

April 19, 2011 Minutes of April 5, 2011 Reg. Mtg. approved. Agenda amended. Library SA Donation from Friends adopted; PS SA for Admin. Reorg. adopted; Gen Fund SA for Trans. to PS Fund adopted. State Grant for Maternal Child Health Svcs adopted. First Rdgs. Sate Grant for West Nile Virus; Beach Grant Prgrm; HAZMAT/LEPC Grant. Res. To Oppose Privat. Of PLCB Stores adopted; Exon Taxes on Props/Trls in Summit Twp, Wtfrd Twp & Ft. LeBoeuf SD adopted; Exon Taxes on Props/Trls in Amity Twp, Greene Twp, Greenfield Twp & Wattsburg Area SD adopted. In Sprt of Pub. Svc Wrks adopted; Michael E. Heller appt'd to Hospital Authority.

ERIE COUNTY COUNCIL – Regular Meeting

Mr. Leone, Chairman, called to order a Regular Meeting of the Erie County Council at 7:00 p.m. in the Erie County Council Chambers, Erie County Courthouse, Erie, Pennsylvania.

Prayer Mr. Fatica stated that Mr. Beeman's father-in-law, Kenneth L. Berlin, passed away in a house fire. He asked that everyone remember him in their thoughts and prayers. Mrs. Loll recited a prayer.

Roll Call The County Clerk called the roll:

Members Present: Mr. Leone, Chairman
Mr. Fatica, Vice Chairman
Mr. Beeman
Mr. Cleaver
Dr. Foust
Mr. Giles
Mrs. Loll

Members Absent: None

Roll Call Also Present: Douglas R. Smith, County Clerk
Joseph P. Maloney, Council CPA
Jim Sparber, Director of Finance
Sue Ellen Pasquale, Manager of Accounting

Presentation Of Citation Dr. Foust wished to acknowledge Georgia Hill's service to Erie County. Ms. Hill has been a dedicated employee of the county for 32 years in Adult Probation & Parole. Ms. Hill is married to one of the finer families in Erie County; she is a Mercyhurst College alumni; attends Dr. Foust's church and is also a constituent. Dr. Foust noted that Council has tried to acknowledge all those that have dedicated so much service to Erie County. Jeff Shaw, Ms. Hill's supervisor, is also present this evening. Dr. Foust asked for a round of applause.

Ms. Hill wished to thank the County of Erie for giving her the opportunity to be a probation officer when she was graduating from college. She is from Beaver County and had done an internship at the Courthouse. She and Mr. Giles go back many years dealing with a variety of issues that she had worked on for the County throughout her employment. Ms. Hill recalled that she began under Home Rule Charter with the Robinson administration. Her only regret in leaving is having Jeff Shaw as her director. She believes Mr. Shaw is very progressive and will do a lot of good things with the department and the county. She again expressed her appreciation.

Hearing of The Public Tom Fuhrman, wished to encourage Erie County to join other counties in supporting the renewing of Pennsylvania's Growing Greener Program. This program has protected more acres than any other

state program in the nation. It has also helped to restore many miles of local streams and funded numerous park and trail development rehabilitation projects. Funding is scheduled to stay in place through 2012 and is provided by the Commonwealth Environmental Stewardship Fund which comes from a \$4 per ton waste disposal fee for companies dumping trash into landfills. Another type of funding being considered is a natural gas drilling impact fee. He noted that Pennsylvania is the only gas producing state without a tax or impact fee on natural gas drilling. He asked everyone to reach out to legislators and encourage them to do the right thing for the environment.

Tony Ciotti, Millcreek Township, is the manager of an Erie Wine and Spirits Store, and spoke regarding the present initiative to privatize state liquor stores. In fiscal year 2010 \$488 million in taxes and profits were transferred to the state's treasury. Tax revenue obtained from state stores has remained a liable source of income. State liquor stores are not only self sufficient, they are significant net contributors to the Commonwealth's general fund. Mr. Ciotti believes the current system is an asset to the Commonwealth's counties and municipalities. He asked Council to support a resolution in opposition to the privatization of the Pennsylvania liquor store system.

Paul Chimenti, 3421 Holland, Erie, stated that public service workers are not responsible for the current budgetary shortfalls that government at all levels are presently struggling with. Reduced tax revenues caused by the economic recession is a primary cause of those shortfalls. Mr. Chimenti asked Council to consider the contributions of public service workers and not fall in step with the cynical trend of blaming these workers for the budgetary challenges facing governments today at all levels, but rather, express support for this group of essential government employees.

Darrell Fisher, 611 West 16th Street, Erie, does not believe that privatizing liquor stores is a fiscally responsible decision. He also feels the attempt to destroy collective bargaining is a terrible thing in this country. If the legislation to privatize goes forward, many more working families will suffer from the hostile economy and work environment. Many people are opposing workers' rights. He thanked Council for their support.

Rosann Barker, 181 Hull Drive, Summit Township, thanked Council for having the desire to push forward the resolutions in support of public service workers. For these workers to be villanized at this time is unconscionable. They have been working hard for communities and helping those in need. A vast number of employees are covered under the public sector, both union and non-union. They all deserve respect.

Steve Cornelius, 5447 Washington Avenue, Millcreek Township, wished to thank Council for thinking of labor in Erie. He is working on the airport extension job which Council helped to provide funding. It is an out of town contract using local people

Minutes

Mr. Giles moved to approve the minutes of the April 5, 2011 Regular Meeting. Mr. Cleaver seconded, and it carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

Mr. Leone acknowledged Stephanie from Gannon University in the audience. She is taking a leadership program and was in attendance at the last meeting as well.

Finance
Committee

Dr. Foust reported that Council met as the Finance Committee on April 14, 2011 and agreed to place Ordinances 32 through 38 on the agenda along with Resolutions 15, 16, 17, and 18 and the possible appointment of Michael Heller to the Hospital Authority.

Personnel
Committee

Mrs. Loll reported the Personnel Committee met following the Finance Committee and placed Ordinance 39, an upgraded position in the Planning Department, on the agenda.

Mr. Fatica's
Report

Mr. Fatica reported that he attended a meeting at the Regional Chamber & Growth Partnership where an interesting plan was rolled out called the Erie Business Action Team or BAT. Local businesses will be surveyed to find out information and how these businesses can be helped. This is a lengthy

process and the information will be put into a database. Mr. Fatica noted that the Regional Chamber & Growth Partnership is looking out for jobs in this community.

Mr. Giles'
Report

Mr. Giles' submitted the following report regarding the NACo Conference held March 5-9, 2011:

Erie County addresses federal funding for county programs at NACo Legislative Conference

Works to help carry county government message to Washington, D.C.

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The recession may have officially ended months ago, but not as far as the nation's county governments are concerned. That was the message delivered to Capitol Hill by Joe Giles, Erie County Council and more than 1,500 fellow county officials from across the country during the National Association of Counties' (NACo) [2011 Legislative Conference](#), March 5-9, in Washington, D.C.

County officials met in the nation's Capital to help shape federal policies affecting county governments, obtained information about federal grant opportunities, and participated in educational sessions to foster their understanding of emerging federal issues important to communities. Conference attendees also learned about NACo member benefit programs to save money for counties and their residents, such as the NACo Prescription Discount Card Program and the U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance.

Another highlight of the Legislative Conference was special appearances from prominent national leaders, including U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder, Joint Chiefs of Staff Chair Admiral Mike Mullen, and Housing and Urban Development Secretary Shaun Donovan. (See summaries of remarks below.)

“Washington needs to understand that when the economy falters and there is high unemployment, services at the county level are needed most,” Giles said. “At the very least, Congress needs to maintain the funding levels of programs the people in our communities are depending on. This includes public safety programs, community development programs and health and human service safety net programs.

“We also reminded our national representatives that our critical infrastructure – roads, bridges, water systems, parks and building facilities – are aging and counties are struggling to maintain them,” Giles said. “The federal government and our state and county governments need to work together if we are going to maintain public services our residents have come to expect.”

Giles' role in NACo, such as committee assignments Justice & Public Safety Committee, Membership Committee, Arts and Culture Commission, Board of Directors, and Executive Committee of the Board

Giles actively participates in each committee. Committee and board meetings are an important component of the legislative conference. Detailed reports are available in the Council office.

During the conference, Giles held face to face meetings with U.S. Senators Casey and Toomey, Representative Kelly and their chief legislative staff.

NACo delegates adopted several policy resolutions at the conference. They are available in the [Legislation and Policy](#) section of the NACo website. The policies help counties speak with one voice before Congress and the Administration.

In addition, NACo recently released a survey of counties to help county officials demonstrate the continuing impact of the economic downturn on county budgets and details the actions counties are taking to address lower revenue challenges.

The new survey shows that counties are being forced to cut services and employees in contrast to earlier surveys which suggested less painful budget adjustments were being made, such as delayed purchases, pay freezes, hiring freezes, and across the board budget cuts. As the recession deepened, the new data suggests that furloughs and layoffs have increased. In fact, 53 percent of counties are working with fewer staff today than in FY2010.

“[The Recession Continues: An Economic Status Survey of Counties](#)” is the sixth in a series of NACo state of the economy surveys since 2007. The counties included in this survey were drawn from a sample group of more than 2,400 counties that have either elected or hired administrators. Five hundred counties from 44 states responded, making it the most comprehensive survey of the series.

For more information about the survey or the Legislative Conference, contact Jim Philipps at 202.942.4220 or jphilipps@naco.org.

**2011 Legislative Conference
March 5-8, 2011
Washington, D.C.
Summary of Remarks – Featured Speakers**

U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder

U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder challenged counties to be more creative in times of fiscal distress and staffing woes, but addressed his two main goals for justice reform: increasing the effectiveness of the juvenile justice system and improving access to legal services.

He said the current juvenile justice system does not spend resources wisely, and bemoaned the disparate population of incarcerated African American youths relative to the overall population, the likelihood of children who have been abused ending up in prison and the percentage of inmates who have suffered sexual abuse in prison. Additionally, he said in half of jurisdictions

“We have to transition from a prosecution and incarceration model to an intervention and prevention model,” he said, framing it as a moral issue. “How we treat our children answers the question of who we are as a nation. These reforms will also save money.”

Joint Chiefs of Staff Chair Admiral Mike Mullen

Counties can extend the reach of federal efforts to help military veterans and their families, Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told the Opening General Session audience. And while helping veterans, counties also stand to benefit.

He said returning vets are “wired for service” and want to use those same instincts in their communities. “Once you get into creating opportunities for these young men and women, they will continue to serve for decades to come,” he said.

Americans have a duty to help veterans, some of whom face great challenges such as growing rates of homelessness and mental illness, to reintegrate into their communities, Mullen added. Suicide rates are also on the rise among Iraq and Afghanistan veterans. The departments of Defense and Veterans Affairs can’t do it alone, he said, nor should the effort be Washington-based.

He praised NACo’s efforts, through President Glen Whitley’s veteran-focused presidential initiative, to honor and assist veterans.

“I’m looking for local leadership in your counties willing to take this on, tied to this initiative that you’ve put in place,” he said. “And I think all of us — DoD, VA and you — can really make a difference for these young men and women and their families who have made such a difference for us as a country.”

MSNBC’s Joe Scarborough

“Morning Joe” – a former Republican Congressman from northwestern Florida – told county officials that the federal budget was balanced four years in a row when he was in Congress and it can be balanced again with proper leadership on Capitol Hill.

He said county officials need to tell their members of Congress that the national deficit cannot be reduced on the backs of counties and cities and states. “They can’t just focus on reductions to domestic, discretionary spending programs that will affect the American people,” he said. Scarborough also relayed a story that his fellow MSNBC colleague “likes to tell” that legendary House Speaker Tip O’Neill – “a Liberal’s Liberal” and President Ronald Reagan – a Conservative’s Conservative” – would often “beat each other up” in the press all day long but would get together at night at the White House and work together on solutions for the American people.

Housing and Urban Development Secretary Shaun Donovan

“The housing market seemed to have no bottom,” said Donovan, speaking during the Tuesday morning General Session. “Home prices had fallen for 30 straight months – and jobs were declining for 22 straight months. But thanks to the work that you did with the tools we provided, we’re able to submit HUD’s 2012 budget in an economic environment that is significantly improved from when President Obama took office.”

At HUD, Donovan said, the agency has worked closely with counties to turn the economy around. “Through the Recovery Act alone, we’ve renovated and developed over 410,000 homes – and reached over 850,000 men, women and children who were either homeless or at risk of becoming homeless,” he said. “Foreclosures are down nearly 30 percent from a year ago.

And I want to say a word of thanks to NACo for your resolution in support of our foreclosure prevention and mitigation programs – which are in danger of being eliminated by the House majority. Because of these important efforts, we have been able to help more than 4.2 million homeowners facing foreclosure stay in their homes.”

The Secretary urged county officials to contact their members of Congress to defend Neighborhood Stabilization funds. The program has invested \$7 billion across the country to buy foreclosed and abandoned properties, he said, reducing vacancy rates in those neighborhoods by 50 to 75 percent.

“Remind them that because of these kinds of tools, an economy that was shrinking when we took office is growing again today — and instead of rapid job loss, more than a million private sector jobs were created last year,” Donovan said.

Sen. Chris Coons (D-Del.)

The first elected official to go from county executive to the U.S. Senate since Joe Biden in 1972, Sen. Chris Coons (D-Del.) spoke to delegates about how his first term in the Senate will be challenging because of the unyielding focus on budgets this year. The federal budget is slated to reach \$3.8 trillion with national deficit projected at \$1.6 trillion.

“The way to solve our national deficit problem is to solve our national deficit problem and not drive counties and towns into bankruptcy,” Coons said.

He continued saying Congress cannot simply solve this deficit crisis by cutting programs that counties need to thrive, such as the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). CDBG funds local community development activities such as affordable housing, anti-poverty programs and infrastructure development. These grants are used at the discretion of local governments.

Coons concluded with how important Restore the Partnership is not only on the county level but the federal level. Working with Rep. Gerry Connolly (D-Va.) on the campaign, Coons said they will work on the county, municipal and state levels to legislatively and inductively restore and sustain a partnership with the federal government.

“Far too many people in Congress do not understand counties and how they work,” Coons added. “Restore the Partnership will help counties have a greater voice on Capitol Hill and help people clearly understand the issues affecting counties.”

(See www.naco.org for updates on the speakers below.)

House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chair John Mica

House Natural Resources Committee Chair Doc Hastings (R-Wash.)

Rep. Greg Walden (R-Ore.)

CCAP

Mr. Giles further reported that he serves as Chairman of the Board for the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania and the Spring Conference was held from March 27 through 29. The President of the National Association of Counties, Glen Whitley from Ft. Worth or Tarrant County, Texas, was in attendance. The board meeting began at 8:30 a.m. and President Whitley spent the entire day with everybody at the board meeting from start to finish. He also spent the afternoon attending all of the policy committee meetings. Mr. Giles’ initiative was in regard to connecting veterans’ issues with counties and strengthening that connection last year, and it has carried through to this year. President Whitley has mirrored that with the National Association of Counties working on a similar initiative at that level as well. Mr. Giles pointed out that almost every county in the United States is now a member of NACo, approximately 3,100 counties. Mr. Giles noted that when NACo speaks, it does speak as one voice on behalf of counties. Having President Whitley present was an honor and Mr. Giles was impressed that he spent the entire day from 8:30 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. involved in a variety of different activities with CCAP in Harrisburg.

Mr. Giles also reported that Governor Corbett appeared as the featured speaker at the Monday morning session. Mr. Giles had an opportunity to speak with the Governor about a variety of issues, and as everyone is aware, counties are funded two-thirds in general by either federal or state money. The state budget has an impact in terms of the services that counties provide, whether for mental health, children services, addiction issues or courts and related issues. At lunch, Mr. Giles was seated with the newly appointed secretary for the Department of Public Welfare, Secretary Alexander.

On the last day of the conference, Mr. Giles had the opportunity to be a moderator on PCN for an hour and a half. To his delight, the only script he was provided was the introduction of the four people on the dais with him, Senator Pat Browne, who is the chair of Senate Appropriations; Senator Jay Costa

from Allegheny, who is the Democratic chair of Senate Appropriations; Representative Donna Oberlander, a former Clarion County Commissioner and representing House Speaker Sam Smith; and Mike Hanna, the House Democratic Whip. Both republicans and democrats from the House Senate were part of the discussion. The entire session was filmed and Mr. Giles noted it was a most engaging discussion regarding all of the issues on behalf of the counties' perspective regarding services and service profiles.

Mr. Giles then reported that CCAP produced a report called the Anatomy of County Human Services Funding, a framework of county human services funding streams, and it is approximately 15 pages long. There is a movement afoot to either privatize human services or for block grant funding. Mr. Giles cautioned that this is not as easy as it seems. This report details the really complicated system by which the state gets federal money and then turns that money over to counties with certain scripts, and the scripts are not necessarily because anyone particularly wants to handle things a certain way; it comes from the federal or state government. In turn, the County is, so to speak, the beneficiary of those policies. The argument is that if this issue is going to be privatized or use block grant funding, the detail needs to be reviewed, such as the issue before Council this evening regarding the state store workers in the state store system. This is a much more complicated system than it seems. Mr. Giles will have a copy of this report in Council Members' mailboxes. This report does a good job of detailing how this money is received and the requirements that come with each of those dollars.

Mr. Beeman asked if the scripts means strings being attached. Mr. Giles confirmed that it does mean strings, parameters, rules or regulations. He again noted that this is a very complicated system. Counties are comfortable with idea of block grants, except with block granting comes flexibility and local options in terms of human services funding. If privatization is utilized, the county has no say in terms of programming, so he asked why the county would be obligated to put matching funds into something that they have absolutely no control over. Mr. Giles provided an example during the past year; the MR waiver program was handled in this manner, the counties had no say with respect to what agency handled the matter. Contracts were done directly between the state and local providers. In that one year experiment, there was a \$30 million overrun. Mr. Giles explained that the point is that when local entities are cut out of the equation, controlling factors that impact how monies are spent and the quality of services provided are lost. This is not a simple system. However, there is an overwhelming interest on the part of everyone to do things differently, but there must be awareness of the constraints, details and contract language between all entities involved.

Mr. Leone pointed out to members of the audience that the screen on the wall will provide some detail about the ordinances. He then explained the procedure for ordinances and resolutions on the agenda.

Mr. Leone's
Comments

Mr. Leone addressed Mr. Sparber, Director of Finance, regarding the information Mr. Leone had requested about the Judicial Sales bid process. He still has not received this information. Mr. Leone asked Mr. Sparber if he, and Steve Letzelter from the Tax Claim Office, were part of the committee for these sales. Mr. Sparber responded that he and Mr. Letzelter only participated as consultants for information. They were not voting members of the committee.

Mr. Leone stated that this situation is difficult to understand. He stated he will be blunt, and this can be relayed to the County Executive and the Director of Administration. Mr. Leone stated that it is difficult to understand how a committee can be put together that really has no concept or idea of what the judicial sale process is about. It consisted of the president of a bank, an ex-judge that would have been good at OCY, and an attorney. It is difficult to understand why those with expertise in this area would not be used instead of having a committee appointed. Further, it is even more difficult for Mr. Leone to understand how a committee can be formed and when that committee comes up with a dual result, the committee is sent back to make a final decision. Mr. Leone wondered if that's how this situation was handled, then what does the County Executive do. If the County Executive can't make the final decision, what is his purpose? Mr. Leone is very upset over the fact that he still has not received the information he has asked for, and he wants that information. That information should be ready tomorrow.

Agenda
Amended

Dr. Foust moved that Ordinance Number 35, 2011, "First 2011 Public Health Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation For Additional \$29,500 State Grant For Maternal-Child Health Services And Creation Of New Line Item" be added as a second reading. Mr. Fatica seconded, and it carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

Donation From
Friends of Library

Mr. Smith gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 32, 2011, "Fourth 2011 Library Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation For Donation From Friends Of The Library." Mr. Giles moved to adopt; Mr. Fatica seconded, and it carried in a roll call vote of 6-1, Mr. Beeman voting no.

PS SA for Admin.
Reorg.

Mr. Smith gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 33, 2011, "First 2011 Public Safety Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation For Administrative Reorganization." Mr. Giles moved to adopt; Mr. Fatica seconded, and it carried in a roll call vote of 6-1, Mr. Beeman voting no.

Gen Fund SA
Transfer to PS

Mr. Smith gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 34, 2011, "Eighth 2011 General Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation For Transfer To The Public Safety Fund." Mr. Fatica moved to adopt; Mr. Giles seconded, and it carried in a roll call vote of 6-1, Mr. Beeman voting no.

State Grant for
Maternal-Child
Health Svcs

Mr. Smith gave a second reading of Ordinance Number 35, 2011, "First 2011 Public Health Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation For Additional \$29,500 State Grant For Maternal-Child Health Services And Creation Of New Line Item."

Mr. Giles stated that this particular program emanated from both the Department of Justice and the State Health Department. It has tremendous support in terms of having an impact on the healthy development of families and children in the family. Research has proven its effectiveness. Mr. Giles thanked Char Berringer, Jeff Shaw and Georgia Hill for their assistance in providing a program such as this to the county. This program has been in place for approximately ten years and has proven to be a very efficient tool. This is not an easy task because involvement runs from pre-delivery through kindergarten to make sure all goes well.

Mr. Leone called for a vote on the ordinance and it carried in a roll call vote of 6-1, Mr. Beeman voting no.

First Rdgs.

Mr. Smith gave first readings of the following ordinances:

Ordinance Number 36, 2011, "Second 2011 Public Health Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation For An Additional \$1,323 State Grant For West Nile Program"

Ordinance Number 37, 2011, "Third 2011 Public Health Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation For An Additional \$111,473 For Beach Grant Program"

Ordinance Number 38, 2011, "Second 2011 Public Safety Fund Budget Supplemental Appropriation And Creation Of New Line Items For A \$1,998 HAZMAT/LPEC Grant"

Ordinance Number 39, 2011, "2011 Planning Fund Budget Revised Expenditures Of \$1,209 For Upgrade Of Position 066010-006"

Res. Opposing
Privatization of
PLCB Stores

Mr. Smith gave a reading of Resolution Number 15, 2011, "Resolution To Oppose The Privatization Of The Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board (PLCB) Wine And Spirit Stores." Dr. Foust moved to adopt; Mr. Giles seconded.

Dr. Foust stated that he was pleased to bring this resolution forward and expressed his hope that it will pass unanimously or nearly unanimously. He cannot expand on the eloquence of those that spoke before Council this evening, as well as Mr. Giles' comments regarding the importance of the funds necessary to provide services mandated by the state and county governments. At a time when those dollars are short, it is not feasible to throw away half a billion dollars in revenue every year; there is no debt attached to the state stores. Dr. Foust believes this is very short sighted and hopes that Erie County can let the state delegation and the Governor know that is not a good decision.

Mr. Fatica wished to address Mr. Fuhrman's comments regarding the lack of taxes on Marcellus shale. It seems anathema to him that the state is willing to sell a business that Dr. Foust and other speakers have pointed out provides a half a billion dollars in profit with no plan in place. The Governor refuses to tax Marcellus shale when every other state in the union does. This is mind boggling.

Mr. Beeman addressed the Marcellus shale issue and recalled that at the CCAP meeting, most counties with Marcellus shale didn't want a severance tax. They wanted a permit fee because the infrastructure was not in place to get rid of the gas yet.

Mr. Giles responded that CCAP's position in this matter is that whatever the state does in this regard, whether it is called a severance, licensing or goes to detail the initiative, CCCAP's concern is the local impact. Water, roads, schools, and human services systems are impacted. Whether it is Tioga County, Bradford County, across the northern tier, or the southern tier by Allegheny and the surrounding counties, there is evidence of the direct impact of what is happening to the landscape in terms of this initiative. As a cautionary that came up in the meetings, Mr. Giles believes the state, regardless of partisan affiliation, is not doing much mapping with regard to where the lines are being laid. Therefore, there is little record as to not only what new lines are being put out, but in terms of what old lines are in place as well. The information on this is minimal in terms of the public record, and as this grows very quickly, without that kind of record, there are certain dramatic public safety issues going forward. This is another issue CCAP is pushing for, to at least begin to map what is happening for future reference.

Mr. Leone suggested Council get back on track. If anyone wants to discuss Marcellus shale, it can put on the agenda in the future. He called for a vote on Resolution Number 15, 2011, and it carried in a roll call vote of 6-1, Mr. Beeman voting no.

Exon. Taxes
On Aban.
Trl/Prp

Mr. Smith gave a reading of Resolution Number 16, 2011, "Exonerating Taxes On Three Abandoned Trailers/Properties In Summit Township, Waterford Township And Ft. LeBoeuf School District." Mr. Giles moved to adopt; Mr. Fatica seconded, and it carried in a roll call vote of 6-1, Mr. Cleaver voting no.

Exon. Taxes
On Aban.
Trl/Prp

Mr. Smith gave a reading of Resolution Number 17, 2011, "Exonerating Taxes On Five Abandoned Trailers/Properties In Amity Township, Greene Township, Greenfield Township And The Wattsburg Area School District." Mr. Giles moved to adopt; Dr. Foust seconded, and it carried in a roll call vote of 6-1, Mr. Cleaver voting no.

In Sprt of
Public Svc Wrkrs

Mr. Smith gave a reading of Resolution Number 18, 2011, "In Support Of Public Service Workers." Dr. Foust moved to adopt; Mr. Giles seconded.

Dr. Foust stated he is pleased and proud to bring this resolution forward at a time when he believes it is fair to say that working people are under attack in this country. He hopes Council adds its voice in support of public sector unions, especially at a time when the unions Council has dealt with have worked with the County to make sure its fiscal house is kept in order. Dr. Foust stated that Council supports these workers and appreciates what they do for the people of Erie County every day.

Mr. Leone called for a vote on the resolution and it carried in a roll call vote of 6-1, Mr. Beeman voting no.

Michael Heller appt'd
To Hosp. Auth.

Mr. Giles moved to appoint Michael E. Heller to the Erie County Hospital Authority. Dr. Foust seconded, and it carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned 7:57 p.m.

Ann M. Bruno, Council Secretary

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