THE REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING OF THE CARBON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS CONVENED THIS DATE AT 10:30 A.M. IN THE COMMISSIONER’S MEETING ROOM, COURTHOUSE ANNEX, JIM THORPE, PENNSYLVANIA.

PRESENT WERE COMMISSIONERS NOTHSTEIN, GERHARD, AND O’GUREK, CHIEF CLERK/COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR AHNER, SOLICITOR MISCAVIGE, AND EXECUTIVE SECRETARY MARIANNE BUTRIE.
THE COUNTY CONTROLLER, COUNTY TREASURER, COUNTY SHERIFF, AND THE ASSISTANT COURT ADMINISTRATOR WINN WERE ALSO PRESENT.

MOMENT OF SILENCE:

A MOMENT OF SILENCE WAS OBSERVED.

PRAYER:

COMMISSIONER GERHARD OFFERED THE PRAYER.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

THE MEETING OPENED WITH THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

OFFICIAL ACTIONS OF THE CARBON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

MINUTES:

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O’GUREK, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD AUGUST 18, 2015.

BOARD POLLED: O’GUREK YES
GERHARD YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

GUESTS (CONCERNING COUNTY BUSINESS):

GERRY STRUBINGER, JIM THORPE, PA RE: PACKERTON YARDS; MOVING RAIL LINE

EXECUTIVE SESSIONS:

THE CHAIRMAN REPORTED THAT THERE WERE NO EXECUTIVE SESSIONS HELD.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

CHIEF CLERK/COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR:

BUDGET TRANSFERS:

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O’GUREK, TO APPROVE THE BUDGET TRANSFERS AS LISTED ON TRANSMITTALS DATED AUGUST 25, 2016.

BOARD POLLED: O’GUREK YES
GERHARD YES
NOTHSTEIN YES
SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS:

THERE WERE NO SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS.

EXPENDITURE APPROVAL:

PAYROLL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT:

APPROVAL OF PAYROLL CHECK NUMBERS 66878 THROUGH 66985 AND DIRECT DEPOSIT CHECK NUMBERS 5099047 THROUGH 5099387 FOR THE NET PAYROLL PAID THROUGH THE PAYROLL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT FOR ALL COUNTY FUNDS TOTALING $340,466.75 (PAYROLL DATED AUGUST 19, 2016).

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O’GUREK, TO RATIFY PAYMENT OF THE PAYROLL CHECKS AS LISTED ABOVE.

BOARD POLLED: O’GUREK YES  GERHARD YES  NOTHSTEIN YES

GENERAL FUND CLEARING ACCOUNT:

APPROVAL OF CHECK NUMBERS 125049 THROUGH 125182 FOR EXPENDITURES THROUGH THE GENERAL FUND CLEARING ACCOUNT AS FOLLOWS:

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<td>PAYROLL FUND</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL:</strong></td>
<td><strong>$ 840,197.74</strong></td>
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MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O’GUREK, TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF THE CHECK NUMBERS AS LISTED ABOVE.

BOARD POLLED: O’GUREK YES*  GERHARD YES  NOTHSTEIN YES

* MR. O’GUREK VOTED YES WITH THE EXCEPTION OF BILLS FOR THE TIMES NEWS, PENTELEDATA, AND BLUE RIDGE COMMUNICATIONS, HE ABSTAINED.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O’GUREK, TO ACCEPT THE TREASURER’S REPORT DATED AUGUST 19, 2016 REPORTING BALANCES AS FOLLOWS:
### BALANCES AS OF AUGUST 19, 2016:

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**BOARD POLLED:**
- O’GUREK  YES
- GERHARD  YES
- NOTHSTEIN YES

### PERSONNEL REPORT:

**PRISON BOARD APPOINTMENTS:**


SEMINAR/TRAINING REQUESTS:
COMMUNICATIONS CENTER
RAY BOSSARD
TAC OFFICER TRAINING
JESSUP, PA
COST: MEALS

CORRECTIONS
TIMOTHY FRITZ
RYAN LONG
PENNSYLVANIA COUNTY CORRECTIONS ASSOCIATION FALL 2016 CONFERENCE
STATE COLLEGE, PA

RYAN LONG
ROBERTA KENNEDY
PRISON MEDICAL MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP
HARRISBURG, PA

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
DAVID J. BODNAR, JR.
2016 CDBG APPLICATION WEBINAR
JIM THORPE, PA

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O’GUREK, TO ACCEPT THE PERSONNEL REPORT DATED AUGUST 25, 2016.
BOARD POLLED: O’GUREK YES
GERHARD YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

CORRESPONDENCE:

MINUTES RECEIVED: JULY 19, 2016 MEETING OF THE CARBON COUNTY SAFETY COMMITTEE.

THE BRIDGE CREW REPORTS FOR THE WEEK ENDING AUGUST 14, 2016 WERE RECEIVED FROM LIQUID FUELS COORDINATOR, EMILY KATTNER.

THE JULY 2016 MONTHLY REPORT WAS RECEIVED FROM THE CARBON COUNTY RECORDER OF DEEDS.

CHILDREN & YOUTH:

#16-309 AGREEMENTS/2016-17:

FY 2016-17 PURCHASE OF SERVICE AGREEMENTS WERE SUBMITTED FOR THE FOLLOWING PROVIDERS:
PROVIDER: AVANC® INTERNATIONAL, INC., FAIRFAX, VA

FY 16-17
CAPS QUARTERLY FEE $5,896.33/PER QTR
RESEARCH ANALYST $54.50/PER HOUR
JUNIOR PROGRAMMER $65.40/PER HOUR
JUNIOR PROGRAMMER ANALYST $73.00/PER HOUR
PROGRAMMER ANALYST $76.20/PER HOUR
SENIOR PROGRAMMER ANALYST $78.70/PER HOUR
DEVELOPER $92.50/PER HOUR
SENIOR DEVELOPER $111.20/PER HOUR
PROJECT DIRECTOR $125.00/PER HOUR

PROVIDER: NORTHAMPTON COUNTY, EASTON, PA

FY 16-17
DETENTION CENTER $250.00/PER DIEM

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O’GUREK, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE THE AGREEMENTS AS LISTED.

BOARD POLLED: O’GUREK YES
GERHARD YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

#16-310 NEEDS BASED PLAN:

THE CARBON COUNTY CHILDREN AND YOUTH SERVICES NEEDS BASED PLAN AND BUDGET (NBB) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017/2018 WAS PRESENTED AS FOLLOWS:

IN HOME SERVICES $ 1,553,955
COMMUNITY $ 915,836
RESIDENTIAL $ 1,767,488
ADMINISTRATION $ 149,630
$ 4,396,048

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O’GUREK, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE THE NEEDS BASED PLAN AND BUDGET AS PRESENTED.

BOARD POLLED: O’GUREK YES
GERHARD YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:

#16-311 NE TASK FORCE/HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT:

THE FFY 2016 STATE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM (SHSGP) AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PENNSYLVANIA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (PEMA) AND NORTHEAST PENNSYLVANIA REGIONAL COUNTER TERRORISM TASK FORCE FOR U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY WAS SUBMITTED FOR BOARD ACTION.


MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O’GUREK, TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF THE FFY 2016 AGREEMENT.
LIQUID FUELS PROGRAM:

#16-312 BRIDGE #16 /CLOSE-OUT:

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O’GUREK, TO RATIFY EXECUTION AND SUBMISSION OF THE CLOSE-OUT REPORT FOR BRIDGE #16 (REPLACEMENT PROJECT), TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIP (KOCH ROAD T-447), #93-13-000-02.

BOARD POLLED: O’GUREK YES GERHARD YES NOTHSTEIN YES

#16-313 BRIDGE #16:

REVISION/RESOLUTION:

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O’GUREK, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE THE APPLICATION TO THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION REQUESTING REVISION #3 FOR PROJECT #93-13-000-02, BRIDGE #16 (KOCH ROAD T-447 OVER POHOPOCO CREEK) TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIP, REPLACEMENT (DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION) DECREASING THE ENCUMBRANCE AMOUNT OF $5,000 TO -0- (PROJECT COMPLETED), AND ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

RESOLUTION #16-028
BRIDGE #16/CLOSE-OUT
PROJECT #93-13-000-02
REV. #3

WHEREAS, THE UNDERSIGNED COUNTY DESIRES TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE ACT APPROVED JUNE 1, 1945, P.L. 1242 AS APPROVED IN THE ACT APPROVED MAY 18, 1645, P.L. 803, PERMITTING COUNTIES OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA TO APPROPRIATE AND EXPEND MONIES FOR THE IMPROVEMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF STATE HIGHWAYS, STATE-AID HIGHWAYS OR ANY PUBLIC HIGHWAY OR BRIDGE IN ANY COUNTY OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT WE, THE OFFICIALS OF CARBON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED ON THIS DAY AUGUST 25, 2016, DO HEREBY MAKE APPLICATION TO THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR AN ENCUMBRANCE OF LIQUID FUELS TAX FUNDS FOR THE FOLLOWING:

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: BRIDGE #16 OVER POHOPOCO CREEK IN TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIP. BRIDGE REPLACEMENT DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION.

TOTAL ESTIMATED PROJECT COST: $955,555.00
PROJECT PHASE: ENGINEERING, CONSTRUCTION
COUNTY % OF TOTAL PROJECT COST TO BE ENCUMBERED
% ENCUMBERED TO DATE: 0.00%
ORIGINAL ENCUMBRANCE: $79,000.00
PRIOR ENCUMBRANCE: -$74,000.00
INCREASE/DECREASE: -$5,000.00
TOTAL ENCUMBRANCE: $0.00

IT IS CERTIFIED BY THE COUNTY AND THE OFFICERS WHO EXECUTE THIS APPLICATION THAT ALL MATERIALS USED AND WORK DONE HEREUNDER SHALL CONFORM TO THE CURRENT PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SPECIFICATIONS AND THAT ALL WORK WILL BE DONE WITHIN THE LEGAL RIGHT OF WAY OR WITH PERMISSION OF THE PROPERTY OWNERS.

DULY ADOPTED ON: 8/25/2016

DULY ADOPTED ON: 8/25/2016
#16-314 ROAD & BRIDGE PROJECT/CLOSE-OUT:

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O’GUREK, TO RATIFY EXECUTION AND SUBMISSION OF THE CLOSE-OUT REPORT FOR MUNICIPAL ROAD AND BRIDGE DATA BASE PROJECT (GIS PROJECT), #02-13-000-01.

BOARD POLLED: O’GUREK YES GERHARD YES NOTHSTEIN YES

#16-315 ROAD & BRIDGE PROJECT:

REVISION/RESOLUTION:

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O’GUREK, TO APPROVE AND EXECUTE THE APPLICATION TO THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION REQUESTING REVISION #3 TO PROJECT #02-13-000-01, COUNTY WIDE SMALL GIS MODULE TO COLLECT AND RECORD DATA ON SMALL BRIDGES (BETWEEN 8’ AND 20’) AND INCORPORATE THE DATA INTO THE COUNTY WIDE GIS SYSTEM, DECREASING THE ENCUMBRANCE AMOUNT OF $909.99 TO 0- (PROJECT COMPLETE), AND ADOPT THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:

RESOLUTION #16-029
ROAD & BRIDGE PROJECT
PROJECT #02-13-000-01
REV. #3

WHEREAS, THE UNDERSIGNED COUNTY DESIRES TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE ACT APPROVED JUNE 1, 1945, P.L. 1242 AS APPROVED IN THE ACT APPROVED MAY 18, 1645, P.L. 803, PERMITTING COUNTIES OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA TO APPROPRIATE AND EXPEND MONIES FOR THE IMPROVEMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF STATE HIGHWAYS, STATE-AID HIGHWAYS OR ANY PUBLIC HIGHWAY OR BRIDGE IN ANY COUNTY OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT WE, THE OFFICIALS OF CARBON COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, IN REGULAR SESSION ASSEMBLED ON THIS DAY AUGUST 25, 2016, DO HEREBY MAKE APPLICATION TO THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR AN ENCUMBRANCE OF LIQUID FUELS TAX FUNDS FOR THE FOLLOWING:

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: BRIDGE #16 OVER POHOPOCO CREEK IN TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIP. BRIDGE REPLACEMENT DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION.

TOTAL ESTIMATED PROJECT COST: $200,000.00
PROJECT PHASE: ENGINEERING, CONSTRUCTION
COUNTY % OF TOTAL PROJECT COST TO BE ENCUMBERED
% ENCUMBERED TO DATE: 0.00%
ORIGINAL ENCUMBRANCE: $200,000.00
PRIOR ENCUMBRANCE: -$199,090.01
INCREASE/DECREASE: -$909.99
TOTAL ENCUMBRANCE: $0.00

IT IS CERTIFIED BY THE COUNTY AND THE OFFICERS WHO EXECUTE THIS APPLICATION THAT ALL
MATERIALS USED AND WORK DONE HEREUNDER SHALL CONFORM TO THE CURRENT PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SPECIFICATIONS AND THAT ALL WORK WILL BE DONE WITHIN THE LEGAL RIGHT OF WAY OR WITH PERMISSION OF THE PROPERTY OWNERS.

DULY ADOPTED ON: 8/25/2016

ATTEST: /S/ ELOISE K. AHNER, COUNTY CLERK /S/ WAYNE E. NOTHSTEIN
PO BOX 129 /S/ TOM J. GERHARD
JIM THORPE, PA 18229 /S/ WILLIAM J. O'GUREK

COUNTY OFFICIALS

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES
GERHARD YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

LOSS PREVENTION:
#16-316 PCORP/GRANT:

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF TWO APPLICATIONS FOR PARTIAL USE OF THE 2016-2017 PENNSYLVANIA COUNTIES RISK POOL (PCORP) LOSS PREVENTION GRANT AS FOLLOWS:
#1 - $3,175 – GLASS ENCLOSURE – COMMISSIONERS’ OFFICE
#2 - $5,545 – BALANCE OF NEW X-RAY MACHINE AND WALK THROUGH METAL DETECTOR FOR THE COURT HOUSE ($21,000 WAS SECURED THROUGH AS AOPC GRANT)

BALANCE OF LOSS PREVENTION GRANT - $6,280.

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES
GERHARD YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT:

HOME PROGRAM:
#16-317 CHANGE ORDERS:

CHANGE ORDERS WERE SUBMITTED FOR THE FOLLOWING CONTRACTS WITH THE SERVICE TEAM, LEHIGHTON, PENNSYLVANIA FOR THE HOME REHABILITATION PROGRAM:

#DT 22-98-137 GENERAL - DECREASE IN CONTRACT PRICE FROM $26,480.00 TO $12,080.00
(HOMEOWNER TO PAY THE DIFFERENCE OF $80.00)

#JL 22-103-137 GENERAL - DECREASE IN CONTRACT PRICE FROM $48,890.00 TO $18,250.00
(HOMEOWNER TO PAY THE DIFFERENCE OF $6,250.00)

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO APPROVE THE CHANGE ORDERS AS SUBMITTED.

BOARD POLLED: O'GUREK YES
GERHARD YES
NOTHSTEIN YES

SERVICE AGREEMENTS:
#16-318 LAZER MICR/COMMISSIONERS:
THE ANNUAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH LAZER MICR, EASTON, PENNSYLVANIA, FOR THE CHECK SIGNER LOCATED IN THE COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE WAS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL AS FOLLOWS:

4/01/14 THROUGH 3/31/16  COST: $810.00 (INCREASE OF $10.00/YEAR)
4/01/16 THROUGH 3/31/17  COST: $405.00 (NO INCREASE)

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE EXECUTION AND PAYMENT OF THE SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH LAZER MICR.

BOARD POLLED:  O'GUREK  YES
               GERHARD  YES
               NOTHSTEIN  YES

#16-319  LAZER MICR/CONTROLLER:

THE ANNUAL SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH LAZER MICR, EASTON, PENNSYLVANIA, FOR THE FORM SIGNER LOCATED IN THE CONTROLLER’S OFFICE WAS SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL AS FOLLOWS:

5/22/14 THROUGH 5/21/16  COST: $1,040.00 (INCREASE OF $25.00/YEAR)
5/22/16 THROUGH 5/21/17  COST: $520.00 (NO INCREASE)

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE EXECUTION AND PAYMENT OF THE SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH LAZER MICR.

BOARD POLLED:  O'GUREK  YES
               GERHARD  YES
               NOTHSTEIN  YES

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:
#16-320  BANNER REQUESTS:

BANNER PERMIT REQUESTS WERE SUBMITTED FOR THE FOLLOWING:

JIM THORPE AREA HIGH SCHOOL GUIDANCE, JIM THORPE, PA
2016 CARBON COUNTY COLLEGE & TECHNICAL EDUCATION NIGHT,
SEPTEMBER 21, 2016
BANNER REQUEST: 9/19/16 TO 9/22/16

WEATHERLY HILL CLIMB ASSOCIATION
WEATHERLY HILL CLIMB, SEPTEMBER 17 & 18, 2016
BANNER REQUEST: 9/02/16 TO 9/19/16

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O'GUREK, TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF THE BANNER PERMIT REQUESTS AS LISTED.

BOARD POLLED:  O'GUREK  YES
               GERHARD  YES
               NOTHSTEIN  YES

PURCHASING:
911/COMMUNICATIONS:
#16-321  RADIO MAINTENANCE:
A COMMUNICATION WAS RECEIVED FROM THE PURCHASING DEPARTMENT REQUESTING THE BOARD ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL FROM RADIO MAINTENANCE INCORPORATED, READING, PENNSYLVANIA FOR THE PURCHASE AND INSTALLATION OF AN EVENTIDE NEXLOG 840 VOICE LOGGING RECORDER AT THE CARBON COUNTY COMMUNICATIONS CENTER FOR A TOTAL COST OF $46,900.00. EQUIPMENT WILL BE PURCHASED THROUGH THE PENNSYLVANIA COSTARS PURCHASING PROGRAM.

DUE TO PROJECT COST, PA PREVAILING WAGE RATES WILL BE APPLICABLE AND ARE INCLUDED IN THE $6,000.00 INSTALLATION FEE.

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O’GUREK, TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL FROM RADIO MAINTENANCE INCORPORATED TOTALING $46,900.00 AND AUTHORIZE EXECUTION OF DOCUMENTS.

BOARD POLLED:  
O’GUREK YES  
GERHARD YES  
NOTHSTEIN YES

TAX ASSESSMENT:

TAX REFUNDS:

COMMUNICATIONS WERE RECEIVED FROM THE TAX ASSESSMENT BUREAU VERIFYING THAT THE FOLLOWING TAXPAYERS ARE DUE A REFUND OF COUNTY REAL ESTATE TAXES:

**MUNICIPALITY: PALMERTON BOROUGH & LOWER TOWAMENSING TOWNSHIP**

HORSEHEAD CORPORATION  
4935 STEUBENVILLE PIKE  
SUITE 405  
PITTSBURGH, PA  15205

**PROPERTY RECORD CARD #8:** MULTIPLE PARCELS  
**REASON:** AS PER COURT STIPULATION (REDUCTIONS & OVERPAYMENTS) AS RESULT OF APPEAL.

**TAX YEARS:** 2014 AND 2015  
**TOTAL REFUND DUE:** $46,690.00

MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O’GUREK, TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF THE TAX REFUND AS LISTED.

BOARD POLLED:  
O’GUREK YES  
GERHARD YES  
NOTHSTEIN YES

**MUNICIPALITY: KIDDER TOWNSHIP**

STABILIS SPLIT ROCK JV LLC  
P.O. BOX 5748  
LAKE HARMONY, PA  18624

**CODE:** 8-20-10270; 8-21-12955; 8-21-13330  
**PROPERTY RECORD CARD #8:** 61-20-A20.02; 33-21-A9,11.09A; 32-21-A2.01WB  
**REASON:** AS PER COURT STIPULATION AS RESULT OF APPEAL. TOTAL ASSESSMENTS REDUCED FROM 16,222,935 TO 5,433,840. REFUND BASED ON TOTAL DIFFERENCE IN ASSESSMENT OF 10,789,095.

**TAX YEAR:** 2015  
**TOTAL REFUND DUE:** $110,588.23
MOTION BY MR. GERHARD, SECONDED BY MR. O’GUREK, TO APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF THE TAX REFUND AS LISTED.

BOARD POLLED:  
O’GUREK  YES  
GERHARD  YES  
NOTHSTEIN  YES

MUNICIPALITY:  PALMERTON BOROUGH

PALMERTON BOROUGH  
443 DELAWARE AVENUE  
PALMERTON, PA  18071

CODE:  17-47-10355  
PROPERTY RECORD CARD #:  42A-47-E4  
TAX YEAR:  2016  
TOTAL REFUND DUE:  $95.66

COMMISSIONERS’ REPORTS:

COMMISSIONER O’GUREK REFERENCED THE TAX REFUNDS, NOTING THE FRUSTRATION IN THE BOARD’S VOTE ON GIVING REFUNDS DUE TO COURT APPEALS. HE STATED THAT HE IS SADDENED BY THE PROCESS OF THE APPEALING OF TAXES. IF ANYTHING, IT UNDERSCORES THE IMPORTANCE OF THE NEED TO CHANGE THE REAL ESTATE TAX BURDEN THAT MUNICIPALITIES AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS FACE ON A REGULAR BASIS.

SINCE 2006, CARBON COUNTY HAD 54 COURT APPEALS THAT REDUCED PROPERTY VALUE ASSESSMENTS BY 2.7 MILLION DOLLARS.

WHEN SPLIT ROCK OPENED THE WATERPARK IN 2007-08, PRESS RELEASES BRAGGED THAT IT WAS A 19 MILLION DOLLAR FACILITY; IT IS NOW REDUCED IN ASSESSMENT TO 2 MILLION ($4 MILLION MARKET VALUE). HE STATED THAT IT’S A SAD SITUATION; IN THE FACE OF BUSINESS, COUNTIES ARE BEARING THE COST OF LESS REVENUE (DUE TO REDUCTIONS), WHEN PROPERTY OWNERS WHO MAKE AN ADDITION TO THEIR HOME TO IMPROVE IT AREN’T GETTING ANY REDUCTIONS OR REFUNDS.

COMMISSIONER GERHARD REPORTED ON THE FOLLOWING:

- AGREED WITH COMMISSIONER O’GUREK
- A GRANT PRESENTATION CEREMONY HE ATTENDED ON AUGUST 24TH AT THE HOTEL BETHLEHEM WHERE TWENTY-FIVE (25) GRANTS WERE GIVEN INCLUDING $2,000 GRANTS TO JIM THORPE, LEHIGHTON, LANSFORD, AND PALMERTON. THE GRANT WILL BE USED FOR THE BEAUTIFICATION GATEWAY PROJECT ACROSS FROM THE 76 BUILDING. HE THANKED MARLYN KISSNER FOR HER EFFORTS WITH THE CHAMBER LETTING THE MUNICIPALITIES KNOW THE MONEY WAS AVAILABLE.

COMMISSIONER NOTHSTEIN ELABORATED ON COMMISSIONER O’GUREK’S COMMENTS ON THE TAX ISSUE, STATING IT IS TIME TO GET SERIOUS ABOUT TAX REFORM.
THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD,

THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADJOURNED AT 10:54 A.M.

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ELOISE K. AHNER,    WAYNE E. NOTHSTEIN, CHAIRMAN
CHIEF CLERK/COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR