



**Borough Council**

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Sara Jarrett-Eaton

**Police Chief**

Jeffrey OBrien

**Souderton Borough Council Regular Meeting Minutes**

Monday, April 6, 2026

**1. Opening of the Meeting**

The Regular Meeting of Souderton Borough Council held on April 6, 2026, was called to order by Council President Julie Munden at 7:00pm. President Munden provided a moment of silence, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Borough Secretary Sara E. Jarrett-Eaton noted that Councilor Andy Richter was absent with prior notice. The following Borough Councilors and staff were present: Mayor Daniel L. Yocum, Councilor Stephanie Costa, Councilor Donna M. Rogers, Councilor Julie Munden, Councilor Daryl Littlefield, Councilor Matthew Sholly, Councilor Stacy Dill, Councilor Daniel Bencsik, Councilor Stephanie Cross, Junior Councilor Gabriel Longenecker, Borough Manager Sara Jarrett-Eaton, Solicitor John Torrente, Police Chief Jeffrey OBrien, Public Works Director Jason Kelly, Executive Assistant Christine Nicholas, and Permits Clerk Laura McGuigan.

**2. Consent Agenda**

**A motion was made by Councilor Littlefield and seconded by Councilor Costa to approve the Consent Agenda to include the March 2, 2026, Council Meeting Minutes and the March 16, 2026, work session minutes and the bills for March & April 2026. The motion was approved.**

**3. Presentations**

**A. Souderton Connects – Jessica Cimini – Mrs. Cimini highlighted the current and upcoming events:**

- i. The first Souderton restaurant week will be held April 12<sup>th</sup> through April 18<sup>th</sup> – 13 restaurants are involved in the event.
- ii. The first Business Bites networking event was held on Thursday March 19th at Brass Collar. This is a quarterly event.
- iii. Plaques were put up by Souderton Telford Historical Society. Souderton Connects is partnering with the society to include a QR code for more information about the historical locations.

- iv. April 25<sup>th</sup> Souderton Connects will host a clean-up day. Stay tuned for more information.
- v. A Ribbon Cutting for Goddard School will be held on April 17<sup>th</sup> .
- vi. 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays starts in 2 months and will offer new bands, food trucks and mentorship program.
- vii. The High School is having a contest for mural in the alley between the Montgomery Theater and the Souderton Restaurant.
- viii. It is the beginning of assessment time. Mrs. Cimini has been working with Laura at the borough office to gather the business information.
- ix. August 9<sup>th</sup> Souderton Connects will be hosting a wellness event in Rotary Park from 10:00am to 2:00pm

**B. Indian Valley Public Library- Penny Price** – Ms. Price highlighted the following items of interest.

- i. Student Art in the Library – 250 people attended the event showcasing elementary and middle school art.
- ii. A new printer, fax and technology station is available to all at the library.
- iii. Ms. Price provided some library statistics.
- iv. The library was awarded the Keystone Grant and will be using the funds for a new HVAC system.

**4. Administrative Reports**

- a. Mayor Daniel Yocum – Mayor Yocum applauded a couple Grant successes in Souderton.
  - i. The Indian Valley Public Library for their new HVAC system
  - ii. The VMSC to aid in their Healthy Heart initiative.

On April 18<sup>th</sup>, Mayor Yocum will be hosting his Annual Earth Day clean up at Holly Hill Park from 8:00am -noon.

Also on April 18<sup>th</sup>, Cash Bingo will be held at the Firehouse at 5:00pm with new Bingo machine!

- b. Chief of Police Jeffrey OBrien – Chief OBrien stated this month’s focus was working on securing grants. Administrative Assistant Amanda Koch took part in a 2-day seminar about grant writing, His monthly report was submitted to council.

- c. Public Works Director Jason Kelly – Mr. Kelly spoke of the 966.75 hours of work for the month.

- i. The opening bathhouses and replastering of the pool.
- ii. Assisted WWTP at the Plant and the Administrative office with blood drive.
- iii. Road patching, street sweeping, and brush are the current activities
- iv. We had 46 inches of snow for the season and used 500 tons of salt.
- v. Our new Dump Truck is currently being built. We will take possession in a month.

- d. John Torrente of Begley, Carlin & Mandio – Mr. Torrente had 2 items to mention:

The sale of a portion of Cherry Lane that was discussed during the business section of the meeting and the Taco Bell in Towngate Commons was approved in Planning with revisions.

e. Borough Manager Sara Jarrett-Eaton – Mrs. Jarrett-Eaton highlighted that there was a lot of Parks and Recreation events coming up:

E Recycle Event/Drug Take Back Day – April 25<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am – 1:00pm

Medicare Seminar – May 6<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30pm

Blood Drive (including Battle of the Badges) – July 7<sup>th</sup> 1:00pm to 6:00pm

Cocktails & Conversations with Councilors – July 30<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00pm at Branch Creek Taphouse

Police Department Community Event- August 28<sup>th</sup>

Pool Membership - Early bird sales (March 1<sup>st</sup> through March 31<sup>st</sup>) were successful and brought in \$130,000.

Lots of recreation programming is scheduled:

- Yoga
- POUND
- Aqua Zumba
- Dr. Drill Instructor Program (Boot Camp)

## **5. Committee Reports**

**Outreach and Economic Development** – Conversations with Councilors was well received on Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> and the next session of this quarterly series will be on July 30<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at Branch Creek Taphouse. Monday May 11<sup>th</sup> we will be hosting a Watershed Event with more information to come. The next Outreach meeting is on Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Trash Committee** – A very successful Trash Town Hall was held on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. The event was well attended, and the Borough Manager gave a great presentation. The consensus of the residents was to make sure we consider costs and quality of service. Request for bids will be out late May/early June.

**6. Public Comment** Dennis Deagen of 481 4<sup>th</sup> street right off Reliance. Mr. Deagen presented a water issue that is affecting many properties. Prior to the meeting, Mr. Deagen spoke to Public Works Supervisor Jason Kelly to explain the issue. He stated the entire block funnels to his yard, and it is eroding the ground under the fence.

## **7. Business**

- a. Discussion and consideration of authorizing the sale of approximately 3.82 acres of real estate located at the intersection of Hatfield Pike and Cherry Lane (tax map parcel 34-00-02611-00-1) to Franconia Township.

**A motion was made by Councilor Cross and seconded by Councilor Littlefield to authorize and approve the sale of TMP 34-00-02611-00-1 located at the intersection of Hatfield Pike and Cherry Lane to Franconia Township (“as is”) for the appraised price of \$570,000, subject to an Agreement of Sale in a form acceptable to the Borough**

**Manager and Solicitor and (2) the President and Borough Manager to execute and all documents necessary to effectuate the sale of said real estate on behalf of Souderton Borough. - Motion Passed**

- b. Resolution 2026-10 – Approval for Streambank Restoration Grant Application

**A motion was made by Councilor Bencsik and seconded by Councilor Cross to approve Resolution 2026-10 authorizing the application to Watershed Restoration and Protection Program in the amount of \$300,000 for a stream bank restoration project. – Motion Passed**

**A motion was made by Councilor Littlefield to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss Litigation and Personnel.**

Respectfully Submitted,

*Sara E. Jarrett-Eaton*

Sara E. Jarrett-Eaton, Borough Secretary

Transcribed by: Christine Nicholas, Executive Assistant