

COUNCIL MINUTES - MAY 5, 2005**Absent: David Yarde****MATTER OF TAX ABATEMENT**

Prior to the advertised meeting the tax abatement committee composed of council members Janet Ordway, Don Van Wye and Robert Wilder met informally with Kristen Klink who represents her father Mike Klink in the matter of tax abatement for Concrete Inc. Ms. Klink presented a flow chart to describe the process by which concrete is mixed and explained the use of the various pieces of equipment. A brief review of the Statement of Benefits informed the committee that the company plans to employ 15 to 25 persons with salaries between \$40,000 to \$50,000 per year, a total payroll of \$675,000. The equipment should have a value of \$1,500,000 and real estate values at \$1,600,000 with assessed value of \$30,900.

A motion by Janet Ordway that the committee go record that as agreeing to recommend tax abatement to the council and that a public hearing should be scheduled for the June 6th meeting was seconded by Don VanWye and carried.

Councilman Wilder stated that the council has typically recommended 10-year real property tax abatement and 5-year abatement of personal property. Several items on the list of equipment were questioned as perhaps not appropriate for abatement. Councilman /wilder recommended that the list be amended or that Ms. Klink investigate and offer information on equipment which could be questionable.

Tax abatement is not usually granted prior to the area first being designated in need of economic revitalization (ERA). A motion by Don VanWye that the committee's recommendation be subject to approval of the ERA designation was seconded by Janet Ordway and carried.

The committee meeting was adjourned and the council then met in regular session.

MATTER OF GARRETT PUBLIC LIBRARY CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND

President Smaltz called the duly advertised special meeting to order and asked Garrett Librarian Kate Birdseye to speak. Ms. Birdseye explained the need for funding for projects and the area served the Garrett Library. Since the library serves Butler and Keyser Townships as well as the City of Garrett, the county council must act on the request to establish a capital projects fund to become a part of the total tax rate to be paid by those areas.

A motion by Robert Wilder to approve the Garrett Public Library Board's request for a capital projects fund was seconded by Janet Ordway and carried.

MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

A motion by Don VanWye to adjourn the meeting was seconded by Janet Ordway and carried.