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To: Luzerne County Council Members
Subject: MOON LAKE

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The investment group have requested anonymity at this point. They are requesting Council table any vote to move forward with negotiations to transfer property to the state. They are qualified investors and have the financial resources to make the acquisition.

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Sent: Monday, December 01, 2014 3:59 PM
To: Bobeck, Jim
Subject: Budget

Attachments: 2015 Budget Information.docx



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Jim,

Budget information.

Tim McGinley

2015 Luzerne County Budget

New Expenses: (approximate monetary numbers)

\$1 million – Additional ARC Payment due to rate reduction to 7.25% return

\$1.9 million – Domestic Relations Office – County Contribution

\$1.5 million – Increase in Debt Service due to variable rate increase

\$ 600 thousand – Road & Bridge Positions missed

\$ 375 thousand – C&Y Request to leverage state funds

\$ 585 thousand – Magistrates Secretaries (not in draft budget)

\$ - Corrections – housing prisoners/ New manning positions required for 500+ prisoners

\$ - Corrections – Overtime vs. New Employees

Total \$5.960 million

Reductions: (approximate monetary numbers)

\$5 thousand – Salary correction for Budget & finance Division Head

\$30 thousand – Health Benefit Error for Assessment board

\$ 1 million – Paying 2014 ARC instead of 2015 ARC projection

25% cut to Conferences & Travel - ? amount saved

25 % cut to Postage - ? amount saved

NACO membership - \$7500 ?

Temporary audit help - \$32,000 vs. new position in Budget & finance

Considerations:

Sheriff's Real Estate Fund (currently at \$300,000 to \$400,000)

911 Staffing (due to report completed recommendations)

TIF balance – Who will monitor this process

Moon Lake Expenses (Maintenance, Security, Opening & closing, etc.)

Revenue from real estate parcels (One time revenue of \$160,000 – Dupont, Plymouth, Dallas,

Springbrook Water building, Hazleton bank building)

Revenue from \$5 Vehicle Registration Fee (Requires resolution in January & 90 day notice)- projected at \$1million

Funding for Treasurer's office position to position for reconciliation (\$42,000 + benefits)

Magistrate's Leases Savings (Review of existing leases, Consideration of using county properties for magistrates)

Verizon Tower Lease (\$9000 for 2015, in future years \$18,000/yr.)

Firearms Auction (Weapons in sheriff's possession, 100 weapons at \$200/weapon = \$20,000)

From: Sorokas, Eileen
Sent: Sunday, December 07, 2014 5:52 AM
To: Luzerne County Council Members
Subject: FY2015 Budget Reductions & Revenue Increases

Attachments: BUDGET2015REDUCTIONS.xlsx



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Council,

I put together a spread sheet that incorporates the verbal & written input from councils members on reducing the Budget. If there was a written amendment with amounts, I added the total to the sheet. If there was no line item number, I listed division, department, account#, description, proposed amount, amended amount, reduction amount, and comments. I did not contact anyone for any verification, since that could be consider decision making. This is follow-up to numbers I say I would get for Councilman Brominski. Also, some data is my interpretation of Councilman Brominski and Councilwomen Dobash amendments. My finding were; \$4,077,014 in budget avoidance cost, \$400,000 in revenue, which is \$4,477,014 in total budget reduction. In summary, I believe council should look at the recommendations and make a decision to move forward or drop. Thank-you, Councilwomen Eileen Sorokas

2015 BUDGET REDUCTIONS Fund 100 GENERAL FUND

12/5/2014EMS

DIVISION	DEPARTMENT	ACCOUNT #	DESCRIPTION	PROPOSED	AMENDED	REDUCTION	COMMENTS
13-COURTS	4187 DOMESTIC RELATIONS	590.34	TRANSFERS	\$ 2,063,075.00	\$ -	\$ 2,063,075.00	NOT IN 2013/2014 BUDGET TRANSFERRED TO FUND 495 FUND HAS CARRY OVER MONEY THAT CAN BE USED FOR MATCH
16-SOLICITOR	4151 SOLICITOR	530.10	HEALTH CARE OPT OUT	\$ 6,000.00	\$ -	\$ 6,000.00	PART TIME EMPLOYEES GETTING BENEFITS
		530.30	HEALTH INSURANCE	\$ 87,743.00	\$ 39,947.00	\$ 47,796.00	PART TIME EMPLOYEES GETTING BENEFITS
		530.40	LIFE INSURANCE	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 420.00	\$ 980.00	PART TIME EMPLOYEES GETTING BENEFITS
		530.45	RETIREMENT	\$ 74,660.00	\$ 27,200.00	\$ 47,460.00	PART TIME EMPLOYEES GETTING BENEFITS
16-SOLICITOR	4154 CONFLICT COUNSEL	550.17	MANAGEMENT/CONSULTING	\$ 180,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 80,000.00	NEW LINE ITEM HIGH COMPARED TO OTHERS
40-CORRECTION	4235 LCCF(INMATE HEARING EX.)	530.45	RETIREMENT	\$ 2,242,621.00	\$ 2,240,697.00	\$ 1,924.00	PART TIME EMPLOYEES GETTING BENEFITS
50-OPERATIONAL	4550 MOON LAKE(MAINT REP.)	530.30	HEALTH INSURANCE	\$ 5,524.00	\$ -	\$ 5,524.00	PART TIME EMPLOYEES GETTING BENEFITS
		530.40	LIFE INSURANCE	\$ 140.00	\$ -	\$ 140.00	PART TIME EMPLOYEES GETTING BENEFITS
		530.45	RETIREMENT	\$ 2,960.00	\$ -	\$ 2,960.00	PART TIME EMPLOYEES GETTING BENEFITS
12-DISTRICT ATTORNEY	4194 DISTRICT ATTORNEY	550.72	REPAIRS/MAINTENCE - VEHICLE	\$ 38,000.00	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 24,000.00	NO NEW VEHICLE
13-COURTS	4237 PROBATION SERVICES	510.30	WAGES ON CALL	\$ 58,000.00	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	TREND IS AROUND \$9,000 PER YEAR
		540.49	REPAIR/MAINT - SOFTWARE	\$ 95,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 75,000.00	TREND IS AROUND \$18,000 PER YEAR
		560.33	IPP EXPENSES	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 170,000.00	TREND IS AROUND \$10,000 PER YEAR
		560.41	OTHER TREATMENT & SUPPORT	\$ 160,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	HIGH -TREND IS AROUND \$90,000 PER YEAR
20- BUDGET & FINANCE	4114 BUDGET & FINANCE	550.17	MANAGEMENT/CONSULTING	\$ 269,600.00	\$ 194,600.00	\$ 75,000.00	INCREASE IN STAFF/NEW WORLD ON LINE
20- BUDGET & FINANCE	4137 TAX COLLECTION	550.17	MANAGEMENT/CONSULTING	\$ 36,707.00	\$ 26,707.00	\$ 10,000.00	2013 ACT. 526,369 2014 PRDJ \$0.00
30-ADMINISTRATIVE	4120 BUREAU OF ELECTION	550.15	OTHER CONTRATRACTUAL SERVICES	\$ 456,000.00	\$ 426,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	2013- ACT.5103.182 2014 EST HIGH BY 30K
30-ADMINISTRATIVE	4172 INFORMATION TECH	550.15	OTHER CONTRATRACTUAL SERVICES	\$ 52,400.00	\$ 32,400.00	\$ 20,000.00	ADDING EMPLOYEES LESS NEED FOR CONTRAT.
40-CORRECTION	4233 CORRECTION ADMIN.	550.15	OTHER CONTRATRACTUAL SERVICES	\$ 186,000.00	\$ 136,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	NEW DEPARTMENTS WILL RERESULT IN LESS NEEDS
40-CORRECTION	4234 MINIMAL OFFENDER'S	510.35	WAGES OVERTIME	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	BACK TO 2013 LEVELS AND OPPORTUNITY NOTE: COMBINE # 2013 5704,782
40-CORRECTION	4234 LCCF	510.35	WAGES OVERTIME	\$ 1,200,000.00	\$ 850,000.00	\$ 350,000.00	BACK TO 2013 LEVELS AND OPPORTUNITY NOTE: COMBINE # 2014 EST \$1.2M NOT \$1.5M
40-CORRECTION	4234 MINIMAL OFFENDER'S	540.52	KITCHEN & GROCERIES	\$ 307,969.00	\$ 292,969.00	\$ 15,000.00	note COMBINED MEALS 2013 5950,000 COMBINED MEALS 2014 \$871,533 COMBINED MEALS 2015 \$1,012,857
40-CORRECTION	4234 LCCF	540.52	KITCHEN & GROCERIES	\$ 704,906.00	\$ 669,906.00	\$ 35,000.00	
60-JUDICIAL SERVICES	4195 PROTHONOTARY	550.17	MANAGEMENT/CONSULTING	\$ 47,000.00	\$ 32,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	2014 \$33,000 2013 \$0
60-JUDICIAL SERVICES	4197 SHERIFF	540.22	COMPUTER SOFTWARE	\$ 180,000.00	\$ 160,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	HIGH END NUMBER FOR UPGRADE(\$180,000)
70-HUMAN SERVICES	4491 VETERAN AFFAIRS	599.31	MISC.BURIAL EXPENCES	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	LAST TWO YEARS LOWER THEN \$13,000
95-INTERGOVERNMENT	4810 INTERGOVERNMENT APPR.	590.32	LCTA	\$ 523,500.00	\$ 448,500.00	\$ 75,000.00	est. REDUCE TO MINIMUM TO GET STATE GRANT
		590.32	HAZLETON TRANSIT	\$ 121,000.00	\$ 96,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	est. REDUCE TO MINIMUM TO GET STATE GRANT
		590.30	CONSERVATION DISTRICT	\$ 67,500.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 27,500.00	ONE TIME REDUCTION MAY ASK FOR IT BACK
		590.32	LEADERSHIP HAZLETON	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	LOOK AT END OF YEAR RESULTS FOR FUNDING
		590.32	LEADERSHIP WILKES-BARRE	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	LOOK AT END OF YEAR RESULTS FOR FUNDING
		590.32	MOUNTAIN COUNCIL OF GOVER.	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	LOOK AT END OF YEAR RESULTS FOR FUNDING
		590.32	W-B LAW LIBRARY ASS	\$ 5,000.00	\$ -	\$ 5,000.00	LOOK AT END OF YEAR RESULTS FOR FUNDING
			TOTALS	\$ 9,702,705.00	\$ 6,258,346.00	\$ 3,444,359.00	
			DEPARTMENT 4184 COURTS			\$ 190,000.00	
			POSITION BUDGET OMISSIONS			\$ 144,580.00	
			MR HAAS			\$ 288,075.00	
			MR WILLIAMS			\$ 10,000.00	
						\$ 4,077,014.00	BUDGET AVOIDANCE COST
			CHAIR MORELLI			\$ 400,000.00	REVENUE INCREASE(TAXES)
						\$ 4,477,014.00	TOTAL REDUCTION IN BUDGET

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**I agree. I am happy to speak via telephone anytime as well.
Thank you as always.**

- Jim Bobeck

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To: Luzerne County Council Members
Subject: J P Morgan / 88 million CDS

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Subject: Re: J P Morgan / 88 million CDS
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Please put this on the agenda for discussion.

Sent from my iPhone

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Thank you both for your respective responses.

I did not "express concern;" I asked for clarification, since this is the first ABC interview session scheduled since the Sept 23 revision of the bylaws. The last one was Sept 8.

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Subject: Interviews

Members of the ABC committee:

At you convenience, before the January 12th interviews, please forward one (1) question to me that you would like addressed by all candidates for interview. In the interests of time on that evening, each candidate will be asked to respond to the questions you all submit..There will be 26 interviewees. Please plan accordingly to be available for at least 2 hours.

Thank you.. Edd Brominski

From: Ed Brominski
Sent: Saturday, December 20, 2014 9:52 AM
To: Luzerne County Council Members
Subject: Fw: BLOGERS

Dear members:

This past week there was a venomous spew of blogs on line in the Times Leader. What appears to have started as a series of blogs about the manger's fireside chat turned into an assault by bloggers on the chair of council. Throughout the lengthy diatribes there were some bloggers who began to imply that I was one of them and the result was a vicious attack on my wife and son.

I can assure you that I do not blog, did not yesterday and will not in the future. There are those of you who know my son and wife so I will not offer any defense of them. They do not need it, they stand on their own worth.

I am sure you are all well apprised of my penchant for saying what I feel in the open. I do not need to use a disguise for the things I say or do. I am not Nolanmulligan, Quarterback, James Barnes or guest just to name a few of the names used. I am Edd Brominski and that is what I would use to correspond in public or private.

I have researched the possibilities, in the future, of pursuing action against any blogger who vilifies my family. I am assured that it can be done. If any of you think that I would stoop to belittle behind a fake name, you are sorely misled. I have always been up front and sometimes too forward in all that I do and say. That is not an apology but a fact.

Finally, how many of you can say you offered financial help to our chair when he left his job in January ??? I can... If I was as callous as some of the unknown bloggers tried to make me out to be, they do not know me. Am I bragging? You bet I am because I am proud of my position and the directions I have followed in the past and will continue to follow in the future.

Sincerely, Edd Brominski

From: Edd Bromo
Sent: Tuesday, December 23, 2014 3:32 PM
To: Luzerne County Council Members
Subject: Bond

Chair. Please provide me with the names of those people who are bonded by the county , the amount and cost of each. Thank you. Edd. Brominski

Sent from my iPhone

From: McGinley, Tim
Sent: Wednesday, December 24, 2014 4:04 PM
To: Luzerne County Council Members
Subject: Holiday

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES. LOOKING FORWARD TO A GREAT NEW YEAR 2015.

From: Sorokas, Eileen
Sent: Thursday, December 25, 2014 3:32 AM
To: Luzerne County Council Members
Cc: Sedeski, Annemarie
Subject: Happy Holidays

Wishing everyone a joyful Holiday Season and a prosperous FY2015. Eileen

From: Bobeck, Jim
Sent: Thursday, December 25, 2014 10:41 AM
To: Sorokas, Eileen; Luzerne County Council Members
Cc: Sedeski, Annemarie
Subject: RE: Happy Holidays

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Subject: properties to the state

Chair:

Please have provided for me the exact locations of all property given to the state (pin number or deed a number, town, townships or any other specifics). The total of 1746 acres certainly is not only Moon Lake, The Tubs or the Missing link. There is obviously other land in that total and I would like all the land identified.

Edd Brominski

From: Sedeski, Annemarie
Sent: Tuesday, December 30, 2014 11:37 AM
To: Luzerne County Council Members
Subject: times of next meeting

Dear Council Members,

Was instructed by Chairman Morelli to notify all of you on next meetings.
Luzerne County Council meeting to be held January 6, 2015 work session at 5:30 PM with voting session to follow.
Mr Morelli said to ask if there is anything you would need for the work session?

Respectfully ,

Ann Marie Sedeski
Temporary Clerk of Council

From: Sedeski, Annemarie
Sent: Friday, January 02, 2015 12:25 PM
To: Luzerne County Council Members
Subject: FW: Agenda - January 6, 2015

Attachments: Sbizhub-C5515010213160.pdf

Council,

Happy New Year!

Please find attached the Agenda for the January 6, 2015 meeting.

Thank you,

Ann Marie



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From: Sedeski, Annemarie
Sent: Friday, January 02, 2015 12:27 PM
To: Luzerne County Council Members
Subject: December 15, 2014 minutes

Attachments: Sbizhub-C5515010213171.pdf

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Attached please find the December 15, 2014 proposed minutes. These were tabled at the December 22, 2014 meeting and are on the agenda for January 6, 2015



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Sent: Friday, January 02, 2015 12:28 PM
To: Luzerne County Council Members
Subject: December 22, 2014 minutes

Attachments: Sbizhub-C5515010213180.pdf

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To: Lawton, Robert
Cc: Luzerne County Council Members
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Thanks -

Linda Houck

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To: Houck, Linda McClosky
Cc: Luzerne County Council Members
Subject: Fw: Updated Junk Car Ordinance
Attachments: Junk Vehicle Ordinance.docx

Madam Chair:

Would you please put this on our next work session for discussion and review with the possibility of having it moved to the voting session for adoption?

Thank you..

Edd Brominski

From: [Brominski, Edward](#)
Sent: Tuesday, October 28, 2014 11:53 AM
Subject: FW: Updated Junk Car Ordinance

No. 2014 - _____
ORDINANCE

An Ordinance of the County of Luzerne Amending the Luzerne County Zoning Ordinance of 1964 to Provide for the Abatement of Nuisances Caused by Junk Vehicles.

The purpose of this Ordinance is to amend the Luzerne County Zoning Ordinance of 1964 to prohibit the residents of the municipalities covered by the Zoning Ordinance from keeping junk automobiles or automobile parts on residential properties

BE IT HEREBY ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the County Council of Luzerne County, Pennsylvania as follows:

INCLUDE NEW SECTION 6.15

6.15 Luzerne County Junk Vehicle Abatement

The Luzerne County Council prohibits the storing of junk vehicles on private property that is visible from adjacent public and private properties that cause visual nuisances to the people on the adjacent properties.

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1. It is a public nuisance for any person to keep or store a junk vehicle or any type/ amount of automobile hulk in any district, where such vehicle(s), or parts thereof, are visible from public or private property within five hundred (500) feet of the junk vehicle(s). This does not include private property of the Owner or Landowner.
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3. Exemptions. Persons operating properly licensed junk, wreckage and salvage yards for car parts, impound lots, or vehicle mechanic shops are exempt from this ordinance.

B. Complaint Process.

1. Any person who feels another person is in violation of this ordinance may contact the Division, in writing, by providing the address of the location of junk vehicles, or automobile hulk, and details of the junk vehicles and/ or automobile hulk.
2. Upon receipt of the complaint, the Administrator shall send out a person to inspect the property and alleged junk vehicles. The Inspector shall inquire as to the identity(ies) of the Landowner and Owner.

3. If, in the opinion of the Inspector and/ or the Administrator, the alleged junk vehicles, or the automobile hulk is/are nuisance(s) as defined by this ordinance the Division shall administer a written notice of abatement. Such notice shall be in a form decided by the Administrator and shall inform the Landowner and Owner of:
 - 1) The property declared a nuisance;
 - 2) The time period for abatement;
 - 3) Steps a person may take for abatement; and
 - 4) Penalty for failing to abate the nuisance within the allotted period of time.

C. Abatement.

1. A nuisance declared under this ordinance may be abated by any of the following methods:
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 - i. The Landowner or Owner may make private arrangements for the removal of junk vehicles or automobile hulk.
 - ii. Third party contracted for abatement services:
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 - b. If the Administrator does contract with a person to provide abatement services, the Landowner or Owner may contact this person to remove any junk vehicles or automobile hulk and turn title over to that person at no expense to the Landowner or Owner.
 - b. Fixing/ use of the junk vehicles/ automobile hulk.
 - c. Storage of the junk vehicles or automobile hulk in a garage/ structure as referenced in Section 3(B).
2. Abatement must be completed within sixty (60) days of notice.

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3. The maximum penalty for a single nuisance under this ordinance shall be \$2500.00.

AMEND ARTICLE 11- DEFINITIONS

The following definitions shall also be included in Article 11:

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Inspector- any designee by the Administrator to inspect/ inquire in junk vehicles and their ownership.

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- i) Is ten (10) years or older;
- ii) Is extensively damaged, such damage including but not limited to: broken windows, missing tires and/ or rims, extensive rust damage, missing internal parts.
- iii) Is apparently inoperable;
- iv) A build-up of debris, vegetation, moss or weeds in/ on/ around the vehicle obstructing its use;
- v) Evidence that the vehicle has not been moved in 120 days.

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Person- means natural person, business partnership, corporation, or other organization.

Public Property- means to include any public sidewalks or roads in addition to land owned by any government entity.

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Sent: Tuesday, January 13, 2015 11:40 AM
To: Sedeski, Annemarie
Cc: Luzerne County Council Members
Subject: RE: ABC interviews

Ann Marie:

Please print up the list of recommendations the ABC committee is making for appointments tonight.

Aging: Henry Pennoni..John Sopp...Phylliss Mundy...William Runner... Angel Mathis

Children and Youth...Ina Lubin

Conservation...Leonard Burger...John Wilks

Flood Protection Authority...William Falls

Housing...Charles Adams...Bob Barney...(a second opening recently occurred due to death of John Bolin) I will have the expiration date of Bolin's unfilled term for the meeting this evening.

Lccc...Lynn Distasio

Red. Authority...Judy Barr

Rec Board...John DeRocco

Planning and Zoning...Patricia Persico...Karen Fliesher

Tourist Promotion...Jason Jarecki...Bob Borwick...Gus Genetti

LCTA...Sid Halesor...Lynette Villiano

We have two possible people for the ACE commission but they need to be checked for qualifications ... I hope to have a name for confirmation tonight..

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No one interested in the FF Airport

No one interested in Drug and Alcohol or MHDS

Thanks You

Edd Brominski

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From: Sedeski, Annemarie

Sent: Mon 1/12/2015 10:57 AM

To: Brominski, Edward

Subject: ABC interviews

Mr. Brominski,

I have all the information I have ready and on my deck for you interviews for ABC' Boards and commissions.

Respectfully,

Ann Marie Sedeski

Temporary Clerk of Council

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Please note these questions sent by Mr. Brominski.

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Thank you,

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Council:

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Ed Brominski

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Subject: RE: Tranfer and management o fMoon Lake Park and Seven Tubs

Eileen,

I personally heard about plans for this several weeks ago, but nothing official was sent to Council as far as I am aware, at least since January 7. I'm not sure if anything came in to the Clerk email, but as of today, until a temporary Clerk is appointed, I am monitoring the emails that come into that inbox.

Thanks -

Linda

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Sent: Friday, January 16, 2015 3:13 PM
To: Houck, Linda McClosky
Cc: Bobeck, Jim; Brominski, Edward; Dobash, Kathy; Haas, Harry; McGinley, Tim; Morelli, Rick; Sorokas, Eileen; Urban, Stephen A; Urban, Stephen J; Williams, Rick
Subject: Employee Resignation

Madam Chair:

It is with regret that I advise Council of Teresa Osborne's pending departure from County service. Ms. Osborne, currently head of the Luzerne / Wyoming Area Agency on Aging, has accepted Governor-Elect Wolf's nomination to be the Commonwealth's next Secretary of Aging.

Please accept my apologies if you learned of this news by other means.

I hope you and your colleagues will join me in extending our gratitude and best wishes to Ms. Osborne. We can all take a measure of pride in our ability to recruit and hire an individual so talented as to attract a Governor's attention.

Please advise those of your colleagues who have expressed concerns about a perceived County government "brain drain," that Human Resources will invite Ms. Osborne to an exit interview. From that exit interview, I look forward to learning how we can keep other County department heads from leaving for a position in the Governor's Cabinet.

Best regards,
Bob Lawton

From: Brominski, Edward
Sent: Friday, January 16, 2015 4:23 PM
To: Houck, Linda McClosky
Cc: Luzerne County Council Members
Subject: Records Retention

Madam Chair:

Please select a new representative to sit on the Records Retention Committee in my seat as I do not feel that I represent the thoughts or ideas of the majority of Council.

Edd Brominski

From: Brominski, Edward
Sent: Friday, January 16, 2015 4:27 PM
To: Houck, Linda McClosky
Cc: Luzerne County Council Members
Subject: LCTA

Madam Chair:

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Subject: Contract

Madam Chair:

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From: Houck, Linda McClosky
Sent: Friday, January 16, 2015 5:58 PM
To: Brominski, Edward
Cc: Luzerne County Council Members; Pedri, David
Subject: RE: LCTA

Mr. Brominski,

I will add this to the Jan 27 work session for discussion.

However, in the meantime, we need to contact the LCTA regarding Mr. Chepalonis' term.

According to my records, Mr. Chepalonis was appointed at the April 20, 2011 Commissioners meeting to a three year term from 5/1/2011 through 12/31/2014, which would indicate that his term should have expired in December if the end date stated in those minutes was correct.

But according to the seat history that was provided to me by the secretary at LCTA in early 2012, Mr. Chepalonis was appointed to fill the remainder of the term of a member who died, and that term should have ended on 12/31/2011, regardless of the 2014 end date that was listed in the meeting.

The seat record indicates that the term expired on 12/31/2011 and that Mr. Chepalonis was reappointed to a term 1/1/2012 through 12/31/2016.

However, I have been unable to find any reappointment of Mr. Chepalonis in the minutes of Commissioners meetings in late 2011, and I do not have a record of him coming before Council after Jan 2, 2012 for reappointment.

In short, there is a discrepancy regarding his current status that needs to be explained, as it appears that there should have been either a reappointment or a new appointment to fill that seat from 1/1/2012 to 12/31/2016.

Please let me know if you will contact the LCTA for the explanation or if you prefer that either I or Mr. Pedri do so.

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Subject: Prison audit

Madam Chair:

Unless you wish to request an immediate audit of the prison purchases, I will do so unless you tell me you are prepared to seek the action.

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Sent: Friday, January 16, 2015 7:22 PM
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