



Borough Council

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Mayor

Daniel L. Yocum

Borough Manager

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Police Chief

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Souderton Borough Council Regular Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 4, 2026

1. Opening of the Meeting

The Regular Meeting of Souderton Borough Council held on May 4, 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 Stephanie Costa, Councilor Andy Richter and Councilor Matthew Sholly were absent with prior notice. The following Borough Councilors and staff were present: Mayor Daniel L. Yocum, Borough Manager Sara Jarrett-Eaton, Solicitor John Torrente, Councilor Donna M. Rogers, Councilor Julie Munden, Councilor Daryl Littlefield, , Councilor Stacy Dill, Councilor Daniel Bencsik, Councilor Stephanie Cross, Junior Councilor Gabriel Longenecker, 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 Bencsik and seconded by Councilor Littlefield to approve the Consent Agenda to include the April 6, 2026, Council Meeting Minutes and the April 20, 2026, Work Session minutes and the bills for April & May 2026. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Presentations

- A. Perseverance Fire Company – Presentation of Award** – Fire Company President, Dan Biros, spoke of the Borough’s steadfast support to the Fire Company through partnership, professionalism and community mindedness. The 2025 Business of the Year award was presented to the Borough of Souderton. Mayor Yocum spoke of the benefit of the volunteers of the fire company and a photo opportunity followed.
- B. Souderton Connects – Jessica Cimini** – Mrs. Cimini was not in attendance. Councilor Littlefield highlighted that the first 3rd Friday is next week on May 15th and the Beautification Committee was currently working on an electrical box beautification.
- C. Indian Valley Public Library- Penny Price** – No report

4. Administrative Reports

- a. Mayor Daniel Yocum – Mayor Yocum thanked everyone for their support of the Earth Day project – 50 trees) were planted in Souderton parks and another 50 will be planted in the Fall for the 100th Anniversary of Rotary.
- b. Chief of Police Jeffrey OBrien – Chief OBrien stated that April was busy month with arrests and community events. They will be gathering data about stop sign violations. He commented on the use of E-bikes and the reckless juveniles that have been causing issues. Our Police Assistant got 10 free car seats and has had installations already. He added that Coronado Pools made a large donation that will be used for Community Events. President Munden asked the chief to explain the regulations regarding e-bikes.
- c. Public Works Director Jason Kelly – Mr. Kelly spoke of the 830 hours of work for the month that included:
Equipment Maintenance
Highway Work – damaged signs, hero banners
Sewer Work
Parks and Recreation – bathroom checks and trash, tree planting in various parks
Pool maintenance/repairs on all pools
- d. John Torrente of Begley, Carlin & Mandio – Mr. Torrente mentioned one thing of interest regarding the portion of Cherry Lane Sale that received approval. He is currently finalizing the Agreement of Sale with Franconia’s solicitor, and it should be completed before the end of June. He is also drafting an e-bike ordinance due to the current issues.
- e. Borough Manager Sara Jarrett-Eaton – Mrs. Jarrett-Eaton had no report at this time.

5. Committee Reports

Outreach and Economic Development – Councilor Stephanie Cross highlighted some events coming up:
Stormwater Management Info Session – May 11th
Borough Table at 3rd Fridays – Starting May 15th
Borough Table at Concert Sundaes Community Night on June 7th
Cocktails and Conversations with Councilors – July 30th at Branch Creek Taphouse

The committee will be meeting next week

Trash Committee – At last months meeting they discussed the trash figures and at the next meeting hope to have the details complete to release the bid specifications in June.

Public Safety Committee - Met last week and discussed issues with e-bikes.

Finance Committee – Meets the 3rd Wednesday of every month.

6. Public Comment

Council President Julie Munden explained the rules of public comment and the 3-minute time limit.

Steven Guarrieri - 94 N. School Lane – Mr. Guarrieri came to council a few months prior regarding the speeding cars on School Lane. He stated there has been an increase in accidents, citing 2 accidents, one near Central and one near Reliance and was asking council to step up and control speeding. He stated that Indicator boards were not enough and gave suggestions for safety items to assist with the issues. He is the father of two children - 4 and 2 - and does not want to see a child or anyone get hurt.

Lee Miletich - 247 West Chestnut – Mr. Miletich spoke to his displeasure with the borough and its council.

Charl Welner- 18 Hunsberger Lane – Ms. Welner thanked Mayor about the “Welcoming Community” post he recently put up on social media and inquired if we could find a way to reach out to non-English speaking neighbors. Ms. Welner also commented on the speeding on school lane and her own personal experience.

7. Business

- a. Resolution 2026-12 – Consideration of PUC Application for Central Avenue Railroad Crossing – Authorizes PennDOT to permit them to install railroad crossing signs.

A motion was made by Councilor Littlefield and seconded by Councilor Bencsik to approve Resolution 2026-12 – Consideration of PUC Application for Central Avenue Railroad Crossing. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Councilor Littlefield to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara E. Jarrett-Eaton

Sara E. Jarrett-Eaton, Borough Secretary

Transcribed by: Christine Nicholas, Executive Assistant