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The Workshop Meeting of the Borough of Butler Mayor and Council was opened by Mayor Alviene who indicated that the meeting was being held in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act having been duly advertised and posted in Borough Hall.

**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT: Mayor Robert W. Alviene, Councilman Fox, Councilman McNear, Councilman Meier, Councilman Verdonik and Council President Vath

ABSENT: Councilman Regis

ALSO PRESENT: J. Lampmann, Borough Administrator, C. Woods, from the Office of the Borough Attorney and M. O'Keefe, Borough Clerk

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ADOPTION:**

**COMMENCE FORECLOSURE PROCEEDINGS ON PROPERTIES WITH MUNICIPAL LIENS**

Mr. Lampmann explained that these are properties with long outstanding liens; there are two options available to the Borough for these properties, payment of the lien by the owner or the Borough foreclosures on the property. The statutorily allowable legal foreclosure costs incurred would be included in the lien redemption if the property owner pays the lien off prior to foreclosure. Approximate foreclosure costs on the four properties under consideration would be between \$10,000 and \$12,000, obviously, the monetary amounts continue to grow as non-payment continues. Some of these properties could possibly be saleable which might help the Borough recoup some of the costs incurred along with any monies currently owed. As these properties continue to be billed for property taxes, the Borough is responsible for both the School Board and Morris County portion of the taxes therefore; the Borough continues to incur costs associated with these properties. When foreclosure proceedings are complete, the properties in question are removed from the tax rolls, thus lowering the costs for the Borough. The consensus of the Council is to go forward with foreclosure proceedings.

**OPEN PUBLIC DISCUSSION**

Mayor Alviene opened the meeting to the public at this time.

Seeing no one come forward to speak a motion was made to close the public portion of the meeting.

Moved: Verdonik

Second: Fox

All in favor.

Motion to enter into closed session:

Moved: Verdonik

Second: Fox

All in favor.

Motion to return to Open Session:

Moved: Verdonik

Second: Fox

All in favor.

Mr. Lampmann asked for suggestions for the position of the Emergency Manager. The position requires a Butler resident, who is available on a 24/7 basis. Captain Chimento is under consideration as he is on duty during Emergencies; the Mayor and Council concurred, noting he would be available for the

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constant communications with the Morris County Office of Emergency Management. The Mayor and Council asked that Mr. Lampmann continue discussions with Captain Chimento.

Motion to adjourn the meeting:

Moved: Fox

Second: McNear

All in favor.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:25 p.m.

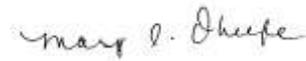
Adopted: June 18, 2013



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Robert W. Alviene, Mayor

Attest:



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Mary A. O'Keefe, RMC  
Municipal Clerk

Dated: June 18, 2013