

**BOROUGH COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
OCTOBER 25, 2016
7:00 PM**

The October 25, 2016 Borough Council Special Meeting was conducted on Tuesday, October 25, 2016 at 7:08 P.M. The Meeting was held in Borough Council Chambers, 2nd Floor, 304 South State Street, Borough of Clarks Summit, County of Lackawanna and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Council members in attendance were Mr. Bob Bennett, Mr. Frank Besten, Mr. David Jenkins, Ms. Gerrie Carey, Mr. Patrick Williams, Mr. Dominic Scott, Mr. Vincent Cruciani, Borough Manager Virginia Kehoe, Mayor Johnson, Solicitor Rogan, Junior Council member Ms. Nacole Leonhart and Junior Council member Mr. Will Carey.

1. WORKSESSION: President Carey

2. PUBLIC COMMENT President Carey

• Presentations:

Don Williamson – MMO: Mr. Williamson and his son Gerrie handed out information about the background on how the process works in Pennsylvania for pension plan funding under what's referred to as MMO. Every MMO has two parts. The first part is normal costs which is normally the most inexpensive cost of the entire process. The second part is the expensive part. This is the amortized cost. In actuarial terminology this is the unfunded actuarial accrued liability. The UAAL contains all of the things that occurred in the pension plan in the past that is why the term amortized is utilized. If you have a defined benefit plan and there is a severe market loss like the one that occurred in 2008 and the assets dropped \$208,000 or \$280,000, technically with a defined benefit pension plan you are supposed to write a check out that year to make up that difference. You are allowed to spread that cost out over time. The state of PA allows you to spread out that cost over 4 to 5 years. Several things that took place over the last couple of years in addition to the decline in 2008 are as follows. A former police officer retired on disability, which shortens the period of time for funding. There was also a settlement back a few years ago for Margaret Jackson and there were legal fees associated with that also. Then the Chief of Police retired under the DROP provision of the program, when he did, a large sum of money left the plan that was being accrued in the plan for that DROP provision. Then the stated mandated that actuarial assumption changes be made to mortality and disability provisions. The elimination of Act 44 after the huge decline in assets in the market crash in 2008, the state stepped in and enacted Act 44 it gave municipalities opportunities to use certain planning provisions to reduce the costs to it didn't impact the plans in a very harsh manor in a short period of time, that was in 2008, it is now 2016 and it has expired. The amortization of the actuarial smoothing has been eliminated. So this increase is because in Pennsylvania these report 2 years behind. So the 2017 report will show what happened in 2016 and 2015. Vince Cruciani asked if we have 4 full time officers that are all within the 4-5 retirement range, what is the impact of hiring a new officer in their 20's. Does hiring those new officers offset those officers' healthcare costs. We have certain costs of hiring new officers. Mr. Williamson stated that by 2019 the UAAL is going to be completely and fully

amortized and done so in three years from now it will be gone. Anybody that we hire in their 30's as an active police officer, because they will retire in 25 years is a good thing for the pension process. Act 205 was born in 1985 but prior to that was Act 293 that was in place about 20 years before Act 205. Act 600 was created in 1952. Mr. Cruciani asked if there is a mandated inflationary element built in or is that handled through collective bargaining. If there was heavy inflation would that affect our actuarial table? The answer was no. Mr. Cruciani stated that if the market takes a heavy loss the taxpayers are going to bear the burden but if the market is hit by heavy inflation the recipient of the pension will bear the heavy burden. The Borough is responsible for the process not the taxpayer. It may pass on to the taxpayer. Gerrie Carey stated that this high point is because we have older officers that are ready for retirement, Vince Cruciani added in that we don't have enough younger ones to offset it. That is correct. Mr. Williamson stated that he and the actuary calculate what the potential contribution should be to the plan going forward; their recommendations are to go up to 5%, they are contributing 4% now. The actuary and he are confident that they should go to 5% and stay there at least until the amortization is complete. Every 1% that they can contribute helps offset the costs and the municipality's contribution. Bob Bennett stated that no two municipalities are going to be exactly the same, some are better funded than others, is that taken into consideration. Having a rule that mandates that everyone has to pay 20%, but some municipalities are fully funded and some aren't. The ones that aren't may need to put in the 20% but a municipality who is better funded may not need that, but it is still required, is that fair is that how it works? Mr. Williamson said that is how it works and he can't speak to the fairness. He would have to speak to the folks in Harrisburg to under write Act 205. Mr. Williamson stated that we are almost 80% funded. Bob Bennett stated that the impact that they impose upon us is the same that they would be imposing on a municipality that is only 25%. Mr. Williamson said, no that is not true. The impact that is happening here is because average future service of the officers that we currently have is only 4-5 years, so we cannot amortize or spread the cost over 10, 15 or 20 years. If the employees were younger it could be spread out longer. Herman Johnson suggested that after the Police Pension board meets, Council should be made aware of what's happening.

Shade Tree Commission semi-annual update: Molly Philbin addressed Council with information about the Shade Tree Commission for 2016. In 2016 the Abington Suburban column will continue to be written by Josh Arp. The Arbor Day planning will always take place as it is part of the Tree City requirement. Hopefully they can get the Tree-vitalize grant in for 2017. Herman Johnson asked about the trees that were already planted years ago and they cut them down to stumps. They look ugly in the neighborhoods; do they have something for stump removal in the budget? Ms. Philbin stated that is a huge cost and they never had money for that before. Ms. Kehoe stated that the Shade Tree Commission has been budgeted \$3,000 a year for the past several years. Ms. Philbin stated that maybe Josh Arp could write an article about this to educate people. Mr. Johnson stated that he is only concerned about the safety issues. A lot of these trees were 5 to 6 feet tall, look at kids getting on school buses, if this ever came down that would be an issue. Right now there are 4 people on the board, there should be 5. Ms. Kehoe stated now that Donna Zagrapan is officially gone they need to replace her. Ms. Philbin stated that we have the Tree City USA recertification for 10 years. They will verify the tree canopy count is very

important, the borough is supposed to plant 88 trees a year to meet the Chesapeake Bay Initiative. She would like to promote memorial trees also; she will work with Sally Mahady on that. Pat Williams stated that he would like to work on the dead trees that the Shade Tree Committee planted. Mr. Williams stated that he would be more than willing to go and look with Ms. Philbin. Mr. Williams asked if they have places to plant the trees. Mr. Williams has been told that the Front Street planting is all jammed in; this is what he has been told. Ms. Philbin stated that she has trees going up on Glenburn Road, Colburn Avenue, at the Arboretum, Woodridge, etc.

- **Items up for vote:**

Mayoral position – vote: Pat Williams made the first motion to nominate Herman Johnson for the position of Mayor of Clarks Summit, seconded by Dominic Scott. Pat Williams asked who said no. Ms. Kehoe stated that Vince Cruciani and Bob Bennett voted no. David Jenkins is abstaining. The vote was 3 yes, 2 no, 1 abstaining, the motion passed. Judge Julia Munley swore Herman Johnson in as Mayor of Clarks Summit. David Jenkins made the first motion to appoint Frank Besten replace Councilman Johnson, seconded by Vince Cruciani, vote was unanimous 6-0. Judge Julia Munley swore Frank Besten in as a Councilperson for the Clarks Summit Borough. There would be a conflict until Council accepts Mr. Johnson's resignation from Borough Council. Gerrie Carey asked if they had a motion to accept Councilman Johnson's resignation due to the fact that he has now been appointed Mayor, Bob Bennett made that motion, seconded by Pat Williams, vote was 7-0. Bob Bennett made the motion to accept David Jenkins as Vice-President, while Pat Williams made a motion to nominate Dominic Scott as Vice-President. Gerrie Carey stated that they had two people speaking at once, then Gerrie Carey said for Pat Williams to go ahead and Pat Williams made the motion again to nominate Dominic Scott as Vice-President, Bob Bennett stated that he believes he spoke first, Pat Williams continued, with as he filled that position previously. Bob Bennett again stated that he believes he spoke first. Gerrie Carey asked for a second. Solicitor Rogan asked which motion they are on. Gerrie Carey said Pat Williams' motion. Bob Bennett said he believes he made the motion first. Ms. Carey stated that they both spoke at the same time. Solicitor Rogan stated that he did think Mr. Bennett started it first. Pat Williams said if he did then he did. Ms. Carey stated that they are voting for Vice-President to take Herman Johnson's position. Solicitor Rogan said he doesn't know if they got a second. Bob Bennett stated that he made the motion for David Jenkins to be Vice-President, seconded by Vince Cruciani, vote was 6-1 with the motion passing and Pat Williams voting no. Roll call was taken, Frank Besten, Gerrie Carey, Dominic Scott, David Jenkins, Vince Cruciani and Bob Bennett voted yes. Pat Williams voted no.

Mayor – Oath of Office

Council replacement if necessary – vote

Council – Oath of Office

Resolution 2016-14 Grant Resolution – vote: David Jenkins made the first motion to approve Resolution 2016-44, seconded by Bob Bennett. On the question Vince Cruciani asked who the grant is from. Ms. Kehoe said the PA Small Water and Sewer Program, it is a state grant. Mr. Cruciani asked if it falls in line with the MS4. Ms. Kehoe said yes. Vote was unanimous with 7-0.

Police Vehicles – vote: David Jenkins made the first motion to approve the purchase of 2 Ford Explorers, rather than the Chevrolet Tahoe due to the delays from Chevrolet, General Motors, and go with the Ford Explorers as per the conversation he had with the Chief. We are getting for our buck with the Ford Explorers, we are getting more than \$10,000 per vehicle extra in add-ons that are still going to keep the bottom line below what we would have paid for the two Tahoes. David Jenkins stated that the only thing that will not be installed are the radios. Herman Johnson asked David Jenkins to add onto the motion the new computers. Ms. Kehoe stated that he is asking for an additional \$559, with an email dated 10/21/16. Herman Johnson stated that we are still below the amount of the Tahoes. David Jenkins made a new motion to accept the bid as stated in the October 21, 2016 email which then covers everything that they just spoke on including the computers, Pat Williams seconded the motion, vote was 7-0.

Clarks Green Police Coverage Narrative – vote: Gerrie Carey stated that our police chief has written up a narrative which was due October 21st and the bid packet is supposed to be in by November 14th. Copies of the narrative were made and handed out so Council could review the narrative. Herman Johnson stated that we have a proposal for Clarks Green to bid on their police services contract. In talking with the Chief they feel that with the manpower that they have right now, they would be able to handle this with no problem. That would be a 6 hour day that would cover emergency calls and that would be covering patrolling. In the contract they wanted to know the special training that the Borough police have. All of our officers are Act 120 trained we also have an officer who is specially trained in crisis intervention and a couple officers on the drug task force. Every officer in the department is trained in speed trafficking enforcement. One that is state certified in weights and scales. We are overqualified, and we would not have to put extra officers on the job. They calculated the amount that the highest paid officer makes and the amount that the lowest paid officer makes and they calculated it for the hours for the year, he thinks that we can handle this with no problem and be able to provide a good service to our sister community. Mr. Johnson stated that he knows that there are people against this but seeing as Clarks Green is in close proximity to Clarks Summit, he feels we should be able to handle it with no problem. He feels that Clarks Green asked us to do favors and we ask them, we should at least put the bid in. David Jenkins asked how many man hours the Chief has involved in this, how many hours the Chief put in to doing this. Mr. Johnson estimated that he and the Chief put in about 10-12 hours. David Jenkins said 12 hours a piece, 24 hours between the two of them. Vince Cruciani wanted to make sure he understands that there are no additional shifts involved; it is just 6 out of the 24 hours. Mr. Johnson stated that 6 hours a day is not a lot of time, he feels seeing that we are one of the lead communities in the Abingtons, we should at least put in a bid for another community that is surrounding us. Mr. Johnson stated that years ago we had this contract and we lost it. David Jenkins pointed out a typographical error “track” to be changed to “truck.” They are currently working on the numbers which will be voted on next week. Frank Besten asked how long this contract is for. Mr. Johnson said 5 years. Mr. Besten asked if the Chief in line with the contract, does he like it and feel like it’s good. Mr. Johnson said yes. Vince Cruciani stated that he thinks we need to tie the length of our contract no longer than the length of the balance of the year is plus the collective bargaining agreement because they won’t be able to make an educated

estimate past the next collective bargaining agreement. Mr. Cruciani said if Clarks Green is willing to do that and if it goes to arbitration maybe it will go to 2 years maybe 3 years maybe it will be five, we don't know, but if we tie our offer to the collective bargaining agreement he thinks that would be a more prudent decision. Herman Johnson stated that he understands what Councilman Cruciani is saying but all they are asking is that they move forward with this. If someone doesn't want it they will either vote yes or no. What they are asking for tonight is that they continue to do this. David Jenkins made the first motion to move this forward, seconded by Bob Bennet. Herman Johnson stated that on the question they will give Council a more updated copy, and make sure that everyone understands it fully. Vote was unanimous 7-0.

Letter to Rep. Kavulich re: Senate Bill 535 – vote: David Jenkins made the first motion to send this letter to Rep. Kavulich and one to Senator Blake, it has already gone through the Senate so that is not necessary, seconded by Bob Bennett, vote was 6-1 with Pat Williams voting no.

- **Items for discussion**

Resolution 2016-16 Liquor License amendment - Summit Cigar: David Jenkins made the first motion to move forward with this and put it on the agenda for the Council meeting. This was not a vote just the ok to move forward.

Resolution 2016-17 Liquor License request – Gerrity's: David Jenkins made the first motion to move forward with this and put it on the agenda for the Council meeting. This was not a vote just the ok to move forward. Pat Williams asked how many liquor licenses are in the Borough and how far are we going to go with this. Virginia Kehoe said she thinks we have 6 in town. Mr. Williams said he thinks there are more than that but he is not sure. Mr. Jenkins stated that he doesn't think we have any more than in the past 25 years. Pat Williams stated that there have been quite a few new liquor licenses in the borough, at least 3 or 4 and now we are going to add two more like it is just another drop in the bucket. Ms. Kehoe stated that Summit Cigar is not a new one; it's just amending it to allow them to sell hard liquor. Ms. Kehoe stated that Rosarios brought in a liquor license but there was a liquor license there back when it was a Convenient store. Mr. Williams stated that they are new to the borough as far as he is concerned. There is the sushi place and Rosario's, you can say that they brought them with them but they are new additions, more alcohol in the borough. Being on the mentor court with Judge Barrassé, alcohol and drugs are a big problem in our area, as far as he is concerned we don't need any more alcohol, we need less. David Jenkins stated that Mr. Williams can vote appropriately. Mr. Williams said Mr. Vice-President I know how I can vote, thank you. Mr. Williams suggested that they vote no on this because there is too much alcohol in the borough. Gerrie Carey stated that alcohol is not illegal and anybody that uses it appropriately, Pat Williams stated that he knows Ms. Carey is in favor of this, he understands that and she has been in favor of this through the years. David Jenkins stated that he looks at it as a more revenue coming into the borough, not that it is an abuse of the alcohol. Vince Cruciani stated that it is remaining in the commercial district. David Jenkins stated that Mr. Williams is entitled to his own opinion on it. Mr. Williams stated that this is a valid argument and a valid concern.

Shade Tree Board vacancy: Pat Williams asked if he can be on the Shade Tree Commission. The board elected Molly Philbin chair, so we are not replacing the

chair, we are replacing Donna Zagrapin's seat. David Jenkins stated that he would like to approve Pat Williams' volunteerism to the Shade Tree Commission. David Jenkins made that a motion, Pat Williams stated that he appreciates Mr. Jenkins saying that, seconded by Bob Bennett, vote was 7-0.

Auditor Quote: Ms. Kehoe stated that we had a 3 year contract with our auditor which expired with the audit that was done earlier this year. She got a price from the existing auditor. They did offer one and three year prices. Ms. Kehoe asked Council to make a decision about this at the Council meeting next week. Vince Cruciani stated that Paul Murphy has done a great job with the accounting for this borough as well as his work with ARWA. There was a critique levied last year at not advertising professional services for insurance which he thinks our professional services for insurance are the best you are going to get. Is there a way that this can be voted on in December, Virginia Kehoe said that is not a problem as long as they use that number in the budget. Mr. Cruciani stated that if for some reason some kind of unbelievable auditor comes in and presents it at least the critique that we didn't allow the public a chance to present it isn't here. Mr. Cruciani suggested having a Public Notice saying that we are willing to accept other auditor's quotes.

Buyback of vacation/sick: The DPW contract allows the workers to sell back up to 60 hours of sick time each year. This has been extended to unused vacation time and they have offered this to the officers as well for the past ten years. By paying them 50% rather than forcing them to use the time by the end of the year and then having overtime to replace the labor or in the case of the police offers the unused time goes until May of the following year at a higher pay rate. Ms. Kehoe is asking council to ratify that decision next week. Herman Johnson said as Mayor he would really like Council to think about that because if they are going into arbitration this year. Mr. Johnson stated that he is a firm believer that if they have sick time and if they want to buy it back they should be able to, but he doesn't want to see ourselves in a financial hold either. David Jenkins made the suggestion to move this forward and put it on the agenda.

Zoning Ordinance Amendment: Ms. Kehoe stated that Council asked the Planning Commission to look at our zoning amendment that they adopted last year with lot coverage and for them to give their input. They spent a lot of time and did a lot of research and put a lot of thought into this. Ms. Kehoe will forward an email on the Planning Commissions suggestions. Vince Cruciani asked if this could be sent to Council can she put an email attachment that says existing ordinance and a different attachment that says revised changes. Mr. Cruciani also asked Ms. Kehoe not to conduct business with her role as Secretary of the Zoning Board under her role as Borough Manager Email. Ms. Kehoe stated that she doesn't have another email. Mr. Cruciani suggested that she create one because her roles should be defined as two different things. Ms. Kehoe wants Council to review this and decide if they want this advertised as a vote for December.

Knapp Rd Bridge Fencing: Ms. Kehoe supplied 2 quotes. Mr. Williams stated that they initially started with the uprights on the bridge. He met with Mr. Scondras and the Mayor about the fence. Mr. Williams stated that on Friday he will be meeting with Mike from Mike's Welding. Mike's bid is \$1,750. He will take the ties off and peel it back so he can get in the back and weld it. He thinks we should do this. David Jenkins asked if this is an emergency situation. Herman Johnson said yes, as mayor it is an emergency situation, Pat Williams agreed. Herman Johnson the fence is ready

to come down, if they don't make this an emergency fix, if it hits anyone we are liable as the Mayor of Clarks Summit he is declaring this an emergency. David Jenkins stated that Grove Street is the state, and suggested Pat Williams bring that up on his meeting on Friday. Mr. Williams said that meeting is about manholes. Dominic Scott stated that the Knapp Road Bridge, there are 15 of these uprights on both sides; the fencing is tie wired to these poles, there are horizontal ones to tighten it. According to Mike, by cutting these tie wires that are holding the fence to the pipe it will give him room, and he will have accessibility to weld around, that is making the big difference in the price. Bob Bennett stated that he is in favor of moving forward with this. He personally stopped by and moved the poles himself and he commends Councilman Williams for bringing this to council and he thinks Mr. Williams is absolutely right and he looks forward to taking action on this next week. The can actually vote on this now. Vince Cruciani asked what the overall price is, \$1,750 which includes replacing the bottom bars. Is Council comfortable that Mike's Welding with a price of \$1,750 is a superior product in value than Scondra's Portable Welding with a price of \$2,875? Pat Williams stated that the difference between the two bids is Mike will put at the bottom a brace on each upright that he repairs and he will be replacing the bottom bars, which are now rotted through. Mr. Cruciani asked if Council thinks Mike's Welding is as quality of a contractor as Scondra's. Pat Williams stated that he does think so. Mr. Cruciani asked which fund they will be paying this from. Virginia Kehoe suggested that this is a capitol project, Mr. Cruciani agreed. Frank Besten asked about a warrantee with this work so if things start falling apart in 6 months is there any recourse. Pat Williams stated that is a valid question, David Jenkins agreed. Vince Cruciani stated that there also is not a performance date which worries because of the time of the year. Pat Williams will ask about a warrantee and a performance date. David Jenkins suggested a warrantee for 90 days and a performance date within 30 days. Vince Cruciani made the first motion to accept Mike's Welding at \$1,750 bill on contingency that in writing the contractor accepts a 90 day warranty and a 30 day performance window and that it is paid for out of the capital fund, seconded by David Jenkins, vote was 7-0.

Bob Bennett stated that they are 6 months into requesting getting information for additional streets on the list for liquid fuels. At least we could get money for 2018. We need to clarify that we have those streets belong to the borough.

Bob Bennett stated that he is not trespassing on the responsibility of the Finance Committee, there are three entities that function in the borough, with the office staff in 2015, which he wasn't there for, and Council authorized a raise for the office staff. In 2016, a bonus was awarded rather than an increase in the base pay and they had delayed giving that bonus to the staff for 11 months, so when the bonus is given to them his concern is that for 2017 somebody might come up with the idea that they don't want to give them a raise because they were just given a bonus. That bonus was delayed by 11 months. Vince Cruciani stated that in 2014 they implemented a bonus as well, Mr. Cruciani asked Virginia to look at what those proportionate rates were to salary on the 2014 bonus and extrapolate what that would equal after the 2015 raises to make it a similar 2016 bonus. Bob Bennett stated that for the future, whatever the Finance Committee decides a raise or a bonus that it is effective the first working day of the year. Mr. Bennett wants the same continuity with the office staff as there is for the police department and for the DPW. Vince Cruciani stated that he disagrees with

that. Having it take effect the first business day of either the second or third quarter would make more sense because our revenue comes in in March. Whatever amount is awarded, Mr. Bennett is looking for the consistency of it. April 1st every year is a better idea, giving the borough three months to get the finances together. Bob Bennett made the first motion that the office staff, with whatever compensation they get be effective the first working day of April. Vince Cruciani stated that Mr. Bennett needs to include that on years where they get a bonus not a pay increase, that the bonus be issued. He wants them to know that on April 1st, they are either getting a pay increase or a bonus, seconded by David Jenkins. On the question Vince Cruciani stated that the whole idea is to not have a compound interest, so when you do it over a 52 week period you can absorb it January 1st. They could afford to do this January 1st. Gerrie Carey said what if an employee leaves in June and is not there the whole year, everything can be pro-rated. Bob Bennett is looking for consistency. Herman Johnson stated that we don't have a lot of money, and over the years is that Council does not start negotiations with the police department, the DPW or even the office workers, until the last minute and that is the whole problem. Way before the budget is started they need to figure out how much to give these people and you won't have this problem. Bob Bennett stated that there is a motion and a second that the office staff receives whatever amount at the beginning of April. Vince Cruciani stated that if they are doing the pay increase that should be on the first day in January. Vince Cruciani suggested Mr. Bennett redo the motion and just make it about the bonuses. David Jenkins stated that he rescinds his second. Bob Bennett stated that he would like to amend his motion to the pay raises are given the first working day of January; the bonuses are given the first day of April. Mr. Cruciani stated that a 6 month pro-rated bonus July 1st then another 6 month pro-rated bonus December 1st. Bob Bennett agreed to make that motion, seconded by Vince Cruciani, 7-0.

Vince Cruciani asked if Mr. Senofonte provide the material we asked him for or did we provide him the material he requested to bring the road to code, has that progressed. We were supposed to give him the details necessary to bring a road up to borough standards. That should get done.

3. REVIEW OF NOVEMBER 2, 2016 AGENDA

David Jenkins stated that the term "Acting Mayor" be removed. Ms. Kehoe said yes she expected to do that and to add Frank Besten also.

Frank Besten thanked everybody for having the confidence in him to put him in this position. He promises to do his best. He knows most of the people on this council, and they are all working for the borough and the people of the borough. Thanked council for the vote.

Pat Williams stated that he has a list that the treatment court has done. In the past they have honored Judge Barrasse with a plaque. They have saved this borough tens of thousands of dollars, should they ask Judge Barrasse to come to the meeting and give him something like they did in the past. We have him the plaque 3 years ago. Herman Johnson stated that they have been up there every day and they have done tons of work which has freed up our DPW to do other things. They built the steps, cleaned the creek, doing the poles, assisting in other things. They have saved the taxpayers. Then we had citizens that donated money to do things, he thinks they need

to be recognized. This is Judge Barrasse's community service people and they are getting a second chance and they are showing what they can really do. If we are going to be a leader in the community then we need to show them a little respect. Ms. Kehoe asked if they want to ask him to come next week for the meeting. Bob Bennett asked if they wanted to acknowledge the workers. Mr. Johnson stated that he cannot acknowledge the workers but what he was trying to say was if you acknowledged the judge and the supervisor of these workers. Vince Cruciani stated that he agrees with the Mayor in that it saves the borough taxpayers money but essentially it is a county grant that is coming from county taxpayers because it costs money to jail people and put them in prison, house them and feed them and provide transportation. It's a good program because it helps rehabilitate them but it costs money. Mr. Cruciani stated that it is like a county grant. Herman Johnson disagreed saying that he doesn't think it is a county grant. Mr. Johnson stated that they have community service that they have to do, they have to pay their fines, go to their treatment, and they are paying for it all. Those people are paying for that, not a county grant. Mr. Cruciani stated that taxpayer money was used and we were the beneficiaries of it. It is a good public program, but make no mistake about it taxpayer money was used. Pat Williams stated that they have to buy the supplies who is going to buy the supplies? Mr. Cruciani stated that the labor wasn't free. David Jenkins agrees with Councilman Williams that we get a plaque for Judge Barrasse and the drug treatment court and let it suffice as that. Bob Bennett asked if Pat Williams wanted one for the supervisor. Mr. Williams stated that they usually come together but they give the judge the plaque. Mr. Cruciani suggested something different like a gavel, some other kind of recognition, maybe a clock for the supervisor. Judge Barrasse is a very busy man so to assume he will be next week, they would need to see what would be an appropriate time for him to come. Ms. Kehoe stated that to get the gavel or clock will not be ready by next week, and she doesn't think the December meeting is a good idea because they have the budget and a lot of voting to do. Ms. Kehoe suggested the January 2017 meeting. Herman Johnson asked when we are starting the blacktopping. They are starting in 2 days. Herman Johnson stated that he doesn't know if they are going to be able to keep up their warrantee on that.

4. **ADJOURN:** **President Carey**
5. **EXECUTIVE SESSION (contract and personnel)**