

- function of government but they have to take a stagnant pay, but the Rec Board, which is a luxurious form of government, which is well run and efficient, but he can't see a 3% increase happening. Mr. Cruciani also stated that it would be disingenuous to cut the funding that the Borough gave last year. We need to sustain the funding. Greg Pascale stated that there are a lot more facilities at that location. Mr. Cruciani stated that is the problem, they haven't cut back, as the economy has cut back in terms of its economic productivity; our earned income money has taken a dramatic decrease. Vince Cruciani asked when they discussed the budget where did the conversation come about that there was going to be a 3% increase. Greg Pascale stated that a lot of it has to do with budgeting the audit in. This year it was not fully budgeted in. Bill Risse stated that their liability insurance moves up noticeably each year. Mr. Cruciani stated that our rates have also gone up. We had to look at essential and non-essential services. There are services that we prefer to have more of that we can't have as much as we'd like. Greg Pascale stated that if Vince Cruciani wanted to come to a AAJRB meeting or go over the budget with him to see where the money is being spend he'd be glad to. Bill Risse gave examples on how they have cut costs at the park. Mr. Cruciani stated that he knows they are running the park efficiently, that is not his criticism. Mr. Cruciani asked about raising fees for the Community Garden or if there was a fishing fee for example, instead of using tax payer money makes it more user based. Bill Risse stated that the time for this conversation was in October, November or December 2014. They found out they weren't funded until the end of January 2015. They are into their budget and the other municipalities have funded their increase. The board has used the user fees to make capital improvements to the park. They are asking for this year as the other municipalities did, bring everyone onto the same page. Vince Cruciani stated that they might want to consider making their fiscal year March to March so they bet on the municipal budget going along with what they ask.
- **Sarah Dawgert – Depot Street Pocket Park:** Sarah Dawgert stated that about a year and a half ago, the pocket park idea started and since then they have made great strides and they are in the final stages. She passed out a drawing that Johnson College prepared. David Jenkins asked what they will be using. Ms. Dawgert said that they would be using either pavement or concrete. Vince Cruciani asked about the walkway. Some places have had the idea of using dedicated bricks; don't know if that is a way of funding it, just an idea. Sarah stated that there were concerns about walking on bricks or them cracking. It needs to be accessible and be weather sustaining. There are more fundraisers and grants coming down the roads. Mayor Lawler stated that all that you see so far has been done through grant raising or fund raising. That has cost the Borough nothing. They are hoping that can happen soon so they can use the park in the spring of 2015. The DPW can be of great value. Help and advice to make sure everything is happening the way it should. Vince Cruciani discussed the Shade Tree Commission and stated that as the budgeting and fiscal matters get more and more difficult, one avenue that he sees so that the Shade Tree Commission can not only sustain but grow, is we need to investigate the ability to have some form of quick pro quo between the Borough, the residents and the Shade Tree Commission in which certain plantings can alleviate our Chesapeake Watershed demands. Plantings by the Borough residents will fulfill the Shade Tree's requirements and we would be able to give them perhaps a break on their sewer which is what we use to fund those demands. The was to sustain this is to give the residents an incentive to purchase the material for the planting so we can give them a rebate or a discount and then the Borough can fulfill its own requirements. Vince Cruciani stated that by 2017 we should have some kind of plan in place. Bill Risse commented that somebody has to talk with the school district. Donna Zagraban stated that they have been in front of the school board twice. The grounds management made the decision not to plant any more trees. Patty Lawler stated that the school district was very responsive when they helped with the phone book recycling program. Dave Jenkins suggested maybe putting a note about this on the sewer bill.
 - **Cloud backup system:** Virginia Kehoe stated that she is more than fine holding off on this discussion for one more month, until May 2015.
 - **Letter to county re: Gerard:** Council wanted to send a letter to the County Commissioners to thank them for Gerard's evolvement. Ms. Kehoe did draft something if they want to take a look at it. Typo error was corrected.
 - **Refinance paving loan:** Jim Burke provided information; Wayne bank is offering to refinance our paving loan down to 1.99%. With the lower interest rate we have two options. We could continue the same maturity and pay \$6,400 a month or we can keep the same payments and payoff it off faster. David Jones asked if we would have the finance committee's recommendation for this. Ms. Kehoe said yes they already met about this. Keep in consideration the debt service, on the Grandview debt

because we will not have the money to be able to do the maturity with the interest rate that we currently have. Foolish to try to do the 46 month one, the 60 month maturity is the wise option here.

- **EMA Director:** Joe Krott, EMA Coordinator, told Virginia Kehoe that he needs to resign from this position as he feels he is unable to give the time necessary for the position. Herman Johnson brought up Bob Bass and David Jenkins stated that he thinks that is a bad move, Vince Cruciani said this should be saved for executive session as this is a personnel issue.
- **EMA office:** The EMA office has a lot of equipment and furniture. Herman Johnson was asked if he wanted to reclaim anything that he has in the office, Mr. Johnson said no. David Jenkins asked if there is anything that the fire company could use. Ms. Kehoe asked for permission for the DPW pull everything out and see if there are groups like the fire company or our office that can use anything functional. David Jenkins asked if he can go in before the DPW and mark or tag something if it can be used at the fire company. Herman Johnson stated that the DPW and the Police Department first because there are radios. The fire company could make use of the radio down there more than the DPW. If the Gathering Place gets enough funds to do their remodeling we have to move the EMA out of that office anyway. There was a suggestion that the fire company would be a good place to have the EMA office. David Jenkins stated that there is no room over at the fire company for an EMA office. Herman Johnson stated that the Governor suggests that the EMA coordinator should be in every Municipality, before you give things away, why don't we see if we are going to appoint someone and see if he would need that equipment. He would rather see a new EMA officer have first dibs. Police Department and DPW should have first choice as this equipment belongs to the Borough as there is taxpayer money involved. Ms. Kehoe stated that we can wait until there is more information concerning an EMA Coordinator. The DPW could itemize and store items also. There are certifications and courses that you have to take within a certain timeframe to be qualified as an EMA director. The EMA director does not have to reside in the Borough.
- **2016 Paving:** Virginia Kehoe stated that we have already bid out the 2015 paving, if public works could make a recommendation for 2016 paving it would go a long way into determining where the DPW would do the storm water work this summer. Vince Cruciani stated that due to the fact that last year we received a substantial cost increases that we didn't expect. If we can figure out a way to line item with add-ons, yes or no, that would be great. This way if the paving bid is over the budgeted amount we wouldn't have to go through a change order or a political process to get what we need. Herman Johnson asked how many streets we are thinking about doing. Virginia Kehoe stated that \$110,000 is a good number to work with. David Jenkins asked about the alleyway by Powell is going to be paved for sure. Ms. Kehoe stated that yes that alley is on the list. David Jenkins asked why. Ms. Kehoe stated that we had a debate about this last month and it was decided to leave it on. David Jenkins asked why pave an alleyway. Vince Cruciani stated that several people have their house assess points on that road. Herman Johnsons stated that he also objected to paving an alleyway when there are so many streets that need paving. Ms. Kehoe stated that with all of the calls she fields this alleyway is one of the biggest complaints. Herman Johnson stated there were 4 or 5 really big potholes on Nelson and last year or the year before; a lady tripped and hurt her knee. How to we pave an alleyway when there is a street that is real bad and a resident got hurt. David Jenkins stated that he has been an opponent of paving that alleyway. Vince Cruciani stated that priority wise he understands the agreement, there is some form of responsibility to the alleyway. David Jenkins stated that the reason this alleyway was paved from the beginning was because a person who was sitting on this building had property at this location and there was extra money, so it got done. It has already been bid out to pave.

3. REVIEW OF APRIL 1, 2015 AGENDA

4. ADJOURN:

President Carey