

Regular Borough Council Meeting

June 7, 2021

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 meeting is being recorded and will be available to view through the Borough website. The Borough Council meeting was attended by the following members and staff:

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| President Brian K. Goshow | Councillor Edward Huber |
| Vice-President Julie Munden | Mayor John R. Reynolds |
| Councillor Donna Rogers | Junior Councillor Nick Mancini |
| Councillor Richard Godshall | Solicitor Robert G. Bricker |
| Councillor Daniel Yocum | Borough Manager P. Michael Coll |
| Councillor Matt Mscichowski | Police Chief Brian Newhall |
| Councillor Daryl Littlefield | Public Works Director Steven Coll |

Absent from the meeting was Councillor Ned Leight. The meeting began with an invocation by Mayor John R. Reynolds, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consideration was given to the minutes of the May 3, 2021 Regular Borough Council Meeting. A motion was made by Councillor Matt Mscichowski, seconded by Councillor Richard Godshall, to approve the minutes of the May 3, 2021 Regular Monthly Borough Council meeting as presented. The motion was approved.

Consideration was then given to the minutes of the May 17, 2021 Borough Council Work Session. A motion was made by Councillor Richard Godshall, seconded by Councillor Matt Mscichowski, to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2021 Borough Council Work Session meeting as presented. The motion was approved.

President Brian Goshow recognized Daniel Houser who requested to make a presentation to Borough Council on behalf of Concert Sundaes. Concert Sundaes will begin the 2021 summer season on Sunday June 27 with the Allentown Band. Ten concerts have been scheduled through August 29, 2021. Concert Sundaes Committee developed a pandemic response plan which was shared with Borough Council.

President Brian Goshow reported on the status of the Community Park renovation project in conjunction with Souderton-Telford Rotary Club. Crews completed a number of improvements o the ban shell and they are working to complete the monument area to dedicate the concert lawn to Marc Rosenberger, a founding member of the Concert Sundaes Committee. Work on developing the new parking lot, storm drainage improvements and construction of the playground and outdoor gym is in the planning stages for later this fall.

Mayor John R. Reynolds noted that the Souderton Community Swimming Pool has opened for the 2021 summer season. The pool was open the last two weekends for members only. The regular summer season will start on June 14. Daily admissions will only be available Monday through Friday and the daily passes must be purchased at the Borough Office.

Police Chief Brian Newhall circulated his monthly report to Borough Council. The department averaged 500 calls for service during May. Crime indexes are trending down. The department has been focusing on removal of abandoned vehicles. Officer training continues.

Chief Newhall reported that he is evaluating alternatives to improve the markings for pedestrian crosswalks along Main Street. He will be working with the public works department to paint lines for speed monitoring. The Souderton Police Facebook page is up and running. Chief Newhall completed an investigation into the handicapped parking space posted on Franklin Avenue and noted that the posting remains valid. Montgomery County police departments and the local NAACP organized a softball game in which Chief Newhall participated. This was a very successful community event. Chief Newhall noted the low volume of school aged children crossing at Washington Avenue and W. Broad Street. This is a signalized intersection. Chief Newhall suggested moving the crossing guard from this intersection to Summit Street and Main Street which is a very busy intersection, heavily used by school aged children.

Chief Newhall met with the chairman of the Souderton Civil Service Commission to discuss and schedule the mandatory testing for the Sergeant position. Chief Newhall also noted that the collective bargaining agreement provided for physical exams for the officers which he suggested should be implemented.

President Brian Goshow suggested that the crossing guard post at Summit Street and main Street be added to the June work session agenda.

The Borough Solicitor reviewed a Citizen Complaint against Police policy and provided a memo regarding their comments and suggested revision to the Chief of Police.

Public Works Director Steven Coll circulated his monthly report to Borough Council. Most of the month of May was spent on preparation to open the Souderton Community Pool which has been closed since 2019. The pools were drained and cleaned, some algae stains have occurred, but they mostly cleaned up rather well. The umbrellas and pool chairs will be brought up to the facility prior to opening day. Crews will be completing brush collection and street sweeping, then they will complete a few storm drainage projects. Crews posted Diamond Street for One Way traffic following the action of Borough Council.

Borough Manager Michael Coll reviewed the meeting schedule. The Souderton Planning Commission will meet on June 2, 2021 for the purpose of introducing our new community planner with the Montgomery County Planning Commission. The Zoning Hearing Board will meet on Tuesday, June 8, 2021 to consider Application 1-21 submitted by Michalak Service Station, Inc., located at 505 Harleysville Pike, Souderton, Pennsylvania. The property is located in a C-2 Limited Commercial/Residential District and is used as a lawfully nonconforming automotive service garage. The applicant requests a variance to expand the existing nonconforming use from 2,462 sf to 3,801 sf, an increase of 1,339 sf by adding a new rear service bay and a proposed extension of an existing service bay. The addition exceeds the 25% limitation on expansions of existing lawfully nonconforming uses. The proposed addition will further require dimensional variances for rear yard setback and maximum building footprint on the lot. The next meeting of Borough Council will be the monthly work session meeting on Monday, June 21, 2021.

The Agenda for the June 7, 2021 Borough Council meeting includes formal consideration of an Employment Agreement with Borough manager P. Michael Coll. The agreement was discussed in previous meetings and has not been revised since it was introduced. The Borough has been working with special legal counsel to develop a new comprehensive ordinance regulating the connection and usage of the Souderton Borough sanitary sewer system. The draft ordinance is under review by the Borough Solicitor who will complete the final draft for formal consideration. Formal action will probably be scheduled for the August Borough Council meeting.

Borough Manager Michael Coll reviewed pool operations to date. The Memorial Day weekend started with rain and cold temperatures, the pool actually opened on Memorial Day to a relatively small crowd. The following weekend was much warmer and better attended. Both weekends were membership only events, daily admissions will begin June 14 and will only be available for Monday through Friday, memberships only for Saturday and Sunday.

Councillor Daniel Yocum noted that the Souderton Ladies Auxiliary is now known as the Souderton Auxiliary and they will continue to sponsor various fundraising events for the benefit of the Souderton Fire Company. They have been raising close to \$30,000 annually for the fire company operations. They will be sponsoring a shoe drive event and the Borough Office will serve as a drop off point.

Councillor Julie Munden reported that the Communications Committee has completed a few articles for the Indian Valley Chamber of Commerce fall newsletter. Councillors Julie Munden and Daryl Littlefield wrote the articles for the fall newsletter for Souderton Borough.

Consideration was given to paying the bills for the month of May, 2021.

GENERAL FUND

Altek Business Systems, Inc.	\$151.96	Boucher and James, Inc.	\$5,060.25
Bow Wow Waste Products	257.97	C & S Lawn and Landscape	5,000.00
Comcast	581.49	Clemens Uniform Rental	298.60
Delta Dental/Gettysburg Benefit	1,417.59	D L Beardsley, Ltd	163.95
Drager, Inc.	457.20	Eastern Diversified Services	14,098.90
Galls, Inc.	62.90	Fire Protection Services, LLC	603.00
Home Depot	113.81	Fromm Electric Supply Corp	43.41
Markey Paper & Packaging	121.28	George Allen Portable Toilets	229.00
Maryjane Yoder	615.72	Hidden Springs HOA	40.00
NetCarrier Telecom, Inc.	291.99	Independence Blue Cross	17,747.86
PECO Energy	63.72	Kenco Hydraulics, Inc.	395.00
PA Department of Transportation	2,681.11	Lawson Products, Inc.	103.70
PA One Call System	88.97	McDonald Uniform Company	4,069.88
PPL Electric Utilities	1,313.27	McDonald Uniform Company	1,504.71
PPL Electric Utilities	114.15	Megan Jarrell	13,864.04
Ready Refresh	57.83	Metlife/Brighthouse/GASB	8,239.72
Security Service Co., Inc.	1,076.52	Moyer Indoor/Outdoor	2,142.42
Something Better, Inc.	1,100.00	Naceville Materials	386.39
Square One Associates, Inc.	2,723.00	NAPA Auto Parts	13.03
Standard Digital Imaging	86.50	Nationwide Trust Company	3,062.85
Steven R. Coll	298.56	North American Benefits Co	1,010.44
Suburban Propane	331.33	North Penn Water Authority	31.79
The Harrison Group, Inc.	365.00	Nycor Corporation	82.13
TRM-Telford Recycling Materials	115.00	PPL Electric Utilities	147.23
Univest VISA	30.29	Shelly Enterprises USLBM, LLC	34.53
Univest VISA	915.57	Standard Digital Imaging	112.25
Verizon	74.20	Suburban Propane	105.85
Verizon Wireless	398.24	Sudz In A Bucket, Inc.	44.00
Wise Electric	712.00	Telford Press Printers	869.00
21 st Century Media	152.63	Trumbauers Lawn & Rec, Inc.	138.68
Advanced Disposal	38,134.46	Univest VISA	254.00
Allan Myers	455.08	Unum Insurance Company	980.55
Altek Business Systems, Inc.	87.50	Univest VISA	191.45
Barnside Farm Compost Facility	190.00		
Bergeys, Inc.	463.26	Total General Fund	\$137,168.71

SEWER FUND

Bearing & drive Solutions	\$82.56	EVOQUA Water Technologies	\$7,150.70
Bergeys Electric, Inc.	258.50	Farm Bureau Garage, Inc.	36.18
Clemens Septic Services	750.00	Hangley Aronchick Segal	2,772.00
Comcast	138.39	Home Depot	119.14
Delta Dental/Gettysburg Benefit	569.28	Independence Blue Cross	4,081.92
Home Depot	31.78	Irvin G. Tyson & Son, Inc.	396.00
Irvin G. Tyson & Son, Inc.	4,442.00	J. P. Mscaro & Sons	4,721.67
J. P. Mscaro & Sons	3,914.60	K. J. Door Services, Inc.	1,578.50
NetCarrier Telecom, Inc.	110.77	Metlife/Brighthouse/GASB	207.63
PPL Electric Utilities	393.15	Midway Industrial Supply	630.87
Richard D. Nelson	572.90	Moyer Indoor/Outdoor	244.30

Standard Digital Imaging	\$86.50	North American Benefits Co.	\$254.20
Suburban Water Testing Labs	1,809.70	NYCO Corporation	42.05
The Harrison Group Inc.	60.00	PPL Electric Utilities	10,740.14
Univar USA, Inc.	3,813.75	Richter Drafting Office Supply	93.15
Verizon	79.94	S C Engineers, Inc.	4,962.75
Cintas First Aid & safety	209.86	Standard Digital Imaging	112.25
Clemens Uniform Rental	138.69	Univar USA, Inc.	4,029.75
D. R. Cordell & Assoc., Inc.	200.00	Unum Insurance Company	209.62
Duperon Corporation	428.73	Wise Electric	262.50
Essex Service Corporation	2,285.24	Total Sewer Fund	\$63,021.66

POOL FUND

Air Vent Duct Cleaning, Inc.	\$350.00	Davidheisers, Inc.	\$63.00
Airgas	441.83	Diversified Refrigeration Inc.	735.83
Airgas National Carbonation	84.36	Fellmans Pool Service, Inc.	144.07
Bennington Pool Services, LLC	49,536.00	Fire Protection Services, LLC	194.00
Comcast	167.46	Hajoca Corporation	136.19
Moyer Indoor/Outdoor	69.90	Home Depot	222.88
NetCarrier Telecom, Inc.	87.44	Moyer Indoor/Outdoor	252.00
PECO Energy	44.46	North Penn Water Authority	15.79
PPL Electric Utilities	402.69	SCP Distributors, LLC	260.39
Treasurer Montgomery County	80.00	Synatek	54.00
Bishop Wood Products, Inc.	83.00	T & T/ Lanco, In.	839.90
Buckmans Inc.	1,725.05	Total Pool Fund	\$55,990.24

CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

Weavers Landscaping	\$2,190.00	Commonwealth Precast, Inc.	\$840.00
Belson Outdoors	4,979.58	Phillips & Donovan Architects	2,275.00
Bergeys Electric, Inc.	884.80	Spring City Electrical	12,702.00
Boucher and James, Inc.	12,239.35	Total Capital Reserve Fund	\$36,110.73

LIQUID FUELS FUND

Naceville Materials	\$196.39	PPL Electric Utilities	\$72.79
PPL Electric Utilities	6,672.46	U S Municipal Supply, Inc.	548.85
PPL Electric Utilities	63.67		
TRM Telford Recycling Materials	115.00	Total Liquid Fuels Fund	\$7,669.16

A motion was made by Councillor Matt Mscichowski, and seconded by Councillor Daryl Littlefield, to approve the payment of bills for the month of May, 2021 as presented. The motion was approved.

A motion was made by Councillor Matt Mscichowski, and seconded by Councillor Richard Godshall, to approve the payment of recurring bills for the month of June, 2021 as presented. The motion was approved.

President Goshaw opened the meeting for public comment. There being no public

comment, President Brian Goshaw moved to the business portion of the agenda.

A motion was made by Councillor Julie Munden, and seconded by Councillor Richard Godshall, to approve the Employment Agreement with Borough Manager P. Michael Coll effective January 1, 2021 through October 31, 2024. The motion was approved.

A motion was made by Councillor Richard Godshall, and seconded by Councillor Matt Mscichowski, to authorize the advertisement of an Ordinance regulating the connection and usage of the Souderton Borough sanitary sewer system. The motion was approved.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

P. Michael Coll, Secretary