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I. CALL TO ORDER – PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

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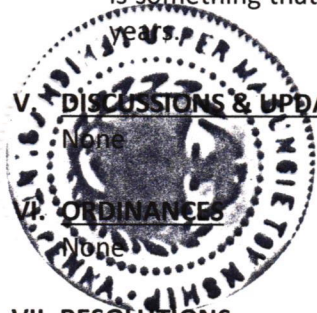
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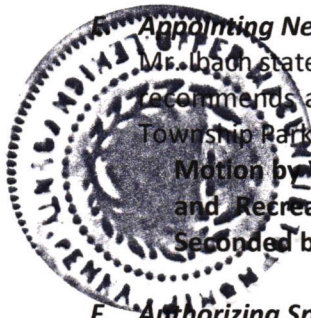
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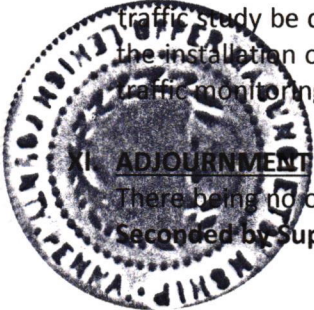
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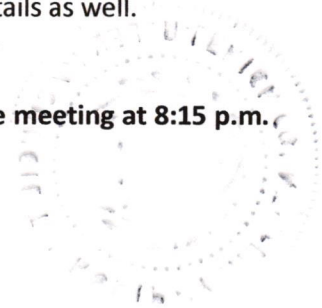
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Mr. Paul McNamar had questions about the sewer-based billing, and if there would be a reimbursement credit for those that irrigate their gardens, have pools or hot tubs that the water does not return to the sewer sanitary system. Mr. Ibach stated that there have been options that have been looked at, but there is not a huge savings, and these options are still under evaluation.

Mr. Jim Caffrey mentioned that he has concerns about speeding on Oldt Road. He requested that a traffic study be done to evaluate what can be done to address these concerns. He understands that the installation of traffic calming bumps would help with this situation. Chief Sitoski stated that the traffic monitoring device has been placed gathering data and enforcement details as well.



ADJOURNMENT
There being no other business, **Chairman Ghai made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.** Seconded by Supervisor Brunell. The motion passed unanimously.



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Motion by Chairman Ghai to authorize the advertisement of bids for the 2023 Roadway Paving Projects. Seconded by Vice-Chairman Rader. The motion passed unanimously.

G. *Authorizing Advertisement of Bids for the 2023 Lawn Mowing Contract*

Mr. Faust stated that he requested a motion to proceed with the bidding for the 2023 Retention Pond Lawn Mowing Contract.

Motion by Chairman Ghai to authorize staff to proceed with bidding for the 2023 Retention Pond Lawn Mowing Contract. Seconded by Supervisor Brunell. Motion passed unanimously.

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Chief Sitoski stated that their Let it Grow Campaign was great success as they raised \$2,380 that was donated to Parkland C.A.R.E.S. Food Pantry.

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Mr. Jeff Sukal stated that he observed there were 14 DUI arrests during the month of January and inquired if the amount of arrest was due to any initiatives done in January. If this was not the case should there be plans for initiatives in the future. Chief Sitoski stated that the arrests were not due to any initiatives and the Police Department does participate with the Lehigh County DUI Taskforce that plan checkpoints.

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Mr. Kevin Tamerler mentioned that when he called the Township phone tree and selected option #9, to reach the Police Department and it was busy. Mr. Ibach stated that the Township would investigate this matter.

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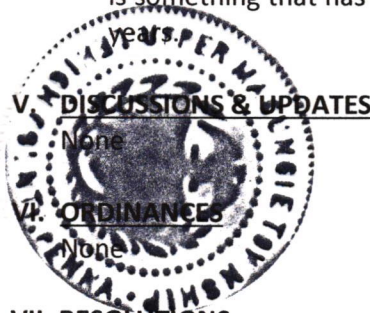
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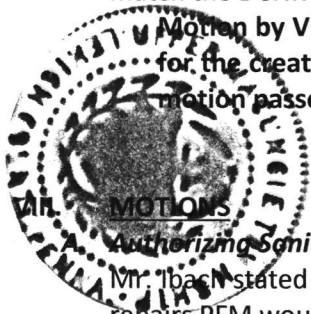
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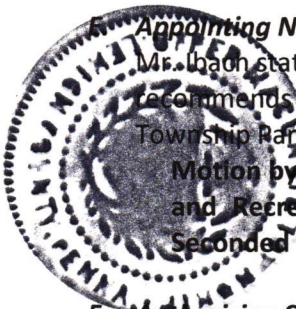
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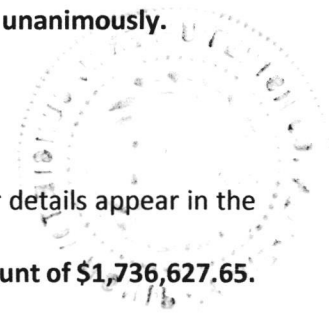
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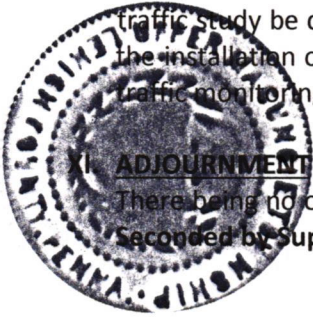
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Ms. Marine Yutz mentioned her concerns about the 5% discount not being offered to those that make full payment of their sewer and refuse bills. She was also concerned that she did not receive communication that billing was now going to be on a quarterly basis. Mr. Koller stated that there will be a rate study next year, that will allow our sewer to be billed on a flow basis. These readings will be provided quarterly by LCA and the sewer and refuse bills will also follow this billing cycle. The sewer bill will no longer be fixed, you will be billed for the use that is reported. He also mentioned that this was discussed in the Budget Meetings that were held in the month of October. The flow charge would go into effect in 2024.

Ms. Yutz also mentioned that she has concerns with the traffic situation that is being seen throughout Valley West by Scenic View Drive, there are vehicles that transit in the area at speeds between 40-50 mph. Chief Sitoski stated that when the sign is placed to monitor speed limits, they may not activate the display to obtain accurate information, but the information is registered. The Police Department will monitor the area and work on a plan of action.

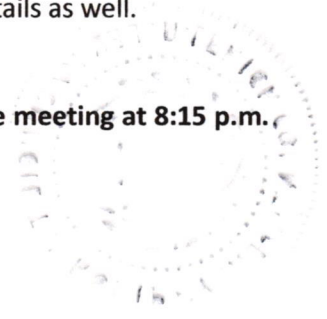
Mr. Paul McNamar had questions about the sewer-based billing, and if there would be a reimbursement credit for those that irrigate their gardens, have pools or hot tubs that the water does not return to the sewer sanitary system. Mr. Ibach stated that there have been options that have been looked at, but there is not a huge savings, and these options are still under evaluation.

Mr. Jim Caffrey mentioned that he has concerns about speeding on Oldt Road. He requested that a traffic study be done to evaluate what can be done to address these concerns. He understands that the installation of traffic calming bumps would help with this situation. Chief Sitoski stated that the traffic monitoring device has been placed gathering data and enforcement details as well.



XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, **Chairman Ghai made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Seconded by Supervisor Brunell. The motion passed unanimously.**



Submitted by:

Jazmin Vazquez
Township Secretary

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