

Regular Meeting

March 3, 2008

The Regular Meeting of the Souderton Borough Council was called to order by Vice-President Andrew C. Schlosser at 6:30 p.m. Members of Borough Council present at the Meeting included the following:

Vice President Andrew C. Schlosser	Councillor J. Edward Hunsicker, Jr.
Councillor Ned D. Leight	Mayor John R. Reynolds
Councillor D. Jeffrey Gross	Solicitor Robert G. Bricker
Councillor Katherine M. Grubb	Borough Manager P. Michael Coll
Councillor Jonathan C. Gardenier	Public Works Director Steven R. Coll
Councillor Ray M. Yothers	Police Chief Charles A. Quinn, Sr.

Borough Council adjourned to Executive Session to consult with special legal counsel Joseph Kuhls on legal and personnel issues. The Executive Session was not attended by Borough Solicitor Robert Bricker, Public Works Director Steven Coll or Police Chief Charles Quinn. The Executive Session concluded at 7:25 pm.

The Invocation was given by Councillor Ned D. Leight, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Consideration was given to the minutes of the February 4, 2008 Regular Borough Council Meeting. A motion was made by Councillor Jeffrey Gross, and seconded by Councillor Edward Hunsicker to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was approved.

Under correspondence, Borough Manager Michael Coll reported that he received a request from a resident at 50 West Walnut Street for Borough Council to consider restricting street parking on West Walnut Street to one side only. The street is very narrow and parking on both sides of the street makes it very difficult to maneuver in and out of driveways. The resident further commented that emergency vehicle access must also be hampered by the current conditions. The matter will be referred to the Police Committee for further discussion.

Vice President Andrew Schlosser confirmed with Police Chief Charles Quinn that an arrest was made in the recent robbery incident at the Cumberland Farms store at East Broad Street and County Line Road.

Solicitor Report for the month of February, 2008, included a meeting with the Mayor, two members of Borough Council and the police officers involved in the Noble Street incident. The Borough Solicitor also reviewed and prepared a memorandum dated February 7, 2008 regarding the proposed cable franchise agreement with Verizon.

Public Works Director Steven Coll reported on the sanitary sewer main project on N. Fourth Street. Crews should complete the project by the end of next week. All trenches will be temporarily paved with base material and the road will be swept to remove any loose stone and debris. Councillor Jonathan Gardenier questioned the policy for repairing state owned road, specifically Broad Street. Steve Coll reported that PennDOT is aware of the potholes. They filled them with cold patch a few weeks ago, but recent heavy rainfall washed out the material. They have been advised of this situation and are expected to return shortly to make additional repairs. The Borough may, and we often do patch holes on state roads, but when they become too large we refer the repair to PennDOT. Both East and West Broad Streets are State owned and maintained roads. Andrew Schlosser questioned whether the Borough pursued taking back West Broad Street. Borough Manager Michael Coll responded that the Borough did discuss taking back West Broad Street under the Highway Turnback Program, primarily to help finance repairs and replacement of the large storm drain culvert that runs along West Broad Street. The discussion has since been dropped because the potential funding was not sufficient to make the project feasible for the Borough. We are currently working with our Engineer on alternative solutions for the storm drain line.

Borough Manager Michael Coll also outlined the agenda for tonight's meeting. Bids were received for road materials, equipment rentals and oil and chip surface treatments this afternoon. The Bids have been tabulated for your review and consideration. Based on the proposed unit prices, we are recommending award of stone materials to Naceville Materials. M & M Stone Company has provided the best prices for bituminous materials. Under Equipment rentals, we are recommending that P. K. Moyer and Sons be awarded the bid for paving work and Scott Seifert Paving and Excavation be

awarded the bid for pipe and utility work. Asphalt Industries was the only bidder for oil and chip surface treatments. We have worked with this firm for the past few years and recommend award to them again for this contract period. The next item for consideration is authorization for the Civil Service Commission to proceed with testing and certification of a list of candidates for the position of full time police officer. We recently received a planned retirement notice from one of our police officer, resulting in a vacancy on the force in April. The last item for consideration is authorization to have the Borough Solicitor prepare and advertise an ordinance levying a \$52.00 Local Services Tax on persons employed within the Borough of Souderton effective January 1, 2009.

Councillor Jonathan Gardenier commented that he distributed supplemental information regarding the proposed Local Services Tax. Information received from Berkheimer Associates estimates annual revenue higher than previously calculated using Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission data. This tax is levied by the municipality in which you work. A large number of residents working outside of Souderton Borough are already paying this tax. Most municipalities have levied the full \$52.00 tax, only Doylestown Borough has adopted a lower tax rate.

WORK SESSION MINUTES AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Works Work Session – Monday, March 10, 2008

Council Attendees: Mayor John Reynolds, Ned Leight, Jeffrey Gross, Brian Goshow, Katherine Grubb, Jonathan Gardenier and Ray Yothers.

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

1. Executive Session

The work session was called to order in executive session at 6:30 pm for the purpose of conducting an interview with police Officer Kurt Scherzberg regarding his participation in the promotional examination process for the position of Sergeant. The executive session was attended by all listed Borough Council attendees along with the Borough Manager. The executive session concluded at 7:15 pm and the remaining work session agenda was conducted in open session.

2. Sanitation Committee

- a) The February Discharge Monitoring Report was filed with no exceptions to permit limitations. Monthly Discharge Monitoring Reports are now filed electronically through the DEP e-DMR system.
- b) Chief Operator Sal DeSimone prepared a monthly report for distribution to committee members outlining the performance of the plant and associated maintenance reports. Sal DeSimone has recommended consideration in postponing the planned sandblasting and painting of the “A” side treatment tank, allocating the funds towards additional work in repairing the air piping and diffusers in the aerated sludge chamber of the “B” unit painted last year. Sal reported that there are “dead spaces” within the chamber and this work is necessary to improve sludge handling. We also have repairs that need to be completed at the head end of the plant, particularly with the bar screen and muffin monster.
- c) Special Legal Counsel, Steve Miano, has received a proposed settlement offer from DEP in regard to the NPDES permit appeal. The primary issues are with copper monitoring and the O & M plan requirements. Nutrient issues have been temporarily addressed by withdraw of the Skippack Creek TMDL. The current proposal is very close to being acceptable. The larger issue facing the Borough in the next few years will be the nutrient limits. DEP just released a TMDL study for the Indian Creek which is where Telford discharges. The Phosphorus level cited in this study is 0.04 mg/l. The Skippack Creek TMDL originally had a limit of 0.24 mg/l, but we new that DEP and EPA had a broader policy to reduce this limit even further. Given the uncertain future limits, we felt it was inappropriate to spend significant capital funds at this time. The Phosphorus limit will be reduced from 2.0 mg/l to 1.0 mg/l through 2011. This limit is achievable through chemical additions.

As a side note, the Indian Creek TMDL does in fact have an effect on Souderton Borough and

Franconia Township as MS4 permitted stormwater dischargers. We have potential regulatory and future permitting issues associated with storm water run off from the northeastern portion of the Borough. I have requested Special Counsel Steve Miano to enter the Borough as a party to the TMDL. Franconia Township is also doing the same through their legal counsel.

- d) Crews have recently completed the sewer main replacement project along N Fourth Street. The small sewer line servicing the rowhomes on E. Broad Street from the rear alley was also replaced. A section of this line was actually constructed with perforated storm drainage pipe. We cleaned and televised the sewer main along N Fifth Street and to the rear of the rowhomes in the 500 block of East Broad Street. This evaluation revealed significant infiltration problems. Access to the sewer main behind the East Broad Street rowhomes will be very difficult and may require us to consider other options.

2. Highway Committee

- a) Steve Coll outlines the status of projects completed during the month of February and work items scheduled for the month of March.
- b) Contracts are currently being executed with the successful bidders for road materials, various equipment rentals and oil and chip surface treatments. A comprehensive street inventory was distributed to Borough Council last month. This information, along with current contract pricing will be used to develop a specific road program for this year along with subsequent years. We will present this report at the April work session. In response to a question raised at the Borough Council meeting, Steve Coll compared our current contract prices with our neighboring municipalities. The comparison showed that our pricing is very competitive with our neighboring municipalities.
- c) Crews have made good progress on the joint project with Univest to clean up and improve the SEPTA property for additional parking. The project area is behind the North Penn Beverage and was previously illegally utilized by a landscaping operation that has since been removed. This property also adjoins Borough owned property contiguous to the Indian Valley Boys and Girls Club which is in deplorable condition. The project will require extending and completing storm drainage, which the Borough constructed in various prior phases, removal of overgrown brush and trees, grading, landscaping and paving. We have proposed to provide labor and equipment to assist in completing this project, with Univest paying or reimbursing all material expenses. Univest will also directly complete paving, landscaping and electrical work to install some additional area lighting. The Borough Engineer will be surveying the area to provide grade points to complete the storm drain installation and rough grading of the site.

3. Sidewalk Committee

- a) Considerable discussion was held on the fluctuating policy over the use of grass plots. The purpose of the grass plot is to provide a space for utility boxes, signs and poles that will not disturb or require the replacement of sidewalk to access. As an example crews were able to access sewer laterals on N Fourth Street without removing sidewalk. On most streets we need to remove and replace one or two blocks of sidewalk as part of the construction work. The next advantage of grass plots provides some flexibility to property owners to salvage sections of relatively good sidewalk when curb needs to be replaced. Good sidewalk can be cut a salvaged regardless of the elevation of the new curb. The grade can be adjusted by the grass plot, saving considerable expense to the property owner and the Borough. As we have moved forward with the grass plot installations we have run into significant objection from certain property owners over the maintenance of grass plots. In some areas the plot is rather narrow.

An option that was forwarded to the Committee was the use of pavers in lieu of the grass plots in narrow, densely populated areas. The cost of the paver is less than half the expense of concrete sidewalk and the material expense could be charged to the property owner, with the Borough installing the pavers. We currently install the grass plots and the paver system when laid out correctly in the field should be relatively quick and easy to install. In the end you still have a removable space for utilities, the ability to adjust grade and the property owner has a relatively maintenance free and walk able surface. There are other sections, primarily consisting of larger single homes with established grass plots. In these areas, grass plots should

be continued. Committee members will continue to evaluate the benefit of this policy.

- b) Following the concerns raised by Councillor Katherine Grubb, a notice was sent to Indian Valley Masonry requiring them to replace curb and sidewalk along the entire Chestnut Street frontage of their property. They have since confirmed that they will comply with this order by the end of this year.

4. Recreation Committee

- a) Jonathan Gardenier, Katherine Grubb, Jeffrey Gross and I met with Associate YMCA Director Betty Linko and Margaret Zook of the Souderton Mennonite Home on Thursday, March 6th to update and review the status of discussions and planning regarding the swimming pool. Specifically, Margaret Zook confirmed that the Mennonite Home is still willing to discuss the contribution and use of land and the YMCA confirmed they remain interested in partnering with the Borough to assist in operating and programming, regardless of the size and scope of the project. We discussed the current objective of the Wade Associates study. We also discussed the potential of this being the last season of the current pool facility. We must also focus more discussion with Franconia Township and Telford Borough about the pool facility.

Swimming Pool memberships will go on sale in April for the 2008 season. Rates have increased by a nominal \$5.00. As in past years, residents can download the application form from our website or complete an application form at the Souderton Borough Office. Souderton residents will continue to be eligible for a significant discount over the community rate. Payments can be made by check or by Visa, MasterCard and Discover. The pool will open on Saturday, June 7th through Labor Day, September 1st.

- b) Zion Mennonite Church is considering a community playground project on their site at Cherry Lane and S Front Street. The playground is similar to the wooden park known as Kings Castle in Doylestown Township and the wooden playground in Upper Gwynedd Township. The structure will be built with recycled material in place of pressure treated wood. The Church is hoping that Borough Council will support the project and possibly assist with site preparation, liability insurance and future maintenance.

We were also approached by the Souderton Area Baseball League to assist in the construction of a building on the S Front Street baseball field to contain a small restroom facility, storage area and snack stand. The League has a \$15,000 grant for this purpose and would like for the Borough to assist in getting proper clearances from Zion Mennonite Church and assist with some site work and utility construction. The building will be located along S Front Street in between the two baseball fields. Actually, this building may be somewhat beneficial for the Community Playground across the street by providing restroom facilities. The League views the building as beneficial in saving portable toilet rentals and having the snack stand generate some revenue to assist to offset their expenses. Ultimately, Zion would like to sell this parcel to the Borough under the Montgomery County Open Space program.

Indian Valley Appraisal Company recently completed an appraisal for the South Front Street baseball field property. I also met with the Montgomery County Open Space Administrator and staff on Wednesday, March 5 to review this proposed acquisition and also to discuss funding to assist with the development of the plaza area along the Main Street parking lot in conjunction with a sculpture project through the Indian Valley Arts foundation. Their reaction was favorable for both projects.

Pam Coleman, Jeff Gross and I met with DCNR Advisor Fran Rupert to discuss the potential of a grant to assist with funding the local match requirements of the Montgomery County Open Space Program. This is important since the 2008 Budget does not have funding set aside for the matching requirements. Following this meeting, it appears as though we should proceed with an application to DCNR. A Resolution authorizing this application must be considered by Borough Council at their April 7th meeting. The application deadline is April 25, 2008.

- c) An advertisement for bids to supply playground equipment for the new Lawn Avenue Park has been published with bids due by 2:00 pm on Monday, April 14, 2008. The bids will be tabulated for review by Committee members. In the interest of time, I have advertised a Special Meeting of Souderton Borough Council for Monday, April 21, 2008 to formally consider and

award the contract. The budget for this equipment is approximately \$50,000, financed through a \$25,000 State DCED grant, matched by \$25,000 in State RACP funds.

- d) Councillor Jeff Gross and members of Borough Council discussed the potential of organizing a clean up day in the Borough parks as part of Earth Day. Members acknowledged that this will be a challenging program to establish in such a short period of time.

5. Property Committee

- a) Portions of the exterior stucco surface along the front wall of the municipal building are breaking off and should be repaired in a similar fashion to the side wall. We have obtained written quotation to complete this work, with Borough forces completing the initial removal of the old plaster surface. Benner and White Construction provided the best quotation of \$9,775.00 to complete this work. A motion will be prepared for formal consideration at the April Borough Council Meeting to accept the quotation of Benner and White.

Administrative Work Session – Monday, March 17, 2008

Council Attendees: John Young, Mayor John Reynolds, Jeffrey Gross, Brian Goshow, Andrew Schlosser, Katherine Grubb, Jonathan Gardenier and Ed Hunsicker. Junior Councillor Andrew Espenlaub.

Staff Attendees: Police Chief Charles Quinn and Borough Manager Michael Coll.

1. Executive Session

The work session was called to order in executive session at 6:30 pm for the purpose of conducting an interview with Police Officer Thomas Lawson regarding his participation in the promotional examination process for the position of Sergeant. The executive session was attended by all listed Borough Council attendees along with the Borough Manager. The executive session concluded at 7:25 pm and the remaining work session agenda was conducted in open session.

No recommendation for an appointment has been forwarded from Committee members at this time.

2. Police Committee

- a) At the March Borough Council meeting a motion was approved to proceed with testing for an entry level Police Officer to fill the vacancy that will occur on the force through the announced retirement of Officer Donald Fry in April. I contacted Chief Dickinson about utilizing the services of Safe City Solutions for this process. Chief Dickinson informed me that they only work in promotional examinations and on management studies, not entry level positions. A suggestion was made to have the members of the Civil Service Commission and Borough staff complete the initial application process and the written examination. Pennridge Regional Chief David Mettin may assist the Borough with the Oral Examination. In future years, Souderton may want to participate with the Montgomery County Consortium in testing and certifying Police Officer candidates.
- b) Committee members continued discussions on the proposed Reliance Road/Main Street traffic signal project. Concerns and objections to the signal have been expressed by Scott Houston, 7 E Reliance Road and Ray Hopkins, 417 Wile Avenue. PennDOT has just approved the most recent revised plan. Given the fact that we proceeded through the analysis and warrant process and received the permit to construct a signal, the Borough may be facing liability if the project is simply dropped. The Borough is now in a position to take some measure to improve the conditions at this intersection. Certain alternatives were discussed including one way traffic restrictions on West Reliance Road and the construction of a “roundabout” intersection. The Borough Engineer has done some preliminary research in the roundabout intersection option, but the orientations of the approaches do not lend itself to this application. Cost remains a concern, but we will have to competitively bid the project to make a final determination. Given all of the noted issues, Committee members recommended that we complete the contract

specifications and advertise the project for bid.

- c) A concern was expressed from a resident in the first block of W. Walnut Street, between Main Street and Wile Avenue, about parking on both sides of the street. This street has a very narrow cartway width, making travel extremely difficult with cars parked on both sides. This block is very densely populated and restricting parking on the street may be objectionable. Committee members suggested that a survey be distributed to the residents to express the opinion on the following options: parking on one side of the street, parking on both sides of the street with a one way traffic designation or no change.
- d) A question was raised concerning the point on Main Street where the 25 mph speed limit takes effect. The 25 mph speed limit begins at Summit Street and Main Street. Committee members suggested that we approach PennDOT with a request to lower the speed limit on all state roads within the Borough limits to 25 mph, specifically; this will include the upper portion of Main Street, East and West Broad Streets and County Line Road. A previous request to lower the speed limit on County Line Road was denied by PennDOT.

2. Administrative Committee

- a) Verizon advanced a proposed cable service agreement to Souderton Borough for our review and comment. Borough Solicitor Robert Bricker and I met with Verizon legal staff on Tuesday, March 25th. In general we asked for an itemization of the services that will be included in the 5% franchise fee calculation, an exhibit of the customary reporting format used to document the franchise fee calculation, specific language concerning the technology grant program for government access and a schedule for built out. The meeting was very productive. We tentatively agreed to have revised language within the next few weeks to consider formal adoption of the Verizon Franchise Agreement at the May Borough Council meeting.
- b) We received notice from the Police Officers that they desire to begin collective bargaining for a new labor agreement to become effective January 1, 2009. Committee members recommended President John Young, and Councillors Jonathan Gardenier and Katherine Grubb to serve as the Borough representatives in negotiations with the Police Officers.
- c) The term of Junior Councillor Andrew Espenlaub will expire June, 2008 with his graduation from High School. John Young will contact the School District for a list of interested candidates.
- d) A question was raised about the requirement to keep minutes of all work sessions or committee meetings. By law, all meetings of Borough Council are open to the public and regular minutes must be maintained for these meetings. We have maintained monthly reports of all work sessions and by recommendation of the Borough Solicitor will now make these reports part of the regular Borough Council meeting minutes.

3. Development Committee

- a) Committee members were reminded of the public work shop on Wednesday, March 19th, to obtain public input for the Souderton High School redevelopment plan. As requested, we mailed notices to 160 properties around the High School.

The work shop was well attended by residents, members of the School District, Planning Commission and Borough Council. I believe there was a good exchange of ideas, suggestions and concerns. DePallo set up an email address for the public to forward comments. The address is shs@townshapes.com. The next meeting between DePallo and key committee members will be held at 8:00 am on Thursday, April 17th in the Council Chambers. The purpose of the meeting is to present key committee members and representatives with preliminary redevelopment plans. Members can comment on the plans for continued work and revisions in preparation for a second public meeting in May.

- b) Following discussions at last month's work session, Jonathan Gardenier prepared a draft of a potential Limited Commercial or Village Commercial designation, somewhat modeled towards the C-2 Zoning District, for Main Street from Green Street to the Borough Line.

This proposal was discussed by the Souderton Planning Commission at their meeting on Wednesday, March 26th. Members of the Planning Commission generally supported the Zoning District change. Support was also expressed by two residents of the 300 block of Main Street. Commission members discussed whether the new district should stop at Reliance Road or should it continue to the Borough line. The Borough Line does not extend to Wile Avenue. We will continue in developing this ordinance with assistance from the Montgomery County Planning Commission.

- c) Committee members also authorized the preparation of an amendment to the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance to require two off street parking spaces for every residential unit in a multifamily or mixed use building. The current ordinance reduced this number to 1 ½ spaces. This matter was also discussed and endorsed by members of the Souderton Planning Commission. A motion will be prepared for formal consideration at the April Borough Council meeting to authorize the Borough Solicitor to proceed with the preparation and advertisement of this SLDO amendment.
- d) Committee members reviewed some very preliminary sketch plans regarding improvements to the rear of 121 Main Street and the design of the plaza area along the Main Street parking lot. The Indian Valley Arts Foundation is also working on ideas for the development of the plaza area with respect to the placement of a sculpture and other amenities. This plan was reviewed by the Borough Engineer and discussed by the Souderton Planning Commission on March 26th. The plan presents two significant issues regarding off street parking requirements and the proposed design and grade of the connection drive to the rear of 121 Main Street. The owner and his architect will consider various revisions to meet the concerns raised by the Borough Engineer and Commission members.

In regard to parking, Committee members discussed the need to develop a parking management plan for the core business district. Also discussed was the potential of requiring a contribution from developers in lieu of providing the required spaces on site. This contribution would then be applied towards the maintenance and possible future construction of additional municipal parking facilities.

- e) Committee members discussed the need to institute more comprehensive lighting requirements and standards for lighting. Jeff Gross pointed out that the Main Streets Design Committee prepared certain standards some time ago that have not been formally considered. The standards should serve as a base plan for future discussions.

4. Finance Committee

- a) Committee members discussed the proposed inter-municipal agreement regarding municipal support towards the Indian Valley Public Library. The inter-municipal agreement would bind each municipality to adopt annual budgets and annual real estate tax ordinances that confirm to the designated funding commitment as approved by 75% of the representatives to the Indian Valley Library Committee. Committee members expressed concern that the proposed agreement does not appear to have a specific binding affect on the School District. They also disagreed with the designated two representatives from the School District. Committee members expressed concern that the municipal obligation to the Library will double if the School District elects to withdraw from the Library. I will write to the Library Board to express these concerns.
- b) A brief discussion was held concerning committee support towards the enactment of a Local Services Tax effective January 1, 2009. A draft ordinance has been prepared by the Borough Solicitor and we received a variety of estimates, procedures and a proposed collection agreement from Berkheimer Associates. We will continue to refine the ordinance for future adoption. Formal adoption of the Tax Ordinance must be completed prior to December 1, 2008.
- c) At the request of Jonathan Gardenier, copies of the insurance declaration pages were made of our commercial insurance policies for the purpose of receiving other comparable quotations. It was pointed out that Herbert Shelly of the John Fretz Insurance Agency has been serving as our agent for many years. They are an independent broker and routinely quote and shop our insurance. The Borough is now insured by Selective Insurance. We have received quotations from Harleysville Insurance, Selective Insurance and will now add quotations from Travelers

Insurance and Ohio Casualty prior to renewal on September 1, 2008. Our workers compensation insurance has been moved to the State Workers Insurance Fund.

Similarly, the Borough has been working with Kistler-Tiffany Benefits for placement of our health insurance, prescription drug, disability and life insurance programs. Kistler-Tiffany has access to a number of insurers and products. Presently we are with Personal Choice and Keystone. We have also been quoting with Aetna, and will look at them again this fall. We have been working on an alternative method of providing prescription drug coverage through Health Insurance Solutions, located on Main Street, Souderton.

- d) Councillor Jonathan Gardenier discussed the possibility of the Borough becoming more aggressive in appealing property assessment values in the Borough. The Montgomery County Board of Assessment is not setting assessed values in pace with current market values. Perhaps the Borough should evaluate appealing certain property assessments and taking a more aggressive role in fighting appeals to lower property assessments. The goal is to maintain a more equitable level of assessments between properties in the Borough.

Consideration was given to paying the bills for the month of February, 2008.

GENERAL FUND

M & M Stone Company	\$65.58	MetLife	\$240.70
MetLife	3,110.45	Montgomery Newspaper	41.39
Moyer & Son, Inc.	483.76	Nextel Communications	281.45
North Penn Water Authority	22.08	PA Municipal Retirement System	1,275.50
PA Municipal Retirement System	696.35	Richter Drafting/Office Supply	221.09
Unum Insurance Company	787.33	Witmer Associates, Inc.	777.78
PA Municipal Retirement System	1,594.97	AT&T	33.91
Ches-Mont Disposal, Inc.	325.92	Comcast Cable	42.95
David A. Freed	120.00	E. M. Kutz, Inc.	92.50
Farm & Home Oil Co.	744.03	First Precinct Uniforms/Equipment	5,708.00
Gouldey Welding & Fabrication	331.70	Grand Turk Equipment Co., Inc.	458.45
H & K Materials	962.05	Highway Materials, Inc.	371.80
Jason M. Kelly	99.00	John R. Young & Co.	462.61
Michael C. Boraski, D.M.D.	298.00	Midlantic Machinery	231.32
Montgomery Co. Boroughs Assoc.	150.00	Moyer & Son, Inc.	2,727.76
NetCarrier Telecom, Inc.	480.01	PECO Energy	252.11
Pennsylvania One Call System	32.50	Peter I. Psomiadis, D.M.D.	181.60
Plasterer Equipment Co., Inc.	192.94	PPL Electric Utilities	618.15
PSAB	25.00	SEPTA	400.00
St. Mary Medical Center	100.00	The Home Depot	122.86
Theodore P. Croll, D.D.S.	135.20	Verizon	183.26
Weldon Auto Parts	288.71	Airgas	123.60
Armstrong & Son Equip. Repairs	1,747.26	Cope's Garage, Inc.	807.78
Freedom Systems Corporation	1,751.35	Lapps Landscape Products	570.00
Postmaster, Telford/Souderton	167.00	Richter Drafting/Office Supply	87.88
Shelly Enterprises, Inc.	66.02	Word Work, Inc.	130.00
Bricker, Landis & Hunsberger	3,322.50	Del-Val International Truck	1,110.57
Federal Express Corp.	23.12	Idearc Medic Corp.	117.13
Independence Blue Cross	16,546.78	IPMA-HR	135.00
Jaeger Electric Service, Inc.	2,415.69	Keystone Health Plan East	7,112.53
M & M Stone Company	129.00	Markey Paper & Packaging, Inc.	24.81
Mary E. Schnable	920.87	McBee Systems, Inc.	190.36
MetLife	240.70	MetLife	3,110.50
Moyer & Son, Inc.	740.17	Naceville Materials	101.34
North American Benefits Co.	945.40	Nyco Corporation	243.02
Peter I. Psomiadis	85.00	PPL Electric Utilities	7,722.12
Safe City Solutions	1,387.50	State Workers Insurance Fund	3,796.80
Uninvest Visa	4.60	Uninvest Visa	259.90
Unum Insurance Company	1,605.65	Weaver and Reckner Dental	200.00
William Powis	119.00	A & T Chevrolet, Inc.	15.90
Cope's Garage, Inc.	891.40	Davidheiser's, Inc.	109.95

First Precinct Uniforms/Equipment	239.00	Kopp Equipment Sales	48.00
Lansdale Police Department	300.00	National Assn. of Chiefs of Police	50.00
Virginia M Womelsdorf	257.00		

Total General Fund \$85,742.97

SEWER FUND

MetLife	\$105.28	PPL Electric Utilities	\$15,969.20
Unum Insurance Company	244.17	Carquest	5.23
Ches-Mont Disposal, Inc.	89.60	Comcast Cable	42.95
Daniel L. Beardsley LTD	14.50	Farm Bureau Garage, Inc.	810.83
Hach Company	250.95	J.P. Mascaro & Sons	5,087.16
Montg County Community College	1,250.00	NetCarrier Telecom, Inc.	213.34
North Penn Water Authority	129.68	Nyco Corporation	10.00
PPL Electric Utilities	1,487.13	Process Technologies Inc.	99.55
Telford Press Printers	960.15	The Home Depot	56.16
The PA State University	346.00	USA Blue Book	3,952.34
Verizon	55.84	All Industrial-Safety Products	9.78
Graphic Controls LLC	124.42	Moyer & Son, Inc.	336.22
Postman, Telford/Souderton	728.64	Borough of Souderton Sanitary Sew	114,880.00
D & M Machine, Inc.	90.00	Farm Bureau Garage, Inc.	366.98
Fisher Scientific	1,402.60	Independence Blue Cross	4,585.80
Independence Blue Cross	207.65	Independence Blue Cross	215.48
J.P. Mascaro & Sons	6,756.75	Keystone Health Plan East	2,616.51
L/B Water Service, Inc.	414.40	Landis Block & Concrete	44.00
Maintenance Engineering LTD	101.90	MetLife	105.28
North American Benefits Company	305.58	S C Engineers, Inc.	2,178.81
State Workers Insurance Fund	1,627.20	Suburban Water Testing Labs	143.25
Unum Insurance Company	488.34	West Generator Services	186.80
Wolf, Block, Schorr & Solis-Cohen	1,274.10	Yellow Transportation, Inc.	491.33
		Total Sewer Fund	\$170,861.88

CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

Boucher and James, Inc.	\$21,296.21	Code Inspections, Inc.	\$125.00
Couzins Inc.	6,925.93	Highway Materials, Inc.	86.21
Landis Block & Concrete	690.78	Moyer & Son, Inc.	650.00
Naceville Materials	399.92	Norris Sales Company Incorporated	1,965.50
North Penn Water Authority	304.10	Trout Brothers, Inc.	3,800.00
Univest National Bank	1,900.26	Univest National Bank	6,052.96
Wade Associates	1,500.00	M & M Stone Company	1,162.99
Scott A. Seifert	3,320.00	Jaeger Electric Service, Inc.	7,945.44
Landis Block & Concrete	146.20	Univest National Bank	6,052.96
Univest National Bank	1,777.66		
		Total Capital Reserve Fund	\$66,102.12

LIQUID FUELS FUND

Letterco	\$1,301.54	PPL Electric Utilities	\$171.23
Commonwealth Precast, Inc.	100.00	Hajoca Corporation	372.37
Letterco	164.25	PPL Electric Utilities	384.12
		Total Liquid Fuels Fund	\$2,493.51

SANITARY SEWER CAPITAL FUND (PLGIT)

Bank of New York (PENNVEST)	\$57,355.94	Hajoca	\$3,559.62
		Total Sanitary Sewer Capital Fund	\$60,915.56

A motion was made by Councillor Katherine Grubb, and seconded by Councillor Ned Leight, to pay the bills for the month of February, 2008, as presented. The motion was approved.

Vice-President Andrew Schlosser opened the floor for public comment by Borough Residents and Property Owners.

Ray Hopkins, 417 Wile Avenue, commented in reference to the proposed traffic signal at Main Street and Reliance Road. He received copies of the supporting traffic study, traffic counts and plans from the Borough Manager. He requested Borough Council to take another look at this data, particularly the traffic counts and accident data. The number of accidents reported at this intersection in comparison to the large volume of traffic may suggest that the cost to install the signal may not be warranted. Perhaps the grant funds secured for this project through State Representative Robert Godshall may be better spent on other road repair projects and the intersection could be improved by additional signage and travel restrictions.

Scott Houston, 7 East Reliance Road, commented that he also received copies of the traffic study and plans for the proposed traffic signal for the intersection of Reliance Road and Main Street. Mr. Houston expressed concerns with traffic backed up along E Reliance Road waiting for the signal, creating noise and air pollution. He suggested that further study into other alternatives should be considered. Vice President Andrew Schlosser commented that the signal project will be discussed further by the Police Committee at their March Work Session.

The first item of business was consideration of the bids received for various road materials, equipment rentals and oil and chip surface treatments.

A motion was made by Councillor Ray Yothers, and seconded by Councillor Edward Hunsicker, to award Naceville Materials of Sellersville with the contract to supply stone materials and to award M & M Stone Company of Harleysville with the contract to supply bituminous materials based on quoted unit prices. The motion was approved.

A motion was made by Councillor Edward Hunsicker, and seconded by Councillor Ray Yothers, to award the equipment rental contract to P. K. Moyer & Sons of Earlington for paving and road construction and Scott Seifert Paving and Excavating of Souderton for pipe and utility work based on quoted unit prices. The motion was approved.

A motion was made by Councillor Edward Hunsicker, and seconded by Councillor Ray Yothers, to award the contract for Oil and Chip Surface Treatment to Asphalt Industries of Chester, PA at a unit price of \$2.32 per square yard and an estimated contract price of \$29,580.00. The motion was approved.

Councillor Jonathan Gardenier questioned the estimated quantity of work and whether we had identified any streets for this treatment. The contract estimated 12,750 square yards of work and Public Works Director Steve Coll pointed out that we will be considering roads listed in the master street inventory with a rating of 2 or 3. Councillor Gardenier pointed out Montgomery Avenue may be a good candidate for consideration.

A motion was made by Councillor Edward Hunsicker, and seconded by Councillor Katherine Grubb, authorizing the Civil Service Commission to conduct testing and prepare a certification list for the position of full time patrol officer with the Souderton Police Department. In response to a question raised by Councillor Gardenier, Borough Manager Michael Coll outlined the general procedure for advertising the position and receiving applications. The written examination will be given to the applicants by the Civil Service Commission, who will also proctor and grade the examinations. The Civil Service Commission will have to make arrangements with a consultant for the oral examination. There being no further questions, the motion was approved.

A motion was made by Councillor Jonathan Gardenier, and seconded by Councillor Katherine Grubb, to authorize the Borough Solicitor to proceed with the preparation and advertisement of an ordinance instituting a \$52.00 Local Services Tax effective January 1, 2009. The motion was approved.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

P. Michael Coll, Secretary