

A meeting of Portage Borough Council was held on August 3, 2015, at 6:30 p.m., in Council Chambers.

Those in attendance were:

Sharon McCarthy, President
Mayor James Kissell
John Morgan

George Wozniak
Jerome Yetsko

Also present were: Robert Koban, Borough Manager; Michael Emerick, Solicitor; Gary Wisor, Engineer; Ray Bowman, Public Works; Chief Miller, Public Safety; Sharon Squillario, Recording Secretary; Amanda Petrunak, Mainline Publications; Alexis Wozniak; John Ruffing; and Jean Kinley.

Absent/Excused: Rebecca Chobany; Todd Learn; Michelle Claar, Borough Secretary.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. McCarthy called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., which was followed by a roll call with a quorum being present.

II. REFLECTION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Kissell offered a reflection. The reflection was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

III. RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

Ms. McCarthy asked for a motion to go out of order of the agenda to recognize the guests present.

ON MOTION OF MR. KISSELL, SECONDED BY MR. WOZNIAK, THE COUNCIL AGREED TO GO OUT OF ORDER OF THE AGENDA TO RECOGNIZE THE GUESTS PRESENT.

Ms. McCarthy recognized Ms. Alexis Wozniak

Ms. McCarthy noted that a request was received from Alexis Wozniak applying for the Junior Council position.

ON MOTION OF MR. KISSELL, SECONDED BY MR. MORGAN, COUNCIL APPROVED THE REQUEST OF ALEXIS WOZNIAK TO SERVE AS JUNIOR COUNCIL MEMBER. COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTING AFFIRMATIVELY INCLUDED MS. McCARTHY, MAYOR KISSELL, MR. MORGAN, AND MR. YETSKO. MR. WOZNIAK ABSTAINED FROM VOTING.

Ms. McCarthy recognized Mr. John Ruffing. Mr. Ruffing informed Council that he resides at 1203 Beech Street, at the corner of Lincoln Avenue. In this area, Mr. Ruffing is the only house that lies in Portage Borough, as the Portage Township line runs through his back yard. Because of his location, Portage Township has tried to make him pay Township taxes in the past; however, he has been paying taxes to Portage Borough since 1986. Since Mr. Ruffing moved to Portage from another area many years ago, he has seen a lot of alleys in the Borough being blacktopped. Back in the 1990's, Mr. Ruffing pointed out, when Portage Township and Portage Borough had a working relationship, when there was any paving materials left over, it would be placed on his street. In addition, Mr. Ruffing commented that there is always an

argument as well on who is going to plow the snow on his street; i.e., whether it be the Borough or Township. The Borough has been plowing the area since he moved to his residence. Depending on who is in office at Portage Township, Mr. Ruffing stated, they will plow where they are supposed to plow and that is all. He emphasized that the Borough has always treated him well and has always cleaned the snow. This past year, however, Mr. Ruffing had to fight to get the snow plowed.

Mr. Ruffing pointed out that he feels that he has been a property owner long enough to have his street at least tarred and chipped. His property is only 150 feet long and he does not feel this is too much for the Borough to consider. Mr. Ruffing commented that he buys a car every three years; and it never fails that he ends up with a broken shock because of the holes in his street. He noted that the residents in the area try to fill in the holes themselves. Mr. Ruffing indicated that Mr. Bowman and his crew have put hot patch in the holes several times but it does not solve the overall problem; therefore, he does not think it is asking too much to have the street at least tarred and chipped.

Mr. Wozniak questioned if Mr. Ruffing brought this concern to the Council's attention in the past, to which Mr. Ruffing replied negatively. Mr. Ruffing pointed out that he was told by Borough staff in the past that the street would be paved a certain year; however, the Borough did not do paving that year. He emphasized that he cannot accept this reason any longer. Mr. Wozniak questioned, up until this point, has Mr. Ruffing been working with the Public Works crew, to which Mr. Ruffing replied affirmatively stating that they have been very cooperative. Mr. Wozniak questioned if the distance of Mr. Ruffing's property to the Township is not being plowed by the Township, to which Mr. Ruffing replied that it depends on who is in office at the time. Sometimes it was plowed and sometimes it was not. Mr. Ruffing pointed out that the Borough crew has always plowed the 150 feet length of his property. Mr. Ruffing explained that from his residence down, the road goes to the creek; and there is an open drainage ditch. The drain is not large enough and there can sometimes be an open drain with water that is waste high. The residents in the area try to keep the weeds down. Mr. Wozniak questioned if the drain is in the Borough, to which Mr. Ruffing replied affirmatively.

Mr. Koban pointed out that in the early spring he and Mr. Bowman reviewed the area. He talked to another resident other than Mr. Ruffing; and that resident was having some concerns with the Township. That resident informed Mr. Koban that he was upset that the Township stopped plowing the area as well. Mr. Koban stated that he did not think that the Borough's responsibility was 150 feet in length, to which Mr. Ruffing replied that his property is 150 feet; and the Township line runs through his back yard. Mr. Koban stated that the resident he spoke with was going back to the County with his concern, to which Mr. Ruffing pointed out that that resident does have an attorney and will be taking the Township to court. Mr. Ruffing stated that if he has to get an attorney he will in that we have to stop and get the concern straightened out. He commented that Mr. Bowman is aware of the situation. Mr. Bowman stated that he does not plow the entire area past Mr. Ruffing's residence because of the condition of the road.

Mr. Ruffing stated that he thought Pennsylvania was a commonwealth state. He commented that he has friends that are attorneys; and they have had several conversations. As a result of the conversations, Mr. Ruffing questioned why Portage Borough cannot extend the Borough limits and take over the property from the creek down to the sewer plant. There is one way in and one way out of the area, Mr. Ruffing explained, so why does the Borough not just annex those in the area and put them under Portage Borough. He commented that when a Township exceeds a Borough, the Borough can extend the Borough limits. Mr. Wozniak questioned, if the Borough plows to the Borough line at the end of Mr. Ruffing's property, does it go to a dead end, to which Mr. Kissell replied that about 600-700 feet below Mr. Ruffing's property it is a dead end. Mr. Wozniak questioned what is beyond Mr. Ruffing's property, to which Mr. Bowman replied that there are two more residents beyond Mr. Ruffing; however, those residents would be in the

Township. Mr. Wozniak questioned if the Borough plowing beyond the Borough line affects Mr. Ruffing, to which Mr. Ruffing replied negatively. Mr. Ruffing commented that there has been a contest going on for many years between the Township and the Borough relative to this matter and something has to be done. Mr. Koban noted that the Borough does not question what property is the Borough's. He commented that perhaps it makes sense to run the plow down the road; and he does not want to get into an argument with the Township and the Borough would be responsible for that part. Mr. Bowman stated that the bottom portion is really a mud pit and would be difficult to plow in that area. Mr. Ruffing indicated that the contest between the Borough and Township has been going on for many years and somewhere a decision has to be made on whose property is whose. If the Borough is going to maintain the area down to the creek, Mr. Ruffing stated, then the Borough should ask the Township to pay the Borough in order to maintain it. He went on further to state that the Borough should figure out how much the maintenance would be and ask the Township to pay them; otherwise, Portage Borough would stop maintaining the road to where the Borough line is.

Mr. Ruffing stated that the other issue that he is concerned about, and which the Chief of Police is aware of, is that there is a concern with safety. He noted that there is a stop sign coming up of Beech, Lincoln and the lower end. There are vehicles coming off of Ash Street that are going extremely fast; and he fears for the safety of people in the area. Mr. Ruffing emphasized that that Police Chief and his crew are aware of the concern, but they cannot stay in the area all of the time. If the Borough would consider placing a four-way stop sign in the area, it might cut down on the speeding. Mr. Ruffing emphasized that there are children, grandchildren and even great grandchildren in the area; and he fears for their safety. Mr. Ruffing gave an example of a recent incident where he was pulling out of Beech Street. He saw a vehicle coming up the street; and Mr. Ruffing had the right-of-way. Since Mr. Ruffing had the right-of-way, he was basically one-half way out of the intersection; and the other vehicle was going extremely fast and had no intention of stopping. He noted that a four-way stop sign is definitely needed in that area as someone is going to get hurt or killed. Mr. Koban stated that he would go down to the area and look at it. He explained that the Borough cannot just place a four-way stop sign. To make it legal, Borough Council would need to authorize a traffic study; and once the traffic study is completed, it would lead to an Ordinance to place the stop sign. Mr. Ruffing urged Council to move in this direction. Mr. Koban explained that in some incidents, placing of a stop sign does not cut down on the speeding. Mr. Ruffing commented that if the Borough Council could please initiate something that would place a four-way stop sign, it would be greatly appreciated by the residents that live in the area. Mr. Koban questioned if there is a stop sign coming off of Lincoln, to which Mr. Ruffing replied that there is approximately 900 feet that is basically being used as a drag strip on Lincoln.

Mr. Ruffing thanked Council for listening to his concerns. Ms. McCarthy commented that this is the first time that Council has heard of the concerns; and Borough Council will do whatever it can to address the matters. Ms. McCarthy noted that Mr. Ruffing brought the matter to the Borough's attention; and Council will address the matter.

Mr. Ruffing departed from the meeting at this time.

Mr. Koban asked that this matter be placed on the agenda for discussion at the Committee of the Whole. Chief Miller stated that he did not know that there was a problem with the speeding until last week. He ordered his officers to watch the area; and the officers did not observe any violations. Mr. Bowman noted that you cannot use a stop sign for speed control so you would need to have a traffic study done. Mr. Koban commented that you can put up a stop sign but you cannot say it is for speed control under PennDOT regulations. The Borough has placed stop signs in the past in various areas for speeding concerns, but they really have not worked.

As it relates to Mr. Ruffing's concerns regarding paving of the road, Mr. Koban noted that we can look at the area, measure it, etc. Mr. Wozniak questioned if any paving has been done in the past, to which Mr. Koban replied that extra paving material has been placed in the past when it was left over from other projects. When Washington Avenue was done in the past, the crew took down some extra materials and rolled it in. Mr. Bowman stated that the street was also tarred and chipped in the past as well since it is a Borough street. Mr. Koban noted that he would place this matter on the agenda for discussion after he reviews the area. Mr. Kissell stated that he does not know what we would do to address the ditch in the area; it is full with water when you have a large rain. Ms. McCarthy noted that this could also be placed on the agenda for the Committee of the Whole.

IV. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

ON MOTION OF MR. YETSKO, SECONDED BY MR. WOZNIAK, COUNCIL UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 20, 2015 REGULAR MEETING AS PRESENTED. COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTING AFFIRMATIVELY INCLUDED MS. McCARTHY, MAYOR KISSELL, MR. MORGAN, MR. WOZNIAK, AND MR. YETSKO.

V. BILLS AND TREASURER'S REPORT

Ms. McCarthy noted that copies of the bills and Treasurer's report were distributed for review by Council members prior to the meeting.

ON MOTION OF MR. MORGAN, SECONDED BY MR. WOZNIAK, COUNCIL UNANIMOUSLY ACCEPTED THE TREASURER'S REPORT AND AGREED THAT THE BILLS AND ADDITIONAL BILLS BE PAID AS PRESENTED IN WRITTEN FORM. COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTING AFFIRMATIVELY INCLUDED MS. McCARTHY, MAYOR KISSELL, MR. MORGAN, MR. WOZNIAK, AND MR. YETSKO.

VI. REPORTS RECEIVED

Ms. McCarthy noted that reports were received from the Portage Water Authority (June); Portage Sewer Authority (June); LMIA (July); and PAJRC.

ON MOTION OF MR. WOZNIAK, SECONDED BY MR. KISSELL, COUNCIL UNANIMOUSLY ACCEPTED THE REPORTS RECEIVED AS NOTED ABOVE. COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTING AFFIRMATIVELY INCLUDED MS. McCARTHY, MAYOR KISSELL, MR. MORGAN, MR. WOZNIAK, AND MR. YETSKO.

VII. BUILDINGS

Mr. Koban noted that Council had discussed the property at 907 Jefferson Avenue in the past; however, no action was taken at a previous meeting due to the lack of a quorum. He noted that Council is being asked to have the Borough Engineer perform a structure study on the property in accordance with the Borough's Dangerous Structure Ordinance 3-1981.

ON MOTION OF MR. KISSELL, SECONDED BY MR. YETSKO, COUNCIL UNANIMOUSLY AUTHORIZED THE BOROUGH ENGINEER TO PERFORM A STRUCTURAL STUDY ON THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 907 JEFFERSON AVENUE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BOROUGH'S DANGEROUS STRUCTURE ORGINANCE 3-1981. COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTING

AFFIRMATIVELY INCLUDED MS. McCARTHY, MAYOR KISSELL, MR. MORGAN, MR. WOZNIAK, AND MR. YETSKO.

VIII. SUMMERFEST REQUESTS

Ms. McCarthy noted that a request was received from the Portage Rotary extending an invitation to the Mayor and members of Council to participate in the Summerfest Parade on August 8. After discussion, Council indicated that there would be members of Council that would be participating.

Additionally, Ms. McCarthy commented, the Rotary has asked permission and assistance to temporarily block off a portion of Main Street while the parade is in progress.

ON MOTION OF MR. WOZNIAK, SECONDED BY MR. KISSELL, COUNCIL UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE REQUEST OF THE ROTARY TO BLOCK A PORTION OF MAIN STREET FOR THE SUMMERFEST PARADE. COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTING AFFIRMATIVELY INCLUDED MS. McCARTHY, MAYOR KISSELL, MR. MORGAN, MR. WOZNIAK, AND MR. YETSKO.

IX. 125th ANNIVERSARY BANNER

Mr. Koban noted that Ms. Claar had emailed to Council members last week a proposed draft of the 125th anniversary banner. Suggested changes by Council members of the draft were to specify Portage Borough versus just Portage as it is the Borough's 125th anniversary; use of the Borough logo versus the mustang; removal of Portage, PA, and turning the replica of the flag on the banner so that the stars are on the left. Mr. Koban noted that the banner would then read, "Welcome to Portage Borough, Celebrating our 125th Year, Est. 1890." Mr. Kissell stated that the cost of the banner would be \$235, to which Ms. McCarthy pointed out that Council had approved the purchase of the banner at a previous meeting up to a certain cost. Mr. Morgan questioned where the banner will be hung, to which Mr. Koban replied that it will be hung on the dance studio building. Mr. Koban stated that he would ask Ms. Claar to email Mr. Kissell the appropriate Borough logo to be used.

X. REPORTS

A. Borough Manager

Mr. Koban commented that a copy of his report was provided to Council prior to the meeting.

As it relates to the Simala property, Mr. Koban informed Council that he and Mr. Bowan did review the property. He explained that the property sets at the bottom of the hill and receives all of the water run-off. The drain comes under the road and during a heavy rain it disperses the water onto the property. With some crude measurements, it was determined that the pipe is in the Borough right-of-way but ends on the Simala property. It is an 18" pipe; and the pipe takes a good amount of water, comes out and goes down the ditch and settles. Mr. Koban pointed out that we have other properties that were developed up the road from the Simala property; and they are in the same type of area at the bottom of the hill. The water flows down the hill and you cannot stop it, so it is a constant struggle with the water. After reviewing the property, Mr. Koban pointed out, we could do a project in-house with an estimated \$1,000 for pipe, \$1,000 for labor, material, shale, etc., to possibly address the property; but doing this would only move the issue to the next property.

Mr. Wozniak questioned if we could run the water somewhere, to which Mr. Bowman replied that we could run the water another 160 feet down to the railroad tracks. Mr. Koban pointed out this would probably cost about \$6,000 if we were to run the pipe that distance.

Mr. Koban pointed out that the Simala's stated they had an appraisal done; and it was approximately \$5,000 - \$6,000 for that piece of property; however, Mr. Koban does not feel that this is the worth of the property. He pointed out that no matter what we do the property is still in a low lying area. One of the neighbors in that area stated that it is really just a swamp land in that all of the water comes off the hill and goes into the undeveloped area, which will be an ongoing problem.

Mr. Koban commented that one recommendation would be to put approximately 80 feet of pipe in and send the water down the road, which would disperse the water to the next property. Another recommendation he would have is to offer \$2,000 for the property and the Borough take over the property with the hope that it is not developed because it is always going to be a problem to the Borough to maintain it. Mr. Koban pointed out that we could make the offer of \$2,000; however, if the offer is turned down, we could tell the owner that the Borough will do the repairs only if the property is sold to someone else. Mr. Kissell stated that, if we ran the pipe down to the railroad bed, it may cause problems for the railroad if the water washes out the rail bed, to which Mr. Bowman agreed. Mr. Bowman stated that we would have to bore underneath the railroad so this did not occur. Mr. Kissell questioned if there is a main storm line in that area that the school put in, to which Mr. Bowman replied affirmatively stating that it runs the alley between High Street and McClellan Street.

Ms. McCarthy stated that the options would be to put in the pipe for approximately \$2,000 or offer \$2,000 for the property and take it over. Mr. Koban stated that the third option would be to agree to extend the pipe if and when the property is sold, to which Mr. Kissell commented that he would think we should offer this option rather than purchasing the property. Mr. Yetsko suggested that Mr. Koban speak with the property owners and make his proposal of either putting the pipe in or acquiring the property, and explain that even with the new pipe they could have problems. Attorney Emerick pointed out that, even if we put the pipe in now or later, Council must consider if it is buying itself a bigger problem even after the work is done. Mr. Koban agreed stating that the easiest way to address this is to purchase the property and retain ownership as it would then be the Borough's road that we can funnel water to. He noted that the Borough would be on a bigger hook in the future than \$2,000 today. Mr. Bowman stated that there is a spring in that area as well so there is a continuous flow of water. Attorney Emerick pointed out that the Borough would not want to buy a bigger problem. He stated that if the property owners do not want to sell the property, then he would think the Borough would not want to do anything with it. Mr. Koban questioned if the Borough has an obligation to fix the problem, to which Attorney Emerick replied that we would first have to determine that we are putting water on the property, which should be determined by a professional engineer. Mr. Bowman stated that the pipe is within the Borough's right-of-way, to which Mr. Koban interjected that we could dig a trench from the pipe down the road. Mr. Koban stated that we could dig a trench within the right-of-way without installing a pipe. Attorney Emerick pointed out that he does not think the Borough should invest in diverting water to another area where the Borough could have a bigger problem, to which Mr. Yetsko agreed. Mr. Morgan questioned what would be done if someone purchases the property below the Simala property, to which Mr. Bowman replied that they would have to extend the road. Mr. Morgan stated that the property owner may agree to something lower than \$2,000.

Ms. McCarthy questioned Mr. Koban as to what action he was requesting of Council, to which Mr. Koban replied that the first step would be for Council to authorize him to offer \$2,000 for the property.

ON MOTION OF MAYOR KISSELL, SECONDED BY MR. WOZNIAK, COUNCIL UNANIMOUSLY AUTHORIZED MR. KOBAN TO OFFER \$2,000 FOR THE SIMALA PROPERTY AS DESCRIBED ABOVE. COUNCIL MEMBERS VOTING AFFIRMATIVELY INCLUDED MS. MCCARTHY, MAYOR KISSELL, MR. MORGAN, MR. WOZNIAK, AND MR. YETSKO.

B. Solicitor

Attorney Emerick noted that his report was provided to Council prior to the meeting.

Attorney Emerick commented that, as it relates to the Timothy Hinkledire matter, this is the second round of right-to-know appeals that has come in the last four months. He explained that this gentleman is a prisoner at the State Correctional Facility in Huntingdon and is looking for records. Two memorandums supporting the denial were forwarded to the Office of Open Records in Harrisburg. One record requested was for a juvenile, and the other was for an adult. Attorney Emerick commented that Mr. Koban had to complete an affidavit indicating that we did not have the records. A decision will be rendered within thirty days.

As it relates to litigation regarding Wyar v. Portage and Kowalczyk v. Portage, Attorney Emerick informed Council that both matters are still pending.

Attorney Emerick reported that we are still awaiting the proposed deed from the Fire Company to review.

C. Engineer

Mr. Wisor commented that he had forwarded a copy of his report to Council prior to the meeting.

As it relates to the Borough building roof, Mr. Wisor pointed out that his report indicated that we were awaiting receipt of the insurance forms. Since submitting his report, the insurance forms have been received; so we are ready to award the project. The Agreement Forms will need signed by the Borough in order to move forward.

Mr. Wisor noted that, as it relates to the Portage local protection project (Trout Run), the project is currently under review; and a decision from the Commonwealth Financing Agency should be made at their September meeting to award the grant. Mr. Wisor stated that he had received a question regarding the cost benefits of the project; and he did forward a response.

D. Chief of Police

Chief Miller reported that he had forwarded a copy of his report to Council prior to the meeting.

Ms. McCarthy commented that the case that the Police Department dealt with in conjunction with police in Canada was interesting. Chief Miller noted that this was a case where a local resident was being harassed via the internet and wanted a warning issued.

Chief Miller commented that the new part-time police officer, Walter Maul, has begun training and familiarization with the system.

E. Director of Public Works

Mr. Bowman noted that a copy of his report was provided to Council prior to the meeting.

Mr. Bowman stated that he was contacted by Tom Cordwell of the Summerfest Committee regarding the construction for the sewer project that is currently taking place and the possible diversion of traffic on Saturday evening as residents are going to the fireworks display. Ms. Kinley commented that she thinks the construction project may be a concern; and perhaps we should divert traffic down Gillespie Avenue. Mayor Kissell questioned if we should perhaps have a temporary detour sign for Saturday evening. Mr. Koban stated that you can still travel on streets in question. You would want to have traffic slow down and use caution. Mr. Kissell stated that there could be a possible bottleneck between Cambria and Blair. Mr. Koban stated that, even if we place detour signs, drivers may ignore them. He pointed out, however, that he does believe we should use some caution signs. Mr. Bowman stated that we could have the contractor park the equipment on Hammers Street rather than Caldwell Avenue.

Mr. Bowman apprised Council that the street sweeper is in the garage at the present time with a concern; therefore, we will not be able to sweep Main Street prior to Summerfest. Mr. Kissell questioned the condition of the back road to the Park in preparation for Summerfest, to which Mr. Bowman stated that he rolled the road again today. Ms. Kinley stated that the Township did some work on the back road recently as well.

Ms. Kinley noted that the PAJRC group met this evening; and the Commission discussed the potential of having all traffic leave the Park during Summerfest via the back road. She questioned Mr. Bowman if it would be possible for him to provide some one-way signs that could be used. Ms. Kinley noted that there would be a security guard located near the cannon to direct traffic. Ms. McCarthy questioned Chief Miller if he was comfortable with this action, to which Chief Miller replied affirmatively. Mr. Bowman stated that he would provide some temporary signage that could be used. Ms. Kinley commented that we will need to allow the classic cars to exit via the front entrance of the Park on Sunday.

XI. EMA UPDATE

Mr. Wozniak apprised Council that during a recent event relative to a suspected shooting at RD's, he did contact Mayor Kissell and Ms. McCarthy concerning this. He also contacted Chief Miller. The concern was that, if it was a true shooting and the shooter was not under arrest, was there anything that should be done on the EMA side if there was a suspect at large. Before anything further took place, however, Mayor Kissell found that it was a quad accident with a branch snapping.

Mr. Wozniak noted that there was also the matter of the power outages that occurred on July 26 in certain wards. He discussed this matter with Mayor Kissell as well as it relates to various businesses, such as the Food Pantry and the freezers located there. After investigation, Mr. Wozniak noted, it was found that there is a number for Penelec that you can call. He stated that he did get in contact with the County; and the County did provide a number for a direct contact at Penelec. Mr. Koban stated that the Penelec website provides an update of the live outages and the timeframe for when power will be restored. Mayor Kissell commented that this incident was different in that there were outages in Portage Township and Wilmore as well. Mr. Wozniak commented that, now that we have the number for Penelec, we will know what number to contact immediately. He stated that once he obtained the number to contact, he did call to find out from Penelec what resources had to be available such as the fire company, etc. Mr. Wozniak pointed out that during the incident the Fire Company did provide traffic control.

XII. CORRESPONDENCE

It was noted that the following correspondence was received:

- Letter from the County regarding the Cambria County Hazardous Communication Plan and public meetings being held regarding same on August 25.
- Cambria County Department of Emergency Service – NIMS Compliance Reporting Documents that need completed and returned to the Cambria County Emergency Management Office.
- Portage Rotary letter regarding Summerfest – addressed earlier in meeting.
- Alex Wozniak request for Junior Council member – addressed earlier in meeting.
- Email from Cambria County Planning Commission regarding updating of the Cambria County Long Range Transportation Plan, which outlined maintenance and improvement projects through 2045. A critical part of the plan requires input from residents and stakeholders; and a link was included to complete a short survey.

XIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Koban provided an update as follows:

- Item A: Long Range Plan – Mr. Koban commented that as part of the meeting with PARPC/Township Supervisors on September 21, we need to focus on three goals that had previously been discussed by Council.
- Item B: Comcast Cable Agreement – Mr. Koban indicated that he has started to review said agreement and will be meeting with Attorney Emerick.
- Item C: Update on Proposed Deed from Fire Department – Mr. Koban reported that this matter was addressed under the Solicitor’s Report.
- Item D: Review of 125th Anniversary Banner - discussed earlier in the meeting.
- Item F: Update on Trout Run repairs – discussed earlier in the meeting.

XIV. BUILDINGS

- 907 Jefferson Avenue - discussed earlier in the meeting.
- 612 Orchard Street – no further report.
- 828 North Railroad Street – no further report.

As it relates to properties up for tax sale, Mr. Koban noted that Ms. Claar has been keeping an updated listing of those properties up for tax sale; and an updated listing was provided to Council prior to the meeting. He noted that those properties on the list that may have been up for taxes in 2012 may not be up for tax sale in 2014; however, the owner may still owe taxes on the property.

Mr. Koban noted that there is a structure at 810 Johnson Avenue where the chimney is starting to peel away from the residence. It is a vacant house and the owner lives out of town. Mr. Wisor has been alerted to the concern. Mr. Koban noted that he would attempt to get in contact with the owner.

XV. NEW BUSINESS

- Junior Council Position

Discussed earlier in the meeting.

XVI. GOOD OF THE BOROUGH

- Summefest

Discussed earlier in the meeting.

- 125th Anniversary

Discussed earlier in the meeting.

XVII. ADJOURNMENT/EXECUTIVE SESSION

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, ON MOTION OF MR. YETSKO, SECONDED BY MR. WOZNIAK, THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 8:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Squillario
Recording Secretary