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Souderton Borough Council Regular Meeting Minutes

July 15, 2024

The Work Session Meeting of Souderton Borough Council, held on July 15, 2024, was called to order by Council President Tracy W. Burke at 7:04pm. Borough Secretary Sara E. Jarrett-Eaton noted that Councilor Donna Rogers and Councilor Julie Munden were absent with prior notice this evening. The following Borough Councilors and staff were present: Council President Tracy W. Burke, Mayor Daniel L. Yocum, Councilor Edward Huber, Councilor Daryl Littlefield, Councilor Stephanie Hall, Councilor Matthew Sholly, Councilor Matthew DiNenna, Public Works Director Steven Coll, Executive Assistant Christine Nicholas, Acting Borough Manager Sara Jarrett-Eaton, Solicitor John Torrente, and Police Chief Brian A. Newhall.

1. Presentation

a. Introduction of Indian Valley Library Director- Tracey Reed - Ms. Reed grew up in Montgomery County, lived in Seattle, went to FI. Worked in libraries for 16 years. Moved back 8 years ago. Worked in libraries for 30 years. Montgomery County consultant to libraries. Thrilled to be at IVPL. So much more than books. Programming, Consumer Reports, scholastic teachables, museum passes, hotspot for data, easels, DVDs, metal detectors bubble machines, curb weeders. Office of commonwealth library – resolution to say our community is supported by a library. Tracy asked Biggest challenge – learning library – every library is different. Lots of listening. Civic literary – how to talk about issues. Matt Scholly - Favorite book – Pirounessy by Susan Clarke (Psychological journey) Blight – Fungus will destroy us.

2. Public Comment:

Joseph Hine moved back to take care of his parents. Wants to get more involved. Mom is blind and diabetic and needs a walking light for her to cross to the park. Read Mayor's memo and enjoy the articles on change. Wants Souderton to be alright with all the crazy things.

2. Sewer Items – Report attached. ALERT System stopped working yesterday. Plant Supervisor Tyler McCarthy is working with the DEP and getting a plan and got it back online and is stabilized. Just an imbalance. Galco fixed the alarm system.

3. Public Works Items

a. Monthly Departmental Report – Director of Public Works Steve Coll reviews his June report. The street sweeping program started again. Pool - 2 chlorine pump issues, Sinkholes developing due to heat – galvanized pipe. 5 Sewer laterals on Cherry Lane gas main issue so 2 will be addressed. P K Moyer will be in

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with an excavator to dig 10 ft down. Is Franconia paying for this? Alley projects are hoping to get on schedule. North end market – no granite curb, nothing to force her hand to do so. The original plan was for the streetscape to stop there but Ed said that it is supposed to go up to Reliance Road. Questions about adopted Streetscape Plan – not available. Happy to put the sidewalk out and curb it. Steve Coll suggested stamped concrete. The last cobblestone was at Broad Theatre. SJE will dig deeper into Streetscape. Engineer Geoffrey Attenesio from Gilmore has a PennDOT permit that came in last week. Tabled for now.

4. Recreation Items

a. Pool Year to Date Financial Overview – Acting Borough Manager Sara provided the revenue report. She reviewed the numbers from 2023 and 2024 and highlighted Weeknights ½ price, Holidays and Sundays.

b. Fall Recreation Planning - Executive Assistant Christine Nicholas presented our Fall Fitness programming that includes an Exercise Boot Camp, Yoga and Zumba. We will also be offering an educational seminar on Medicare in October.

5. Police Items

a. Monthly Departmental Report - Corrections to report – 2 criminal and 7 non traffic citations. Vandalism has reduced – news articles and parents getting involved. Juveniles are still an issue. School year Bus issues were 328 citations with police approval. \$25 x 328 = amount we should be receiving. No needles in Drug box. 4th busiest in County. Officer Grey update. Officer Hagey's field training started today. White sedan in crash with unlicensed vehicle. Can be fixed. PennDOT proposed school zone – E. Broad would be \$68,000. Funding ideas – School District? Council President Tracy Burke asked about costs, flashers, and signs for \$9,000, poles \$8,000 apiece. We can paint our own lines. Add principal of Charter School in communication. Move crossing guard and add signage. 3 guards and 4 spots. Speed limits are not signed properly. PennDOT will do speed study on Rt. 113 and will determine what speed should be. Richard asked will data be publicly available. Police Chief Newhall stated that PennDOT will do nothing before talking to us. Moving ahead with using money from grant. Still and car mount license plate readers. Car mounts are more expensive. Question about approval of program. Timeline on grant – end of this year. \$52,000 was the grant amount. Camera project is \$11,000. For equipment and technology. Council President Tracy Burke spoke of approvals and processes but when it comes to funds, the council needs to be informed. List of grant expenses. The council authorizes grant proposals. Police Chief Newhall said former managers co-signed. Generic grant for equipment.

6. Administrative Items

a. Monthly Departmental Report -

Insurance - EHD was approved, and we are in the 10-day waiting period. All paperwork has been submitted. Risk assessment meeting on Wednesday. Pollution (will move next year, Workers Compensation for Perservice FD, Treasurers Bond, Vehicle Insurance for Goodwill (6 vehicles @ \$11,000 a year) Councilor Richard Walczak wants to know if we can get paid for last year.

We are moving our Health Insurance broker from a company in GA. EHD will be our new broker for Health Insurance. No police contractual change.

There was a meeting with auditor – minor notes for improvement. We will need to renew Freedom for 6 months.

Budget and Finance committee on ARPA. Auditors said we can count some of the money as a loss and move it to the Capital Account. More information at August Work Session

7. Requested Action Items First Public Reading & Discussion and Consideration of Authorizing Advertisement of Proposed Ordinances Borough Solicitor John Torrente introduced the items with Zoning Officer Steve Toy's approval.

a. Ord. 24-805-07- Amending Chapter 270 and adopting 2018 version of the International Building Code
A motion was made by Councilor Matthew DiNenna, and seconded by Councilor Stephanie Hall, to approve the Amending of Chapter 270 and adopting the 2018 version of the International Building Code. The motion was approved.

b. Ord. 24-806-08- Amending Chapter 442 related to Possession and Discharge of Weapons in Recreation Areas
A motion was made by Councilor Matthew Sholly, and seconded by Councilor Daryl Littlefield, to approve Amending Chapter 442 related to Possession and Discharge of Weapons in Recreation Areas. The motion was approved.

c. Ord. 24-807-09- Amending Article 5, Chapter 581 related to requirements and penalties for snow tires and chains. Increases fine on snow emergency route.
A motion was made by Councilor Stephanie Hall, and seconded by Councilor Matthew DiNenna, to approve Amending Article 5, Chapter 581 related to requirements and penalties for snow tires and chains. Increases fine on snow emergency route. The motion was approved.

d. Ord. 24-808-10- Amending Article 5, Chapter 245 related to recreational fires on private property – fire pits.
Considering new information, this has been tabled for review.

With no further business there was a motion to adjourn at 9:00pm.