

Regular Borough Council Meeting

August 1, 2011

The Regular Meeting of Souderton Borough Council, held on Monday, August 1, 2011, was called to order by Borough Council President Brian Goshow at 7:30 p.m. Members of Borough Council present at the regular meeting included the following:

President Brian K. Goshow	Junior Councillor Brian Barr
Vice-President Andrew C. Schlosser	Mayor John R. Reynolds
Councillor Ned D. Leight	
Councillor D. Jeffrey Gross	Solicitor Robert G. Bricker
Councillor Steven J. Toy	Borough Manager P. Michael Coll
Councillor Richard Halbom	Police Chief James P. Leary
Councillor Edward Huber	Public Works Director Seven Coll

The Invocation was given by Councillor Steven Toy, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

President Brian Goshow noted that there are two special presentations scheduled for this evening. Representatives from the American Legion, Royer-Warren Post, presented Souderton Borough Council with a check in the amount of \$5,000.00 as a capital donation in support of the Souderton Community Swimming Pool Project. The American Legion is making this donation to preserve and maintain the community pool for future generations to enjoy. Mayor John Reynolds and President Brian Goshow expressed sincere appreciation for the generous support of the American Legion in the swimming pool project as well as many other community projects and events throughout the years. The American Legion has been a part of this Community for many generations, noting that the American Legion participated with the construction of the original pool.

President Brian Goshow next recognized Daniel Yocum and members of the Souderton Swim Team. Daniel Yocum noted that the Souderton Dolphins Summer Swimming and Diving Team cannot possibly thank Borough Council enough for their continued support of the team. The new Souderton Community Pool is absolutely fantastic and the team thoroughly enjoyed practicing outdoors again through the summer. All visiting teams expressed amazement with the outcome of the renovations. All swim meets went perfectly and were completed in record time, which is a tribute to the overall planning of the facility. Dan Yocum presented a check in the amount of \$7,400.00 from a recent swim-a-thon event that the team hosted as a fundraiser for this project. Members of the swim team introduced themselves and provided their age and number of laps. Borough Council expressed appreciation for the efforts and financial support of the Souderton Swim Team.

Consideration was given to the minutes of the July 5, 2011 Regular Borough Council Meeting and July Work Sessions. A motion was made by Councillor Steven Toy, seconded by Councillor Richard Halbom, to approve the minutes of the July 5, 2011 Regular Borough Council Meeting and July 2011 Work Sessions as presented. The motion was approved.

Police Chief James Leary reviewed his monthly statistical and narrative summary reports to Borough Council. Chief Leary announced that August 2, 2011 will be National Night Out in the Souderton Community Park with a car show and various displays available for the public. Chief Leary also noted that the Police Department is teaming up with the Code Enforcement Officer to better address repairs and security of abandoned buildings in the Borough.

The Borough Solicitor's report for the month of July, 2011 was distributed to Borough Council. The Borough Solicitor noted that they completed closing on the redevelopment revolving loan fund with Broad Entertainment for the renovation of the Broad Theater. The Borough Solicitor consulted with the Code Enforcement Officer on a potential zoning violation at 27 N Front Street.

Borough Manager Michael Coll reported on the agenda items scheduled for consideration. Bids were received and opened for the 2011 Road Reconstruction Program contract. The bids were tabulated, with very competitive bidding between GoreCon, Incorporated

and P. K. Moyer and Sons. An initial recommendation was made by the Borough Manager that perhaps Borough Council can consider dividing the contract between the two lowest bidders on the basis of the individual quotes per street. The second item concerns the proposed upgrade of the Montgomery County Communications System and the resulting requirement for the Borough to acquire new portable radios for the police department. A Resolution has been prepared to authorize leasing up to five new portable radios from Montgomery County. A recommendation was made to reappoint Roy Zeiher to another five year term on the Souderton Planning Commission through July 2, 2016. Roy Zeiher currently serves as Vice-Chairman of the Planning Commission. A recommendation has been made to reappoint Robert Wellington to serve another five year term as a member of the Souderton Industrial Development Authority through August, 2016. Robert Wellington is the owner of Wellington Sporting Goods located at 206 Main Street in Souderton Borough. The last item for consideration is acceptance of the General Purpose Financial Statements for the Borough as prepared by Styer Associates for the year ending December 31, 2010.

Consideration was given to paying the bills for the month of July, 2011.

GENERAL FUND

AT&T	\$79.77	Nextell Communications	\$125.30
Bergey's, Incorporated	2,073.92	North Penn Water Authority	290.48
Carl B. Stuart	86.74	PECO Energy	31.36
Clemens Uniform Rental	166.17	PA One Call System	15.77
Comcast Cable	45.95	Petty Cash Fund	160.79
Cope's Garage, Inc	458.17	PPL Electric Utilities	14,202.20
Daniel Beardsley, Ltd	302.40	PPL Electric Utilities	3,195.01
Dr. David McSurdy	1,039.00	Rodney Shoemaker Plumbing	78.22
E. M. Kutz, Inc	11.16	Sandra Clemmer	400.00
Farm & Home Oil Company	2,702.33	Shelly Enterprises, Inc	201.86
Federal Express Corp	94.08	Souderton Independent	33.95
Freedom Systems Corp	281.25	Steven R. Coll	84.99
Good Plumbing, Heating, A/C, Inc	174.47	Home Depot	124.85
HISI	5,259.01	Thomas A. Lawson	120.00
Indian Creek Foundation	188.00	Uninvest VISA	264.00
Janice Murray	25.00	Unum Insurance Company	919.21
John R. Young & Co	1,092.36	Ven-Mar Sales	474.58
Lawson Products, Inc	285.99	A & K Enterprise	16,508.00
Moyer & Son, Inc	2,936.23		
N. F. Landis and Son, Inc	3,500.00	Total General Fund	\$16,508.00
NetCarrier Telecom, Inc	323.21		

SEWER FUND

Bergey's Electric, Inc	\$11.39	NYCO Corporation	\$10.00
Clemens Uniform Rental	272.72	PPL Electric Utilities	300.91
Comcast Cable	45.95	PPL Electric Utilities	17,157.36
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	150.00	Ricks Crane Rental, Inc	566.00
Environmental Resources	2,192.92	Shelly Enterprises, Inc	7.83
Freedom Systems Corporation	281.25	Siemens Industry, Inc	2,033.64
Fretz Enterprises	149.99	State World Headquarters	188.00
Good Plumbing Heating A/C, Inc	1,208.29	Suburban Water Testing	150.00
Hach Company	447.12	Sunair Co	1,085.22
Hajoca Corporation	3,916.29	Home Depot	20.30
HISI	1,207.01	Univar USA, Inc	3,060.66
J. P. Mascaro & Sons	11,023.38	Uninvest VISA	220.00
Lawson Products, Inc	207.77	Unum Insurance Company	260.98
Markey Paper & Packaging	110.64	Ven-Mar Sales, Inc	836.54
Moyer & Son, Inc	237.81		
North Penn Water Authority	198.29	Total Sewer Fund	\$47,558.26

POOL FUND

Kathy Armitage	\$1,068.44	Home Depot	\$618.45
Kathy Armitage	127.95	Univest VISA	185.49
Airgas National	437.76	Univest VISA	53.82
Cintas First Aid & Safety	299.95	Univest VISA	51.38
Derstines	1,140.94	Univest VISA	51.32
Laura Aquilante	367.52	Univest VISA	49.48
Nelson Ice Cream	818.22	Univest VISA	48.32
North Penn YMCA	30,000.00	Univest VISA	48.32
PECO Energy	6.00	Univest VISA	44.51
Penn Jersey Slush, LLC	720.00	Univest VISA	37.95
Pepsi Beverage Company	645.35	Univest VISA	14.94
QC Laboratories	32.50	Youngs	467.08
Richter Drafting/Office Supply	527.86	Kathy Armitage	356.65
Shelly Enterprises, Inc	62.72		
Suburban Water Testing	130.00	Total Pool Fund	\$38,496.92
Telford Press Printers	84.00		

CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

Wm E. Babikow Sons, Inc	\$4,466.30	Landis Block and Concrete	\$2,518.03
ADCOCK	2,025.63	Landis Block and Concrete	894.83
C & S Lawn and Landscape	4,425.00	Naceville Materials	2,911.71
Church Brick South, LLC	22,644.40	Norris Sales Company	2,508.00
Clark Artistic Iron, Inc	4,650.00	P. K. Moyer & Sons	12,849.50
Clearview Nursery, Inc	2,661.50	Rams Welding & Fabrication	10,607.00
Commonwealth Precast	702.00	Shelly Enterprises, Inc	389.05
Ecybro Trucking	5,440.00	Shelly Enterprises, Inc	45.02
Ecybro Trucking	1,080.00	Home Depot	486.88
Fastenal	176.69	Trout Brothers	7,506.00
G. A. Peak excavating	13,437.50	VIMCO	771.75
Georges Tool Rental	704.00	Youngs	45.50
Highway Materials, Inc	6,135.89		
Hoover Steel, Inc	323.70		
Landis Block and Concrete	10,379.86	Total Capital Reserve Fund	126,715.74
Landis Block and Concrete	5,930.00		

SEWER CAPITAL FUND

LIQUID FUELS FUND

PPL Electric Utilities	\$403.71	PPL Electric Utilities	\$378.50
		Total Liquid Fuels Fund	\$782.21

A motion was made by Councillor Andrew Schlosser, seconded by Councillor Steven Toy, to authorize payment of the bills for the month of July, 2011, as presented. The motion was approved.

President Brian Goshow opened the floor to the audience who may wish to address Borough Council on any topic or matter of concern. There being no public comment, President Goshow moved to the business portion of the agenda.

The first item of business was consideration of the bids for the 2011 Road Reconstruction Program. Bids were received and opened at a public hearing on August 1, 2011 at 2:00 pm. Borough Manager Michael Coll presented a tabulation of the bids received.

GoreCon, Incorporated	\$86,563.53
P. K. Moyer and Sons, Inc	\$88,097.99
Reid Paving Contractors	\$96,356.50
Blooming Glen Contractors	\$114,465.40
Drum Construction Company	\$123,484.20

Considerable discussion was held concerning the results of the bids. The Borough has had no direct experience with GoreCon, but they have completed projects in other municipalities and with the State. Their equipment is stored in Hilltown Township, just outside of the Borough. The

Borough has completed many projects with P. K. Moyer and Sons. The Borough Manager suggested that the project may be split between the two lowest contractors, but some concern was expressed that the format of the bid documents and contract may not allow the award to be divided between multiple contractors. Borough Council members elected to table any action on the bids until the Borough Solicitor completes a review of the bid documents. The bids will be discussed at the August Borough Council Work Sessions, with a formal recommendation for award at the September Borough Council Meeting.

A motion was made by Councillor Andrew Schlosser, and seconded by Councillor Ned Leight, to adopt Resolution No 2011-03 of Souderton Borough Council expressing commitment to lease up to five portable radios that are compliant to the upgraded Montgomery County public safety communications systems. The motion was approved.

A motion was made by Councillor Richard Halbom, and seconded by Councillor Jeffrey Gross, to appoint Roy Zeiher, 126 W Summit Street, Souderton to another five year term with the Souderton Planning Commission through July 2, 2016. The motion was approved.

A motion was made by Councillor Andrew Schlosser, and seconded by Councillor Jeffrey Gross, to appoint Robert Wellington, 101 Forrest Rd, Telford to another five year term on the Souderton Industrial Development Authority through August 4, 2016. The motion was approved.

A motion was made by Councillor Andrew Schlosser, and seconded by Councillor Steven Toy, to accept and approve the General Purpose Financial Statements for the Borough of Souderton as prepared by Styer Associates for the period ending December 31, 2010. The motion was approved.

Mayor John Reynolds noted that he received a letter from Family Services in Lansdale commending Chief James Leary and Officer David Gale for their informative presentation to their volunteers on elder fraud.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

P. Michael Coll, Secretary

WORK SESSION MINUTES AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Works Work Session – August 8, 2011 (7:00 pm- 8:20 pm)

Council Attendees: Mayor John Reynolds, Brian Goshaw, Ned Leight, Jeffrey Gross, John Young, Steven Toy, Preston Miller, Richard Halbom and Edward Huber.

Staff Attendees: Borough Manager Michael Coll, Public Works Director Steven Coll.

1. Sanitation Committee

- a) The July, 2011 Discharge Monitoring Report was filed with no exceptions to permit discharge limits.
- b) Chief Operator Sal DeSimone will begin the required Whole Effluent Toxicity Testing (WETT) through Suburban Water testing laboratories as part of the NPDES permit renewal application to the Department of Environmental Protection.

2. Highway Committee

- a) Public Works Director Steven Coll reported that 40 brush collection stops were completed. Repairs have been made to all of the stone alleys with some blacktop patching required in the paved alleys. A patch was completed in front of new curb in the 100 block of N. Fourth Street. Street sweeping and cleaning was completed along Main Street.
- b) Moyer Indoor/Outdoor assisted with curb side weed spraying. As in past years, the Borough drove the truck with a Moyer employee spraying. A growing number of resident complaints along Montgomery and Lincoln Avenues, led to a decision to completely avoid this section of the Borough.
- c) Crews will return to Main Street by the end of the month to complete as much of the streetscape work as possible before the Uninvest Grand Prix. We may begin with the installation of pavers in the parking area and move to the remaining sections of curb and granite block pavers when the remaining street light poles are removed. Some paving repairs will be scheduled for N. Fourth Street for the Uninvest Grand Prix.
- d) Street painting will also begin by the end of the month for the reopening of school.
- e) Copies of the contract documents for the 2011 Road Reconstruction Program along with the bid tabulation were distributed to Borough Council and to Borough Solicitor Robert Bricker. Borough Solicitor Robert Bricker is of the opinion that the format of the bid documents strongly suggests that the contract will be considered on the basis of the total cost for all streets, not individually. Following this opinion, the contract should be awarded to GoreCon who provided lowest total contract price. GoreCon has completed municipal work, state work and most recently will receive an award for road work in Cheltenham Township. Borough Council discussed this opinion and concurred with the Borough Solicitor. A formal motion will be prepared to award the 2011 Road Reconstruction contract to GoreCon.
- f) Ventresca and Sons began work on the Broad Street culvert project. They will not install the manhole structure in Broad Street until after the Uninvest Grand Prix. Recent heavy rains resulted in sink hole complaints from residents above Adams Avenue. The Borough Engineer reviewed the complaints and will discuss the potential of extending some work above Adams Avenue as grant funds may permit.

3. Sidewalk Committee

- a) No new items were discussed.

4. Recreation Committee

- a) Park mowing is beginning to start up with the recent rains. Mowing will resume as necessary after the morning cleaning of the pool bathhouse and vacuuming of the pools. Crews removed some graffiti from park play structures.
- b) Crews finished up the rain garden areas at the pool. Work will continue on completing the perimeter fencing along Colonial Avenue. Only a small section remains and will be completed upon delivery of additional fence posts. Trout brothers completed the remaining sidewalk along Wile Avenue and crews will continue to work on completing the granite block pavers and patching in the parking stalls.
- c) Borough Council members discussed the idea of keeping the Souderton Pool open after the Labor Day Holiday. The YMCA believes that they have sufficient staff to keep the leisure pool open for recreational swimming, but the competition pool will only be available for lap swimming. The pool will be open from 3 pm to 7 pm during school days and from 12 noon to 6 pm on Saturday and Sunday. We will try the extended season for

the first week to gauge both usage and weather. There was discussion about keeping the pool open through the Univest Grand Prix, but access to the pool will be difficult because of the road closures.

- d) Council President Brian Goshow noted that Borough Council may want to consider re-appointing a Recreation Board to specifically oversee the future operation of the pool. The Borough had a Recreation Board in the 1980's, which was disbanded in the early 1990's. The Recreation Board will devote efforts to oversee programming and overall pool operations, just as it did in the past. The down side is the potential for conflicting view points between the Board and Borough Council, but for the most part it may be very beneficial.

5. Property Committee

- a) The Borough received notification that the RACP grant was formally approved for the Souderton Train Station project. The Borough will need to complete the survey and legal description for the train station property. The Borough Manager will be meeting with the director of the Montgomery County Redevelopment Authority to discuss their potential assistance in the administration of this project.

Administrative Work Session – August 15, 2011 (7:00 pm-7:37 pm)

Council Attendees: Mayor John Reynolds, Brian Goshow, Jeffrey Gross, Andrew Schlosser, Steven Toy, Preston Miller and Edward Huber. Junior Councillor Brian Barr.
Staff Attendees: Chief James P. Leary, Borough Manager Michael Coll.

1. Police Committee

- a) Chief Leary provided Borough Council with both statistical and narrative summaries of police activity for the month of July. Most recently there was a serious assault on Noble Street. The investigation is complete and arrest warrants have been issued.
- b) The 2000 Ford Crown Victoria was involved in an accident, not at the fault of the Borough. Chief Leary expects to complete an insurance settlement for the car, which has been determined as totaled. In an unrelated incident, an elderly resident of Valley Vista has backed into the driver side door of the marked Tahoe. The vehicle is operable, but the damage will need to be repaired. An insurance claim for this incident has been opened.
- c) Chief Leary discussed the new course for the Univest Grand Prix and will be meeting with Franconia and Telford Police Departments to coordinate detour plans for the event. Chief Leary will also distribute flyers throughout the race course to insure that residents are aware of the event and certain parking and travel restrictions.
- d) Chief Leary recapped the National Night Out event which was very successful. Keystone Opportunity Center received a donation through the event.
- e) Borough Manager Michael Coll noted that the first collective bargaining session with the Souderton Police Department has been scheduled for Monday, August 22, 2011. The Police Department will be represented by Thomas Lawson and Joseph Rudner. Borough Council will be represented by Brian Goshow, John Young, Steven Toy and Preston Miller.

2. Administrative Committee

- a) Souderton-Telford Rotary Club will attend the September 6th Borough Council meeting to present a second installment of \$10,000 towards the Souderton Community Pool project.

The Borough has already received this payment.

- b) The 125th Anniversary Celebration Committee continues to work on a number of activities. A commemorative booklet is in design and a mail campaign has been distributed to raise donations towards the book.

3. Development Committee

- a) No new items were discussed.

4. Finance Committee

- a) Settlement on the Anchor Building Grant was completed and a first draw was disbursed to Broad Entertainment in the amount of \$64,083.00 for demolition work on the theater and adjoining buildings. Demolition will open up some of the structural elements and concerns that will need to be addressed.