

month and we can keep the balance and if she paid off the principal, the penalties would get waived but not until the principal is paid off. Hold the balance of the debt until it is paid off and charge the fee of \$160. It gives her the opportunity to pay everything back and not have the taxpayer take a loss, keep her in the home. And if she didn't remain in the home then the homeowner would be responsible. Virginia Kehoe stated that she wanted Charlotte to be aware of it once we sent up a new payment plan, if she defaults, a new shut off plan begins, she would need to come and talk to someone before there is a problem, not after. Virginia Kehoe stated that she can turn the water on tomorrow and Council can ratify this at the Council meeting in May. David Jenkins stated that if everyone is in mutual agreement than he thinks Virginia could turn the water on. David Jenkins stated that as long as we have four votes from Council that they would agree to turn the water back on that should be ok. Virginia Kehoe will be acting on good faith through this discussion with Council. Ms. Kehoe stated that the agreement is Charlotte Bellas would be on a payment fee of \$75 and the fees will be typed up in an email by Vince Cruciani for details. Virginia Kehoe stated that she would notify the water company first thing tomorrow morning but it can take up to 72 hours for someone to come out from the water company to turn the water back on. Charlotte Bellas asked when her payments will begin. Herman Johnson suggested June; the payment must be made by the 20th of the month or the day before if the 20th is a weekend or holiday. Will decide next week at the May meeting when the payments will begin.

- **Abington Community Library – Report to the Community - Carol Rubel:** Virginia Kehoe stated that Carol Rubel is our alternate on the Civil Service Commission but she is here to give a report on the library. She is leaving a copy of the 2015 report to the community, how the library is functioning. The Abington Community Library is second in circulation only to the Albright Library. They have more actual open operating hours than any other hours in the county, 70 hours a week. Circulation rate is the best in the county. The library is an open door, all kinds of access for everybody, meeting place for groups, mini museum, lectures of interest, partnering with other organizations so everyone gets to the library. Pat Williams stated that the people that work there are so thoughtful and helpful. Dominic Scott commends her on their drive for food.
- **March Real Estate Tax Collection:** Virginia Kehoe stated that March is the first report of the year, at the end of the report, put together a spreadsheet, comparing this to previous years, from the time period of March through December. The March 2015 collection is the best on since 2009 and before. Vince Cruciani stated that obviously there is a trend from 2009 moving forward with one exception in 2013 and Kathy Drake is doing a good job but it is not clearly going up. Considering what happened in September of 2008, Mr. Cruciani wonders if it is moving up from 2009 for that reason. Ms. Kehoe stated that she doesn't know what to expect for the rest of the year. Dominic Scott stated that she is depositing the money she is collecting the money quicker. Gerrie Carey stated that she has until May 10, 2015 to get her report in.
- **Ordinance 2015-05 Truck Financing:** Virginia Kehoe stated that Council adopted the truck financing a couple months ago. A formal Ordinance is needed. This has been advertised and they can vote on this next week.
- **Resolution 2015-07 Paving Refinancing:** Virginia Kehoe stated that she needs a Resolution authorizing the vote.
- **Resolution 2015-08 Adoption of MS4 O and M Manual:** Virginia Kehoe stated that the MS4 is our storm water permit that the Borough has gotten through the Federal Government, but it is run by the state, so we have been reporting to DEP every year, we had the spot inspection from the EPA which is ultimately accountable to. The Borough has to do an annual report, this is the report that we are sending in to DEP this year for our MS4. It has gone from a couple of sheets to an entire binder. Colwell Naegle Associates put this binder together. One of the things that was mentioned in our letter from the EPA was the failure to develop, implement and maintain a written operations and a maintenance manual for municipal operations. We did have a manual; it hadn't gone out to the staff at the time that they came. We had training on May 22, 2015, twice a year she will have to do this. Asking Council to formally adopt this manual. The manual was prepared using a template provided by DEP so it is DEP approved and has been adapted to our specific needs. Virginia Kehoe stated that the EPA had three issues with the Borough: first was the manual second was the training which has begun and the third is one defect with the approved storm water plan at Caregivers America. There is an end of a pipe there that was supposed to have a hole in it and it didn't. That has been corrected. David Jenkins asked what the purpose for having the hole at the end of the cap. Ms. Kehoe didn't know, she didn't get an explanation of the need. Paul Bartoletti took care of it immediately. So everything that was in the EPA letter has been addressed

- **MS4 Requirements**
- **Biannual Public Education meetings - 8/5?:** Virginia Kehoe stated that we need to do public education outreach. We tried to do this before and received no response. We have to continue to do this. Ms. Kehoe stated that there has to be different forms of education. Public meetings are needed. In our next newsletter, invite residents to come to our public meeting at 6:30pm, have information on storm water and sewer. That also helps with the Chesapeake Bay Initiative. Then we can have the meeting as usual at 7pm. Vince Cruciani suggested correlating this with planting times, have the Shade Tree Committee to the meeting. We can target starting next year, May and October. If we do one this year in August we will be fine. Ms. Kehoe stated that in addition to public outreach, another thing is developing a program for our contractors. Lori Harris will be giving out material with every new contractor; we can prove that we have been doing this. Vince Cruciani stated that this is great for the community members that have interest in long term development. David Jenkins suggested that someone from the sewer authority can let us know how the update is going along. This could all be for a meeting in August. Leah Rudolph suggested that residents clean up and sweep up their cinders and the DPW will pick them up, huge response. That also counts for recycling as well as towards our MS4. Ms. Kehoe wants to make this an annual event. Mayor Lawler stated that with the shredding fundraiser they filled the truck and that will go towards our tonnage for the recycling report. Herman Johnson stated that we need to educate people more because we don't want a storm drain filled with cinders. Target a specific time so the DPW knows when to pick the cinders up.
- **Bid for State St Manholes:** Virginia Kehoe stated that we have 13 manholes that are located on State Street that are collapsing. We need to get in and fix them before the paving of State Street begins. Gerrie Carey asked if our DPW can take care of that. Ms. Kehoe stated that they cannot because we don't have a large enough crew with all of the traffic and flagging that is necessary and the work is not their specialty. Also this is a state road. There are 13 manholes and the state does not pay for any of this work. Pat Williams stated that one of the Engineers, curb to curb is pennDOT's responsibility. So why are we paying for this. Ms. Kehoe stated that they are the Borough's sewers. Virginia Kehoe stated that she had a strong argument with the state as to who is responsible for the manholes; this is our sewer system so that is different. Those bids for the manhole project will be coming in on the day of the May meeting to be opened and awarded based on being approved by Bob Naegele. This was not budgeted for. There are 13 that have to be repaired, with the paving; it doesn't make sense to wait. Herman Johnson stated that we will put out a contract for manholes and roads, the contractors don't bring up the manholes up to grade. They don't raise the manholes or catch basins. Our guys came back and blacktopped and leveled it off. We need to make sure they are following the specs of that contract. Vince Cruciani asked if there would be a quality control inspector after the job is done. MS. Kehoe stated that we don't have a person that is trained to do that. Vince Cruciani asked if Bob Naegele, the Borough Engineer would be able to inspect the job. Pat Williams stated that it is in the contract. Bob Naegele does oversee the project and has a punch list but Virginia Kehoe will talk to him.
- **CVS bond waiver:** Virginia Kehoe stated that CVS is done with construction and open, they have a bond with us for the sidewalk repair. They are asking that the bond be released. Lori Harris and Bob Naegele did an inspection and did find some issues, they went back and addressed those issues and as of today, Lori Harris is asking Council to vote to release the bond next week.

Virginia Kehoe stated that our sister city in Wales sent us an Easter card, from a school there. Next week Virginia Kehoe stated that she is going away for one week's vacation and she will be back on 5/12/15. Jenn Basalyga will handle it and Dan Mulhern will be her right hand man.

Herman Johnson stated that a neighbor of his is interested in Junior Council. Virginia Kehoe did not receive his email. Gerrie Carey asked him to email it to Virginia Kehoe. Vince Cruciani stated that he received an email about hens from a resident. It is an email that is 9 or 10 pages and very detailed. Vince Cruciani stated that he would forward the email to Ms. Kehoe.

Council went into an executive session

Council returned from an executive session

Janine Port spoke to Council about the Countryside Conservancy. Still trying to get this connected to Clarks Summit, she wants to approach business owners to meet a match of what the Borough is offering. They are still trying to get the sidewalks to come into the Borough, by having a visiting center. It will be a huge community resource for the Borough. Is there a budget that the Borough can put towards this? Vince Cruciani asked about the 5k walk and the parade that day. Janine Port stated that it will be in Dalton, won't interfere. Mr. Cruciani asked what the amount projected to complete the sidewalk. They did get a quote at one time; Ms. Kehoe stated that the quote was about \$275,000. Herman Johnson stated that he thinks it would be a lot more than that. Herman Johnson stated that we have our budget already for this year, she can come back for last year.

3. REVIEW OF MAY 6, 2015 AGENDA

4. ADJOURN:

Meeting adjourned at 8:13pm

President Carey