

The Regular Meeting of Souderton Borough Council, held on Monday, December 6, 2010, was called to order by President Brian Goshow at 7:30 p.m. Members of Borough Council present at the regular meeting included the following:

President Brian K. Goshow	Mayor John R. Reynolds
Councillor Ned D. Leight	Junior Councillor Brian Barr
Councillor D. Jeffrey Gross	
Councillor John U. Young	Solicitor Robert R. Bricker
Councillor Steven J. Toy	
Councillor Preston Miller	Borough Manager P. Michael Coll
Councillor Richard Halbom	Police Chief James P. Leary
Councillor Edward Huber	Public Works Director Steven R. Coll

Absent from the meeting was Councillor Andrew C. Schlosser. The Invocation was given by Borough Manager P. Michael Coll, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Consideration was given to the minutes of the November 8, 2010 Regular Borough Council Meeting and November Borough Council Work Sessions. A motion was made by Councillor Steven Toy, seconded by Councillor Richard Halbom, to approve the minutes of the November 8, 2010 Regular Borough Council Meeting and November Borough Council Work Sessions as presented. The motion was approved.

Mayor John R. Reynolds expressed appreciation to all of the volunteers who coordinated the annual Holiday Parade. Mayor Reynolds expressed how the parade has taken on a professional like presentation through the dedication of the many volunteers. The weather held and the event ran without incident. President Goshow noted that the parade was very well attended throughout the entire parade route.

Police Chief James Leary noted that his monthly report has been distributed to Borough Council. In addition, the Chief has assembled some cost data at the request of Councillor Schlosser that has also been distributed to all members of Borough Council. Also echoing the comments of Mayor Reynolds, Police Chief James P. Leary noted that this was his first experience with the annual Holiday Parade and it was evident that there was very good coordination between the parade volunteers and the Main Street Manager. Chief Leary further noted that in addition to the Souderton Police Department, members of the Souderton Fire Police unit were again out in force and did a very good job in securing the parade route and detours.

The Borough Solicitor's report for the month of November, 2010 was distributed to Borough Council. The Borough Solicitor reported that they had several telephone conversations with the Borough Manager and completed necessary revisions to the tax anticipation loan documentation. The Borough Solicitor satisfied a total of seven municipal liens for delinquent sewer fees and satisfied three sidewalk liens. A new lien was recorded for delinquent sewer fees against property at 253 W Broad Street.

Public Works Director Steven Coll presented his monthly report to Borough Council. Steven Coll reported on the status of the Main Street streetscape project. The east side of Main Street is nearly complete with exception of the street lights, street trees and a few sections of granite curb. The utility poles have not been removed and sections of curb were purposely left out to accommodate the removal of the poles. We are also waiting on the new electrical service to be provided by PPL Electric. Construction began on the west side with most construction concentrated on the section between Chestnut Street and Lumber. The area was excavated, street light foundations and electrical conduit was completed. Installation of the granite curb will begin this week. Councillor Toy complemented the public works crew for their work on the project. In response to a question from Councillor John Young, Steven Coll noted that the new street light poles have been delivered and we are waiting for the delivery of the granite bases that will sit over the concrete foundation. The new lights can be installed when the granite bases are set. Steve also clarified the design of the bump out north of Lumber Street. The bump out does not extend as far into Main Street and tappers back rather sharply to open up the right turn lane.

Borough Manager Michael Coll reported that this will be the last meeting for Borough Council for this year. There will be a meeting of the Souderton Planning Commission on Wednesday, December 15, 2010 to review two land development plans. The projects include a proposed renovation and expansion of the car wash at 24 N County Line Road and Zion Mennonite Church is proposing an addition to the church to add a multi-purpose community room. Zion Mennonite Church will appear before the Zoning Hearing Board in January for a few dimensional variances.

Scheduled for consideration by Borough Council are the proposed 2011 Budget Ordinance and the 2011 Real Estate Tax Ordinance. The budget was presented at the November Borough Council and has been advertised without any revision for formal consideration this evening. A copy of the entire budget along with the budget summary has been posted to the Borough's web site. A resolution has been prepared authorizing the \$170,000 tax anticipation loan through Univest National Bank. The interest rate originally quoted at 3.25% was for a qualified tax fee borrowing; however, to be eligible for this rate the Borough would have to utilize the services of a professional bond counsel at a fee ranging from \$3,000 to \$7,500. The interest rate for a taxable loan is fixed at 4%. The difference in interest between the tax fee and taxable rates is under \$1,500 for the entire term, therefore, the Borough has opted to accept the taxable rate of 4 percent and the documents were revised accordingly. The loan documentation must be filed with the state. A number of appointments have been recommended for consideration of Borough Council. At the request of Chief Leary and Mayor Reynolds, an executive session has been scheduled to review and consult with the Borough Solicitor on certain legal issues. It is anticipated that this session will be relatively brief and we are not anticipating any formal action following this session.

President Brian Goshaw reported on activities of the Indian Valley Regional Planning Commission. A Regional Planning Handbook has been prepared through a cooperative effort between the five regional planning commissions that currently operate in Montgomery County. A Strategic Transit Plan has also been developed through the efforts of the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission and Montgomery County Planning Commission for northwestern Montgomery County. Both of these documents will be filed with the Borough Manager for future reference.

Consideration was given to paying the bills for the month of November, 2010.

#### GENERAL FUND

Word Work, Inc.	\$720.00	Nextel Communications	\$222.62
Montgomery County Lands Trust	250.00	North American Benefits	1,010.73
AT & T	33.26	North Penn United Way	130.00
Blooming Glen Quarry	216.96	North Penn Water Authority	84.03
Ches-Mont Disposal, Inc.	343.20	PECO Energy	38.82
Clemens Uniform Rental	79.71	PA One Call	25.20
Comcast Cable	52.90	Petty Cash Fund	161.44
Copes Garage, Inc.	544.63	PPL Electric Utilities	8,088.84
Daniel L. Beardesley, Ltd.	72.95	Shelly Enterprises, Inc	230.13
Employee Data Forms of MO, LLC	34.25	Souderton Firemens Relief Assoc.	47,537.92
HISI	4,962.39	Telford Press Printers	665.00
Independence Blue Cross	17,076.67	Travis Bivighouse	550.00
Lawson Products, Inc	637.53	Univest Visa	58.72
McDonald Uniform Company	104.99	Unum Insurance Company	811.19
Metlife	286.84	Weldon Auto Parts	24.54
Metlife	2,673.70	Harleysville Insurance	586.00
Montgomery Newspaper	54.35		
Mylestone Electric Company	1,532.00	Total General Fund	\$89,901.51

#### SEWER FUND

Hangley Aronchick Segal & Pudlin	\$1,725.00	Independence Blue Cross	\$118.80
Postmaster Lansdale	876.02	J. P. Mascaro & Sons	4,303.80

Wise Electric	195.00	Landis Block & Concrete	88.80
Bergey's Electric, Inc	4,056.00	Metlife	82.21
Carquest	160.07	Metlife	82.21
Ches-Mont Disposal, Inc	188.76	North American Benefits Company	317.57
Cintas First Aid & Safety	30.00	North Penn Water Authority	189.15
Clemens Uniform Rental	84.24	PPL Electric Utilities	501.39
Comcast Cable	52.90	PPL Electric Utilities	17,209.84
Deltronics Corporation	143.25	Siemens Water Technologies	2,098.98
Environmental Resource Assoc	1,392.56	Trout Brothers	1,763.95
EPWPCOA, Inc	160.00	Univar USA, Inc	3,781.82
EPWPCOA, Inc	40.00	Unum Insurance Company	256.94
Hach Company	1,767.95	Verizon	58.75
HISI	1,191.00		
Independence Blue Cross	4,249.32		
Independence Blue Cross	207.65	Total Sewer Fund	\$47,373.93

### CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

C & S Lawn & Landscape	\$6,100.00	Wade Associates	\$8,415.00
Commonwealth Precast, Inc	1,383.00	Boucher & James, Inc	18,963.34
Concrete Service Materials	1,100.85	Ecynbro Trucking	1,100.00
Federal Rent- A- Fence	715.00	Ettore Ventresca & Sons, Inc	16,685.00
Fromm Electric Supply Corp	729.96	Fromm Electric Supply Corp	406.29
G. A. Peak	7,640.00	GAI Consultants	1,185.00
H & K Materials	533.38	Glasgow, Inc	105.00
Hajoca Corporation	2,390.20	High Bridge Stone Co	4,708.00
Landis Block & Concrete	61.85	John Deere Credit	12,132.03
M & M Stone Company	610.00	Landis Block & Concrete	1,502.00
Naceville Materials	3,041.70	Landis Block & Concrete	1,327.37
Norris Sales Company, Inc	1,968.60	M & M Stone Company	225.00
Ridgewood Soils, Inc	6,146.80	Naceville Materials	243.86
Shelly Enterprises, Inc.	99.97	Shelly Enterprises, Inc	104.02
Spring City Electrical	65,709.00	Susan J. Kern	1,200.00
Vincent Pools, Inc	42,742.00	Landis Block & Concrete	316.00
GAI Consultants	1,185.00		
Susan J. Kern	1,206.00	Total Capital Reserve	\$211,981.22

### SEWER CAPTAL FUND

#### LIQUID FUELS FUND

Commonwealth Precast, Inc	\$300.00	PPL Electric Utilities	\$579.27
Landis Block & Concrete	23.20		
M & M Stone Company	35.00	Total Liquid Fuels Fund	\$937.47

A motion was made by Councillor Richard Halbom, seconded by Councillor Preston Miller, to authorize payment of the bills for the month of November, 2010, as presented. The motion was approved.

President Brian Goshow suggested that Borough Manager Michael Coll summarize the 2011 Budget and Real Estate Tax Rate ordinances prior to opening the floor for public comment. The Borough Manager provided a brief summary of the 2011 Budget for the benefit of Council and the members of the audience. The Borough Manager noted that the 2011 Budget has not been revised since its original presentation and advertisement. Borough Manager Michael Coll explained that Independence Blue Cross has made significant revisions to their health insurance plans effective January 1, 2011. Generally, the Borough will maintain similar coverage, but we will have to drop the premium Personal Choice plan that one employee continues to maintain. Prescription Drug coverage will continue to be provided through Health Insurance Solutions based on Main Street in the Borough. A health insurance benefits meeting has been scheduled for December 14, 2010 for all employees and their spouses to meet with Blue Cross representatives. Borough Council may also attend this meeting. The Borough may have to address certain conflicts between the new mandated plans and the provisions of the collective bargaining agreement with the police officers. Overall, the premium increases for health insurance will be lower than the budget projections.

President Brain 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.

A motion was made by Councillor Preston Miller, and seconded by Councillor Edward Huber, to enact Ordinance No 10-696-07 establishing the Annual Budget of the Borough of Souderton for the 2011 Calendar Year. The motion was approved.

A motion was made by Councillor Preston Miller, and seconded by Councillor Steven Toy, to enact Ordinance No 10-697-08 establishing the Real Estate Tax Rate for the 2011 Calendar Year and providing discounts and penalties. The motion was approved.

A motion was made by Councillor Preston Miller, and seconded by Councillor Jeffrey Gross, to adopt Resolution No 10-14 authorizing the execution of a \$170,000 Tax Anticipation Loan through Univest National Bank at an interest rate of four percent (4%). The motion was approved.

A motion was made by Councillor Ned Leight, and seconded by Councillor Steven Toy, to appoint Jack Marden, 347 Madison Avenue, to serve another three year term as a member of the Zoning Hearing Board through December 31, 2013. The motion was approved.

A motion was made by Councillor Steven Toy, and seconded by Councillor Preston Miller, to appoint William Yocum, 258 Highland Avenue, to serve another six year term as a member of the Souderton Civil Service Commission through December 31, 2016. The motion was approved.

A motion was made by Councillor Steven Toy, and seconded by Councillor Richard Halbom, to appoint George M. King, 339 W Chestnut Street, to serve another term as Vacancy Board Chairman through December 31, 2011. The motion was approved.

A motion was made by Councillor Ned Leight, and seconded by Councillor Preston Miller, to accept the engagement letter of Styer Associates to serve as the Borough Auditor for the 2010 calendar year. The motion was approved.

A motion was made by Councillor Richard Halbom, and seconded by Councillor Edward Huber, to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss certain legal matters with the Borough Solicitor. The motion was approved.

Borough Council adjourned to executive Session at 8:00 pm and convened to public session at 8:25 pm. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

P. Michael Coll, Secretary