

Regular Meeting

August 7, 2023

The Regular Meeting of Souderton Borough Council, held on the above date, was called to order by Council President Tracy W. Burke at 7:00 p.m. President Burke reminded the members and audience that the Borough Council meeting is being recorded and will be posted to the Borough web site.

Council President Tracy Burke provided the Invocation, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Borough Secretary P. Michael Coll conducted a Roll Call with the following members of Borough Council and staff present:

Council President Tracy W. Burke	Mayor Daniel L. Yocum
Councillor Edward M. Huber	
Councillor Matthew J. DiNenna	Borough Manager P. Michael Coll
Councillor Donna M. Rogers	Solicitor Robert Bricker
Councillor Matthew R. Sholly	Police Chief Brian Newhall
Councillor Richard Walczak	Public Works Director Steven Coll

Borough Councillors Daryl Littlefield, Julie Munden and Courtnee Wampole were absent from the meeting.

Consideration was given to the minutes of the July 10, 2023 Regular Borough Council Meeting, the July 17, 2023 Borough Council Work Session and the July 26, 2023 Special Borough Council Meeting.

A motion was made by Councillor Matthew DiNenna, and seconded by Councillor Edward Huber, to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2023 Regular Borough Council Meeting as presented. The motion was approved.

A motion was made by Councillor Matthew Sholly, and seconded by Councillor Donna Rogers, to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2023 Borough Council Work Session Meeting as presented. The motion was approved.

A motion was made by Councillor Matthew Sholly, and seconded by Councillor Mathew DiNenna, to approve the minutes of the July 26, 2023 Special Borough Council Meeting as presented. The motion was approved.

President Tracy Burke noted that there were a few parties interested in making a presentation before Borough Council, beginning with a report from the Volunteer Medical Services Corp and Indian Valley EMS.

Shane Wheeler, CEO of VMSC and Indian Valley EMS provided a brief update following their sixth month mark of servicing Souderton Borough. Souderton Borough operations are on target with the company expectations coming into this service agreement. VMSC has been able to staff two crews out of the Indian Valley facility. An unexpected strain on operations is the growing number of support services that they are providing within the Bucks County region. Staffing levels remain strong, with no down time in the Indian Valley community. VMSC has invested in special support vehicles which have been dispatched to attend some of the community events during the summer. Shane Wheeler noted that they will have a better understanding of service needs upon completion of the first full year of service. Shane Wheeler discussed challenges of funding the service through insurance reimbursements and government regulation. Overall the public support has been great through this transition.

Jessica Cimini, Souderton Connects Manager, noted the July 21st Third Fridays event was very successful. The use of the Main Street parking lot has really helped with the event and they are starting to see an increase of flow of participants up and down Main Street. Planning is underway for the Souderton Connects Art Jam in the Souderton Community Park on June 30, 2023. Souderton Connects is always looking for volunteers to help with the events.

Mayor Daniel Yocum noted that the Indian Valley Public Library “Dinner in White” will be held in the Souderton Community Park on August 19th. Jesse’s Barbeque will host their annual concert and benefit on August 26th which supports our local fire services. Concert Sundaes concluded their summer concert series for this year.

Police Chief Brian Newhall summarized the monthly report of police department activities. Chief Newhall noted that the department will be clearing out bicycles from the Second Street garage, some date back several decades. Souderton police will be working with Public Works to re-stripe speed monitoring lines at various locations throughout the Borough. Souderton police will continue to monitor the stop intersection at S. Front Street and Montgomery Avenue.

The Borough Solicitor’s report for the month of July, 2023 was submitted to Borough Council. The Borough Solicitor reviewed the conditional offer of employment for the next Borough Manager position and they were in conversation with the Borough’s consultant.

Public Works Director Steven Coll circulated his monthly report to members of Borough Council. Work around the Freight Building dominated most of the month. Crews cleaned up the Chestnut Street municipal parking lot. Brush collection has not started for the month due to a mechanical issue with the dump truck used to tow the chipper and collect the brush chips. Unfortunately it appears as though the truck will need a new or refurbished transmission. The box used to collect the brush chips only fits on

this truck. The Borough Manager approved the transmission work and we hope to have the truck back in service within a week, depending on the availability of parts. Crews cleaned out a number of storm inlets throughout the Borough. The vacuum purchased from Telford Borough was very useful in this effort.

Borough Manager Michael Coll noted the next Borough Council work session is scheduled for Monday, August 21, 2023. The Souderton Community Pool will be open through Labor Day. Hours will be limited during the last week in August. Due to the Labor day Holiday, the next Borough Council meeting will be held on Monday, September 11, 2023. The Souderton Planning Commission is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, September 6, 2023.

The Borough Manager reported on the scheduled business items for this meeting. Bids were received for the 2023 Road Reconstruction Projects on Wednesday, August 2, 2023. There were two bidders and the tabulation of bids was circulated to Borough Council for their review. GoreCon, Inc. based in Chalfont provided the overall lowest total bid of \$278,314.66. Associated Paving Contractors of Warminster provided a bid of \$327,818.40. The Borough has used GoreCon, Inc. on past contracts and a recommendation was made to accept the bid.

Councillor Matthew Sholly noted that the Public Safety Committee has developed some recommendations to revise the current Open Burning Ordinance. The revisions were forwarded to the Chief of the fire company and the committee will forward their recommendation to the Fire Marshal and the Police Chief.

Councillor Matthew Sholly also reported that the committee is continuing their review and work on recommendations for a new web site.

Councillor Edward Huber reported that the Parks and recreation Committee met with Bennington Pool Services for a mid-season review. Based on progress, the committee is considering extending the contract through next pool season. The concession stand seems to be well received.

President Tracy Burke reported that he is expecting to receive a letter of resignation from a member of Borough Council this month. The expected resignation will be accepted at the September Borough Council meeting and Borough Council will then need to consider an appointment at the October 2, 2023 Borough Council meeting.

Consideration was given to paying the bills for the month of July, 2023.

GENERAL FUND

Altek Business Systems, Inc.	\$151.96	The Harrison Group, Inc.	\$125.00
Altek Business Systems, Inc.	3,530.96	The Partnership TMA	355.00

Aquarius Supply	\$106.20	Univest VISA	\$300.95
Barnside Farm Compost Facility	64.32	Univest VISA	1,119.69
Bow Wow Waste Products	263.97	Univest VISA	102.70
Clemens Uniform Rental	197.75	Unum Insurance Company	1,469.07
Cope's Garage, Inc.	4,921.80	Verizon	74.95
Country-Fair Cleaners	227.50	Verizon Wireless	260.62
Creative Services New England	246.95	Daryl Littlefield	1,013.45
Crystal Springs	106.90	The Verdin Company	6,586.50
David A. Freed	200.00	United States Treasury	69.00
Davidheisers, Inc.	132.00	21 st Century Media	107.21
Delta Dental/Gettysburg Benefit	1,396.20	C & S Lawn and Landscape	400.00
Dianna M. Fields	726.56	Carquest	376.75
Donna M. Rogers	781.82	CDI Lawn Equipment	708.46
FP Finance Program	359.00	Clemens Uniform Rental	93.49
Freedom Systems Corp	420.00	Commonwealth Precast, Inc.	710.00
GALCO Business Communication	484.70	Cope's Garage, Inc.	1,041.46
George Allen Portable Toilets	146.00	Crystal Springs	105.91
Good Plumbing, Heating, A/C, Inc	1,454.33	Fredericks Flowers	110.00
Gregory Meinhardt	124.94	GALCO Business Comm.	276.45
H & K Materials	129.30	George Allen Portable Toilets	375.00
Home Depot	551.34	Gilmore & Associates, Inc.	307.53
Independence Blue Cross	19,724.79	Highway Materials, Inc.	3,789.70
Interstate Graphics	1,395.00	Home Depot	253.91
J. P. Mascaro & Sons	75,792.82	Int. Assoc. Chiefs of Police	500.00
Jason M. Kelly	200.00	J. P. Mascaro & Sons	75,971.97
LVL Engineering Group	1,066.10	Julie A. Munden	113.01
Maryjane Yoder	174.95	Komatsu America Corp.	6,744.25
McDonald Uniform Company	974.63	Landis, Hunsberger, Gingrich	6,784.17
Moyer Indoor/Outdoor	309.08	LVL Engineering Group	2,709.89
NAPA Auto Parts	45.56	Moyer Indoor/Outdoor	3,114.89
Nationwide Trust 457 Company	8,892.35	Nationwide Trust 457 Company	4,579.80
Nationwide Trust Company	1,969.56	Nationwide Trust Company	972.51
NetCarrier Telecom, Inc.	308.51	Old Dominion Brush	249.39
North American Benefits Company	1,570.99	P. K. Moyer & Sons, Inc.	3,809.00
North Penn Water Authority	299.81	PECO Energy	32.15
NYCO Corporation	403.50	PA One Call System	129.00
PECO Energy	63.47	PPL Electric Utilities	1,005.57
PPL Electric Utilities	407.56	Suburban Propane	249.74
Richter Drafting/Office Supply	138.10	Univest VISA	257.34
Something Better, Inc.	1,200.00	Univest VISA	1,693.87
Star Bright Car Wash	36.00	Univest VISA	435.30
Steven R. Coll	310.36	Verizon Wireless	167.27
Suburban Propane	528.56		
Telford Press Printers	2,219.00	Total General Fund	\$264,407.12

SEWER FUND

Altek Busines Systems, Inc.	\$97.50	Standard Digital Imaging	\$270.66
Clemens Uniform Rental	91.80	Suburban Water Testing Labs	2,701.00
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	185.00	Telford Press Printers	842.00
Coyne Chemical	12,999.00	U. S. Municipal Supply, Inc.	471.24
Custom A.C.E.S, LLC	15,900.00	Unum Insurance Company	283.18

Delta Dental/Gettysburg Benefit	\$308.60	USA Blue Book	\$1,975.82
Domenic DeSimone	1,140.94	Verizon	80.69
EVOQUA Water Technologies	5,940.80	Clemens Uniform Rental	137.70
Hangey Contracting, LLC	835.00	Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	150.00
Home Depot	172.97	Coyne Chemical	4,641.00
Independence Blue Cross	3,903.52	CP Rankin, Inc.	471.38
J. P. Mascaro & Sons	3,483.37	Empire Scale Corporation	411.56
Markey Paper & Packaging	123.66	Hajoca Corporation	155.75
Naceville Materials	186.12	Home Depot	75.00
Nationwide Trust 457 Company	184.56	J. P. Mascaro & Sons	3,921.68
NetCarrier Telecom, Inc.	107.77	Moyer Indoor/Outdoor	292.26
North American Benefits Company	312.30	Nationwide Trust 457 Company	92.28
North Penn Water Authority	200.79	NYCO Corporation	37.85
NYCO Corporation	162.54	PPL Electric Utilities	20,801.49
P. K. Moyer & Sons, Inc.	3,172.50	US Supply	480.66
Perkasie Regional Authority	750.00	Wise Electric	377.00
PPL Electric Utilities	1,889.15		
Robert E. Little, Inc.	67.02	Total Sewer Fund	\$90,885.11

POOL FUND

Airgas National Carbonation	\$334.85	Airgas National Carbonation	\$598.34
Bennington Pool Services, LLC	48,421.25	Altek Business Systems, Inc.	150.00
Buckmans, Inc.	5,505.26	Bennington Pool Services, LLC	47,167.05
Fellmans Pool Service, Inc.	3,927.29	Buckmans, Inc.	5,029.90
Fire Protection Services, LLC	222.00	C & S Lawn and Landscape	250.00
GALCO Business Comm.	127.80	Fellmans Pool Service, Inc.	1,600.00
Leslies Pool Supplies, Inc.	2,414.49	Good Plumbing, Heating, A/C	476.10
Markey Paper & Packaging, Inc.	451.49	Leslies pool Supplies, Inc.	71.25
NetCarrier Telecom, Inc.	91.24	Markey Paper & Packaging, Inc.	131.66
North Penn Water Authority	3,004.77	Moyer Indoor/Outdoor	20.42
PECO Energy	5,038.81	Univest VISA	203.69
PPL Electric Utilities	2,626.50		
T & T/Lanco, Inc.	2,493.81	Total Pool Fund	\$130,357.97

CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

Bergey's Electric, Inc.	\$74,103.51	Security Service Co., Inc.	\$1,662.00
Cooper Roofing Corporation	2,360.00	Shelly Building Supply	182.44
Davidheisers, Inc.	1,772.45	Sherwin Williams	82.34
Good Plumbing, Heating, A/C	8,471.26	Todd Moyer Painting	1,500.00
Green Terra Disposal	495.00	Trout Brothers, Inc.	27,050.00
Grubb Lumber Co., Inc.	1,285.00	Good Plumbing, Heating, A/C	29,334.00
H & K Materials	2,082.30	Hajoca Corporation	407.23
Home Depot	72.25	Landis Block/ Nycecrete Co.	112.86
LVL Engineering Group	1,418.64	LVL Engineering Group	171.33
Naceville Materials	1,586.07	Naceville Materials	723.33
P. K. Moyer & Sons, Inc.	18,270.00	Security Service Co., Inc.	9,071.00
Redi-Rock	9,999.00	Trout Brothers, Inc.	3,150.00
Sealmaster	120.48	Total Capital Reserve Fund	\$195,482.49

LIQUID FUELS FUND

PPL Electric Utilities

\$7,278.30 PPL Electric Utilities

\$180.65

A motion was made by Councillor Edward Huber, seconded by Councillor Matthew Sholly, to authorize the payment of bills for the month of July, 2023 and the recurring expenses for the month of August, 2023 as presented. The motion was approved.

President Tracy Burke opened the floor to the audience for public comment.

David Turner, 557 E. Broad Street, expressed concern with aggressive speeding along East Broad Street. Mayor Yocum commented that he and Borough Council takes this matter very seriously. Broad Street is State Route 113 through the Borough. The Borough is stepping up efforts to control speed and enhance pedestrian safety.

There being no further public comment, President Tracy Burke moved to the business portion of the agenda beginning with review and discussion on the bids for the 2023 Road Reconstruction Projects contract. Councillor Richard Walczak expressed disappointment that the contract did not extend paving through the intersection at Green and West Streets which was dug up for utility work. The Borough Manager felt that the paving can be extended at the quoted unit prices. There is opportunity to reduce some expense by salvaging the recently paved section on S. Front Street by PECO from Montgomery Avenue to Cherry Lane.

A motion was made by Councillor Edward Huber, and seconded by Councillor Donna Rogers, to award the contract for the 2023 Road Reconstruction Projects to GoreCon, Inc. of Chalfont, Pennsylvania with a total base contract price of \$278,314.66. The motion was approved.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:14 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

P. Michael Coll, Secretary