

Regular Borough Council Meeting

September 14, 2020

The Regular Monthly Meeting of Souderton Borough Council, held on the above date, was called to order by President Brian K. Goshow at 7:00 p.m. Council President Brian Goshow noted that this in-person meeting is also available for the public to access through Zoom to monitor and make public comment. The Borough Council meeting was attended by the following members and staff:

President Brian K. Goshow	Mayor John R. Reynolds
Vice-President Julie Munden (Zoom)	Junior Councillor Nick Mancini
Councillor Donna Rogers	
Councillor Ned Leight	Solicitor Robert G. Bricker
Councillor Richard Godshall	
Councillor Daniel Yocum	Borough Manager P. Michael Coll
Councillor Daryl Littlefield	Public Works Director Steven R. Coll
Councillor Edward Huber	Police Chief James P. Leary

The invocation was given by Councillor Richard Godshall, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Council President Brian Goshow noted that Vice-President Julie Munden is participating in this meeting via Zoom. Councillor Daryl Littlefield is coordinating Zoom access this evening. The Agenda includes formal consideration to appoint a new Junior Councillor, which we will move up to the beginning of this meeting.

A motion was made by Councillor Daniel Yocum, and seconded by Councillor Matt Mscichowski, to a appoint Nick Mancini, 216 Penn Avenue, Souderton, PA to serve as Junior Councillor through June 30, 2022. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Mayor John Reynolds administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed Junior Councillor Nick Mancini, who was then formally invited to join the meeting.

Consideration was given to the minutes of the August 3, 2020 Regular Borough Council Meeting, Borough Council work session on August 10, 2020, 2020 and the Special Borough Council meeting on August 31, 2020. The meeting minutes were considered separately by Borough Council as follows:

A motion was made by Councillor Richard Godshall, seconded by Councillor Matt Mscichowski, to approve the minutes of the August 3, 2020 Regular Monthly Borough Council meeting as presented. The motion was approved.

A motion was made by Councillor Richard Godshall, seconded by Councillor Matt Mscichowski, to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2020 Borough Council work session as presented. The motion was approved.

A motion was made by Councillor Matt Mscichowski, seconded by Councillor Donna Rogers, to approve the minutes of the August 31, 2020 Special Borough Council meeting as presented. The motion was approved.

Police Chief James Leary noted that the monthly report for August has been distributed for discussion at our next Borough Council work session. The Souderton Police Department remains fully operational and the Officers are all healthy and well. Chief Leary has hired new crossing guard staff for the opening of the schools. Council President Brian Goshow expressed his appreciation to Officer Thomas Lawson and Chief Leary for their prompt response to a medical emergency for his brother and business partner. Officer Lawson arrived on scene within two minutes of the call rendering assistance until the arrival of the ambulance service.

Borough Solicitor Robert Bricker circulated his monthly report to Borough Council. The Borough Solicitor held several conversations with the Borough Manager and representatives of the Souderton Business Improvement District regrading process and procedures for the reauthorization of the BID. The Solicitor provided guidance to the Borough Manager concerning property at 121 N Main Street. The Solicitor reviewed a slip and fall claim naming Souderton Borough concerning an incident at the Giant Food Store in Hilltown Township. The insurance company will handle the response to remove the Borough from this action. The Borough Solicitor reviewed and drafted a response to an appeal from the IBEW98 under the provisions of the Right to Know law. The Solicitor also responded to a question from the Borough Manager concerning a property matter on Diamond Street.

Steven Coll, reporting as Emergency Management Coordinator, noted that Montgomery County has no significant updates regarding the status of the COVID-19 emergency. Tropical storm Isaias brought significant rainfall to the region in a relatively short time frame. The rainfall surcharged the W. Broad Street culvert which resulted in road damage at Adams Avenue. The stormwater breached the culvert through a prior inlet penetration lifting the roadway. Borough forces, with assistance from P. K. Moyer and Sons, repaired the road base. The Borough Engineer is evaluating alternatives to repair the structure of the culvert and provide a surcharge relief point.

Public Works Director Steven Coll circulated his monthly report to Borough Council. Crews will be collecting significant brush from the tropical storm and will then resume work on N. Fourth Street to complete the storm drainage improvements to complete paving on this street in the fall. The Borough crew will also begin the streetscape construction on W. Broad Street.

Borough Manager Michael Coll reviewed the meeting schedule for the month of September. There will be a Borough Council work session on Monday, September 21, 2020, continuing the single work session format through the remainder of the calendar

year. Work will begin on the 2021 Budget and we will look to have a separate Budget work session at the end of October. The remaining item on the Agenda is formal consideration of the Ordinance to adopt the provisions of the National Fire Code.

Mayor John Reynolds reported that the Police Chief Selection Committee has narrowed the field to six candidates who are scheduled to participate in the final exercises throughout the day on Saturday, September 26. Committee members will be attending and will observe the process. Following completion the Committee and Consultants will develop a final ranking of candidates. Interviews will then be scheduled. President Brian Goshow expressed his appreciation to the Committee for the time that they devoted to this search.

Councillor Daniel Yocum noted that the COVID-19 pandemic has cancelled the many fundraising events that the Souderton Fire Company holds on an annual basis. The annual mail fund drive will be circulating through the community this month. The Souderton Fire Company is planning some alternative fund raising events that will be posted to their Facebook page.

Mayor Reynolds further noted that Generations has been closed due to COVID-19 restrictions, however, they are hosting a number of activities on line.

Consideration was given to paying the bills for the month of August, 2020.

GENERAL FUND

Comcast Cable	\$62.67	North American Benefits Co	\$1,004.41
21 st Century Media	766.04	PA State CDL Testing Program	32.15
Advanced Disposal	38,134.65	PECO Energy	63.44
Airgas National Carbonation	78.00	PA One Call System	65.10
Bergeys, Inc.	92.20	Petty Cash	164.89
Boucher and James, Inc.	3,712.46	PPL Electric Utilities	1,552.08
C & S Lawn and Landscape, Inc.	400.00	PPL Electric Utilities	119.71
Clemens Uniform rental	209.32	Ready Refresh	68.23
Code Inspections, Inc.	130.00	Robert W. Harley, RPR	180.00
Comcast	869.66	Rodney Shoemaker Plumbing	67.06
Cope's Garage, Inc.	293.46	Security Service Co., Inc.	878.01
Del-Val International Truck	107.97	Shelly Enterprises USLBM, LLC	16.13
Delta Dental/Gettysburg Benefit	1,096.12	Souderton-Telford Main Streets	5,937.50
Fromm Electric Supply Corp	73.20	Styer Associates	6,510.00
GALCO Business Comm	141.10	Suburban Propane	194.67
George Allen Portable Toilets	381.00	Sudz In A Bucket, Inc.	77.00
H & K Materials	221.37	Telford Press Printers	1,095.00
Home Depot	37.97	The Harrison Group, Inc.	210.00
Independence Blue Cross	14,414.01	Thomas A. Lawson	395.30
James P. Leary	336.59	Univest VISA	766.60
K J Door Services, Inc.	150.00	Univest VISA	35.73
Kuhls Law	1,035.00	Univest VISA	413.78

Landis Block Nycrete Company	\$9.08	Unum Insurance Company	\$1,036.49
Metlife	6,225.52	Verizon	72.59
Moyer Indoor/Outdoor	2,057.21	Verizon Wireless	249.44
Nationwide Trust Company	2,009.90		
NetCarrier Telecom, Inc.	495.48	Total General Fund	\$94,745.29

SEWER FUND

Bergey's Electric, Inc.	\$65.00	NetCarrier Telecom. Inc.	\$147.59
Clemens Uniform Rental	90.46	North American Benefits Co.	250.60
Comcast	89.51	PA DEP	60.00
Delta Dental/Gettysburg Benefit	379.52	PPL Electric Utilities	13,014.11
EVOQUA Water Technologies	4,344.70	Robert E. Little, Inc.	11.53
Fed Ex Freight	285.00	Salvatore DeSimone	200.00
Fromm Electric Supply Corp.	37.66	Suburban Water Testing Labs	1,569.97
Home Depot	129.91	Telford Press Printers	325.00
Independence Blue Cross	4,193.13	The Harrison Group, Inc.	60.00
J P Mascaro & Sons	732.30	Unum Insurance Company	242.76
Jesse Baro, Inc.	7,630.03	USA Blue Book	581.27
L/B Water Service, Inc.	3,210.00	Verizon	75.59
Metlife	138.42	Wellington Sporting Goods	45.00
Moyer Indoor/Outdoor	320.92	Total Sewer Fund	\$38,229.98

POOL FUND

CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

Allan Myers	\$21,609.74	Home Depot	\$132.74
Blooming Glen Quarry	220.00	Naceville Materials	343.82
Boucher and James, Inc.	5,733.10	Natural Structures	11,784.00
Commonwealth Precast, Inc.	3,232.00	Univest Capital	3,155.23
Georges Tool Rental	1,668.27		
Hajoca Corporation	320.95	Total Capital Reserve Fund	\$48,199.85

LIQUID FUELS FUND

Established Traffic Control	\$500.00	PPL Electric Utilities	\$5,538.39
PPL Electric Utilities	818.75	Signal Control Products, Inc.	140.00

A motion was made by Councillor Richard Godshall, and seconded by Councillor Donna Rogers, to approve the payment of bills for the month of August, 2020 as presented. The motion was approved.

A motion was made by Councillor Richard Godshall, and seconded by Councillor Ned Leight, to approve the payment of recurring bills for the month of September, 2020 as presented. The motion was approved.

President Brian K. Goshow opened the floor for public comment from those in the audience.

Daniel Houser, 436 Central Avenue, Souderton commented that Concert Sundaes cancelled the summer concert series due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but served ice cream to families on three occasions through advanced on line reservations. Concert Sundaes did print their annual booklet, but this year highlighted our many community sponsors and service organizations. The booklet also provides government information and COVID-19 guidance. Concert Sundaes has now developed a newsletter which can be signed up to receive through their website.

Daniel Houser complemented Borough Council and Chief Leary for supporting our local police officers. He also inquired if Borough Council will be instituting any restrictions on Halloween this year given the COVID-19 issues.

There was no further public comment. The remaining business item was the consideration of an Ordinance adopting the provisions of the 2015 edition of the National Fire Code.

A motion was made by Councillor Edward Huber, and seconded by Councillor Daryl Littlefield, to approve and enact Ordinance No. 20-747-01 adopting the 2015 edition of the International Fire Code. The motion was approved.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

P. Michael Coll, Secretary