



Cruciani is worried that the ambulance is taxing our resources for the Fire Company. Chief Hoinowski stated that there are two people to an ambulance and only 35 active firemen. The ambulance calls for 2 members, the fire trucks dictate 5- 8 men. Mr. Cruciani asked at what point in time does it cost more to have the insurance equipment and everything else does this drain the fire company. As long as it gets the calls it is self-sustaining. Virginia Kehoe stated that we need more volunteers. It is a contracted service; if additional money was available they could staff more. Herman Johnson stated that we need to come up with a solution. He asked to put information on the electronic board. Sit down talk with the Fire Company and Council has to come up with a solution. Vince Cruciani stated that answer is county wide as full time people as their jobs doing the work. The only way you have a guarantee is if someone does it for a living. Herman Johnson stated that we have enough expertise to come up with a solution or communicate to work towards a solution. Chief Hoinowski stated he needs people to do the job. He needs volunteers.

- **The Gathering Place:** Mary Ann Nichols stated that they were encouraged to apply for the LSA Grant, in order to do that they need a Municipality to be the lead applicant. Virginia Kehoe stated that if the Gathering Place wrote the application, handled the grant and the auditing and the paperwork but it all funneled through the Clarks Summit Borough. We would be the beneficiary of the improvements from the grant money. Improving the first floor liability, we are accountable in the audit. We need some kind of guarantee to have the audit trail here for us. They are accepting full responsibility. A formal vote would be needed. David Jenkins stated we should move forward and vote next week. Vince Cruciani asked about the facade of the outside. Why can't that get grouped into Depot Street? If we have CDBG money available would be eligible for the handicapped entrance and improvement to the area. Next year's money won't be available until 2016. Each year we get about \$80,000 from CDBG money. If they could get a budget item on the façade and a budget item on what the handicapped entrance would cost. That would be a good thing to coordinate. Ms. Nichols asked about closing Spring Street just to the Alley, as we did in July. The event is in August, second Friday. Run it by Chief Chris Yarns.
- **Glenburn Pass-Through/South Abington Pass-Through:** We have signed the Border Realty Agreement now we need to work with Glenburn. Waiting on Dave Gromelski. Waiting for the EDU commission to see if that has been changed. David Jenkins stated that the number is still at 175. We also need to work with South Abington Township.
- **Newton Township Police Coverage:** Vince Cruciani stated that he had a chance to talk to Newton they are not making any rash decisions, they are open to dialogue. They might hire a part time officer in Newton. They are willing to entertain a price contingent to that. There is flexibility in the discussion. They want to go with Clarks Summit but we don't have to rush it is not going to change quickly. Virginia Kehoe stated that they are most likely be around January 2015, weighing all options. Would want us to make a presentation when they have a better idea of what they need. They are not looking for Clarks Summit to patrol Newton. He had an informal discussion with one of the supervisor. Pat Williams asked how many people are going to be talking about this. He is glad Vince is involved but not sure if it is a good idea for that conversation. He would limit those conversations, can't have them talking to

- supervisors. Mr. Cruciani wanted to be able to bring it up to Council to say that the agreement is more fluid and not as rigid. They are open to us attending their meeting.
- **Resolution 2014-25 PennDOT Agility Program:** Virginia Kehoe stated that she provided information, some links. The important thing is that that the President of Council is authorized to sign an agreement attached. Agreement by agreement basis. If we want to do the agility, we want to decide/define what we are asking for, negotiate with the state, and then we set it up. Maybe a committee needs to meet with Penndot, come up with what you want done, what they will require from us in exchange. Bring this back to Council and if Council is amenable then we can go ahead and write the agreement and pass the Resolution. Start with one project. See what the exchange is. Herman Johnson asked if we have a copy of the Agility Program that we agreed with Penndot years ago. To be on the cautious side, do we have anything? Virginia Kehoe stated no that we did not agree to any terms. They required that we pass a resolution so they did work on Grove Street. Now it is more formal. They need a written agreement. There was a Resolution but no contract, no agreement, no terms. Does Penndot have any records? We have discussed before to be on the safe side, do they have anything on record so we are going into this with open eyes. Virginia Kehoe will check with Penndot. Dave Jenkins and Gerrie Carey and Steve Armillay can meet.
  - **Ordinance 2014-03 Vehicle Impound:** If we are ready to vote on this next week. David Jenkins stated yes this should be put on the agenda.
  - **PSAB input on Clean Water Act change:** Virginia Kehoe stated that the PSAB is urging Borough officials to oppose a proposed rule change from the US Environmental Protection Agency that would clarify what waters are and are not protected under the Federal Clean Water Act. Their concern is that the Federal Government is going to have greater authority over public and private waters. If we want to do as a group make a decision on this. This would be voted on. Gerrie Carey stated they should move on this. Dave Jenkins asked if this is part of the Chesapeake Bay initiative. Virginia Kehoe stated that it is bigger than that. They would like a Resolution to use to support them. Mr. Jenkins suggested Virginia Kehoe draft a Resolution for them to vote on.
  - **State House Bill 2408:** Virginia Kehoe stated that a representative for the state in the state house has introduced legislation for a vote. Make the public more aware of their Municipalities business. The bill says that the agenda for each meeting needs to be advertised before the meeting. So, no longer can we do one advertisement a year. Have to advertise 24 hours in advance the agenda. This would be for every committee that has public hearings. David Jenkins suggested Virginia Kehoe make a Resolution not supporting this bill that would only create massive headaches for the boards and all of the people who we have as volunteers on these boards. Vince Cruciani stated that he agrees with David Jenkins but god forbid it does pass, the agenda might be able to be advertised on the website. Virginia Kehoe stated that if that is all we need to do that is fine but the agenda would be shut 24 hours in advance. Public comment subject cannot be debated. Vince Cruciani stated that he suggests a formal letter to Senator Blake and the Governor.
  - **Pocket Park:** Mayor Lawler stated that for the Council meeting she will discuss the plans. She passed around a sketch. Ned Connolly will do the sketching all pro bono. In phase 2 which is the fencing. We used Higgins contracting. The fence needs to be more firm. Vince Cruciani stated that they will have to rip the posts out. Mr.

Cruciani asked how specific the bid on the specs is. On the bid they asked for 200 ft. heavy gauge, secure, top of the line fencing and the back had to be 6 feet. We did in conversation go to 4 feet on the side. The actual fence wobbles. It is not secure. Vince Cruciani and David Jenkins suggested ripping poles out and have them do a shorter space between the poles that will take up the tension. Hold back some of the money until this is fixed. Mr. Cruciani suggested to first cut the part that wasn't done correctly. Secondly we need to get an estimate from them. Third they need to give us a price on how much it is to fix the tension, how much if anything will it cost to fix it. They might come back with something very cost affordable. There is a tree line in front of the fence. The tree line is the buffer from the railroad. David Jenkins was concerned about the trees and fencing and the safety issue with the children. The trees will be the buffer. The pavilion is in the PPL rite a way. We were going to move it to Veteran's Park. We talked about getting a price on that. If something happens if PPL is doing work it is our problem. We also didn't have the right to plant trees there in that easement. PPL pointed out just so we know that it is illegally there.

**3. REVIEW OF AUGUST 6, 2014 AGENDA**

**4. ADJOURN:**

**President Carey**