The Regular Meeting of Souderton Borough Council, held on the above date, was called to order by President Brian K. Goshow at 7:00 p.m. Members of Borough Council present at the regular meeting included the following:

President Brian K. Goshow	Councillor Edward Huber
Vice-President D. Jeffrey Gross	Mayor John R. Reynolds
Councillor Ned D. Leight	Junior Councillor Michael Jones
Councillor Richard Godshall	
Councillor Daniel Yocum	Solicitor Robert G. Bricker
Councillor Matthew Mscichowski	Borough Manager P. Michael Coll
Councillor Julie Munden	Police Chief James P. Leary
Councillor Richard Halbom	Public Works Director Steven Coll

The Invocation was given by Councillor Richard Godshall, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Consideration was given to the minutes of the March 4, 2019 Regular Borough Council Meeting and the March, 2019 Borough Council Work Sessions. A motion was made by Councillor Jeffrey Gross, and seconded by Councillor Ned Leight, to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was approved.

President Brian Goshow recognized Pam Baker of Souderton-Telford Main Streets. Pam Baker reported on the Telford Night Market and preparations for the Art Jam and Octoberfest events. The audit of Souderton-Telford Main Streets is complete.

Harry Boardman discussed activities of the Souderton Business Improvement District. They are working on an artist seating project, they purchased new café lights for the downtown business district to improve lighting for evening activities. The Borough will assist with installation. The BID is working on a new mural for the Chestnut Street underpass. The new digital sign on Main Street is complete and is functioning very well. The amount of advertisements is slowly increasing. Third Fridays will begin on Friday, April 19, 2019.

Mayor John Reynolds read the following Proclamation into the minutes in observance of National Library Week, April 7-13, 2019:

WHEREAS, libraries are more than book repositories, demonstrating the breadth and depth of all they offer to their communities, with opportunities for community engagement, learning and growth while delivering new services which more closely connect to residents and their needs; and

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WHEREAS, libraries throughout Pennsylvania have consistently served as valued and needed institutions, and library staffs and volunteers strengthen these centers by fueling their efforts to enhance the surrounding community; and

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Library Association is the state's oldest and most diverse professional library organization serving libraries, library employees, library trustees, and Friends of the Library groups working to heighten awareness of the various tools and resources, such as STEM programming, workforce development and life planning tips libraries offer; and

WHEREAS, collectively we recognize librarians as information professionals who provide expertise, services and guidance for patrons to access credible sources and material, making their own informed decisions about the worlds they navigate; and

WHEREAS, librarians level the playing field for anyone who seeks information and access to technologies, particularly as society continues to transition the way in which information is shared and explored in the online world; and

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Library Association's PA Forward initiative provides a collective voice for the state's libraries to tell their own stories, building capacity for the work they do with and for patrons through five literacies — Basic, Information, Civic and Social, Health and Financial — underscoring the importance of lifelong learning; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania libraries support democracy and effect social change through their commitment to providing equitable access to information for all library users regardless of race, ethnicity, creed, ability, sexual orientation, gender identity or socio-economic status; and

WHEREAS, April 9 is National Library Workers Day, a day for all library staff, volunteers and supporters to highlight the immeasurable contributions made by libraries; April 10 is National Bookmobile Day, a day recognizing the importance of libraries being available beyond their physical structure; and April 11 is Take Action for Libraries day, a day which encourages everyone to recognize how libraries enhance communities and quality of life.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, John R. Reynolds, Mayor of the Borough of Souderton do hereby proclaim National Library Week, April 7-13, 2019 in Souderton Borough. Residents are encouraged to visit their local libraries this week and beyond, exploring all the libraries have to offer, realizing that literacy is power and that libraries provide the fuel to move Pennsylvania forward.

Mayor John Reynolds also noted that the annual "Souderton Clean Up Day" will be held on Saturday, April 27th at the Community Park beginning 9:00 am through 12:00 noon. Lunch will be served for all participants.

Police Chief James P. Leary noted that the March, 2019 monthly report of police department activities will be submitted and discussed at the April work session.

The Borough Solicitor's report for the month of March, 2019 was distributed to Borough Council. The Borough Solicitor reviewed and revised the Police Civil Service Commission Rules and Regulations. The Solicitor drafted a letter for the Zoning Officer in connection with the Souderton Charter School's use of property on S. Front Street for administrative offices.

Public Works Director Steve Coll distributed the statistical portion of his monthly report to Borough Council. He will follow up with additional information at next week's work session. Crews will begin spring curb side leaf collection in conjunction with the monthly brush collection.

Borough Manager Michael Coll reviewed the meeting schedule of Borough Council for the month of April. The Planning Commission meeting will be moved to Wednesday, April 10 due to scheduling conflicts with some members. The Public Works Work Session will be held on April 8th and the Administrative Work Session will be held on April 15th both beginning at 7:00 pm. The Borough Manager also noted that the Borough Office will b closed on April 19th for the Good Friday Holiday.

The Borough Manager reviewed the agenda for the meeting, which will begin with formal approval to purchase a new utility truck for the Waste Water Treatment Plant, utilizing two COSTARS contracts. The Civil Service Commission formally approved the revised Rules and Regulations at their meeting on March 29, 2019. A recommendation has been made for Borough Council to also approve the revised Rules and Regulations ahead of the advertisement for applications for the vacant Police Officer position.

Borough Council has been discussing the proposed Community Park restoration project. Representatives from Borough Council and the Rotary Club desire to formally approve the project and a recommendation has been made to authorize the Borough Solicitor to prepare an approving Resolution for formal consideration at the May Borough Council meeting. The Borough Manager recommended that Borough Council authorize the opening of two additional accounts with the Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust for the Sewer Operating Fund and Capital Reserve Fund. A recommendation has been made to authorize the posting of a handicapped parking restriction in the vicinity of 126 E. Summit Street.

Borough Councillor Daniel Yocum noted that the Souderton Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary made a significant contribution to the Souderton Fire Company at their annual banquet. The Ladies Auxiliary will be holding a Bingo event at the firehouse on Saturday, April 27, 2019.

Borough Councillor Jeffrey Gross commented that Montgomery County has purchased new voting machines, which they will utilize in the May Primary Election. The machine will require a paper ballot to be filled out and then run through the machine. The voting process will be much different and potentially more difficult than in past elections.

Residents can go to the Montgomery County website under Voter Services to obtain more information.

Consideration was given to paying the bills for the month of March, 2019. The Borough Manager noted that the recurring bill list will include repayment of the \$250,000 Tax Anticipation Loan to Univest Bank and Trust Company.

GENERAL FUND					
Postmaster, Lansdale	\$235.00	Freedom Systems Corp	\$3,826.99		
Comcast Cable	543.21	Independence Blue Cross	16,001.81		
Delta Dental	1,212.22	Indian Creek Foundation	347.00		
Home Depot	66.98	James P. Leary	569.87		
Moyer Indoor/Outdoor	1,311.13	K J Door Services, Inc.	512.50		
NetCarrier Telecom, Inc.	350.02	Metlife	5,482.50		
North American Benefits Company	1,005.17	Morton Salt	1,955.58		
North Penn Water Authority	24.64	Moyer Indoor/Outdoor	2,568.21		
PECO Energy	200.95		524.08		
PPL Electric Utilities	741.27	Nationwide Trust Company	2,056.03		
PPL Electric Utilities	124.71	Nyco Corporation	18.05		
Univest VISA	36.85	PA One Call System	46.62		
Verizon	71.23	Plasterer Equipment Co., Inc.	157.33		
Verizon Wireless	399.89	PPL Electric Utilities	337.29		
Advance Auto Parts	475.52	Propet Distributors, Inc.	417.95		
Advanced Disposal	36,081.87	Scott A. Seifert	13,815.00		
Airgas	87.07	Sherwin Williams	39.61		
Altek Business Systems, Inc.	46.50	Suburban Propane	172.38		
Armour & Sons Electric, Inc.	210.00	Sudz In A Bucket, Inc.	60.50		
Bergey's, Inc.	124.17	Trumbauers Lawn & rec, Inc.	146.68		
Boucher & James, Inc.	2,041.56	Univest Bank & Trust Co.	2,000.00		
Clemens Uniform Rental	177.66	Univest VISA	210.98		
Cope's Garage, Inc.	233.84	Unum Insurance Company	1,009.28		
D L Beardsley, Ltd.	147.60				
E. M. Kutz, Inc.	10.32	Total General Fund	\$98,235.62		
SEWER FUND					
Altek Business Systems, Inc.	\$70.91	Hajoca Corporation	\$696.97		
Bergey's Electric, Inc.	26.70	Independence Blue Cross	3,336.14		
Clemens Uniform Rental	81.90	J. P. Mascaro & Sons	606.00		
Comcast Cable	86.90	Johnson Controls	199.00		
Delta Dental	321.47	Keith H. Koehler	154.52		
NetCarrier Telecom, Inc.	145.27	Mary M. Koehler	309.89		
North American Benefits Company	261.44	Metlife	138.42		
North Penn Water Authority	76.18	Moyer Indoor/Outdoor	156.65		
PPL Electric Utilities	254.68	Naceville Materials	166.50		
Verizon	72.90	PPL Electric Utilities	25,073.88		
All Industrial-Safety Products	292.25	Pyrz Water Supply Co., Inc.	199.90		
Blooming Glen Quarry	320.00	Shelly Enterprises	7.62		
Cintas First Aid & Safety	78.78	Suburban Water Testing Labs	1,624.63		
Clemens Uniform Rental	81.90	Univest VISA	454.00		
Coyne Chemical	3,839.00	Unum Insurance Company	250.82		
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Duperon Corporation	\$782.43	Wellington Sporting Goods	\$39.95		
EVOQUA Water Technologies	6,900.00	ZEP Manufacturing Company	275.89		
Farm Bureau Garage, Inc.	206.33				
Fisher Scientific	189.20	Total Sewer Fund	\$47,779.02		
POOL FUND					
Airgas National Carbonation	\$57.00	PPL Electric Utilities	\$127.47		
Comcast Cable	120.15	Montgomery County Treasurer	165.00		
NetCarrier Telecom, Inc.	134.16	Univest VISA	145.68		
North Penn Water Authority	13.15				
PECO Energy	90.72	Total Pool Fund	\$853.33		
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CAPITAL RESERVE FUND					
Landis Block & Nycecrete Co	\$118.60		\$19,502.00		
Shelly Enterprises	12.94	Frankford Umbrellas	9,988.40		
Univest Capital	3,155.23	Landis Block & Nycecrete Co	177.90		
Boucher & James, Inc.	4,936.07	Total Capital Reserve Fund	\$37,891.14		
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<u>LIQUID FUELS FUND</u>					
PPL Electric Utilities	\$6,463.48	PPL Electric Utilities	\$166.05		

A motion was made by Councillor Richard Godshall, and seconded by Councillor Matt Mscichowski, to pay the bills for the month of March, 2019, as presented. The motion was approved.

A motion was made by Councillor Richard Godshall, and seconded by Councillor Matt Mscichowski, to authorize the payment of recurring monthly bills for the month of April, 2019, as presented. The motion was approved.

President Brian K. Goshow opened the floor to the audience for public comment.

Charl Wellner, 18 N. Hunsberger Lane, read a prepared statement concerning the use of commercial herbicides for curbside weed control. As an alternative, she encouraged Borough Council to use vinegar as an alternative to commercial herbicides.

Harry Boardman, 105 N. Main Street, supported the recommendations made by resident Charl Wellner and supported the use of a natural alternative for weed control. Councillor Daniel Yocum asked whether the Souderton Business Improvement District considered assisting with weed control within the commercial business district. Harry Boardman replied that they did make preliminary investigations, but the overall budget was too prohibitive for the BID to consider.

There being no further public comment, President Brian Goshow moved to the business portion of the agenda with the first item authorizing the purchase of a new utility truck.

A motion was made by Councillor Richard Halbom, and seconded by Councillor Richard Godshall, to approve the purchase of a new Ford F-550 chassis under a COSTARS contract through Sand Ford of Red Hill, Pennsylvania for a delivered price of \$34,568.24. The motion was approved.

A motion was made by Councillor Richard Halbom, and seconded by Councillor Richard Godshall, to approve the quotation of E. M. Kutz, Inc. of Reading, Pennsylvania to complete the utility body, crane installation and snow plow package on the new Ford F-550 chassis, under a COSTARS contract, at a cost of \$31,893.00. The motion was approved.

A motion was made by Councillor Julie Munden, and seconded by Councillor Richard Halbom, to approve the revised Police Civil Service Commission Rules and Regulations as adopted by the Civil Service Commission on March 29, 2019. The motion was approved.

A motion was made by Councillor Ned Leight, and seconded by Councillor Jeffrey Gross, to authorize the Borough Solicitor to prepare a Resolution approving the implementation of the multiyear Souderton Community Park Renovation Project and the fundraising involvement of the Souderton-Telford Rotary Club. The motion was approved.

A motion was made by Councillor Daniel Yocum, and seconded by Councillor Richard Godshall, to authorize the opening of a Sewer Operating Fund account and a Capital Reserve Fund account with the Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust. The motion was approved.

A motion was made by Councillor Julie Munden, and seconded by Councillor Richard Halbom, to authorize the posting of a handicapped parking restriction in the vicinity of 126 E. Summit Street for a 90 day trial period per Mayor's order. The motion was approved.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

P. Michael Coll, Secretary

WORK SESSION MINUTES AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Works Work Session – April 8, 2019 (7:00pm-8:35pm)

Council Attendees: John Reynolds, Brian Goshow, Jeffrey Gross, Richard Godshall, Daniel Yocum, Matt Mscichowski, Julie Munden, Richard Halbom and Edward Huber. Junior Councillor Michael Jones.

Staff Attendees: Public Works Director Steven Coll, Police Chief James P. Leary, and Borough Manager Michael Coll.

1. Sanitation Committee

- a. The Discharge Monitoring Report for the month of March, 2019 will be filed with no exception to permit limitations.
- b. Sal DeSimone and Engineer Fred Ciottoni are evaluating the structural integrity of a steel wall separating the aeration tank and the sludge digester. Hydraulic pressure against this wall as the sludge digester raises and lowers appears to have created a noticeable bend in the structure. The concrete around the steel structure is also showing signs of deterioration. The tank is scheduled for cleaning and painting later in the year. The system will be drained as conditions permit to allow the engineers to examine the conditions more closely and recommend repair or further stabilization.
- c. Purchase Orders were prepared and submitted for the new utility truck. Delivery is expected by the end of this year.
- d. Borough forces replaced a sewer lateral on East Chestnut Street that appears to have been hit during excavation of a water main several years ago. The lateral was fairly shallow. Crews were able to lower the lateral to improve flow from the dwelling.
- e. Advanced Disposal has been experiencing difficulties with the removal of larger bulk items given their use of automated equipment to collect trash. The larger items require a traditional rear loading truck that has been challenging for them to schedule. Staff developed a procedure designed to better schedule the collection of bulk items. A flyer was inserted in the trash billing outlining the new process to call the Borough office to schedule the collection of a large bulk item. Accounts with the bag program and accounts that maintain less than full service for all units will be charged an additional fee of \$25.00 per bulk item collected. The charge will be added to the next quarterly billing for that account.

2. Highway Committee

a. Public Works Director Steven Coll reviewed public works department activities. Crews, aided by a dozer from P. K. Moyer and Sons, graded all stone alleys throughout the Borough. Patching of blacktop alleys will be completed in a few weeks when the blacktop plants reopen for the season. Cold patch costs nearly \$100 per ton and is not an economical alternative to

repair alleys.

- b. Crews installed most of the pole banners for the summer season. An additional 19 veteran banners were delivered to the Borough office. Crews will be installing the veteran banners prior to the Memorial Day weekend. Additional banner poles and hardware will have to be ordered to accommodate the additional banners that just came in for this year.
- c. Steve Coll noted that crews began installing the café lights along Main Street that were ordered by the Souderton Business Improvement District. Crews completed the east side of Main Street. Concern was expressed that the lights may be hanging a little too low. Crews utilized the street trees to aid in gaining height wherever possible. The larger delivery trucks may hit the lights.
- d. In preparation for paving, the three-year Equipment Rental contract with P. K. Moyer will expire in the coming months. A recommendation was made to authorize the advertisement of bids for a new three-year equipment rental contract, which will also include a track excavator and labor for pipe and other utility work.
- e. Several years ago the Borough designed a storm drainage project to carry storm water from the intersection of W. Chestnut Street and Hunsberger Lane to the creek in the West Street Park. The storm water runoff has eroded the alley along the residential properties and has eroded the pathway to the pedestrian bridge in the park crossing the stream. A recommendation was made to pursue this project which will then enable better repairs to the alley.
- f. Generations has been working on a renovation project that they plan to kick off in the short term. Part of the project desires to add gas service, but the gas line currently ends at Central Avenue. PECO Energy has confirmed that they will work with the Borough to extend this line to service Generations and the Souderton Fire Company. Souderton Borough will be responsible for all excavation and road restoration. PECO will install the line to the buildings. The Borough will begin the process by making formal application for service to PECO.

3. Sidewalk Committee

- a. Borough Council previously discussed the streetscape plan around the Broad Theater and the required PennDOT Highway Occupancy Permit. A meeting was held with PPL Electric about the relocation of overhead wires and the pole directly in front of the Broad Theater. PPL suggested that the pole could be relocated to the property line between 24 and 30 W. Broad Street. The overhead wires can be offset to hang over the roadway to provide enough room for the proposed new sign and marque for the theater. PPL also suggested that the Borough apply for the relocation as part of a municipal streetscape project and PPL will then consider the waiving of all fees.
- b. Considerable discussion was held over the practice of curb side spraying to

control weeds. After much discussion, the general consensus was to continue with the practice of spraying weeds along arterial streets within the commercial sections of the Borough using the herbicide razor with the application completed by Moyer Indoor/Outdoor. Residential sections shall not be treated and weed control will be left to the discretion of the individual property owners.

- c. Borough Council discussed the painting of the Chestnut Street railroad underpass walls. The Souderton Business Improvement District is designing new murals to be painted on the walls. The Borough was asked to assist with sandblasting and priming the walls. A quotation was obtained by Derstine Company to complete the work. The cost to sandblast the walls is \$1,575 and the cost to patch and prime the walls is \$2,625.00. Borough Council authorized the use of Derstine Company to complete this work.
- d. Borough Council further noted that the ceiling of the Chestnut Street underpass is again flaking and pieces of concrete are falling upon the sidewalk and roadway. Borough Manager Michael Coll will file an informal complaint with the Public Utility Commission to have them evaluate corrective measures with the railroad owner or operator.

4. Recreation Committee

- a. President Brian Goshow updated Borough Council on the status of the Community Park renovation project. The Borough Manager prepared an initial draft of the Resolution for review by the Borough Solicitor, Borough Council representatives and Rotary Club. Formal consideration of the resolution will be scheduled for the May 6th Borough Council meeting. The final draft will be reviewed at the next park renovation meeting on April 24th.
- b. Spring Clean Up day is scheduled for Saturday, April 27, 2019 in the Community Park from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon. The event will include general clean up and mulching. Lunch will be arranged.
- c. Steve Coll noted that the capital improvements at the pool, namely the filter refurbishment and tile work at the zero entry section of the leisure pool, are in progress. Borough forces will assist with demolition of the tile section to be replaced to keep costs down.
- d. Borough Council reviewed and recommended that the Borough pass on filing an application under the Schuylkill Highlands Mini-Grant program.

5. Property Committee

a. Montgomery Theater requested consideration of Borough Council to allocate funds toward the repaying of the rear parking lot. Steve Coll will evaluate the necessary work and obtain an estimate to either patch or pave the lot later in the year.

Administrative Work Session- April 15, 2019 (7:00pm-9:15pm)

Council Attendees: John Reynolds, Brian Goshow, Ned Leight, Jeffrey Gross, Richard Godshall, Daniel Yocum, Julie Munden, Richard Halbom and Edward Huber. Junior Councillor Michael Jones.

Staff Attendees: Police Chief James Leary, Code Enforcement Officer Steven Toy and Borough Manager P. Michael Coll.

1. Police Committee

- a. Bea Smith and Ryan Wallace made a presentation to Borough Council about the implementation of certain traffic calming and pedestrian safety initiatives. They provided examples of solar powered flashing signs to highlight pedestrian crossings and speed limits. Hatfield Borough has implemented some of this same signage in their municipality. Borough Council discussed the use of a solar powered speed limit sign in conjunction with solar powered pedestrian crossing signs along Washington Avenue and on Main Street at Hillside Avenue. Councillor Richard Halbom and Julie Munden will evaluate further and provide their recommendations. Staff will obtain pricing for the signs and clarify any PennDOT permitting requirements.
- b. Police Chief Leary distributed the March, 2019 statistical report for review of Borough Council. Staff continues to work with the new report format.
- c. Chief Leary reported that a meeting has been scheduled for Monday, May 13th with the EMC Home and School Association, school district officials and neighboring residents to discuss the status of the one way traffic restriction on S. School Lane.
- d. Borough Manager Michael Coll recommended the posting a 2-hour parking restriction in the parking area along S. Front Street. The nail salon will be opening in the wait building on May 1st and the spaces will need to rotate for their clients.

2. Code Enforcement Department

- a. Code Enforcement Officer Steven Toy reported that he issued 26 notices to property owners for failure to clear snow from their sidewalks. Out of the 26 warning notices, four failed to respond and were issued citations, which will be heard by the District Magistrate on April 22nd.
- b. An extension was granted to the owner of 226 E. Broad Street to correct property maintenance code violations regarding the accumulation of trash and debris on the property. Progress has been made.
- c. Steve Toy attended a State Board meeting of the Pennsylvania Building Officials conference on April 4, 2019 in Harrisburg. Steve Toy has been appointed to serve as the new Region 1 representative to the Board.
- d. EMC Elementary School is coming up on the end of their temporary

- occupancy permit. A few accessibility items remain within the building and there are outstanding issues with the site work. Another extension will be issued to occupy the school through the end of the school year. Steve Toy recommended that the school district must complete all outstanding issues prior to the beginning of the school year.
- e. Berkeley Court Phase 2A is nearing completion. The last few units have been issued temporary occupancy permits conditioned on completion of remaining site work. The Borough Engineer will be instructed to update a punch list of outstanding development issues to be completed by the developer.

3. Administrative Committee

- a. Borough Council discussed proposed revisions to the draft Resolution regarding the Community Park project. The Rotary Club recommended that reference to the long term goal of the fundraising campaign be deleted from the resolution, but the minimum Rotary commitment of \$250,000 will remain. The resolution will still reference the renaming of the park as "Rotary Park." Borough Council accepted the revisions on the belief that the overall effort will far exceed the minimum commitments. The final draft will be reviewed again by the parties on April 24th.
- b. Realtor Ryan Godshall inquired about interest in leasing the Freight Building for a salon use. Borough Council decided to continue to market the property for a preferred restaurant related use. Borough Council did suggest that the completion of site work must be prioritized and further consideration should be given towards investing funds towards fit out of the building to create more market interest.

4. Development Committee

- a. The Souderton Planning Commission met on April 10, 2019 and formally recommended the revised MUR Zoning along with revised parking, revised definitions and other miscellaneous Zoning Ordinance revisions to Borough Council for formal consideration. County Planner Chloe Mohr will prepare a word document of the revised zoning for use by the Borough Solicitor. A motion will be recommended at the May 6th Borough Council meeting to authorize the Borough Solicitor to prepare and advertise the revised Zoning Ordinance. The Ordinance must be reviewed again by the Montgomery County Planning Commission prior to adoption. Final adoption of the Ordinance may not occur until the July 1st Borough Council meeting.
- b. Borough Manager Michael Coll noted that School Lane Development will be appearing at a formal hearing in Philadelphia on April 16th for an Economic Development Liquor license. The Borough manager will be attending the

- hearing as a witness in support of the application.
- c. A field meeting has been scheduled for May 1st with Blooming Glen Contractors to review the punch list items to be completed for the residential section of the Berkeley Court Phase 1 development. The Borough Engineer and Borough Solicitor will be attending the meeting.

5. Finance Committee

a. Borough Manager Michael Coll provided Borough Council with the Budget Comparison report for all funds through March 31, 2019.