number came from, the \$5,000 is because we went based on 2010 where we didn't spend up to \$5,000 and so that's why we only appropriated the \$5,000 for 101-1. And then, you know, going back to like the EMA thing, where it's, I know on the 2010 what we had said zero, that's why we didn't appropriate anything for 2011 because we didn't, we didn't pay out anything in 2010. That's why we put it at zero for 2011. So, at least it didn't show it anyway, so.

S. Bailey – Right. You did pay it. It came out of another line item but you did pay it.

B. Winter – I got ya. Okay.

L. Bowers – Are you comfortable with those numbers, Shirley?

S. Bailey – Yes.

L. Bowers – Okay, then...

N. Shanley – So we're increasing 101-1 to \$10,000 appropriation?

L. Bowers – Yeah.

S. Bailey – Yes.

**L. Bowers – I will move that we add an additional \$5,000 into the line item for 101-1 and add an additional \$6,200 back to the stabilization fund line item.**

**N. Shanley – I'll second.**

**L. Bowers – And approve the transf...**

**N. Shanley – The transfer...interfund.**

**L. Bowers – The in fund transfers that Shirley's had to do.**

**N. Shanley – I'll second.**

L. Bowers – Okay. Moved by Mrs. Bowers, seconded by Mrs. Shanley. All in favor, aye?

**B. Macron, L. Bowers, N. Shanley – Aye.**

L. Bowers – And opposed, same sign. Okay.

S. Bailey – Thank you.

L. Bowers – Now to general fund.

S. Bailey – Well, that...

L. Bowers – You've already, is that the only other one is that from general fund for cemetery?

S. Bailey – Right. And then, well, I had for the general fund, since we had the electric bills come through, what I did with the general fund was, if I can find the paperwork... I set up separate account line items in order to keep track of the Lion's Park electric, the gazebo electric, and the Town Hall electric.

L. Bowers – So you split that appropriation down in to three line items?

S. Bailey – What I did, not that appropriation, I split those down according to what the bills are, just estimating what it would be for the year and I took it from the budget stabilization.

L. Bowers – Okay. That stabilization's still pretty healthy though, right?

S. Bailey – Yes.

L. Bowers – Do you need, other than us approving the in fund transfers, do you need anything else in there?

S. Bailey – Not at this time, no.

**L. Bowers – Okay, then I'll move to approve the in fund transfers for general fund.**

**B. Macron – I'll second.**

L. Bowers - Moved by Mrs. Bowers, seconded by Mr. Macron. All in favor, aye?

**N. Shanley, B. Macron, L. Bowers – Aye.**

L. Bowers – Opposed, same sign. Okay. Later on down the, down the road I was going to do the appropriation for out of general for the cemetery and zoning but Shirley asked me today if I would do that all at one time a little bit later so that she doesn't have to keep amending to the Auditor's Office. Let's wait until we get closer and need that, so...

N. Shanley – Okay.

L. Bowers – So I'm going to withdraw that. Do you have anything else?

S. Bailey – Well, I would like you to appropriate though for zoning.

L. Bowers – You do want that today?

S. Bailey – Yes.

L. Bowers – Okay. \$29,000?

S. Bailey – I don't need it for cemetery but I do need it for zoning.

L. Bowers – Then I, the...

S. Bailey - \$29,250.00 is right.

**L. Bowers** – Yeah, the original budget that we were going to have to transfer out of general fund for zoning was \$29,250. We did not do that when we did our appropriations because it comes from general fund and transfers. It's just an easier gymnastics to do it this way. **So I will move that we transfer from the general fund to zoning and appropriate into zoning \$29,250.00 to be entered into the line items as Mrs. Bailey needs to pay the bills.**

**N. Shanley – I will second.**

L. Bowers – Moved by Mrs. Bowers, seconded by Mrs. Shanley. Is there, any discussion on that? Okay. All in favor, aye?

**N. Shanley, B. Macron, L. Bowers – Aye.**

L. Bowers – And opposed, same sign. Got that. Anything else?

S. Bailey – That's all.

L. Bowers – Okay. Mrs. Bailey has asked for a very short executive session at the end of the meeting. I talked to her about 4:30 today and she asked for that, having to do with compensation. There's a question that we have to work out. And it would be in the fire department, so you might want to stick around. Okay? It's just a technical matter that we've got to deal with. It's not a biggie. Okay, we're done.

### **Department Reports:**

#### **Service Department –**

L. Bowers – Service department report.

B. Macron – Service. Service. Alright. Got a couple of things on the agenda for service. First thing, we had three storms over the last month. I know at one point we had talked about employee

evaluations. I just wanted to...we kind of bypassed it because the general population of Lafayette will not hold back, they will tell you how they feel is my experience. However, overall, I've received about nine emails and a thank you card from one of our senior citizens that we do some snow plowing for, all praising the work that Dave, Roy and Bob have been doing out there and they've been doing it with minimum overtime. I know Roy doesn't like when I say that but we have been watching our hours, we've been cutting down and they've been getting the job done out there, so I know it's an under-appreciated thing, you know, usually I only hear from people when the mailboxes get hit and for the past two weeks I've been getting nothing but praises. So this is a thank you letter, make sure that goes into their employee jackets. I'm not going to read it cause we don't have time for that but it was, it was pretty, Dave good job.

D. Figgers – Thank you. (applause)

L. Bowers – Dave, I wanted to let you know too, cause I don't know if you've seen it, but I got an email from the mayor of Chippewa Lake Village and I forwarded it to Bryon and Nanci. One of their residents thanked them and it was really ours, so she sent it to us and they said that it's probably the best job anybody has ever done down there since, I'm sure it helps that the roads have been improved now though too. So thank you for that, it's nice to hear those things. Appreciate it.

N. Shanley – When did that come through?

B. Macron – It came in yesterday.

L. Bowers – It was...

N. Shanley – Yesterday?

B. Macron – Yesterday.

L. Bowers – No, the one from Joanne?

B. Macron – Oh.

L. Bowers – That was last week. Joanne Dodaro.

N. Shanley – You mind sending it again?

L. Bowers – No, not at all.

B. Macron – The thank you letter came in yesterday.

S. Bailey – Right.

### **Dover Highlands Village -**

B. Macron – With that being said, Dover Highlands, I had a meeting with Penny Nolan and Linda Dodson who are both here. You ladies want to come on up? We had, the Villages in the Dover Highlands are considered public or private roads. And the question was brought forward about

snowplowing them for, this is all for next winter, nothing to do with this winter. I spoke with Dave, we came up with a price. As you know, we're not allowed to make money on plowing. I mean, the guys are busy enough, but I did come up with a price that we would have to do them above and beyond, you know, what, how much would it cost us? And the cost to plow the Dover Highland Villages was \$1,950 is what we came up with.

N. Shanley – For the season?

B. Macron – For a season.

N. Shanley – Okay. And these are all private, these are all private drives?

B. Macron – These are two private roads that kind of go in...

L. Dodson – It's part of the Dover Highlands subdivision and the streets that we're looking at are the cluster home streets. There's two of them; it's an H branch. So it's not very big. There are approximately 53 lots. We have 42 of them filled. And yes, no sidewalks or anything. We're looking to get those cleaned, so we're hoping you can work with us on that.

N. Shanley – How many linear feet? Do we have any idea? Or is it a quarter mile, is it 500 feet, is it...

B. Macron – Dave, you got a guess on that?

N. Shanley – And they're cul-de-sacs? Are they cul-de-sacs? You know, it's...

L. Bowers – 53 lots?

L. Dodson – There's 53 lots.

L. Bowers – Both sides of the road.

L. Dodson - My name is Linda Dodson.

L. Bowers – Both sides.

L. Dodson – I'm one of the Trustees. There's 53 lots, there's four circles.

N. Shanley – So there's cul-de-sacs within that.

L. Dodson – There are cul-de-sacs within there, yes.

B. Macron – There's four cul-de-sacs.

N. Shanley – Okay.

L. Bowers – It's roughly 660 feet including the radius, probably.

N. Shanley – Okay.

B. Macron – Part of the concern and why, when this was brought to my attention is when I had the, part of my concern of doing it is two-fold. Is one, their HOA is having a bit of a problem collecting money, to say the least. This is kind of a proactive, on our part, where if we do the plowing, charge them, we would have to charge their HO...we've never done anything like this so we'd be setting kind of a new...

N. Shanley – It's a precedent.

B. Macron – Precedent. We'd have to bill your HOA \$1,950.00, let's say in October / November, before the snow would fall.

L. Bowers – And there's a small procedure we have to go through to be able to do it too.

B. Macron – And I'm sure, you know, I'm sure we're going to follow something up with the legal department.

L. Bowers – We have to declare that it's, that an emergency situation exists that those roads are not going to be cleaned and as I understand it, they're not because you can't afford it and that it creates a hazard for our police, fire and rescue if they're not taken care of.

P. Nolan – Exactly.

L. Bowers – And then we have to show how we determined that, you know, this is the cost to the Township and how it's going to be paid and...

B. Macron – The other, and, I was going to bring up, when I sent Dave out there to, you know, review, you know, this is not ideal for our service department at all and, I mean, this is not going to be easy for them. They would not be able to get in there with the Peterbilts. The truck that would come in would have to be after Chippewa gets done, it would have to be Bob knocking that out in the smaller truck. There's no way a Peterbilt could get in there. You know, when Dave was checking it out, his first comment to me was if an ambulance was to go down there, this was, you know, obviously it was thawing, freezing, thawing, freezing. It was nothing but an ice patch and you probably would struggle to get a fire engine, let alone ambulance in there. So, you know, it's something to keep in mind for the safety reasons. You have anything else to add?

L. Dodson – Well, I'd like to interject one of the, one of the positive things is that because the subdivision opens up into what they call the estate homes, it's all located in the same area, where the two streets just branch off of that, which means that if there is snowplowing done by the Township, because you do those main streets, I know that you'd probably have to use a smaller truck, but we really, we, many of the people moved to Lafayette Township because they'd heard so many good things about it. And I think that this was, Lynda, I think you and I had talked a little bit about the issue of this being a planned community and unfortunately, the way the streets are situated and the concerns that we have as far as safety issues, which were brought up, we would be excited to be able to work with you on this and resolve the issue as well as make sure that the safety factor would be cared for.

B. Macron – My biggest concern and I've told you that once, you know, during our meeting, and Dave expressed to me is when you hire a private service, you get a better, I'm...you get a better service. I mean, you're paying them a lot of money to come in. You know, our guys are not going to, they're going to come in, swoop it, lay some salt and go. They're not, I mean, they're not going to do anything extra. Nobody else gets anything extra. I just want you to make aware, they're not...it might be, somebody's apron's going to get covered.

P. Nolan – I'm Penny Nolan, by the way. We don't get anything extra.

B. Macron – Okay. I just...

P. Nolan – We get nothing extra.

N. Shanley – Do you have a service now?

P. Nolan – We do have a service.

N. Shanley – Okay. And what's happening with that?

P. Nolan – It's not up to standards. It's, I mean, we have ice, we have...

N. Shanley – Have you thought about another service?

P. Nolan – We've had...this is our third one.

N. Shanley – Okay.

P. Nolan – Third one. And it's very expensive. Very expensive. And because of the amount of homes and because of what our HOA dues are...

N. Shanley – How many homes do you have...53?

P. Nolan – 42.

N. Shanley – 42. Okay.

P. Nolan – So we thought if we could use your services that would help us out financially.

N. Shanley – Lynda, you sound like...I have a few things to say. Should I finish?

L. Bowers – No, go ahead. Go ahead.

N. Shanley – Okay. I want to help people as much as I can. However, as an elected official I have a responsibility to the tax payers of this Township to use our funds responsibly. Some of the concerns I have about this proposal, I'll be honest with you, are that we are setting a precedent, we have many private drives. The argument that you're not satisfied with the level of service, I'll be honest with you and tell you that I also live on a private road and we also have had a sheet of ice. But more

importantly for me is you have the best of intentions and I don't mean to cast any aspersions that you would not pay. But we're providing a service using public funds doing this with no assurance and I'm actually borrowing the words from one of our Trustees in Medina Country Club Estates, which I'll read into the record, without any guarantee that we would be paid. And what is the mechanism then for being paid and we're really opening a large can of worms.

B. Macron – Well, they would prepay. I mean, I think I made that...they would prepay before snow would come. We'd set that in October. I mean, we could, we can make sure it's prepaid.

N. Shanley – You can put money into an escrow account, is that what you're saying and then it gets paid out of that?

B. Macron – Correct.

N. Shanley – Okay.

L. Bowers – And...go ahead. I'm sorry.

B. Macron – To answer that concern...

N. Shanley – Yeah. But the bigger question I have is we, technically you're on a private drive. I live on a private drive. These are private driveways. We have to think forward and say we do it for you folks, whom else are we going to do this for? Because if we're going to use the argument of equipment being able to get in, emergency apparatus being about to get in, if someone has a long driveway, which is a private driveway and they cannot afford to have it plowed or they have not had it plowed, and we have to get in, we're in the same boat regardless because it's a private piece of land. So part of what I struggle with here is how does this play out over the many private drives that we have in this Township, what precedent are we setting and you could arguably make the case that a private driveway should also be able to, someone should be able to say, geez, I have a really long driveway, it's about a half a mile, I'm just not getting good service or I can't afford it, can the Township do this and I'll pay them. How do we deal, as a Board, how do we deal with this, how do we say yes to you and no to you or no to you.

L. Bowers – I'd like to address that if I may. You know, I had talked to you...

P. Nolan – Yes.

L. Bowers – Long time ago. And now Bryon's service so you're talking to him so we had kind of vetted that before and I've had some conversations with some experts that know a little bit more than I do and I think the distinction is, and Nanci, your subdivision would fall into this as well, the distinction between a private driveway with a house sitting way back off the road and these is they're planned unit communities and the reason they're private streets is simply so that they can be tighter and smaller and shorter and not built to standard. I have long objected to private roads in those planned unit subdivisions simply because you don't get the service and then you run into a problem and every community deals with this. But the reality for me is every person who lives in those homes on those streets, and they are streets, pay the same taxes that I do, pay the same taxes that you do, pay the same taxes that every one of you do. And to the extent that our Township is able, if our service department's able to take it on and we can use part-time people to do that and we

can be compensated for what it costs us to do that, I have no problem trying to provide that service. We know how many of those private streets we have in Lafayette Township. It's approximately two miles total. I don't think it's a huge problem. But I think it's something to be concerned about when we're approving those private streets in the future too.

N. Shanley – Would our, would our flexibility to do this for private property with tax funds extend to maintenance of the roads in other ways? If the road needs to be repaved, if the cement on your...if concrete would fall apart and your association would then meet and come to us and say we're in a bind, we need help with this. I mean, these are things we have to think through.

L. Bowers – Yeah, and that's, we had talked about, actually when this came up before and I tried to find the legal opinion for Bryon, had to do with a similar situation down in the Chippewa Lake Village and it's Bungalow Bay or, what's the street that we can't drive across? Bow Bay? Is that it?

B. Winter – Well, Bungalow Bay ...

B. Macron – Has the bridge.

L. Bowers – Is that the one that's...

B. Winter – It's dedicated...oh, you're talking about down by the park.

L. Bowers – Yeah. I'm talking about the road that we get, the people who call us every year and say they can't drive...

N. Shanley- Bigelow, that's Bigelow.

L. Bowers – Bigelow. That's it, exactly.

N. Shanley – That's Bigelow and Big...

B. Winter – Big Engine.

N. Shanley – Yeah, Big Engine.

L. Bowers – And they have literally two foot deep ruts. And I know that our ambulances can't get down there, I couldn't...I didn't go through it on my four wheel drive truck one year, it was that bad. And the Prosecutor gave us an opinion on that and we're not obligated to go beyond anything we want to do. As far as our safety things, up to and including, we can do the maintenance on that road and assess back for it. But we would have to assess back for it if we chose to do that for an emergency purpose. And there's a process to follow.

N. Shanley – Part of the concern I also have is that your stated reason for doing this is your dissatisfaction with the service that you're getting.

B. Macron – And I think we need to elaborate a little bit more on what you were telling me during the meeting.

L. Dodson – Can I...can I, right. Can I make a statement on this? Cause if I were sitting in the audience right now I would be saying why are these people here? They are asking basically for a handout because they're dissatisfied with their snow removal and please, be assured, it's really not that. Our concern is that when this planned community was set forth there were some issues that I think, I know from the homeowners that have moved in, and I also know from a little bit in speaking with Mr. Macron and in speaking with Ms. Bowers before, that I think with the new planned community there were some areas that were not clear and some problems that weren't apparent until now. And one of those problems is private streets, Ms. Bowers, I agree with you, they should never have been private streets. The people that have moved in, it is a new community, the people that have moved in, a lot of them still do not realize that their private streets, even though they bought these houses. So the issue comes forth that as the homeowners association, we're responsible for enforcing the laws that have been set forth by the state. We also need to be good citizens of Medina County and Lafayette Township. Our biggest concern, quite frankly, is that the HOA will fold and then Lafayette Township will then become responsible for our homeowners association. That's the big picture. What we're trying to do is work within the budget that was given to us. We have taken over the homeowners association as homeowners because the management company and builder and developer are no longer involved with our village. They are with the estates but not with the village. It's called a village, that's what it's called.

B. Macron – It's not technically a village as we know it.

L. Bowers – It's what they call it.

L. Dodson – I understand what you're saying, but that, that's the title of it. It's Dover Highland Village.

Unknown – That's the title of the subdivision.

L. Dodson – That's the title of our subdivision. No, it's not, it's...right.

L. Bowers – No, it's Township.

L. Dodson – No, no. Please. It, it's frustrating for us because we are trying to do the right thing and as, I heard what you were stating as far as the introduction of it. I was getting very queasy because it does sound like a handout. What we were hoping to do is work with Lafayette Township and if your services are available we would like to see whether or not we could work something out and of course we'd be willing to pay for it. Would it be great to be under budget? Yes. Would it be great to know that Lafayette Township, and I totally agree with you with the streets because I, I work in Cloverleaf School system, so I know the wonderful things that go on in Lafayette Township. We, that's what we were hoping to deal with today. It may set precedent; the planned community has set precedent and I hope to goodness that when you do have another planned community that is put forth that it is scrutinized very closely because I totally agree; I think the private streets have opened a can of worms and we're trying to deal with those.

N. Shanley – Um-hum. Yeah.

B. Macron – With that being said, and it's more of a financial. Basically by us being proactive by doing this, it costs our tax...first of all, these are our taxpayers. I agree with what you're saying.

N. Shanley – Um-hum.

B. Macron – They're as much taxpayers as anybody else. Now setting precedent on a private road is going to come up again. We have new subdivisions. By, after my meeting with them, this is more of a proactive thing to keep them under budget so we don't have to figure out how we're going to take over a homeowners association and there's other homeowners associations out there with the market the way it is, I mean, I'm in one.

N. Shanley – Well, so am I. I can tell ya. Yours is at least not a private road; mine is. So I know exactly what you're dealing with.

B. Macron – So at least we're still going to get service but I, so it's a proactive way of doing it. It's not costing our taxpayers. If anything, this is going to help in the future by setting it that, you know, we're going to establish something now that...

L. Bowers – No more private roads.

B. Macron – No more private roads.

N. Shanley – Well, unfortunately we've got, I think we've approved another subdivision that has two cul-de-sacs that are private. Isn't, if the country club ever happens, aren't two of those cul-de-sacs private? So we've got two coming.

L. Bowers – I didn't approve that.

B. Macron – I mean, ...

N. Shanley – Actually, that's...

B. Macron – But this is something to think about. Now, same with you. If your board comes and asks...it knocks off a service, the trucks are passing either way. They're taxpayers. I, I find it hard not to bring this resolution to the table and that's what I'm doing.

L. Bowers – Well, why don't you do that.

**B. Macron – I'm going to put forth the resolution for \$1,950.00 for 2011 snow, 2011 – 2012 snow for \$1,950.00, we're going to have to work out the details, and I'm sure there's going to be some kind of contract because...we can't be, you know, we're not liable for mailboxes now, you know, other than when they totally knock them off, which they've been known to do, but, you know, we can't be liable for the mailbox, we're going to have to do something leg..with the legal department on that. But I'm going to put forth the resolution...yes, Karen.**

L. Bowers – Go ahead, Karen.

N. Shanley – I think we may have some people that might, and I have something that I was asked to read into the record also.

L. Bowers – And I think too, Nanci, yours is by double the longest private road in the Township and I think that, I do understand that if we go this route, ...

N. Shanley – I think you're going to have, you're going to have, you're going to have another association, you know.

L. Bowers – I don't have any problem doing that. Because they pay the taxes too. You folks pay pretty high taxes and you don't get the same service. That's what happens with a private road. Go ahead, Karen.

K. Schoonover – Okay. Well, a couple things. First, my name is Karen Schoonover and I agree that you're setting a precedent. What I was going to ask is why wouldn't you make like some type of a proposal and send it to the Prosecutor's Office and get some form of written...

L. Bowers – That will happen.

N. Shanley – A legal opinion.

K. Schoonover – opinion before you make a resolution to...

L. Bowers – That will happen.

K. Schoonover – Okay. Well, that...

B. Macron – You didn't even hear my resolution. I was going to resolve that – we send it to legal. You guys jumped on me.

K. Schoonover – I'm sorry. Well, I...

L. Bowers- That's why I said there would be a process we would have to go through. I think I addressed that.

K. Schoonover – Okay. I'll sit back down until you read your resolution.

B. Macron – That's fine. What else you got, Karen?

K. Schoonover – And then I guess the other thing is, you know, if, if they default, what, and maybe this is addressed in your resolution, what happens, you know, collection wise?

L. Bowers – Pay ahead of time.

K. Schoonover – You know, so...

B. Macron – It's going to be a part of the same thing. I spoke with both of them and that was

exactly what I told them. There's nothing we could decide other than to forward it to the Prosecuting Attorneys. I wanted to get it out in front...

K. Schoonover – Got it.

B. Macron – You know, I didn't want, you know, I sat with the meeting two weeks ago about it. There's a lot of questions that we as a Township are going to need to know, especially as developments are being put in and the older they're getting there's a...

L. Bowers – And we might not always be able to do this, but I think we're fortunate now that we can to the extent that it doesn't cost us anything. Because if we provide that service it's just another service, and if we provide that service, at least we're providing that service because we don't make a profit on it, possibly at a little less expensive than they can do it through a private company and we're providing a service to taxpayers who are paying the same taxes as everybody else and it's a simple set of circumstances that doesn't allow us to do that.

K. Schoonover – But, yeah, and they're lots of variables though in there too.

L. Bowers – Sure, sure.

K. Schoonover – I mean, there's going to be additional wear and tear on our thing. And then I guess the other thing I want to weigh in on is the private streets, you know, the Zoning Commission which I am Chair of is probably responsible for those private streets that you have. Hindsight is always great. You know, those of you who are here now, when we have our next planned unit development, I hope that you will all show up instead of there being empty seats and that you will go ahead and say, remember when at the Trustee Meeting this was discussed. We should not have private streets because...cause you have to realize that those of us on the Zoning, we are learning, we are private citizens and we are learning as we go and so hindsight is always great, so, you know, I appreciate for that feedback in the future when that time comes.

L. Bowers – I will say for the record though that our Zoning, and I as well, in Chippewa Landing really made a case against those private streets. Because that's what you end up with. We tried. Go ahead, Alliss.

A. Strogin – Alliss Strogin, Zoning Inspector. I just want to make a couple of comments in general. Private roads only benefit the developer, private streets, okay? With a private street, for the general public information is, there's no real right-of-way. When you develop on a lot you say the structure has to be x number of feet from the road right-of-way, so on a private road, that extra fifteen feet of depth to the lot that is non-buildable is not there. So the developer can cram in a few more units. Also, in a planned unit development with private roads they are supposed to be put in to the standards of the public road and then they have turned over to the residents as a percentage of the homes are built to the point then the developer backs out and it's all yours. You made the comment that you were trying to stay within a budget, but the homeowners association, I assume you know, has the ability to raise its budget by, by just increasing your dues. And the other thing that I wanted to bring out, the timing of this couldn't be any better; the County Planning Commission is holding a seminar Tuesday night at 6:30 at the library, downtown library in Medina. And guess what the subject matter is? Homeowner associations. So, homeowner associations have a lot of power, a lot of times they don't realize the amount of power they have and sometimes they think they have more

power than they have and they abuse it, so there has to be a happy medium. But I would think it would be in your best interest to attend that meeting. In fact, Susan Hirsch is the director now of the CPC, asked me if I knew any of the homeowners associations that would be interested in going so, I mean, you coming here tonight is priceless. But it certainly wouldn't hurt to go to see how other associations are handling it and what you can do legally. You do have an awful lot of rights legally in a properly run homeowners association. My cousin out in California in Santa Barbara, her crazy sister left a car parked in supposedly an open space and it cost her sixty grand to fight it, so, I mean, there are things to do. But anyway...

L. Bowers – Thank you, Alliss.

N. Shanley – Thank you, Alliss.

L. Bowers – And just for, just for, to interject, a collaborative effort, Mrs. Shanley, myself and Bryon Macron have all kind of worked together to try to figure out who our homeowners association folks are and Joy put it all on one document. There it is. Make sure Susan gets it, mail them out.

N. Shanley – I think Mr. Hotton had something he wanted to say.

L. Bowers – Mr. Hotton?

B. Hotton – Yeah, I just want to get straight what we want to do here. Now we have snow plowing and that only applies to public roads.

B. Macron – Correct.

B. Hotton – So any private road in the Township is not covered right now.

B. Macron – Right now, correct.

L. Bowers – Right now.

B. Hotton – So what we're trying to do here or come to grips with is can some of those people that are on private roads get plowing done by the Township? And that's what we're...

L. Bowers – And we know Bruce what our maximum exposure is. I mean, I think we understand what the potential is. You know, we don't, fortunately have a great deal of private roads in Lafayette Township. Yours is the longest one and it's twice as much linear, linear feet than anything else. So, you know, in making this decision for me, I can't speak for Bryon or Nanci, but I've got to look at it as what's our maximum exposure and can we handle it without it being a problem and of course, unfortunately, and I do believe unfortunately, we have to charge for it for the people who are on those private roads, even though you pay the same taxes we do because that's the way the law is. But at least if we charge you without making a profit and only what it's been determined it actually costs the Township, you know, maybe you'll get a better rate too, if that's the way you choose to go. But you're not going to get as good a service I'm telling ya. Cause...

G. Hotton – So you're saying that if this goes through you're going to open up to every private road?

L. Bowers – I think we'd have to.

N. Shanley – Gerrie, I think you have to, actually, Joy has to type all this stuff verbatim, so we have to identify ourselves and speak into the microphone.

B. Macron – There's no doubt that I opened up a can of worms, I mean, but I'm representing the constituents and this is what they're asking for. There is no precedent, there's nothing I can go back on and quite honestly, this is more of a financial thing, but yes, once this is set, you know, I'm sure Dave's going to get a lot of calls and come get estimates, I mean, but this, it's not a bad deal for our, you know, we're not making money on it...

L. Bowers – But it's not a problem for us to do it.

B. Hotton – No, I...

B. Macron – We're not making money on it.

B. Hotton – I think it's good that they came...

B. Macron – And I know Dave's over there wanting to hit his head against the wall cause he knew as soon as I asked him to do this, he knew what a can of worms I was opening. But again, we're all residents of the same Township.

G. Hotton – So, well maybe you have to approach it, and this has come up, that from now on there's, you're going to try not to have private roads.

N. Shanley – But we do actually have two that are approved that are not built.

B. Macron – Correct.

N. Shanley – So we have more private roads coming.

B. Macron – We're not looking to advertise for this at all. (laughter) I mean, other than it's already going into the record and we've done as much advertising as we're going to do. You're not going to see this on the website. You know, so it's going to be up to the private, private homes, you know, private...they're going to have to come and ask just like they did. I mean, so...

G. Hotton – Well, we've all agreed that you're opening up a can of worms.

B. Macron – Correct.

G. Hotton – And that we feel the same way. But maybe if you want, maybe the approach has to be, you have to change the private roads to public roads.

L. Bowers – Can't.

B. Macron – We, well, you can't do that because that opens up a whole separate can of worms.

L. Bowers – There's no legal way to do it.

B. Macron – Right now we're looking to snowplow. We're not looking to, to fix the roads...

B. Hotton – Maintenance.

B. Macron – To maintenance the roads, do the lawn care, I mean, what they pay for in some of these subdivisions, they have people doing, you know, cutting up the side streets. I'm not looking to get the guys involved with that. All this is a simple snow plow...

L. Bowers – With the exception of maybe your subdivision, the only way a private road can, and in your subdivision, Nanci and I actually looked at that. It was what...\$714,000 to bring your road up to standard?

G. Hotton – Right, yeah.

L. Bowers – Yeah.

N. Shanley – Yeah.

L. Bowers – That was a number I kind of remember.

N. Shanley – Yup.

L. Bowers – But the other, the other subdivisions, it's impossible because you'd have to tear down the houses. The houses are in what would be required for the road right-of-way to make it a standard road. Yours, yours could work.

G. Hotton – Your admission that our road is so much longer than theirs...

N. Shanley – We're about a half mile.

G. Hotton – We've got quite a few less residents on that road.

N. Shanley – Yeah.

L. Bowers – Eleven, I think you have.

N. Shanley – We have thirteen homeowners on a half mile road. I hate to tell you what our plowing costs are that we're sharing among really twelve homeowners.

G. Hotton – Our road is probably our biggest...

N. Shanley – It is.

L. Bowers – And yours would be the easiest to push out because of it's width.

N. Shanley – I hate to tell you what we're paying right now. It's not good.

G. Hotton – Yeah, our roads this winter have been absolutely horrible.

N. Shanley – Well, it's been the freezing and the thawing, yeah.

L. Bowers – Do you have any...

G. Hotton – It was an unusual winter.

L. Bowers – Do you have any...

N. Shanley – Bruce, did you have anything else?

B. Hotton – No, but I, I feel it's good that the people came in to ask for this to see if the Township could do something about it. I think that's a good thing. Whether it happens or not is something else.

L. Bowers – It's got, everything's has to...

B. Hotton – But my final thing would be my experience of being in business; private people will do the job better than the government people will.

L. Bowers – Yeah.

B. Macron – There's no doubt about that. Cause...

B. Hotton – Unfortunately,...

B. Macron – We don't have the time...

B. Hotton – They've had a bad experience and whoever was doing it wasn't doing the job the way they should do it. But there has to be somebody out there that can probably do it.

L. Bowers – Yeah. Our priority is safety, in and out. Cause remember, we've got to do all of the Township, not just...

N. Shanley – Well, I will tell you that if we had had any kind of emergency apparatus going down Medina Country Club Estates in the last three weeks, we'd have a fire engine sideways in the ditch, there's no question about it. There's a grade and it was an absolute sheet of ice. So that's a problem. That is a problem.

B. Hotton – That's all I have.

L. Bowers – Okay. Thank you. Mr. Macron, do you want to make your motion please?

**B. Macron – I'm going to make a motion to move forward to get couns...to the Prosecutor's Office for the Dover Highlands, the Villages of Dover Highlands subdivision at \$1,950.00 for 2011-2012 and what legal paperwork we would need to move forward with that and then bring it back for a vote.**

**L. Bowers – I would second your motion if your motion includes that the Board of Trustees determines that there is a public safety purpose for doing this.**

B. Macron – Perfect.

N. Shanley – Bryon, since you've read the resolution and we can have formal discussion if we're going to follow those rules, can I read, I've been asked to read this into the record so I need to do that.

L. Bowers – Sure. Go ahead.

N. Shanley – This is from the other Trustee of Medina Country Club Estates and she writes, as Co-Trustee of Medina Country Club Estates Homeowners Association, I understand that a proposal has been put forth by other homeowners associations to have the Township provide snowplowing on the private roads within their subdivisions. As a homeowner in Medina Country Club Estates on a private road, I am opposed to this procedure which would use public funds from the Township to pay for the snowplowing on private property with no guarantee of reimbursement from, for reimbursement from the homeowners associations. I am unable to attend the Township Trustees Meeting this evening but would like my opposition to the proposal included in the record. Thank you for your consideration, Barbara Fry, Co-Trustee Medina Country Club Estates Homeowners Association.

B. Macron – And I'll just address that by saying they are private roads, these are taxpayers, they are paying for the service, they're paying to it, a cost for the service, the money would be collected before the service is done. It's kind of a no-brainer on that issue. I, to me isn't even an issue. We don't get money, we don't do the service. And then, you know, if it becomes that much of an issue where they're not paying us to do it, there's more issues that's going to come before the Board on how to take over a homeowners association, so it's, it's a moot point.

L. Bowers – There's a motion and a second. Is there any other discussion, Mrs. Shanley?

N. Shanley – No.

L. Bowers – Mr. Macron?

B. Macron – No.

L. Bowers – Okay, all in favor, aye?

**B. Macron, L. Bowers – Aye.**

L. Bowers – And opposed, same sign.

**N. Shanley – I am opposed.**

L. Bowers – Okay. Mr. Macron, Mrs. Bowers yes, Mrs. Shanley no.

**Old Business:**

**CRA Technology Park -**

L. Bowers - I'm going to ask the Board, we have two Commissioners in the room and I know that they don't live to sit at a Lafayette Township Trustees Meeting. I think they're here for a specific agenda item. Is it alright if we move to the CRA discussion out of order?

N. Shanley – Yup.

B. Macron – Yeah. Then we got to get to baseball next, cause they're...

L. Bowers – Okay. Then we got to get to baseball next. I apologize. I'm just going to do a real brief opening. The Township has requested the Medina County Commissioners approve a request to extend a community reinvestment area to the Technology Park. And even though I believe the Trustees agree, by the responses that we've given to some emails that have gone around, that we believe that the CRA that we have requested and the consideration of maybe looking at a JEDD as well are two separate issues. We have a County Commissioner who has specifically asked us to entertain a JEDD with Medina County and we've, we've got some emails that have been going back and forth so I think it's difficult to separate the two at this point so I'm going to ask each one of the Trustees to kind of address it as best we can. I will tell you we found out about this by a phone call from the press. So we didn't have a whole lot of preparation for it. Commissioner Hambley is the one who has brought the issue up. He, he proposed a meeting; we kind of set it for tonight. He was not able to be here tonight, he originally said he wanted to do a separate meeting but then late last night I got an email from him indicating that he actually could not attend tonight. But he did ask that that email be written...

N. Shanley – I have it right here.

L. Bowers – into the record. So...

N. Shanley – I have it. You want me to read it? I can read it.

L. Bowers – Well, I've got it here. I was just going to read it into the record, and...

N. Shanley – Does it, does it matter who reads it?

L. Bowers – No, I've got it.

N. Shanley – Okay.

L. Bowers – And just put it into the record and then, and then we'll proceed with some questions

and some comments and we also have an email from Karen Schoonover and I told her that we would address her comm., her questions as well. If you want to read it, Nanci, please go ahead.

N. Shanley – It just, don't think it matters who reads it.

L. Bowers – No, go ahead.

N. Shanley – Okay. Dear Trustees, I have heard some unsettling rumors regarding the proposed CRA expansion to include the County owned Innovation Park property and our proposal to meet and discuss the economic development tools for the property. Unfortunately I am out of town on County business and unable to address your board personally, but I wanted to set the record straight and dispel these rumors. As you know, I have forwarded you all a table of tax abatement schedules for the CRAs in the County for comparison. In order to be competitive just within our own county, the Lafayette Township CRA will likely be compelled to make offers well beyond the 50% level. My concerns remain that the cost of services in any necessary future infrastructure improvements provided to any development in that park would be largely a burden placed on the local property taxpayers, i.e. Lafayette Township residents. The entire purpose of the meeting and examining all the options for the Township and the property owners in pursuing a CRA and other economic development tools is to ensure that future Trustees, school board members and Township property owners actually benefit from tax revenues generated by a vital and thriving Innovation Park. I am not interested in seeing Township taxes raised to pay for the cost of development of this county owned property. To the contrary, proper care in utilizing varying economic development incentive tools could potentially lead to reducing the local property tax burden. I request that you read this statement into the public record and respectfully consider the request from Commissioner Friedrich and myself to meet with our Board, the Port Authority and the City of Medina to discuss this proposal. Thank you, Steve Hambley, Medina County Commissioner.

L. Bowers – Okay. And I want to remind the Board too that recently it was one of the Port Authority members who did come to our Board to urge us to get our CRA in place. So, we are working on that. Does each member of the Board have, have you, you've got Karen's questions as well, cause they kind of...let's just start at the end of the table. Nanci, questions, comments, concerns, you know, let people know what you think.

N. Shanley – Okay. I am definitely in favor of moving forward with the CRA. It's no secret that I do not agree with the amended map of the CRA. I would very much like to see the footprint be strictly Innovation Park for the time being because that is the developed piece of land that has infrastructure available that we're really desperately trying to get some activity in and not undeveloped land across the road. Having said that, I would move forward with the CRA, but I would also advocate that we, I think we have an obligation to sit down with the Commissioners, explore all avenues that are available to us for other things we might consider doing that would help alleviate infrastructure costs down the road, if we have to widen roads, if we have to do certain other things, if that does become a thriving place and we have lots of employees, we have lots of traffic, we're going to have to spend some money on roads, widening and so forth and perhaps there's other ways to get money set aside to do that without having to go back to the taxpayers. So I would be in favor of sitting with the Commissioners and at least having a conversation.

L. Bowers – Mr. Macron. Questions, comments, concerns.

B. Macron – You know, the only thing that I was expecting to come out of the Commissioner’s office was an approved CRA. I, the whole JEDD came up from Mr. Hambley and it was a, it was kind of a surprise to all of us. I spoke with the Mayor in Medina, Dennis, and it was not Medina pushing for it, which I thought maybe they wanted a piece of our pie. This was Steve that put this forward. I am not opposed to speaking about a JEDD in the future, but there’s no reason to even have the discussion right now. Right now I have been, you know, advocating to get the CRA signed and done. I know it goes up against for the school board next week and then to the Commissioners for a vote. Right now my primary concern is a CRA. A JEDD does nothing but introduce a new player and their ability to tax in my eyes.

N. Shanley – It’s a payroll tax.

B. Macron – And we don’t need it.

L. Bowers – It’s more than a payroll tax.

B. Macron – Right now the only thing we need to do is get, a JEDD is not going to bring anybody else in that wouldn’t look at that land.

N. Shanley – No, I think...

B. Macron – And a JEDD could be done any time in the future.

N. Shanley – Absolutely. It can be layered over this. I mean, I don’t think that doing one precludes the other. I think it’s important to keep the CRA in motion but I think the discussion over a JEDD, whether we go with it, whether we don’t go with it could still occur. But I agree that I think the two are, the two are separate and can progress separately, but one can be layered over the other if we saw fit at any given time, to go with it.

B. Macron – And right now, a JEDD in my, I’m not thinking about JEDD. There’s, there’s no reason to...we could sit and talk about, I’m not opposed to talking to anybody. But I, you know, there’s no real reason to even consider. The only thing we’re concentrating is the CRA. Now, I understand the County’s point, you know, they are the property owners. And I do value that. It’s their property. But to bring in new players and JEDDs...our selling point is going to be the CRA and we’re competing against Medina City who have JEDDS and that’s our, that’s the selling feature of any business to go to that park is there is no JEDD attached to it, and that’s the way I look at it.

N. Shanley – I think that the information that was provided though that really clearly, you know, we’re looking at a 50% CRA and that may not be enough so if we go we have to go beyond that to be competitive, you know, we have to really look at what we’re bringing in versus what our costs are. I mean, that’s, I mean that all has to be considered down the line. But I, I think we’re all on the same page on the CRA. We need to move forward. And I think we were asking the Commissioners to, you know, to take that and cont...move forward with it and we can have the other discussion if we agree to have it. But I don’t think the two are tied.

L. Bowers – I’ve just got a couple of comments. Nanci, I’ll address the land issue. I know you had a concern about that. But maybe you didn’t, don’t realize that for a community reinvestment area

we are required to have a house in that property and the Cahill property and the Clevidence property on the yellow side is the least amount of connectivity we could have and include one house and on the opposite side, which is the green trail, the least amount of connectivity that gives us at least one house is to bring in three houses. So either way, one of those, it's going to be one of the other because it must have a house and interestingly enough when we looked at this before, the Cahill property was actually, it's 51 acres and it looks like it's more than one parcel, it's not. It's just kind of odd shaped. But it also includes, it's a rural residential property and it includes agricultural uses like riding arenas, veterinarian services, farm markets, barns, winery, boarding stables, production and sale of nursery stock, churches, schools, religious or philanthropic institutions, bed and breakfast, privately owned recreation areas like swimming facilities, tennis clubs, country clubs, driving ranges, or similar uses - so any of those would be abatable. I think it's important for the residents to know that in the CRA that we have asked for, it is only 50%. I believe 50% is extremely competitive. It puts us on a very even playing field in that we do not have a second layer of taxation. And what a JEDD does is it would include income tax, impact fees and a tax on the net profits of a business. Quite frankly, if I'm a business looking for a place to locate, I don't want to go somewhere that I'm going to have to pay higher taxes and my, my employees are going to have to take lower wages. Our goal is to bring someone in to Innovation Park. When they, when you talk about, you know, down the road expenses, carrying it on the backs of Lafayette Township residents, I think it's important to remember, Innovation Park is done. It's improved. The roads are in. We're maintaining them now. The water and sewer lines are in. Everything's done. You know, widening the road in the future, I don't know...have you gone down and looked at that road? It could happen. But not right away. And if and when that does happen, that's the time we talk about raising those extra funds. You know, I'll be the first one to admit its way easier to govern when you've got lots of money. But I don't think you do it at the expense of maybe having a business that might come to us go look somewhere else. 100% of nothing is still nothing. And if we do a higher abatement, you have to make up for that somehow and the way they make up for that higher abatement is the income tax and so on and so forth. But important to remember in that is when you do 100% abatement, no new money to your schools. And our schools are on the ballot all the time. A 50% abatement still gives 50% of the improvement in new money to our schools. So it's good for our schools as well. I think we have a good sound proposal in front of us. I think that if and when something changes and we need to bring other money to the table, that's the time to talk about that.

N. Shanley – Well, I, again...I don't think we're deciding on a JEDD today. All we're, I think, talking about is whether or not we...

L. Bowers – No. I think the Commissioners wanted to hear our thoughts.

N. Shanley – Want to have dialogue about it or not. And what happens after that is unknown. But back to the comment about the mapping of the CRA and the need for housing; I think we're all aware that to have a CRA we do need to have housing. And the original footprint and I don't know who, if anybody, if anybody wants to see this I'll just pass it around. The...two things were proposed. Originally when we first talked about a CRA it was for the footprint of Innovation Park and some private properties that are adjacent to it on the west side of Lake Road. And I very much support that because as Lynda has said the infrastructure's already there, the costs is already there. This is land that's sitting there ready to be developed, ready to be built on, the roads are already there, everything is there. It makes sense for me to abate this and to do a CRA here. Where I had a departure from the rest of my Board is in adding what is essentially farm land right now that's not designated for development, it has no infrastructure and while there are other kinds of development

that can go there, it made no sense to me to extend the CRA beyond the area that we're really, really focusing on right now, which is this yellow area, which can connect to the existing CRA through the railroad track and would include three private property parcels right here and could include these right here. So we would still have the housing that's required but still within the footprint and still and it's still within what we originally identified as an area that we really had to push.

L. Bowers – I don't think that, I want to make clear that what we proposed to the Commissioners is one connection or the other. We don't care which one it is. We gave them two routes to go. Go up this side or go up that side and the Economic Development Director is handling that. The concern on the yellow side is we're gonna, we're gonna have a real hard time showing that those are blighted homes. We've got a pretty good shot on the other side.

N. Shanley – On the west side? Oh, I think that that's not the case.

L. Bowers – Yeah.

N. Shanley- Take a good look at the houses right here.

L. Bowers – Right here. On the, on this property, on the green property.

N. Shanley – Oh, I think if you look just north of the access drive in Innovation Park and take a good look at those houses, I think they'll qualify.

L. Bowers – I don't care how they connect it, Nanc, doesn't matter to me. Whichever route, you know, if they go the yellow route, if they go that route, I...

N. Shanley – But I will say, this Board voted on a specific map.

L. Bowers – We said either one.

N. Shanley- No, we didn't.

L. Bowers – Well, that's the communication we gave to...

N. Shanley – Yeah, I think our record will show that there was a distinct vote to include the green. And I voted against ...

L. Bowers – We did.

N. Shanley – Because I would, because I would vote only for the white. So this Board actually did...

L. Bowers - We did. We voted for the yellow and green

N. Shanley – Move forward with the...correct.

L. Bowers - So that they could chose whichever one they wanted.

N. Shanley- Correct.

L. Bowers – Understanding they're only going to do one. That was my understanding. Is that yours, Bryon?

B. Macron – That's mine.

L. Bowers – Yeah, and that was the communication that we had, so...

N. Shanley – That was not mine which is why I voted against and I said I will support the yellow but not both.

L. Bowers – But the CRA is, is what we want now. Karen, I'm sorry. You had a question.

K. Schoonover – Probably a stupid one, but...

L. Bowers – Nah.

B. Macron – Never a stupid question, Karen.

L. Bowers- Hope we got an answer.

K. Schoonover – Karen Schoonover. If you're amending it, and you're going ahead and joining it to the Chippewa CRA, why do you need the houses anyway if they've got the houses down there?

L. Bowers – Because the Economic Development Director said that when you add new area you need to do that. That's what we need to do.

K. Schoonover – Okay. So any time you amend, like so if the Commissioners pick...

L. Bowers – For a new area.

K. Schoonover – the one going up CSX and in the future you want and amend as which you can do...

L. Bowers – Got to have one house.

K. Schoonover – Okay.

L. Bowers – That's my understanding. Did we answer all of your questions, Karen? And yes, the Commissioners and the property owners by the way have been aware of this for a long time that we've been talking about this and Mrs. Geissman, Commissioner Geissman and Commissioner Friedrich, I know you just came to listen. Do you, did you want to ask us a question, say anything?

P. Geissman – Make a comment?

L. Bowers – You sure can.

B. Macron – As long as it's nice. (laughter)

L. Bowers – Yeah, we're in open published meeting. Go ahead.

P. Geissman – I just went back and asked Adam, I've been on vacation for two weeks and I didn't know if this subject had come up for discussion at a Board meeting or not and the only thing was he brought it up and wanted to have some discussion and that's what Adam had agreed to, not that he was in support of. And I think we need to have some discussion on this, should have had discussion on it before Steve went to Medina City and talked to the Mayor. We will support, or at least I will support, what the Trustees of this Township would like to do. Your constituents are my constituents. And I certainly am not going to be part of forcing something or advocating for something you have no interest in. And certainly sounds like it would not be beneficial to your township at this point. So Steve was on his own. And normally a Commissioner doesn't go out and do those kind of thing, so we, we let you, the elected officials come to us.

B. Macron – And most of this was proactive from that, the paper calling and then the headline of...I forget the headline name. I wish I would have brought it.

L. Bowers – I don't think we would have been...

N. Shanley & L. Bowers – Saving Innovation Park.

B. Macron – Saving Innovation Park was the headline.

L. Bowers – I don't think that we'd have gotten such a mmm if we hadn't just gotten phone calls from the press.

P. Geissman – Right.

L. Bowers – But once you get them you got to respond.

P. Geissman – Well, the discussion should have started at the Board of Commissioners if Steve wanted to do something instead of going out to others.

L. Bowers – Or at least with us.

N. Shanley – Yeah, I don't think any of us know that a JEDD is something that we want to do or don't want to do but I just think if somebody throws it on the table and says let's talk about it, I think it behooves us to talk about it. I would never turn the opportunity down.

L. Bowers – Well, I will tell ya, it got our attention...

N. Shanley – Yes, it did.

L. Bowers - Because Mr. Macron and I spent a day in Columbus on Friday at a class on JEDDs. I mean, I had done one before but wanted to make sure nothing new going on that we didn't know and not only did that not change my mind, but I learned a lot of things I didn't know that makes

more sense that if we were to do a JEDD, it would certainly be a different direction than going north.

P. Geissman – Well this is an old issue as I believe one of you said. Because I can recall...

L. Bowers- Yeah, it's come up before.

P. Geissman – That we have discussed this in the past and at that time there was no benefit seen and it sounds like there's still no benefit that you see. So, I guess it's up to you if you want to discuss it but right now I will tell you I will support your CRA.

N. Shanley – Okay.

B. Macron – And I think...

L. Bowers – Thank you.

B. Macron – We have the same goal as you do.

N. Shanley – Yeah.

B. Macron – We want to get people working and we want to get some...

P. Geissman – Sure.

B. Macron – Want to fill some lots for the schools.

P. Geissman – Absolutely.

B. Macron – Plain and simple.

L. Bowers – Get some...thank you for spending your evening coming down here. Appreciate it. Mr....Adam Friedrick. Did you, Commissioner? You got to come up. You got to come up here. We can't hear you if you're not up here. And thank you for spending your evening with us.

N. Shanley – Thank you.

A. Friedrick – I think you guys have hit the nail on the head. You guys know where you're going. I think Nanci, your point is an excellent point. The two are separate. They're separate issues. And you pursued the CRA, and if that's what the Township wants, and if a JEDD is something that becomes necessary down the road, days, years, months, you know, I work in manufacturing. If every customer that called us and said, hey, we want these parts and we started to build a tool, you know, we'd be out of business because, you know, 90% of them don't come to fruition. So, if a business comes in, says this is what we need, and the Township can't offer it for whatever reason, then you look at the financial options that are available and if a JEDD is one of them, fantastic. But don't, you know, don't pursue it till stuff's a whole lot more firm.

N. Shanley – Yeah.

L. Bowers – Thank you so much. Appreciate it.

N. Shanley – Thank you.

L. Bowers - Are we allowed to ask...you going to support our CRA?

A. Friedrich – Absolutely.

L. Bowers – Thank you.

N. Shanley – I'd like to add, I would like to ask the Board something here. I would like to send a message to the Commissioners that we can feel that we have supported as an entire Board. And while we both, we're all in support of a CRA, I'm going to propose this and see what you think about it. If we were to, how would you feel about having one of the maps include these homes.

L. Bowers – I don't care. I don't care.

N. Shanley – Amending this to what it was originally going to be because there's two houses here that are pretty, pretty...

L. Bowers – Which would be the only direction in yellow.

N. Shanley – That is absolutely correct. It goes up here, ...

L. Bowers – And I don't care.

N. Shanley – It crosses across these parcels, it incorporates Innovation Park and the houses that we originally had talked about on the properties on the west side of Lake. Can we make that the alternate map?

L. Bowers – I don't care how we get there. As long as we get there.

N. Shanley – You follow me, Bryon?

B. Macron – As long as it doesn't hold up the CRA vote and the Cloverleaf.

N. Shanley – It wouldn't. I would like to send the Trustees something that is, we can real...I'm sorry, the Commissioners something that we say, oh yes, all three of us are for it. And as you will remember, I voted in November for the CRA with no hesitation whatsoever until this came into the picture. If we can go back to this and say, this is one of the options, this is the block, it will have one, two, three, four, five, six properties on it, housing properties, make that one of the alternatives. And I can support that 100%.

**L. Bowers – I will move right now that we amend our resolution, send it to Bethany Dentler tomorrow that we would prefer the map to come up the yellow route and include the entire squared off block of Technology Park. I'm fine with that.**

N. Shanley – Thank you. Thank you.

B. Macron – If I can get the three of us to agree on something, let's do it.

L. Bowers – I don't care how. I don't care how we get there as long as we get there.

N. Shanley – Thank you.

L. Bowers – Okay. That's my motion. Is there a second?

**B. Macron – I second.**

N. Shanley – I will sec...okay.

L. Bowers – Moved by Mrs. Bowers and seconded by Mrs. Shanley and Mr. Macron. All in favor, aye?

**N. Shanley, B. Macron, L. Bowers – Aye.**

N. Shanley – And thank you very much for considering that. I really appreciate it.

L. Bowers- Yeah, that's fine. However we get there. If you guys walk out on us we're not gonna be, you know, hold it against you at all. We just appreciate that you came down and wanted to hear what we had to say. Appreciate it.

P. Geissman – I have had a busy day.

B. Macron – Thank you.

L. Bowers – See ya.

B. Macron – Thank you for your time.

A. Friedrich – Saw my wife for two minutes at the rec center.

L. Bowers – Well, you'll be home by 8:30. Thank you very much.

B. Macron – Thank you.

L. Bowers – We definitely appreciate it.

B. Macron – Want to go back to the rec?

L. Bowers – We're going to go back to the ...

N. Shanley – Baseball.

L. Bowers – Baseball.

**Baseball League Proposals -**

B. Macron – Baseball. Baseball.

L. Bowers – I’m sorry baseball people. I owe baseball people, Chet, It’s Chet, right?

B. Macron – Chad.

L. Bowers – I apologize.

C. Baker – No, no, no.

L. Bowers – I’m sorry. But you know, we hardly ever get one Commissioner, let alone two, so that was...and you know the fact that they actually wanted to hear what we had to say was pretty cool, so.

C. Baker – (indecipherable).

L. Bowers – There you go. Okay. Bryon, you’re on.

B. Macron – Alright. I had a meeting with the recreation department. Our recreation department, baseball. Baseball season.

L. Bowers – That’s a good sign.

B. Macron – Actually, we had a pretty good meeting. Chad Baker is running the boys, all the boys rec and ...

C. Baker – Lafayette President.

B. Macron – Lafayette President. I’m sorry, I didn’t know the title. We also met with the...

L. Bowers – Like abuse, huh?

B. Macron- Couple of the travel teams were at the meeting as well as the woman’s...Darlene, right?

C. Baker – Maureen.

B. Macron – Maureen, Maureen. And from the meeting there were a couple of issues that were brought up. A lot of it was easy to talk about. One suggestion I would need, and I wanted to pass this around. You want to give one to Nanci?

L. Bowers – Uh-oh. He’s got diagrams.

B. Macron – Yeah. Boy, learned how to use my computer. What you’re looking at is a diagram and I’m going to make this, I’d like to pass this as a resolution. What you’re looking at is...we have

three bays in our garage, the Administration Building. Bay 1, Bay 2, Bay 3. Bay 1 is where the door comes in. All the bays right now we have access to the main Administration Building. As you know, one of their concerns is equipment was lost last year, I don't want to say lost – it was stolen out of Lion's Park. The girls lost all their equipment and they've had some theft here and there for the boys' recreation. One of the things that we could do is right now those three bays are sitting empty. And when I say they're sitting empty I realize there's stuff in them but it's stuff that we can move a or b to the one side of the wall, to the other. At their cost, they'd like to put up a divider wall which would allow them to come and go out of bay 3 with a garage door remote opener. They would put up a wall, you know, they'd have to go through Zoning, you know, obviously we'd do it the right way.

L. Bowers – Look at Alliss' face.

B. Macron – They'd put it up the right way, they'd have our inspector out there inspecting it and matter of fact, somebody else offered to inspect it too. But we'll use...it would be at their cost. What I've learned from working with the rec league for that meeting is these guys are connected. They're like the mob. They got...they got people that pretty much would do anything. And what I'm find out...

L. Bowers – You do understand this is recorded on the record right?

B. Macron – That's alright. (laughter) What I, you know what? We got some great people in this township. And this is for the rec league, this is for our kids. We pretty, they pretty much handle their fields, maintain their fields, they do everything on their own without any money from us. All we're doing is allowing them to use bay 3, they would put up the wall that would secure bay 2, bay 1, as well as the hallway door. There's a window on that side but they would come and go and this would be to put their equipment in during the summer. I think some of their equipment, what'd you guys have, like a roto-tiller...

C. Baker – Mower, 4-wheeler...

B. Macron – Some, some expensive stuff that would help them out if they'd keep it here.

L. Bowers – For the maintenance on the field that you do?

B. Macron – You know, it's a win – win situation for us because, you know...

L. Bowers – They do the maintenance.

B. Macron – They do the maintenance, they're paying for it and it can come down just as quick as it can go up.

L. Bowers – Chad, I just want to make sure you understand that just the same as the, what, \$15,000 concession stand that you folks built, once you do it, it becomes the property of the Township. You don't get to tear it down when you leave.

N. Shanley – The other thing is, I'm not sure, Bryon is newer to the Board so he's not aware, there's been discussion on and off and we still have yet to talk about what to do with the \$50,000 of

aggregation money, but even preceding my time on the Board there's been discussion about possibly turning that, the three bays into a meeting room. You know, it's been discussed and it's been tabled, it's been discussed, it's been tabled. If that should come forward, I'm just mentioned it...

B. Macron – No, I appreciate that.

N. Shanley – I don't think we can shake our heads yes or no. We don't know what the future will bring, if we're ever going to do it. But if we did...

L. Bowers – This group couldn't fit in that room.

N. Shanley – But if we did..

L. Bowers – This group couldn't fit in that room.

N. Shanley – No, no, it wouldn't be for this. There was discussion of that for other kinds of meetings and so forth and...

B. Macron – That's fine, and them putting up this wall, this is not going to cost them a ton of money.

N. Shanley – Yeah.

B. Macron – And this is...

N. Shanley – That's my point. If that should ever happen, understand that, yeah, that's all.

B. Macron – Right. I mean, this is such a...

N. Shanley – Yeah.

**B. Macron – I want to say it's a no-brainer. This is just, just us three agreeing that they can have bay 3 to come and go. We'd have to work out the details of when you're going to do the construction because...**

L. Bowers – Is that a motion?

**B. Macron – That is a motion.**

**L. Bowers – Thank you. I'll second.**

B. Macron – Perfect. Alright.

N. Shanley – Yup.

B. Macron – The next...

L. Bowers – Any further discussion on that one?

B. Macron – On that one...

N. Shanley – We need to vote.

L. Bowers – Let's vote on it. All in favor, aye?

**N. Shanley, B. Macron, L. Bowers – Aye.**

L. Bowers – Opposed, same sign. Okay, next.

B. Macron – Alright. They also wanted to talk...in the future they're thinking about, and maybe you could explain it better. Why don't you explain the second thing. This is going to be a motion just to proceed with talks on their end so they can, you know, talk about what he's going to...I'll let you listen.

N. Shanley – Talk about what he's going to talk about?

B. Macron – Talk about what he's going to talk...listen to what he's going to talk about. Chad, go ahead.

C. Baker – Chad Baker. I, a few things I'm going to go into. I'm going to hit the water one last, that's our big one. Thanks to the Trustees for what you guys have done in the past. Thanks to Dave and the crew for the mowing they've done in the past. It's been greatly appreciated. I also want to say thanks to the taxpayers. Each year at your benefit auction you guys do give us a donation yearly. It's usually somewhere between whatever you can do, I know, but somewhere between \$800 and \$1,000 that's divided between baseball and softball. Some of the things that those funds go to are things like safety equipment for the kids, new dirt for the fields, new bases for the fields. It's, it's important things and it is appreciated. Bryon this year did have a meeting with us. He's been very receptive. We've got some big things coming up this year. Lafayette does host the All Stars and the championships this year, so it's a point where our Township can show some things. One of the things myself and the other Lafayette baseball board members want to do, we're going to try to research the people that helped start these fields, bring them out that day, whether it's the Manns and some of the other names that were out there back in the originations, bring them out, maybe let them throw a first pitch, announce them, do some appreciation to the people that started this back in the beginning.

B. Macron – Alliss might know. (laughter)

C. Baker – Yeah, if any of you know any of the people that'd be great. I do have some people that were around before.

A. Strogin – I wasn't out there that...

C. Baker – In the All Stars and championships, one thing I am going to request. I have made a request from Bryon, is if we could work with the Fire Department. If it happens to be a very dry

season the fields get extremely dusty and there would be two days, three times during those times we would like to request watering of the fields. A 15 minute water or 10 minute water three times once on June 11<sup>th</sup> and once on July 17<sup>th</sup>. I can get you guys, July 16<sup>th</sup>, I can work with you after this is you guys are agreeable and open to discuss this. Three times, 9:30, 12:30, 3:30, hit it, hit my field, hit our fields for ten minutes.

N. Shanley – Are those, are those weekdays or weekends?

C. Baker – Saturdays.

L. Bowers – I think we should put the Trustees on the hoses, Brad.

B. Macron – Brad, it'd be a good day to do, basically they need though, just water. If we tie it in with training or...

C. Baker – Yeah, that was something else we talked about with Bryon. If you've got trainees that needs time practicing a hose...

L. Bowers – I think you should put the Trustees on those.

B. Macron – Or we can hose down Trustees. Whatever...whatever

N. Shanley – We should do it for money.

L. Bowers – We should learn what you do.

C. Baker – Well, one of the biggest reasons for that is a lot of, a lot of grandparents, a lot of people do come out for the championships and All Stars and like, when the kids come in for the big slide into home plate and it's a dustbowl, phewm, if you know where our field is here, it covers everybody that's sitting there, so the water is a helpful thing. It's not just something to make it look pretty. It does help. Trash cans, Bryon and I discussed and I know he's moving forward with looking at putting permanent ones in. I talked with Dave about that last year. Dave and I believe some of you Trustees were here last year went to Montville Township.

L. Bowers – Yup.

C. Baker – And saw some of the things that they had done. That would be greatly appreciated as well as with that, Bryon has also got a part-time person in the budget this year for assistance with Dave, but may be able to help out with the fields. If he could empty those things, oh God bless him.

B. Macron – What that is is, Dave and I...well, you're still going to be responsible for the trash.

L. Bowers – Empty the trash cans.

C. Baker – Okay. I still got to empty them?

B. Macron – I'm telling you, your teams are going to have to empty them. That's, that was Dave's sticking point.

C. Baker – Alright. I'll empty them, Dave. I had to ask. You know I got to ask, right? Alright, I had to ask. I made my motion. We'll empty them as we always do. Not a problem. Moving forward, storage, thank you, great. Appreciate it. Travel teams have bumped from one, two years ago they've asked us to accommodate to two last year, to potentially four this year. It is becoming very difficult on scheduling. We do as our own league schedule all the fields. We do update, we give access to the Township via website what the schedule is. Rainouts with four additional teams alone, and they all want basically one field, gonna be difficult, we'll do our best. Bryon and I and those teams are trying to work together.

L. Bowers – Chad, are those teams Lafayette kids? Cause...

C. Baker – Some.

B. Macron – Yes.

L. Bowers- Okay. Cause as I say, you got to prioritize our kids.

C. Baker – Yes. Some.

L. Bowers – Okay.

B. Macron – Two of them for sure.

C. Baker – Parking has been a huge issue in the past. We all know what it's like out there. We do our best. Dave last year starting putting cones around the gas cans. To my knowledge that worked well. So that can keep happening. At least we block the gas off so if the Fire Department / Emergency Services need gas they can get to it and we don't have to find a parent on who knows what field. So we'll do our best there. The parking is what it is and we'll all try to...

L. Bowers – Chad, can you try to encourage when you have your signups...

N. Shanley – The gravel lot.

C. Baker – I'm headed there.

L. Bowers – Try and encourage to get them to park in this field.

C. Baker – Here's the difficulty. I tried to encourage that last year. And reasons I understand, you guys were doing a lot of practice out there, you had a car out there, a couple different cars where you were practicing on.

L. Bowers – Glass.

C. Baker – They crush the car, they break the glass, people don't want to park there. I understand you need a place to practice, but if that's the case, I can't push people to park there.

L. Bowers – We shouldn't have broken glass in our parking lot and I think we addressed that last year. That should not happen again, right, Brad?

B. Winter – Correct.

L. Bowers – Correct.

C. Baker – Okay.

S. Bailey – Also, with the Administration Building, I would ask that they don't park so close. I couldn't get out one day. I had to go around...

C. Baker – I requested...

S. Bailey – Trying to find people.

C. Baker – People come here from Black River, Westfield, Seville, Lodi, Chatham...I can't get to them all. I do, we do request it and we do try to keep them this way and there's actually, I and the other Board members try to get here early and start the line and if we can get here early and start the line, it works this way. But if we've got all three fields going, that's approximately 60 kids, each with parents, some grandparents, coaches, that's a lot of cars to put out there. We do our best and I try to get them and I know your concern. There's no lines, there's not much we can do with the existing parking lot.

B. Macron – Karen?

L. Bowers – I'm telling ya, tires and poles.

S. Bailey – If they see a car is parked over there...

N. Shanley – Don't block it in.

S. Bailey – They should go a ways...

L. Bowers – Tires and poles. Buckets and cement. Poles.

C. Baker – Your concern I believe last, two years ago was you tried to get in here after hours and couldn't get here. It wasn't that you were blocked in, you tried to come in after, that's when you came to our coaches and raised the concern?

S. Bailey – No.

L. Bowers – Buckets and cement and poles.

S. Bailey – Last year I was blocked in. I couldn't get out.

B. Macron – What's going to hold our garbage then?

S. Bailey – You had to have three cars moved before I could get my car out.

C. Baker – I don't doubt it.

L. Bowers – Let's move on.

N. Shanley – Okay.

L. Bowers – Thank you.

K. Schoonover – Karen Schoonover. Is there any way that even though the condition of the parking lot, that lines could be painted on it?

C. Baker – It won't hold.

K. Schoonover – They won't.

L. Bowers – You can't paint gravel. It just d...it works for one day.

K. Schoonover – Oh.

N. Shanley – The next rainfall it's gone.

L. Bowers – Dave, last year Dave was going to get some kind of markers that were moveable like little placards that can move around with little stretchy line between them. Let's get on it. Let's do it. Before it becomes an issue this year. Let's just, you know, every year we have this. Let's get ahead of it.

D. Figgers – For where?

L. Bowers – Put it in front of Shirley's, put it in front of the gas pumps...

N. Shanley – Well we blocked the, well we did block the gas pumps.

L. Bowers- Anywhere you don't want people parking, you set up the placards with the tape between them, piece of cake. Usually they'll pay attention.

K. Schoonover – To get people to park better, you could probably get more cars in there if you...

L. Bowers – If we could line it, but we can't.

C. Baker – It won't last, on gravel.

K. Schoonover – Ought to pave it.

L. Bowers – Karen, in 1996, two years before I was a Trustee, my first Trustee meeting, they, I'll never forget it, they approved \$1,100 to line this parking lot. And I'm sitting back there whispering

to Jack Chester and the reporter from the Plain Dealer. Does it bother anybody else in the room besides me that they're going to spend \$1,100 to strip a parking lot that's gravel? And it lasted literally one day. One day. So, I just, I'll just never agree to that. Good idea though.

B. Macron – Just means you don't have to work in the summer.

L. Bowers – Okay. Anything else, Chad?

C. Baker – Joy, I will get you insurance. You want a copy of insurance? Bryon asked me, I'll get it to one of you mid-April, by the time I get the policy. And the final thing is water. Last year we did come to the Township with a, we got a letter, we got a notification from the health department that our concession stand is operating illegally without a permit and without water. We have no water. We have the means and the volunteers to put a water line in. We are asking for a tap and a connection point. And what would be required to do so there from.

L. Bowers – Do we know a cost of what, you know...

B. Macron – They would...

L. Bowers – If there's a cost, you'll bear it?

C. Baker – We'll get the, we'll do it.

N. Shanley – Well, we pay for the water.

L. Bowers – And a tap, and...

N. Shanley – Essentially.

C. Baker – Yes.

L. Bowers – Yeah, I'm fine with that. I'm fine with that.

C. Baker – We need a tap. I don't know where the tap point would be. We'd have to work with Dave or somebody.

L. Bowers – We don't need a motion for that.

C. Baker – Is it feasible? We need a tap?

L. Bowers – That's facilities.

C. Baker – And we'll run the line.

L. Bowers – I'm fine with that.

B. Macron – I'm fine with that. You'd have to explain it, you know, it's...you're going to have to sit with Dave, cause at one point I thought we talked, it would be an extra septic tank.

C. Baker – Sewer is the next issue. That’s a bigger one. I know you guys already have sewer problems, so...

B. Macron – Is this water and sewer combined you need?

L. Bowers – It’s a tap.

C. Baker – We’re going to end up having to put our own tank in. You guys can’t get, we can’t tap into yours.

L. Bowers – We’re temporary septic. We can’t change it.

N. Shanley – Yeah.

C. Baker – So we would have to put our own septic tank in. That’s our next step. Our first step is water. Now...

L. Bowers – Let’s deal with...

B. Macron – Why don’t we get you to the first...

N. Shanley – If we can back up...

B. Macron – Water would open a concession stand.

C. Baker – Not legally, yet. It gets us closer and gets us clean.

B. Macron – Zoning Inspector’s tough out here.

N. Shanley – It’s the health department.

C. Baker – We got to have a place to get rid of the water.

L. Bowers – Let’s, let’s do this so that we don’t sit here all night.

N. Shanley – Okay.

L. Bowers – Let’s deal with the water and, and make sure, Bryon, please stay on top. Make sure they got all the right permits. Make sure that, you know, Alliss knows where to go and what to do. Just make sure you’ve got all the right permits.

A. Strogin – I don’t know if I can (indecipherable).

N. Shanley – How quickly would you be doing this? Are you looking at, the water, bringing...

B. Macron – Chad, is this something for this year?

C. Baker – We'd like to get it done this year if possible, yes.

N. Shanley – Okay. Let me put this, I think we're all in support of it but I'm probably the most cautious of the three of us sitting up here. Can we come back with exactly what you're doing, where, you know, I just feel like we're sort of giving this....yeah.

C. Baker – Yes. Once I find out, once we get the approval to move forward...

N. Shanley – Yes, yeah.

L. Bowers – Alliss won't let them do it without a plan. We're going to make her do it.

C. Baker – I'll work with her to find out if we need permits and I'll work with Dave to find out where the tap is. I'll then give you a drawing of where we would run our pipe at...

N. Shanley – Okay. So you'll come back to us. Okay.

C. Baker – How we would trench it.

L. Bowers – Cause you know what to do.

N. Shanley – Okay.

C. Baker – Yeah. What size line, all that stuff, yeah.

N. Shanley – Thank you. I think we just, I would just like a little more information back.

B. Macron – Nothing, we were, I wasn't looking to vote. I wanted him to just have the ability to...

N. Shanley – Okay.

B. Macron – I didn't want him wasting his time...

N. Shanley – To do all that if we weren't going to support it.

B. Macron – If he couldn't get us to agree on it.

N. Shanley – Yeah.

L. Bowers – Chad, there's a, trust me. I know. That's why I'm picking on Alliss. There's things before you put that waterline in. You're going to need to come back to the Board.

C. Baker – I understand.

L. Bowers – You're going to need signatures, you're going to need approvals, so go out and do what you need to do. You have our support, I think. Is that...

N. Shanley – Yeah. Oh, yeah.

L. Bowers – And bring, and bring us what you need and that's when we make those, you know, decisions of do it this way, this way, this way.

N. Shanley – Yup.

L. Bowers – Okay?

C. Baker – Okay. Thank you.

B. Macron – Thanks, Chad.

N. Shanley – Thank you.

B. Macron – The other thing that came out of the meeting is Lafayette is known as the, we have the cleanest port-a-potties in the Medina County Baseball Rec League.

C. Baker – It is true.

L. Bowers – Is that because you won't use them?

C. Baker – Since Dave got the company two years ago that he's using, has been using...they have been known as the cleanest port-a-potties in the league.

B. Macron – That's right.

L. Bowers – Well, you know, it's good to be known for something. Thank you.

B. Macron – That's all I have.

L. Bowers – Appreciate it. Okay. That's it. Nanci, fire.

N. Shanley – Okay.

L. Bowers – I'm trying to move us along. I apologize.

N. Shanley – Yup.

**Fire Department –**

N. Shanley – Brad, would you like to present the...

B. Winter – Sure.

N. Shanley – Anything else you have too.

B. Winter – The activity report for January 2011 Lafayette Township Fire Department. We had a

busy month with 51 calls. 13 of those were fire calls and 38 of those were EMS calls. Breakdown of the call locations – we had 11 fire calls in the Township, 30 EMS calls in the Township with a total of 41 calls to Lafayette Township. 2 fire calls to the Village of Chippewa Lake and 8 EMS calls with a total of 10. And we had 221.5 training hours for the month.

L. Bowers – Cool.

B. Macron – How's the pancake breakfast going?

B. Winter – Pancake breakfast is very successful.

N. Shanley – Where are we over last year on that? You know?

B. Winter – It's about the same numbers.

N. Shanley – Same numbers? Okay.

L. Bowers – Any questions, comments from the Board? Mrs. Shanley?

N. Shanley – Nope.

B. Macron – Nope.

L. Bowers – Mr. Macron? Thank you, Brad.

B. Winter – Welcome.

L. Bowers – Shirley, is there any reason Brad needs to stay? Do you need him here for that?

S. Bailey – I don't think so.

L. Bowers – You can...if you want to. I don't want to keep you here all night. I know you got...

**Police –**

L. Bowers – Police. Bryon.

B. Macron – Police. I put some reports on your desk. I'm not going to read them verbatim. Any questions on them?

N. Shanley – Nope.

L. Bowers – No, sir.

B. Macron – No? Police are good.

L. Bowers – It's nice to see you here. You're allowed to sit when you're in our meetings. Really, it's okay.

S. Bailey – Where's the report for me?

B. Macron – I didn't give you one?

S. Bailey – No.

**Zoning –**

L. Bowers – Zoning. Just real quick. I attended the zoning meeting last night to swear in Mike Biskup. That's actually the only reason I went and I ended up staying. It was an interesting meeting. Actually, almost everything that was on their agenda last night is on our agenda tonight, so it was kind of déjà vu, I guess. The only thing I want to say is that I walked away from that meeting understanding that our Zoning Commission is ready, willing, and able to take on the challenge of updating our zoning code, which is a huge job and I think they're absolutely up to the task of updating that code to be consistent with the goals and aspirations that are laid out in the Comprehensive Plan, so it's going to be a big job but they'll get her done. Fair statement, Karen?

K. Schoonover – Yes.

L. Bowers – Okay. We can be very proud of our Boards. And the appropriation from General Fund, do you need that done tonight as well, Shirley? For zoning?

N. Shanley – We just did.

L. Bowers – Okay.

N. Shanley – Didn't we just do it?

B. Macron – We did it already.

L. Bowers – We did zoning?

N. Shanley – We did.

L. Bowers – Thank you.

S. Bailey – You did zoning earlier.

L. Bowers – That's right, it was cemetery we didn't do.

S. Bailey – During the finances.

L. Bowers – Got ya, thank you.

N. Shanley – Yup.

**Cemeteries –**

L. Bowers – Cemeteries, nothing earth shattering. I'm going to skip past that tonight.

N. Shanley – Okay.

**Old Business:**

**Balanced Growth Initiative –**

L. Bowers – Old business. Balanced growth initiative. We received a letter from our Zoning Chair. They did discuss it at the Zoning Commission last night and at the end of the day, they're fine with the map as it is proposed. Having said that, comments, questions, concerns from the Board?

N. Shanley – What I'm getting from this is that they feel that the differences are minor but that the two maps do not match. Is that pretty much...

L. Bowers – Yeah, they're not...

N. Shanley – Karen, I don't want to...okay.

L. Bowers – They're not exact, but, you know, Mike Biskup said it best and I'm not going to try to paraphrase that, so if one of you want to jump in, you can. They felt that they were minor.

N. Shanley – With that in mind, I had said awhile back that I would put together a new resolution because I'm the one that had the concerns about the balanced growth initiative land use map not really matching our Comprehensive Plan map so I went ahead and prepared a resolution. We don't have to pass it tonight cause I...there's only two things different in it from what was originally proposed.

L. Bowers – Do you want to take a look at it, Bryon, real quick?

B. Macron – Let's see it.

L. Bowers – Yeah, I'm fine taking a look at it real quick. I brought the old one with me, so...

N. Shanley – And I can tell you exactly what, Shirley, do you want a copy?

L. Bowers – I will tell you, I did ask Jeff Van Loon last night, cause I knew you wanted to tweak the resolution and I hadn't received anything so I asked him if, you know, what his timeline was and he said if we waited until March it probably wouldn't be a problem.

N. Shanley – It's not a problem. He has said that.

L. Bowers – Okay.

N. Shanley – And basically, what I'm doing here is that Guildford was in a similar position to what Lafayette is in that they had some parcels along Route 3 that the balanced growth map had identified as, as areas for development that Guildford did not agree with their Comprehensive Plan were reflected to be such. And what they did to solve that problem is to pick a new color, which was purple, and make those blocks of land purple and ...

L. Bowers – Local control issues.

N. Shanley – They're locally controlled. They're just identified as areas that do not match our own, you know, and I'm proposing that we do the same. Just for those pieces that are not in our Comprehensive Plan and that's in this resolution. So basically the things that are different, and I can, do you want me to read this?

L. Bowers – Yeah, just point out where you made the changes.

N. Shanley – Okay.

L. Bowers – Cause I think we're probably on the same page, Nanci.

N. Shanley – Okay. The paragraphs that are slightly different are Whereas we understand the planning...

L. Bowers – Which paragraph are you at?

N. Shanley – The second one. Whereas we understand the plan includes priority conservation areas (PCAs) priority development areas (PDAs) as well as priority agricultural areas, said information contained within these designated areas having been presented to us in a public setting, okay, that one is the same. It's the next one and the one after. Whereas we understand that the implementation of the balanced growth initiative is voluntary in our jurisdiction and that the balanced growth plan in no way precedes or supersedes Lafayette Township planning and zoning decisions and Whereas any areas designated for development in the balanced growth plan that are not also designated for development in the 2011 Lafayette Township Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use shall be identified in a unique color and designated as a local preference area on all balanced growth initiative mapping and related materials. And that's essentially, that's verbatim from the minutes of the balanced growth meeting. That's that same wording.

L. Bowers – And you know what, Nanc, I, and I agree there's some areas that, that makes some sense to put that local control on it. I'm actually the one who brought it up at that meeting on our behalf, but until I see that mapping because it could end up a whole, the whole thing being purple and Jeff very clearly said last night that that wouldn't be something that, so until we can see, until I could see a map, cause, until I can see what the difference is, I'd rather wait until March so that we could have the map put together so that we can see it.

N. Shanley – Okay. That's fine. Sure.

L. Bowers – Is what I'd prefer.

N. Shanley – Okay.

L. Bowers – Okay. Is that, you're alright with that, Bryon?

B. Macron – Okay.

L. Bowers – Okay. And you'll be responsible for getting that map changed and getting it to us so we can see it before the next meeting?

N. Shanley – Yeah. I think there's only, Joy, do you, do we have the balanced growth map in the office? The color map?

L. Bowers – Just so we don't end up with everything being purple.

J. Turpin – Probably. I'd have to look.

N. Shanley – Okay. Because I don't have a color map from them. So, I'm...do you have it?

K. Schoonover – Marlene has extra copies.

N. Shanley – Okay, okay.

K. Schoonover – Get one (indecipherable).

N. Shanley – Okay, okay. Alright.

L. Bowers – Okay. We're good?

N. Shanley – Sure.

L. Bowers – Anything else on that issue, Bryon?

B. Macron – No.

L. Bowers – Anything else on that issue, Nanci?

N. Shanley – Nope.

L. Bowers – Okay, we're good.

**Memorial Day –**

L. Bowers – The next one is...Pastor Meliher, perfect timing.

S. Bailey – Is this what you're looking for?

**L. Bowers** – Yeah. That's what she's looking for. In July of 2009, Pastor Meliher from Lafayette Methodist Church started a small group of folks and our, to talk about youth issues in the County and our second meeting, August 27<sup>th</sup>, while we were waiting for some others to arrive, we talked about, he shared with me I believe it was Mary Albrecht had talked to you about Lafayette Township used to have a Memorial Day parade and why did that stop happening and couldn't we do that again and I don't know whether I misunderstood or whatever, but I put a to-do list together, dated August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2009, and I came back to the very next meeting of the Lafayette Township Board of Trustees and asked for a committee to be put together for that purpose. We did. We appointed John Meliher as the Chair of that. We added the event to our annual calendar. We had the first event last year. We recently approved a small amount of funding for it this year. And even though the Township did create that committee, for the Township purposes, in reality, John never ran, used

that committee. He used that group that had been meeting which eventually became known as CAFA sometime later and that's the committee that's actually run the parade. But we never dissolved our committee. We need to do that cause it's just really a committee of record, it doesn't do anything. **So I will make a motion to dissolve that committee.** Is there a second?

**B. Macron – I second.**

N. Shanley – I will second but I will say one thing. I did read the minutes from that meeting and mis...Pastor Meliher was not appointed, I don't believe.

L. Bowers – If you listen to the tape though, he, he said he was.

N. Shanley – Well I'm looking at the minutes, which is our record. I, I think that the, it was discussed that a committee was going to be formed, but I don't believe any selection of individuals was made or anybody to chair it or anybody to spearhead it.

L. Bowers – Just creating the committee and appointing the chair and, you know, it was August, September 2009, I was there, I know what we did. But it really doesn't matter. Let's just get rid of it.

B. Macron – It's been seconded.

L. Bowers – Yeah. So moved and seconded. All in favor, aye?

**N. Shanley, B. Macron, L. Bowers – Aye.**

L. Bowers – And opposed, same sign. Having said that, did you want to say something tonight? Cause you sent us an email that you were coming to talk about that. So is there something you wanted to say?

J. Meliher – You want me to read...

L. Bowers – If you want to, sure. I just wanted to give you the opportunity if you wanted to.

J. Meliher – Well, first of all, I...John Meliher, pastor at Lafayette United Methodist Church. And I'm also the Chairperson for CAFA. I just want to just take a moment first of all, we had our Boy Scout Sunday this past Sunday and normally we recognize, and we do, we recognize the service of the communities, the Service Department, EMS, Fire Department, and also the Sheriff's Department. And unfortunately, we had the Sheriff there, we had, we had Roy Delaney there to...Dave wasn't, didn't show. Maybe one of these, maybe one of these times you'll come. But we did not have Jeff Hall and nor a representative for the EMS. So what I'd like to do, is if I could, would you like to come up and accept the award here? What we do is we give everyone a certificate of appreciation for their service to our community. I think it's important that we recognize them, the Sher...I mean they're folks that do a job behind the scenes that we just don't see all the time until we need them and we always make it a point every year to recognize them in our service, specifically when the Boy Scouts do the service. So, in the Reader's Digest version of that, let's just get on with it and here's for the Fire Department and thank you very much for your service, I appreciate that.

B. Winter – Thank you.

J. Meliher – And if you would take back the one for the EMS and present that, Diane was not there.

B. Winter – Thank you very much.

J. Meliher – Well thank you for your service, again. Let me, let me kind of put some context to this situation with the Memorial Day parade. First of all, when I arrived here three years ago, our scouts were marching in a parade in Chatham and I'm looking around and I'm thinking, well, there's nothing, what are we doing in Lafayette? What's going on in Lafayette? There's nothing here. And so I thought well I'll just come and see what kind of venues there are for possibly reaching out to the community because the Lord has put that passion on my heart to reach out to the community, to bring some unity to our community, kind of rhymes, a little bit. So I came to the Board of Trustees and what I found here was of course, this wasn't the Board, but there was not unity, there was actually discord and disunity here. So, I... that was not going to work. That was, this was not a venue to make that work. Now I will say, I like your little set up here, it looks good, it's great and I think you got some good folk on the Board here. So I will, yes, let's give them a good hand. I really appreciate their service. So again, it was really nothing for me to use other than maybe calling the leaders of the community together. So I sent letters out to several churches, to the Trustee, I, I mean...and we had a meeting in July of those that wanted to come and we sat around and said, okay, I gave my vision of what we wanted to do and that was to reach out to the community in some fashion or form, to help them, to bring something together so maybe we can get the Boy Scouts marching in our parade or something within our community. But that didn't happen right away. We formed what initially became the Community Action Team and Carl Monday, we thought about that and we said, no, no, we ain't doing the Carl Monday thing here. So we came up with Cloverleaf Area Family Association, was the name of it. We set up some vision, a goal, a mission of what this group would venture into and try to do. And we thought the youth, the youth seemed to be the context but Neil Hassinger said, well, you need to reach down probably to the family to get to the youth, cause he's part of the team, the CAFA team. And so we said okay, well, from the genesis of CAFA came a birthing of what is called the Cloverleaf Area Youth Connection and it generated, it birthed what is now called Jam Fest 316, which is going to happen this weekend, Saturday, here at the church at 6:00. And I don't want to take too much of your time here, I just, if I can. So that's been going on for over a year and it has been growing and we, last count I think we had like over a hundred and about twenty to sixty, a hundred and sixty youth coming to Jam Fest. So I am very tickled, I mean, we're reaching out to our community, to Cloverleaf area, because I feel firmly, I firmly believe the foundations of our community, of our youth, are crumbling. Not just here in this community but around the world. You can see it in Egypt, you can see it any, everywhere. I'm not going to get into the politics because I want this out of the politics. This, this CAFA was never intended to be a political entity. It never was intended to propagate any political positioning or, or be a part of any political association with any organization that was, that had a political nature. It was simply a venue to reach into our community to do something. Well, CAFA began and again, the thought of a parade. And I'm a veteran, twenty-two years, and I thought, well, Memorial Day seems to be pretty, pretty nifty. And maybe we can have our scouts march in a Memorial Day parade. And when I asked around we have folks that remembered, like Mary Albrecht, that Lafayette, Lafayette, let me correct that, Lafayette had a parade thirty, twenty to thirty years ago. And wow, what a great thing. So I got John Lanzer and of course the CAFA team and we started mapping out and I'm going to again, I want to submit these minutes of CAFA to the

Board if I may, as a public record. So whoever wants to take these. Everything we have done in regards to the Cloverleaf Area Youth Connection and Jam Fest 316, everything that we have done...there's one copy. I'm sorry, there's just one set so you'll have to make copies. And everything that we have done for the Memorial Day parade was generated within the minutes of CAFA. Everything's documented there, when we met, it was documented under CAFA. There was never a time, there was never an occasion where I recall where a committee from Lafayette Township came and became part of CAFA. Ever. I don't know where, again, we began the minutes, the minutes are there. I don't know if there's minutes from this Memorial Day committee from the Township or not, but I'm sure there isn't.

L. Bowers – John, can I, you know...

J. Meliher – Let me just...

L. Bowers – I just want to note the minutes that you gave us.

J. Meliher – Okay.

L. Bowers – They start on July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009 and they go through to I think pretty much current, right?

J. Meliher – Oh yeah, yeah. Well, it goes up through the Memorial Day.

L. Bowers – But the first two meetings are July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009 and August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2009 and we formed our committee in, on August, that August 27<sup>th</sup> meeting.

J. Meliher – Well actually your minutes say...

L. Bowers – I was one day off, I'm sorry.

J. Meliher – Yeah.

L. Bowers – But, but it was...John, in the interest of time, I know that you feel a need to prove that this is a CAFA event, it is. And it always has been. The Township...

J. Meliher – No, I'm not trying to prove, I just want to make sure it's clear.

L. Bowers – Our committee, our committee never, never developed.

J. Meliher – Right.

L. Bowers – And it was in CAFA. The issue has become as long as we have a standing committee, whether it's being used or not, it's a committee. And I know that you and I are never going to agree on this Sunshine Law issue, but the concern has become recently that more than one Trustee has been invited to different meetings, and that's fine for CAFA, it's not a problem.

J. Meliher – Yeah, well, let me explain.

L. Bowers – It's a problem for the Trustees...

N. Shanley – I think we need to let John finish.

L. Bowers – I will.

N. Shanley – Yeah.

J. Meliher – Yeah, let me finish here.

L. Bowers – You know, we have two Trustees in our County right now who are in court in depositions for doing that, so I'm just not going to go there, that 's all.

J. Meliher – Okay, well, let me just finish.

L. Bowers – Okay.

J. Meliher – Again, it was, this, CAFA was for community to come and participate and anyone that came, I invited, in fact I actually talked to Don Butler when he was here and Lee Kehoe. But, again, the controversy that we exhibited up here was atrocious. But anyways, and I knew that wasn't going to work. But, so we continued to develop our, what we felt was we could do for the community and again, it was all documented and it's going to be now public record where CAFA put this thing together. Now, we're, where I, where the frustration began for me and the discouragement began for me, and really kind of shocked me, is when some citizens, and they were members of this Trustees, wanted to help and do something and I invited them to the meeting, the last CAFA meeting. And I sent out a text, an email saying come. I know Bryon is already gotten involved trying to get the little league involved in the Memorial Day parade and I hope a lot of people get involved in it. Because I think it's a great event. But the first thing that happened when I sent that out was a email, almost a, probably a paraphrase if not a quote of the Sunshine Law. It was a wall that was raised and, in a citizen being able to come to CAFA that has no political affiliation, was not generated, was not started by this Board of Trustees. And so it frustrated me that here again we've got politics, I think, trying to enter. And I don't want this to be a political issue. I did not come here to state a political stance. Alls I want is people that want to come to participate in a meeting or in an event for the community to have an open discussion, an open table, and nothing and no one left out. No one. All should be able to come.

L. Bowers – Thank you.

J. Meliher – And it just bothered me, so I thank you for your time.

L. Bowers – Thank you, John.

J. Meliher – Letting me explain it.

L. Bowers – Please stay, cause I know you're gonna want to respond to this.

J. Meliher – Alright.

L. Bowers – I understand your frustration. It's my frustration as well and I'm the one who sent the

email out reminding my Board members we have in open meeting discussed this event and approved funding from the Township for this event. I am certain that the framers of the law did not envision this kind of an issue being a problem, but as long as there is a meeting where Trustees are called to attend, and the invitation was to Trustees, and even if it wasn't, it's not a problem for CAFA, it's a problem for our Board. We are Trustees and I know Nanci and I are going to disagree on this, Bryon and I interestingly enough ran into three County Prosecutors down in Columbus, our own, and had kind of a conversation about it. The difficulty becomes for the Trustees. There's no way we can take it out of the realm of public business no matter how minuscule that is if we have appropriated funds, and if someone wants to take a shot at us for violating the Sunshine Law, as silly as that may seem, they can do that. I'm the President of the Board, I have a responsibility to remind my Board, and I included you in that, we need to take a look at this and we need to be careful. And do that end, I said, you know what, I'll just step back, cause I've been going to those meetings, and let somebody else go for awhile. All you've got to do is call me and tell me what you want me to do or I can make it a public meeting, tell me what you want me to do, not a problem. Didn't want to make it a problem but this Board has to be aware of it. And if you think that it's silly, there are two Trustees in Medina County right now who have been in depositions for weeks, there's been a suit filed against them in the Medina County Common Pleas Court and the basis of that was that they left meetings and went to a restaurant, two of them, with residents that attended the meeting and it's a violation. And it's a, and they're going to be in court on that. Now I don't know what the outcome of that's going to be, but I certainly don't want my Board to be there over a parade, John. It wasn't meant to put up a wall. You know that anytime you need anything from me, just give me a call, but have an obligation to caution my Board to be careful and we've been told that even dissolving this committee of record, that may or may not should have been, you know, in the very beginning, that's what I did, whether I should have to not, that's what I did. But even dissolving it doesn't cure the problem. You know, we are a Board of Trustees; if we were just coming to CAFA for normal stuff, no problem. This is something that we've taken action on and is in our minutes and is in our record. We're stuck with it. Not you, us. Sorry. And you know what, when we take an oath we say that we'll uphold the laws of the State of Ohio. Not the ones that we think are silly, but, I mean, you know, we don't have a choice, the laws are the laws. We got to follow them. Sorry about that. I don't like it anymore than you do and like I said, you know, I'll stay back, somebody else can go. Not a problem.

J. Meliher – I'll just say one last thing.

L. Bowers – I know.

J. Meliher – I didn't ask...

L. Bowers – That's why I wanted you to...you can have the last word, its okay.

J. Meliher – I didn't ask for the appropriations of the money.

L. Bowers – I understand that.

J. Meliher – So...

L. Bowers – Wasn't my idea either.

J. Meliher – Right. So, you know, I did not come to the Board of Trustees to acquire any funding.

L. Bowers – I understand that.

J. Meliher – This was all through donations to make this thing work.

L. Bowers - I understand that.

J. Meliher – If there was actions taken, it was taken by...

L. Bowers – Our Board.

J. Meliher – Without any interaction with me, as ...

L. Bowers – I understand.

J. Meliher – the Chair for ...

L. Bowers – But we're stuck with what we did.

J. Meliher – Yeah, but I'm just saying, we didn't talk.

L. Bowers – Yeah, but we're stuck with what we did.

J. Meliher – And we didn't communicate to, to make sure that what we were doing.

L. Bowers – But you were aware.

N. Shanley – What did we fund...

L. Bowers – You were aware.

N. Shanley – What did we fund for the parade? Let me just ask. What did we fund?

L. Bowers – You were aware that we were budgeting.

N. Shanley – For the parade as a Board?

J. Meliher – Well, I don't know. I'm hearing...

L. Bowers – Just the tent.

J. Meliher – Like \$400.00 is what you had funded. I don't know.

L. Bowers – We budgeted a total of \$500 and we envisioned that would be enough to take care of the Halloween Party and the tent for the...

J. Meliher – Okay.

L. Bowers – It was donated last year.

N. Shanley – So that’s a small piece of, the rest of it is...

L. Bowers – Yeah, not much.

N. Shanley – The rest of it is resident based and resident funded?

L. Bowers – But it is what it is.

J. Meliher – Yeah, so, I guess what I’m hearing then, is that we’ve taken some action up here that is now caused a...see this is why I don’t like politics involved.

B. Macron – Me neither, John.

L. Bowers – We don’t always, we don’t always like it either, John.

J. Meliher – I mean, do you see...

L. Bowers – But we’re stuck with it.

J. Meliher – See, we started something good for our community. And you see how sour it can get?

N. Shanley – Um-hum.

J. Meliher – With just starting something good that we wanted to do with citizens of our community and somehow politics finds its way in through the cracks and that wasn’t intended here. It was intended to be a citizens of this community working together to, to form something good for the people of this community and here we’ve got politics already integrated into something that was not intended to be a political event. And that frustrates me, folks. It really does. And I hope, you know...

L. Bowers – I think it frustrates all of us, too, John.

J. Meliher – I hope that you understand. This is not just something that I’ve, you know, I would not come here, I don’t want to be here to do this but I just feel it...important. Simply because we’ve taken something good and we’ve turned it into something sour. And where citizens of this community, no matter what they, who they are, can participate in something good and rally around something good for our community and I think that’s...one, it’s egregious, it is horrific to allow politics to enter into something good. And I hope that you folks make a voice and stand against the politics that involve something for our community that has no rea...no business being there. None.

L. Bowers – What would you have us do? I mean...I don’t understand why...

N. Shanley – Let me, if I could say something here. May I say some...

L. Bowers – Well, let me finish.

J. Meliher – I'm backing out of here.

L. Bowers – I don't understand why it's sour.

N. Shanley – Let me just...

J. Meliher – I'm leaving. We're done.

N. Shanley – I think I would have...

J. Meliher – I'm done. I'm done. Thank you folks for your time. And I didn't mean to keep you here long.

N. Shanley – John, I have a question.

J. Meliher – So I thank you.

N. Shanley – I have a question for you. I would be an advocate of...the problem I have with one person or two people going to the Prosecutor's with something is that not everybody involved has the privilege of hearing what's being shared and has the ability to speak up. If, I know, I'm well aware of the Sunshine Law, no one up here wants to break the Sunshine Law. I'm absolutely in support of that. However, having said that, if there were a meeting to take place that would involve you as the founder of CAFA, or one of the founders of CAFA and of the parade and this Board of Trustees with the Prosecutor's Office and we really laid out exactly what is what, I then would have the ability to say, okay, I understand. However, I don't have any assurance that the, what I'm hearing back is a result of everyone having been able to contribute to that discussion and put the facts that they see on the table.

J. Meliher – Yeah.

N. Shanley – And, if I could finish, okay, this to me is tantamount to a new fund raising dinner taking place for the community that revolves around the church that a couple of people that serve on this Board might be a part of. Is that going to become a problem? I mean, at what point, and we're going to supply...

J. Meliher – Well, we do have...

N. Shanley – Dave Figgers and chairs.

J. Meliher – Well, we do have a community outreach dinner, we had a Thanksgiving dinner and there were two Trustees there.

L. Bowers – Yeah, that's not a problem. That was not a problem.

J. Meliher – Yeah. If I were to start a bible study and invite all you folks to come to the bible study

and you guys could come. There's no reason that you guys could not come to the bible study. It is the same; CAFA was generated as if it were a bible study. It was a reaching into the community to bring people together to create something good. And it is. For the youth, we got something good, and we have a Memorial Day parade. Let's just keep the politics out and continue to march here. So, whatever we got to do...

L. Bowers – I don't have...

J. Meliher – So we can all get everyone involved, let's just do it.

L. Bowers – I don't have a problem with having a meeting with the Prosecutor, again, CAFAs not an issue, it's our Board and that's the problem we've got. And John, is it that important that all three of us come to a meeting or even two of us? I don't have a problem not being, I don't understand why it's a problem.

J. Meliher – It's not...I just don't want to see, if somebody did want to come...Bryon wanted to come, if he did want to come, then there should be nothing holding him back from coming to participate as a citizen...

L. Bowers – And I don't think there is.

J. Meliher – As a citizen to help do something whether it's dip out ice cream or, or put up a tent, or march in the parade...

L. Bowers – There's no problem with that.

J. Meliher – He shouldn't...and Lynda, you should be able to be there too saying, hey, I'll get the tent or I'll get some chairs and maybe Nanci would like to come and say, hey, I'll, I'll do some advertising or I'll do this and, and we're going to make this thing real good. And oh, by the way, all of you come and say, hey, I want to do this and I want to participate here and oh, by the way, let's get the Fire Department shining them trucks up ready to roll.

L. Bowers – John, there's no problem with that.

J. Meliher – So there should be nothing wrong with anybody coming to the meeting.

L. Bowers – There's no problem.

N. Shanley – And that's all it was ever going to be.

L. Bowers – There is no problem with that.

J. Meliher – Even if you're Trustees.

L. Bowers – There's no problem with that.

L. Gushue – John, could you wait?

L. Bowers – There really is no problem with that. It's a prearranged meeting, that...

L. Gushue – For ...

B. Macron – John, John, with that being said, we're going to be a part of it.

L. Bowers – Sure.

B. Macron – We're going to take the politics out. We understand what you're saying. You know, it's no different, I did the meeting with the baseball, it would've been easier to have two people there and listen because, you know, I wasn't sure what they were asking for but...

L. Bowers – You can't.

B. Macron – because it was a meeting. There's no doubt that we're here to serve. We appreciate what you're doing and the community supports you, so, you know, you are the backbone of this community. We appreciate it, we know it. You know, did all those emails need to go out? No.

L. Bowers – No.

B. Macron – No. It could've been a simple thing and I think that's what may have gotten you a little more frustrated than...that got you going. But we appreciate what you do.

L. Bowers – Thanks.

B. Macron – Thank you. (applause)

L. Bowers – Done with that?

N. Shanley – Evidently not.

L. Gushue – I just wanted to say just what Bryon said and I'm really sorry you have this sour taste. I attended last year and I appreciate all the hard work you did it, did with it and I hope that you can get rid of the sour taste and enjoy it again this year.

L. Bowers – Thank you.

N. Shanley – Thank you.

J. Meliher – Well, I, let's just keep the politics out, let's just move forward. I'm alright. We're going to have a parade. We are going to have a parade.

B. Macron – There you go. We got the boys,

N. Shanley – Thank you.

B. Macron - the baseball teams are marching. Now we need to get some tanks.

L. Bowers – Tanks.

J. Meliher – Yeah. We're working on it.

B. Macron – We get some tanks.

L. Bowers – Okay, next issue. Sorry, didn't expect that to take so long.

**Comprehensive Plan –**

L. Bowers – Comprehensive plan. Since our open house, County Planning is changing the map to properly color the cemeteries, which we noticed are not properly colored. They're providing another map of the future land use map and I believe we've agreed to amend, at an earlier meeting we agreed to amend the plan to include the current census data as that data becomes available. We received...

N. Shanley – How soon will they have the future land use map because that's integral to the...

L. Bowers – Yeah, it should be done by our work session. I anticipate that. And we received a comment sheet from our County Engineer's Office. I went through that; it looked like a lot of that's been addressed. Am I correct, Karen? I didn't see that stuff that was on there. I want to, I'd really like an opportunity to go over it with Karen just to make sure but that being said, hopefully we can be ready to adopt that at our workshop. Is there any questions or comments from the Board that thinks that we might not be able to do that?

N. Shanley – No, but as soon as that map is available, if I can get a copy, because that, that ties into what I agreed to be responsible for for the balance growth. So I need to see that so I can see what blocks of land need to be.

L. Bowers – Yeah, the future land use map. Actually, we've got a small version of it. The difficulty was it's hard to...

N. Shanley – Yeah.

L. Bowers – We wanted to see a bigger one.

N. Shanley – Yeah.

K. Schoonover – I have one. I can go ahead...

N. Shanley – One large one?

K. Schoonover – Yeah, I do have a large one that I can take out of the packet I have.

N. Shanley – Okay.

K. Schoonover – When is your work session?

L. Bowers – It is March...

B. Macron – March 9<sup>th</sup>.

L. Bowers – 9<sup>th</sup>.

K. Schoonover – At what time?

L. Bowers – At...

B. Macron – 11:00.

S. Bailey – 11:00.

K. Schoonover – Okay.

L. Bowers – Okay. So we've kind of got a schedule for that. Any other comments on comp plan?

N. Shanley – No.

B. Macron – None.

L. Bowers – Very good.

**Gazebo –**

L. Bowers – Gazebo improvements. You probably all wondered what that was when I stuck that on there. About a year or so ago, Joy actually started talked to me about, you know, maybe putting some benches and some paving blocks over at the gazebo and then we talked about how some people do the fund raising of the paver blocks and so on and so forth and we kind of put that on a burner and then Gary Kiszak from our Zoning Board talked to me a couple of weeks ago and said he thought how nice it would be if we put a monument for our war dead over at the gazebo and maybe tried to have that in place and available for Memorial Day, when we have our parade and our event at the gazebo which we all support. And...so to bring that together, Gary and I talked and went over some things, Joy's been doing some investigation on what a monument would cost, Mike Biskup has agreed that, that to a little bit of a plan that we kind of talked about that he would donate the landscaping services and oversee that. We just have to buy the stuff. And my question for the Board is are you interested enough in that that I can bring you a formal proposal at our workshop?

N. Shanley – Yes.

B. Macron – I'd be interested.

N. Shanley – Has there, looking at old minutes, wasn't there at one time some sort of intent to also put up a memorial in that park to...

L. Bowers – Kenny Albrecht.

N. Shanley – Kenny Albrecht.

L. Bowers – Gary and I talked about that. That's still very much on the burner. We had a gentleman who offered to donate a plaque and he's still willing to do that. I had a conversation with him. Unfortunately, wanting to do that became political with our former clerk so I don't think that's a problem anymore.

N. Shanley – Yeah.

L. Bowers – Ken Albrecht, for anyone who doesn't know in the room, just donated tremendous amount of time and energy and long standing gentleman in our community, started, he was one of the original guys who started the little league, helped build this building, anytime we had a fire and needed big equipment, he was always there with his track hoe and...good guy. We lost him a few years ago. He started the dinner dance, was one of the guys that started the dinner dance to fund the community.

N. Shanley – I think it would be nice to have that go up.

L. Bowers – He's a great guy.

N. Shanley – Before or simultaneous to the other memorial. Because I think it's sort of been wait, kind of waiting to happen.

L. Bowers – And also, it also included a, the conversation Gary and I had, a flag pole and that way we could move this flag pole from here and have a nice one over there and one that the guys can get up and down easily and so I will actually put together a formal proposal with numbers and all of those things and Joy's been doing some work on the monument stone and stuff like that and has got some, a pretty good handle on that so I'll bring that proposal back at the work session.

N. Shanley – Sounds good.

B. Macron – Perfect.

L. Bowers – Okay? And thank you, Gary, cause he was kind of the guy that glued it all. Appreciate that. And that's all we have on our official agenda. Nanci, do you have anything else you want to bring up?

N. Shanley – No.

L. Bowers – Bryon, do you have anything else you want to bring up?

**New Business:**

**Service Truck Magnets -**

B. Macron – I do. Just real quick. It's come up before but it's for the service department and I promised them I'd bring it up. At one time they named the trucks.

L. Bowers – Oh, Lord.

B. Macron – And I read through the minutes and I, right now they have the ability, they have magnetic plaques that can snap onto the truck and come off just as easy.

L. Bowers – I believe there's motivation beyond money. I know where you're going. I had no problem with them having them on there and I don't have any problem with them having them on there now.

B. Macron – There is more, you know what, that, the way those guys take care of the trucks, I have no issues with it. I'm going to put out...

L. Bowers – I thought it was silly then, I think it's silly now.

**B. Macron – I'm putting a resolution to let them put the magnets of...on the trucks** when the weath, they can't do it in the cold weather or they'd fall off. They have them, it costs us nothing. You know, they take pride in those trucks. I'd like to move it forward.

**L. Bowers – Second.**

B. Macron – Perfect.

L. Bowers – All in favor, aye?

**B. Macron, L. Bowers, N. Shanley – Aye.**

L. Bowers – And opposed, same sign. Done. Next?

B. Macron – That's it.

L. Bowers – Okay. I have ...

N. Shanley – Executive session.

**Sign Document -**

L. Bowers – one, I have...yeah, we have an executive session. I have one other thing. Dianne Wenslow doesn't know this is coming. You guys have got to see this. Alliss, you've got to see this. We had a zoning meeting last night and as a Planning Commission member, I can tell you that people are like, what kind of sign is that? How do you regulate that sign and what is this mean and what does that mean? And Dianne Wenslow had some people that she works with put together a document that we can put in our zoning book that physically shows every kind of sign you could possibly have on a building and all they have to do is say...

N. Shanley – It's that kind.

L. Bowers – That sign. That's how the regulations, that sign. And I think this is so cool, I'm sending it to every Township. So Dianne, thank you every so much. There is now no question about what a sign is when we name it a certain name. Thank you so...this is fabulous. And I can

tell you that it will be pirated and stolen shamelessly across the state. I appreciate that. I will make a motion to pay the ...

B. Macron – Does the public have anything?

L. Bowers – I'm sorry. Public.

**Public Participation –**

L. Bowers – Anything? We're going to be in executive session all of five minutes, I think. We shouldn't have a decision when we come out so it will be in and out. Joy.

J. Turpin – Were we going to look at changing the March meeting again or is it staying?

L. Bowers – I apologize. I am sorry. I no longer have a conflict and so we can have our meeting on the regular date. That's...

N. Shanley – That was what? March...

L. Bowers – Yeah, ...

S. Bailey – It was March 16<sup>th</sup>.

J. Turpin – I was changed to...

S. Bailey – Right.

J. Turpin – It should have been the 21<sup>st</sup>.

L. Bowers – Yeah. So our meeting can stay on the regular meeting date of March 21<sup>st</sup>. We're all okay with that?

N. Shanley – Um-hum.

**L. Bowers** – Okay. We're good. Thank you. **I'll make a motion that we pay the warrants of the Township when we come back** so Shirley, we'll sign your checks when we come back. We're all okay with that.

N. Shanley – Um-hum.

**L. Bowers** – Pay the bills. **And then I will move that we recess into executive session for personnel reasons, compen, employee compensation and discipline pursuant to 121.22g3. Roll call. Mrs. Shanley?**

**N. Shanley** – Yes.

**L. Bowers** – Bowers – yes.

**B. Macron** – Bryon, yes.

L. Bowers – Okay, we’re good.

Executive Session convened at 9:14 p.m.

Regular meeting reconvened at 9:40 p.m.

L. Bowers – I will call the meeting, call the meeting back to order and we’re going to sign our warrants and adjourn at 9:40.

B. Macron – I second.

N. Shanley – I third.

L. Bowers – We’re done.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

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Lynda Bowers, Trustee

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Nanci Shanley, Trustee

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Bryon Macron, Trustee

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Shirley Bailey, Fiscal Officer