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BOROUGH COUNCIL WORK SESSION

Thursday, May 21, 2026 (7:00 pm)

Borough Council Vice President Daryl Littlefield called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Present were Councilors Bencsik, Costa, Rogers, Littlefield, Richter, Dill, Cross, and Mayor Yocum. Also present were Solicitor John Torrente, Chief OBrien, Public Works Director Jason Kelly, and Manager Sara Jarrett-Eaton. Absent were Councilors Sholly and Munden.

Special Presentation- Erin Milbourne of Montgomery County Victim Service Center provided a brief presentation on the services that the center provides and some statistics on victims served across the county.

Sewer Items- The monthly department report was provided to the council in their meeting packet.

Public Works Items - The monthly department report was provided to the council in their meeting packet.

Recreation Items – Mrs. Jarrett-Eaton provided a brief update on the pool season and park pavilion rental.

Police Items- The monthly department report was provided to the council in their meeting packet. Chief OBrien provided departmental updates and upcoming events. At the last council meeting during the public comment period, the resident at 511 E. Broad Street asked for consideration for a handicap parking space. After the meeting, the police department investigated the request and provided a report to council that it was feasible with minimal disruption. Borough council agreed that it would appear on the council agenda as a resolution at the next meeting. Chief Obrien submitted a traffic study to Borough Council for School Lane and Chestnut Street after repeated resident complaints. The study will be

further discussed at the committee level. Borough Councilors and staff discussed potential solutions to help with the concerns raised.

Administrative Items- Councilor Cross made a motion to approve the resignation of the unexpired term of Penelope Price as the Souderton Borough representative to the Indian Valley Public Library. The motion was seconded by Councilor Costa and passed unanimously.

Councilor Bencsik made a motion to approve the appointment of Alexander Grande to fill the unexpired term of Penelope Price as the Souderton Borough representative to the Indian Valley Public Library. The motion was seconded by Councilor Rogers and passed unanimously.

Borough Manager Jarrett-Eaton introduced the sale of the 2023 zero-turn mower to the fire company for \$5,500. Mayor Yocum raised the idea of giving the lawnmower to the fire company, rather than selling the lawnmower. Borough Councilors, Mayor Yocum, and Borough Manager Jarrett-Eaton engaged in discussion regarding if the lawnmower should be sold to the fire company, provided for free to the fire company, or sold online via private sale.

Councilor Costa made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-15, selling the 2023 SCAG Turf Tiger II Lawnmower to Perseverance Fire Company. The motion was seconded by Councilor Cross and passed 6 to 1, with Councilor Bencsik as the lone nay vote.

Councilor Rogers made a motion to approved Resolution 2026-16, selling a John Deere Finish Mower, John Deere Walk Behind Mower, and Simplicity Snow Blower for a total of \$750 to Jeffrey Lukens.

Borough Manager Jarrett-Eaton provided comparable sale prices via Municibid for each piece of equipment which was being sold to Mr. Lukens. Borough Code allows for the sale of equipment for a value less than \$2,000.00

Borough Councilors and Mayor Yocum discussed the concept of waiving fees for non-profit groups, most specifically for permits and inspections. They discussed the issue at length and determined that a resolution with a set policy should be drafted and approved at a future meeting to formalize the process. The priority of the policy will be to cover borough costs while providing a break in expense to non-profits. The current process for fee waiver for parks and recreation use will also be added to the policy. Borough Manager Jarrett-Eaton will begin creating the draft policy for consideration.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m. and immediately went into executive session. Executive session adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara E. Jarrett-Eaton

Sara E. Jarrett-Eaton, Borough Secretary

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