

Regular Borough Council Meeting

August 3, 2020

The Regular Monthly Meeting of Souderton Borough Council, held on the above date, was called to order by President Brian K. Goshow at 7:00 p.m. Council President Brian Goshow noted that this in-person meeting is also available for the public to access through Zoom to monitor and make public comment. The Borough Council meeting was attended by the following members and staff:

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| President Brian K. Goshow | Mayor John R. Reynolds |
| Vice-President Julie Munden | |
| Councillor Donna Rogers | Solicitor Charlotte Hunsberger |
| Councillor Ned Leight | |
| Councillor Richard Godshall | Borough Manager P. Michael Coll |
| Councillor Daniel Yocum | |
| Councillor Daryl Littlefield | Public Works Director Steven R. Coll |
| Councillor Edward Huber | Police Chief James P. Leary |

Absent from the meeting was Councillor Matt Mscichowski. The invocation was given by President Brian Goshow, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consideration was given to the minutes of the July 6, 2020 Regular Borough Council Meeting and the Borough Council work session on July 13, 2020. The meeting minutes were considered separately by Borough Council as follows:

A motion was made by Councillor Edward Huber, seconded by Councillor Richard Godshall, to approve the minutes of the July 6, 2020 Regular Monthly Borough Council meeting as presented. The motion was approved.

A motion was made by Councillor Richard Godshall, seconded by Councillor Edward Huber, to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2020 Borough Council work session as presented. The motion was approved.

Mayor John Reynolds commented that the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted our community in many ways. Our local businesses have implemented significant modifications to adapt to the COVID regulations and restrictions. Our local businesses are open and Mayor Reynolds encouraged the community to support our businesses in these difficult times.

Police Chief James Leary reported that the monthly report for July is in progress and will be distributed at the next Borough Council work session. The Souderton Police Department remains fully operational and the Officers are all healthy and well. Chief Leary has been working with the Souderton Charter School to evaluate modifications with bus loading zones and student drop off and pickup locations. Further discussion will

be held during the August work session.

Borough Solicitor Charlotte Hunsberger circulated her monthly report to Borough Council. The Borough Solicitor held several conversations with the Souderton Business Improvement District regrading process and procedures for the reauthorization of the BID. The Solicitor reviewed the proposed Souderton Charter School resolution. The Solicitor reviewed the proposed peddling ordinance as it may relate to regulation food truck vendors.

Steven Coll, reporting as Emergency Management Coordinator, noted that Montgomery County has limited reports regarding the status of the COVID-19 emergency. Tropical storm Isaias is expected to impact this region on August 4, 2020. Steve Coll participated in a Montgomery County briefing this afternoon. Montgomery County is expected to open their Emergency operations Center at 7:00 am on August 4, our local EOC is not scheduled to open unless impacted by a large event. The Borough Office will coordinate all calls for service during this storm. Steve Coll did meet with the management staff of Valley Vista to review preparedness for the storm.

Public Works Director Steven Coll circulated his monthly report to Borough Council. Crews completed paving work on S. Fifth Street and Woods Alley. Crews will be returning to N. Fourth Street to complete the storm drainage improvements to complete paving on this street in the fall. Both swimming pools were treated with chemicals to control algae growth through the summer.

Borough Manager Michael Coll reviewed the meeting schedule for the month of August. There will be a Borough Council work session on Monday, August 10, 2020. The Zoning Hearing Board will meet on Tuesday, August 11, 2020 to consider a variance request to construct car port on N. Fifth Street and a sign variance for 30 W. Broad Street as proposed by Sowhangar Investments, LLC. President Brian Goshow noted that the Souderton Planning Commission and Borough Council did not express objection to the proposed sign variance. Councillor Edward Huber noted that the Montgomery County Planning Commission suggested a future amendment to the Sign Ordinance to give more flexibility for individual businesses to tailor signage.

The Borough Manager noted that he distributed copies of the Audit Report and Financial Statements for the 2019 calendar year as prepared by Styer Associates. Borough Council requested that a representative of Styer Associates attend the September Borough Council work session to review the statements with Borough Council. There are three items of formal business scheduled for this meeting. The first item concerns a Resolution to permit the Souderton Charter School to use property at 117 Noble Street for classroom purposes for this coming school year. Classroom uses were not planned for this property, however, the COVID restrictions required the school to reallocate classroom space to comply with distancing requirements. A recommendation was made to appoint Michael

Moffitt to fill the vacancy on the Civil Service Commission. The last item is authorization to advertise an Ordinance to adopt the provisions of the National Fire Code. This action was originally authorized, but was deferred during the COVID pandemic.

Councillor Daniel Yocum expressed appreciation to Borough Council for approving the Souderton Rotary Club Drive-In Movie event that was held in the Souderton Community Park on Saturday, July 25, 2020. The event was very well received and was a successful fundraiser for the Community Park renovation project.

Consideration was given to paying the bills for the month of July, 2020.

GENERAL FUND

Advanced Disposal	\$40,633.03	Airgas National Carbonation	\$78.00
Altek Business Systems, Inc.	214.93	Armour & Sons Electric, Inc.	1,789.90
Arrow Tree Service	1,500.00	Bartlett Tree Experts	1,225.00
Bartlett Tree Experts	5,967.00	Clemens Uniform rental	57.06
Bergey's, Inc.	94.60	Code Inspections, Inc.	650.00
Blooming Glen Quarry	110.00	Comcast	719.76
Boucher & James, Inc.	19,293.34	Delta Dental/Gettysburg Benefits	1,096.12
Britton Industries	658.35	George Allen Portable Toilets	152.00
Clemens Uniform Rental	228.24	Independence Blue Cross	16,015.57
Commonwealth Precast, Inc.	230.00	Lawson Products, Inc.	186.47
Cope's Garage	331.59	Moyer Indoor/Outdoor	4,515.26
Country-Fair Cleaners	266.50	NetCarrier Telecom, Inc.	492.47
D. L. Beardsley, Ltd.	341.95	North American Benefits Co	1,004.41
Davidheisers, Inc.	36.00	PA DEP	500.00
Freedom Systems Corporation	4,924.00	Pennsylvania One Call	94.50
Galco Business Communications	120.30	PPL Electric Utilities	1,433.06
George Allen Portable Toilets	559.00	Sudz In A Bucket, Inc.	66.00
Glick Fire Equipment Co.	80.26	Thomas A. Lawson	360.00
Independence Blue Cross	16,015.57	Univest VISA	470.97
James P. Leary	336.59	Univest VISA	348.59
Jon Hager Collision, Inc.	211.56	Unum Insurance Company	984.79
K J Door Services, Inc.	438.25	Verizon	72.78
Landis Block Nycconcrete Co	31.20	Verizon Wireless	249.42
Lawson Products, Inc.	143.42	Wellington Sporting Goods	200.00
McDonald Uniform Company	1,114.98	Bergey's, Inc.	340.99
Metlife	9,338.28	Clemens Uniform Rental	114.12
Moyer Indoor/Outdoor	387.78	Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	10.00
Naceville Materials	36.29	Cope's Garage	289.49
NAPA Auto Parts	105.99	D L Beardsley, Ltd.	319.75
Nationwide Trust Company	2,848.83	George Allen Portable Toilets	229.00
North Penn Water Authority	247.71	Home Depot	256.63
PECO Energy	62.61	James P. Leary	336.59
PPL Electric Utilities	473.56	Kenco Hydraulics, Inc.	685.00
Richter Drafting Office Supply	482.45	Landis Hunsberger Gingrich	6,736.91
Suburban Propane	111.24	Maryjane Yoder	200.00
Thomas Lawson	508.00	Metlife	6,225.52
Towamencin Township	1,000.00	Nationwide Trust Company	1,881.09

Towne Answering Service	\$550.00	North Penn Water Authority	\$39.90
Montgomery County Treasurer	80.00	PSAB- CDL Testing Program	32.15
Trumbauers Lawn & Rec, Inc.	572.73	Plasterer Equipment Co., Inc.	819.84
Univest VISA	15.95	PPL Electric Utilities	212.11
Univest VISA	223.01	Richter Drafting Office Supply	525.27
Univest VISA	428.78	Shelly Enterprises-USLBM, LLC	54.58
Unum Insurance Company	984.79	Stat Pads	125.00
Verizon Wireless	120.04	Suburban Propane	343.79
Advanced Disposal	38,049.43	Total General Fund	\$203,047.99

SEWER FUND

CCP Industries Inc.	\$1,323.86	Jesse Baro, Inc.	\$2,585.66
Charles Fragassi	326.50	Lisa Wright	143.25
CHL Systems	7,838.00	Moyer Indoor/Outdoor	130.29
Cintas First Aid & Safety	102.75	NetCarrier Telecom, Inc.	153.39
Clemens Uniform Rental	180.92	North American Benefits Co	250.60
Coyne Chemical	2,504.38	PPL Electric Utilities	36.51
D L Beardsley, Ltd	77.60	Reuter & Hanney, Inc.	1,525.00
Derstine Company, Inc.	14,328.73	Richard D. Nelson	200.00
Environmental Equipment	195.00	Robert E. Little, Inc.	3.25
EVOQUA Water Technologies	4,245.80	Suburban Water Testing Labs	3,683.63
Excelsior Blower Systems, Inc.	417.50	Sunair Co	2,169.08
Home Depot	46.51	Unum Insurance Company	194.66
Independence Blue Cross	4,659.03	Verizon	74.82
Jesse Baro, Inc.	6,682.37	Postmaster, Lansdale	938.40
Metlife	207.63	CCP Industries, Inc.	256.40
Moyer Instruments	3,220.00	Cintas First Aid & Safety	81.19
NAPA Auto Parts	6.99	Clemens Uniform Rental	90.46
North Penn Water Authority	148.33	D L Beardsley, Inc.	33.20
Perkasie Regional Authority	750.00	Derstine Company, Inc.	1,903.36
PPL Electric Utilities	1,604.84	EVOQUA Water Technologies	4,319.40
Robert E. Little, Inc.	108.64	Hart Mechanical Contractors	337.00
Shelly Enterprises USLBM, LLC	4.25	Home Depot	69.98
Univest Insurance, Inc.	7,706.00	Jesse Baro, Inc.	3,363.84
Unum Insurance Company	194.66	Lawson Products, Inc.	182.87
Clemens Septic Services	500.00	Metlife	138.42
Clemens Uniform Rental	45.23	NAPA Auto Parts	68.94
Comcast	89.51	North Penn Water Authority	86.04
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	150.00	NYCO Corporation	66.84
Delta Dental Gettysburg Benefits	379.52	PPL Electric Utilities	25,570.46
EVOQUA Water Technologies	4,342.40	Reuter & Hanney, Inc.	5,625.00
H2O Solutions, Inc.	175.00	S C Engineers, Inc.	2,081.50
Home Depot	542.86	Shelly Enterprises USLBM, LLC	6.25
Independence Blue Cross	4,659.03	West Generator Services	422.25
J P Mascaro & Sons	612.30	Total Sewer Fund	\$125,168.08

POOL FUND

CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

Boucher and James, Inc.	\$17,369.36	Home Depot	\$176.10
Hajoca Corporation	122.06	Todd Moyer Painting	797.50
Indian Valley Masonry Co., Inc.	5,820.00	Univest Capital	3,155.23
Lane-King of Prussia	814.00	Allan Myers	1,429.25
Naceville Materials	675.11	Naceville Materials	703.04
Scott A. Seifert	10,587.50	TRM Telford recycling Materials	310.00
Shelly Enterprises USLBM, LLC	777.46	Trout Brothers, Inc.	7,370.00
Sherwin Williams	67.93	Univest VISA	108.33
Univest VISA	817.21	Total Capital Reserve Fund	\$51,100.08

LIQUID FUELS FUND

PPL Electric Utilities	\$5,535.70	PPL Electric Utilities	\$84.28
Signal Control Products, Inc.	84.00	U S Municipal Supply, Inc.	52.75
U S Municipal Supply, Inc.	188.94		
PPL Electric Utilities	487.75	Total Liquid Fuels Fund	\$6,433.42

A motion was made by Councillor Richard Godshall, and seconded by Councillor Ned Leight, to approve the payment of bills for the month of July, 2020 as presented. The motion was approved.

A motion was made by Councillor Richard Godshall, and seconded by Councillor Ned Leight, to approve the payment of recurring bills for the month of August, 2020 as presented. The motion was approved.

President Brian K. Goshow opened the floor for public comment from those in the audience.

Charl Wellener, 18 N. Hunsberger Lane expressed appreciation to Mayor Reynolds for encouraging our local business community. She also expressed appreciation to Councillor Daniel Yocum for his efforts in organizing the movie night in the Community Park. Charl Wellener than read a prepared statement expressing concern and objection over the spraying of weeds along the streets, urging the use of a less toxic chemical which does not contain glyphosate. She further expressed concern over having in-person meetings without all participants wearing face masks.

Michael R. Pipe, 570 E. Garfield Avenue commented that he observed the recent weed spraying and does not feel it was properly applied. He suggested that Souderton Borough Council to reach out to the Souderton School District to create posters to encourage our youth to wear face coverings. Mr. Pipe expressed agreement with Charl Wellener that all participants attending public meetings should be mandated to wear face masks.

Vice-President Julie Munden noted that there are two Zoom participants listening in on the meeting, but they did not have any public comment for this meeting. There being no further public comment, President Brian Goshow moved to the business items scheduled for consideration with the first item being the Resolution concerning the Souderton Charter School.

A motion was made by Councillor Julie Munden, and seconded by Councillor Daniel Yocum, to approve and adopt Resolution 2020-11 restating, amending and granting conditional use approval to Hunsicker Property Management Co., LLC for the Souderton Charter School Collaborative to use property at 117 Noble Street for school purposes. The motion was approved.

A motion was made by Councillor Julie Munden, and seconded by Councillor Daryl Littlefield, to appoint Michael Moffitt, 165 N. School Lane, Souderton, Pennsylvania to fill the unexpired term of Nathan Miller on the Souderton Civil Service Commission through December 31, 2020. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Councillor Edward Huber, and seconded by Councillor Daryl Littlefield, to authorize the advertisement of an Ordinance adopting the 2015 edition of the International Fire Code for formal consideration at the September 14, 2020 Borough Council meeting. The motion was approved.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

P. Michael Coll, Secretary