

The Regular Meeting of Souderton Borough Council, held on Monday, November 6, 2017, was called to order by Borough Council President Brian Goshow at 7:00 p.m. Members of Borough Council present at the regular meeting included the following:

President Brian K. Goshow	Councillor Kevin Souder
Vice-President D. Jeffrey Gross	Junior Councillor Michael Jones
Councillor Ned D. Leight	Mayor John R. Reynolds
Councillor Richard Godshall	Solicitor Robert G. Bricker
Councillor Daniel Yocum	Borough Manager P. Michael Coll
Councillor Daniel Houser	Police Chief James P. Leary
Councillor Tracy Burke	Public Works Director Seven Coll
Councillor Richard Halbom	Code Enforcement Officer Steven Toy

The Invocation was given by Councillor Kevin Souder, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, which was led by members of Boy Scout Troop 461.

Consideration was given to the minutes of the Monday, October 2, 2017 Regular Borough Council Meeting and October Work Sessions. A motion was made by Councillor Jeffrey Gross, seconded by Councillor Richard Godshall, to approve the minutes of the October 2, 2017 Regular Borough Council Meeting and October 2017 Work Sessions as presented. The motion was approved.

Indian Valley Public Library, Board of Trustees President, Victor Verbeke, addressed Borough Council members with an update on library functions and activities. He noted that the vision of the Indian Valley Public Library is to inspire lifelong learning for all. He introduced Library Director Margie Stern who further spoke on library operations. She noted a new program to checkout a Museum Pass, which has been used by many residents to save a little on admission fees.

Mayor John Reynolds noted that tomorrow, Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> is Election Day and urged all residents to participate in the election of local officials. Mayor Reynolds further noted the Indian Valley Public Library Wine Tasting fundraising event; Broad Street Grind will be hosting presentations on the Wanamaker Organ; Zwingli Church will be hosting the Christmas Open House on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, with tickets available at Zwingli Church. Souderton-Telford Main Streets will be hosting the annual Holiday Parade on Saturday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> and the Annual Tree Lighting Event will be held later in the evening on Main Street. Generations will also be hosting their annual Reindeer Run in the morning of December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Police Chief James Leary noted that the monthly narrative report of police activities will be distributed and reviewed at the November work session. Chief Leary expressed appreciation to the Souderton Fire Police for their assistance during the Halloween patrols. There were no reported incidents. Chief Leary further reported that the Souderton Police Department has collected 191 pounds of prescription drugs. The first formal drug take back program in Montgomery County was established by the Souderton Police Department.

The Borough Solicitor reported that they are working on the Resolutions and Certifications regarding the Rex Heat Treat financing application that is before the Souderton Industrial Development Authority. The Borough Solicitor had numerous contacts with SEPTA officials regarding the train station lease agreement and they now believe that they have SEPTA's final-final comments and changes to incorporate in the final draft lease agreement for signature. They are hoping to get SEPTA's approval this week. The Borough Solicitor had several conversations and email correspondence regarding the status of the tile to the rear lot of 160 Main Street, which is supposed to be transferred to the Borough as part of the subdivision of that property. Responding to a question from Councillor Richard Godshall, Solicitor Robert Bricker confirmed that

SEPTA must sign off on the lease agreement for the Souderton Train Station in order for the pending liquor license to be processed by the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board to Boardroom Spirits to operate the full service restaurant.

Public Works Director Steven Coll reported on public works department activities for the month of October. He noted that the crew is working on curb side leaf collections; however, brush collection will be delayed for a few days into next week to complete other scheduled projects.

Borough Manager Michael Coll noted that there will be only one combined work session this month scheduled for Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. He then reviewed the agenda items scheduled for consideration. The first item is formal consideration of bids for the sale of 30 West Broad Street, which has been a topic of discussion at the past few work sessions. Formal consideration will also be given to bids received for a three year contract to dispose of bio-solids from the Waste Water Treatment Plant. The low bidder is Jesse Baro, who is currently providing this service to the Borough. Following recommendations from the Souderton Planning Commission, an Ordinance has been prepared to amend certain provisions of the Mixed Use Redevelopment Zoning District pertaining to the construction of townhouses. The Ordinance is based on the proposed revisions to the Berkeley Court Phase 2A development plans and the latest concept plan for the balance of the former Souderton High School site. The Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs is recommending member Boroughs to consider a Resolution in opposition to pending state legislation known as the Wireless Infrastructure Deployment Bill. This legislation will remove municipal oversight over the placement of wireless communication devices within municipal right of ways. A recommendation is again made to obtain a \$250,000 tax anticipation loan to bridge revenue through the first quarter of 2018 until real estate tax revenues are fully realized. The Borough Manager summarized the proposed 2018 Budget in a memorandum to Borough Council. The 2018 Budget is posted on the Borough website for public review and the proposed Budget and associated Real Estate Tax Ordinance will be advertised for formal consideration at the December 4, 2017 Borough Council meeting.

Councillor Daniel Yocum noted that the Perseverance Volunteer Fire Company will be hosting two fundraising events in November, with their annual penny Auction to be held on Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup> and designer Bag Bingo on November 25<sup>th</sup>. He further noted an event sponsored by Exhibit B Gallery and Caruso's on December 6<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor John Reynolds complimented members of Borough Council and staff for the number of hours spent on developing and reviewing the 2018 Annual Budget.

Consideration was given to paying the bills for the month of October, 2017.

GENERAL FUND

Comcast Cable	\$353.45	Nationwide Trust Company	\$35,076.13
North Penn Water Authority	732.07	Nationwide Trust Company	10,314.16
Postmaster, Lansdale	756.06	NetCarrier Telecom, Inc.	352.50
PPL Electric Utilities	4,050.00	North American Benefits Company	1,049.82
21 <sup>st</sup> Century Media	86.39	Nucitrus	708.00
Clemens Uniform Rental	113.06	PECO Energy	58.93
Comcast Cable	372.45	PA One Call System	68.06
Constellation NewEnergy, Inc.	103.19	PPL Electric Utilities	1,280.86
Cope's Garage, Inc.	944.46	PPL Electric Utilities	106.72
D. L. Beardsley, Ltd.	148.20	Richter Drafting/Office Supply	207.50
Delta Dental	1,307.10	Shelly Enterprises-USLBM, LLC	142.78
Eagles Peak Spring Water, Inc.	19.30	Souderton Firemens Relief Assoc	38,340.14
Freedom Systems Corp.	945.00	Suburban Propane	228.39
Fromm Electric Supply Corp.	418.50	Univest VISA	704.02
George Allen Portable Toilets	523.00	Univest VISA	489.97
H & K Materials	342.92	Unum Insurance Company	928.92
Home Depot	30.87	Verizon	70.66
James P. Leary	280.19	Verizon Wireless	344.23
Keystone Health Plan East	31,397.09	Wise Electric	815.85
Markey Paper & Packaging, Inc.	218.27	Youngs	317.30

Moyer Indoor/Outdoor	\$254.70		
Nationwide Trust Company	13,409.00	Total General Fund	\$148,410.21

#### SEWER FUND

Comcast Cable	\$84.90	Jesse Baro, Inc.	\$1,012.07
North Penn Water Authority	146.40	Keystone Health Plan East	6,813.67
ALL Industrial Safety Products	136.00	Mary M. Koehler	267.04
Blooming Glen Quarry	70.00	Mike Nelson Consulting	500.00
Carquest	8.51	Nationwide Trust Company	5,801.71
Cintas First Aid & Safety	110.46	NetCarrier Telecom, Inc.	145.65
Clemens Uniform Rental	81.90	North American Benefits Co	255.86
Comcast Cable	84.90	PA DEP	60.00
Commonwealth Precast, Inc.	716.00	Perkasie Regional Authority	1,125.00
Constellation NewEnergy, Inc.	10,835.46	PPL Electric Utilities	164.47
D. L. Beardsley, Ltd.	402.50	Reuter & Hanney, Inc.	1,890.00
Delta Dental	321.47	Suburban Water Testing Labs	2,986.46
ES2 Environmental Systems	213.50	Trout Brothers, Inc.	8,956.00
EVOQUA Water Technologies	2,116.41	Univar USA, Inc.	6,456.50
Fromm Electric Supply Corp	84.90	Unum Insurance Company	239.54
Home Depot	6.32	Verizon	118.47
J. P. Mascaro & Sons	480.00	Total Sewer Fund	\$52,692.07

#### POOL FUND

Comcast Cable	\$207.47	PECO Energy	\$766.08
North Penn Water Authority	1,439.92	PPL Electric Utilities	1,429.93
Airgas National carbonation	62.75	Stat Pads	125.00
American Red Cross	81.00	Suburban Water Testing Labs	60.00
Comcast Cable	223.31		
NetCarrier Telecom, Inc.	128.71	Total Pool Fund	\$4,524.17

#### CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

Smith Wilbert Vault, Inc.	\$9,017.50	P. K. Moyer & Sons, Inc.	\$10,565.25
Highway Materials, Inc.	12,035.19	Total Capital Reserve Fund	\$31,617.94

#### LIQUID FUELS FUND

Constellation NewEnergy, Inc.	\$694.96	Sealmaster	\$124.99
Constellation NewEnergy, Inc.	0.06	Shelly Enterprises-USLBM, LLC	19.59
Lane-King of Prussia	1,741.00	Sherwin Williams	29.99
PPL Electric Utilities	7,282.16		
PPL Electric Utilities	52.42	Total Liquid Fuels Fund	\$9,945.17

A motion was made by Councillor Richard Godshall, seconded by Councillor Ned Leight, to authorize payment of the bills for the month of October, 2017, as presented. The motion was approved.

President Brian Goshow opened the floor to the audience who may wish to address Borough Council on any topic or matter of concern.

Robert Brecker, 21 Central Avenue, Souderton read a prepared letter in full support of the proposal of 30 West Partnership, LLC to purchase the property at 30 W. Broad Street. He felt that the model to create a diverse marketplace embodies the focus of our Main Street revitalization efforts.

Ray Hopkins, 417 Wile Avenue, Souderton commented in support of the proposal of Barbara Smith and 30 West Partnership to purchase the property at 30 W. Broad Street.

Eric Boynton, 102 W. Summit Street, Souderton presented Borough Council with a restored trash receptacle originally placed along Main Street. The receptacle was repaired and painted by John Hagggar at his auto body shop on Reliance Road and Railroad Avenue.

Margaret Halbom, 49 N. Fourth Street, expressed support to the purchase proposal of Davood Sowhangar to purchase the property at 30 West Broad Street. They submitted the highest bid to purchase this property and their bid should be considered.

Barbara Smith, owner of 9 N. Main Street and Ark Animal Hospital on Main Street, commented that her proposal to purchase 30 W. Broad Street was motivated to create a destination place and a sense of community. A marketplace has shown its influence in other community revitalization efforts. The sale price is only half of the story, the potential impact on community should also be considered in making this award.

Matthew Carbough, 167 N. Second Street commented that he also supports the market concept for the same reasons expressed by others. A project to bring people into this community is most desirable.

David Lopez, 230 Penn Avenue commented that he served in the Navy. Following his tour of duty he desired to return home, but found the sense of community was missing. Perhaps the market place proposal may prove to make this town a special place again.

Dawn Burke, 210 E. Broad Street, spoke in support of the market place proposal. The Borough should learn from prior mistakes with failed revitalization efforts that this proposal has the best potential to enhance economic revitalization.

Davood Sowhangar, 48 Penn Avenue, commented that their purchase proposal is not just another pizza shop. The proposal will create a new restaurant, support the neighboring theater with an added potential to partner with a brew pub and create additional commercial uses on the second floor.

Charl Wellner, 18 N. Hunsberger Lane urged Borough Council to reconsider their opinion in favor of community comments and support of the marketplace proposal.

There being no further comment, President Brian Goshaw moved to the business portion of the meeting. The first item is consideration of the bids to purchase 30 W. Broad Street. President Goshaw read into the record the following statement with respect to the vote by Borough Council to award the bid to purchase 30 W. Broad Street:

Bid specifications for the sale of 30 W. Broad Street were developed and advertised as per the Borough Code. Two applicants completed and returned sealed bids. The bids were opened on September 18, 2017. Both applicants completed the bid proposals to the full requirements set forth by Borough Council.

Davood Sowhangar, owner of Broad Pizza, submitted the highest purchase price proposal at \$250,000. They propose to relocate the Broad Pizza restaurant into the first floor space of the property with a second commercial rental unit on the first floor. Office suites are proposed for the second floor with a third floor residential unit.

Barbara Smith-Johnson, t/a 30 West Partnership, LLC submitted a purchase price proposal of \$200,000. They are proposing to create a public market place throughout all three floors of the building. The market concept will feature a mix of retail, restaurant and gathering spaces on the first and second floors with a roof top garden and restaurant space on the third floor.

Both bid proposals, including plans for each, have been posted on the Borough website.

Both applicants have heard me say this before. We are very fortunate to have two of our own local businesses looking to re-invest in our town. Both applicants, throughout this process have conducted themselves in a very professional manner. Regardless of individual votes tonight, Council agrees that both plans are viable plans, and we are very pleased with the enthusiasm shown by both applicants towards our borough. We are grateful for both.

The decision before Council tonight is not a simple or easy decision. There has been a lot of conversation, discussion and debate regarding the decision. Both applicants have availed themselves on numerous occasions to discuss their plans. There is not a bad

plan here. Both applicants have put time, effort and resources into developing good plans. The discussion focused on several points; the amount of the bid, the plans proposed, the viability of the plans, construction schedules, financing and vision for our community are just some of the issues that Council discussed.

In the end, I can tell you this. Everyone on Council has provided input to this decision and I can confidently say that each Councillor’s position is grounded in what they believe is best for our community.

President Brian Goshow then opened the floor for a motion. A motion was made by Councillor Richard Halbom, and seconded by Councillor Jeffrey Gross, to accept the bid proposal of Davood Sowhangar to purchase the property at 30 W. Broad Street, Souderton at a purchase price of \$250,000 and to authorize the Borough Solicitor to prepare an agreement of sale and other required documentation to complete the sale and transfer of this property. President Goshow then opened the floor for comments by Borough Council.

Councillor Tracy Burke commented in support of the marketplace concept. Souderton is unique and has potential to become a greater community. The marketplace proposal seems to have significant community support based on his own conversations with over 60 residents throughout his ward. He urged members of Borough Council to reject the motion to award the bid to Davood Sowhangar.

Councillor Ned Leight spoke in favor of the marketplace proposal for the reasons expressed by others this evening.

Councillor Jeffrey Gross noted that there is \$50,000 that separates the two purchase proposals. However, should the marketplace project be successful that \$50,000 difference can be made up in far many other ways.

Councillor Daniel Yocum commented that the Borough is working with taxpayer dollars and as such he feels compelled to vote with the highest bid price.

President Brian Goshow then called for a roll call vote on the motion to award the bid to David Sowhangar, which passed by a vote of five (5) yeas to four (4) nays, tabulated as follows:

Councillor Richard Godshall- Yea	Councillor Ned Leight- Nay
Councillor Daniel Yocum- Yea	Councillor Jeffrey Gross- Nay
Councillor Brian Goshow- Yea	Councillor Daniel Houser- Nay
Councillor Richard Halbom- Yea	Councillor Tracy Burke- Nay
Councillor Kevin Souder- Yea	

President Goshow then moved to the next item regarding the bids for the contract to dispose of bio-solids. The bids are tabulated as follows:

**BID TABULATION**  
Land Application of Biosolids  
Souderton Waste Water Treatment Plant  
November 6, 2017

Bidder	Land Application	Est Contract	Landfill Disposal	Est Contract
Jesse Baro, Inc. 157 Quarry Road Douglassville, PA 19518	2018- \$71.00 per ton 2019- \$73.00 per ton 2020- \$73.00 per ton	2018- \$83,070.00 2019- \$85,410.00 2020- \$85,410.00	2018-\$95.00 per ton 2019- \$99.00 per ton 2020- \$101.00 per ton	2018- \$12,350.00 2019- \$12,870.00 2020- \$13,130.00
Total Three Year Contract		\$253,890.00		\$38,350.00
Synagro Central, LLC 435 Williams Ct., Ste 100 Baltimore, MD 21220	2018- \$88.25 per ton 2019- \$89.73 per ton 2020- \$89.74 per ton	2018- \$103,252.50 2019- \$104,984.10 2020- \$104,995.80	2018-\$108.73 per ton 2019- \$111.50 per ton 2020- \$113.50 per ton	2018- \$14,134.90 2019- \$14,495.00 2020- \$14,755.00
Total Three Year Contract		\$313,232.40		\$43,384.90
Solid Waste Services, Inc. 2650 Audubon Road	2018- \$101.00 per ton 2019- \$104.00 per ton	2018- \$118,170.00 2019- \$121,680.00	2018-\$92.50 per ton 2019- \$95.00 per ton	2018- \$12,025.00 2019- \$12,350.00

Audubon, PA 19403	2020- \$107.00 per ton	2020- \$125,190.00	2020- \$97.75 per ton	2020- \$12,707.50
Total Three Year Contract		\$365,040.00		\$37,082.50

A motion was made by Councillor Richard Halbom, and seconded by Councillor Tracy Burke to award the three year contract for the disposal of bio-solids from the Souderton Waste Water Treatment Plant to Jesse Baro, Inc. of 157 Quarry Road, Douglassville, Pennsylvania at the quoted unit prices as ordered during the term of the contract. The motion was approved.

A motion was made by Councillor Richard Godshall, and seconded by Councillor Richard Halbom to authorize the preparation and advertisement of an Ordinance amending the Mixed Use Redevelopment Zoning District to further regulate the construction of townhouse dwellings. The motion was approved.

A motion was made by Councillor Daniel Houser, and seconded by Councillor Richard Halbom, to adopt Resolution 2017-09 expressing opposition to Pennsylvania House Bill 1620 entitled the “Wireless Infrastructure Deployment Bill.” The motion was approved.

A motion was made by Councillor Tracy Burke, and seconded by Councillor Richard Godshall to authorize the Borough Solicitor to prepare the necessary loan documents to secure a \$250,000 Tax Anticipation Loan through Univest Bank and Trust for the 2018 calendar year. Councillor Daniel Yocum announced that he will abstain from voting due to his employment with Univest Bank and Trust Company. The motion was approved by a vote of 8 yeas, 0 nays and 1 abstention.

A motion was made by Councillor Daniel Yocum, and seconded by Councillor Daniel Houser to authorize the advertisement of the 2018 Budget Resolution for formal consideration at the December 4, 2017 Borough Council Meeting. The motion was approved.

A motion was made by Councillor Jeffrey Gross, and seconded by Councillor Richard Godshall to authorize the advertisement of the 2018 Real Estate Tax Ordinance for formal consideration at the December 4, 2017 Borough Council Meeting. The motion was approved.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:24 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

P. Michael Coll, Secretary

## **WORK SESSION MINUTES AND COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### ***Borough Council Work Session- November 13, 2017 (7:00pm-9:05pm)***

Council Attendees: John Reynolds, Brian Goshow, Ned Leight, Jeffrey Gross, Richard Godshall, Daniel Yocum, Daniel Houser and Richard Halbom. Councillor-Elect Matt Mscichowski and Councillor-Elect Julie Munden.

Staff Attendees: Police Chief James Leary, Public Works Director Steven Coll and Borough Manager Michael Coll.

#### **1. Sanitation Committee**

- a. Borough Manager Michael Coll reported that the Discharge Monitoring Report for the month of October, 2017 will be filed without any exception to permit limitations.
- b. The membrane roof on the chemical building has been damaged by turkey buzzards. Repairs were made, with new roofing options being evaluated, along with the addition of stone ballast which was originally part of the roof system. The contract with Jesse Baro to dispose of dewatered bio-solids is in process and will be executed shortly. Chief Operator Sal DeSimone hosted a series of classes for advanced environmental science students at the Souderton High School.
- c. The Borough recently submitted an application to the State Department of Environmental Protection to renew the NPDES Permit for the waste water treatment plant. The application requires a significant amount of sampling data, the cost of which is reflected in laboratory fees in the 2017 budget. We are concerned with potential of significant limits on the discharge of phosphorus and nitrogen, which will require significant capital upgrades to the treatment plant.

## **2. Highway Committee**

- a. Public Works Director Steven Coll reported on highway department activities. Brush collection was delayed last week to finish other projects. Crews will start brush collection this week. Crews winterized the pool and park facilities and winterized the irrigation system on Main Street. We lost a public works employee to an off duty injury. He had surgery to repair two herniated disks and is expected to be out of work for several months.
- b. The Souderton Business Improvement District recently purchased new holiday decorations for the utility poles along Main Street and Broad Street. The decorations were just delivered. A work order is pending with PPL Electric Utilities to install new photo cells to power the decorations. Crews will install the new decorations upon the completion of the photo cell installation.
- c. Councillor Daniel Yocum noted that he made arrangements with PECO Gas Division to install a new gas service to his Main Street property back in March of this year. The installation ended up happening soon after PennDOT completed the paving of Main Street. PECO is scheduled to come back and complete the final trench restoration work, which is hoped to be completed prior to the Holiday Parade.

## **3. Sidewalk Committee**

- a. Borough Manager Michael Coll reported on the status of the County Line Road curb and sidewalk project. Work began on Monday October 30<sup>th</sup> and was met with resident concerns about the separation of driveway entrances for properties at 140, 142 and 148 County Line Road. Currently the residents have made and utilize a combined paved entrance for all three properties. Separating the driveways will impact access to off street parking spaces and restrict ingress and egress from their properties. The Borough Manager noted that our Borough Engineer originally designed the project to maintain the combined driveway along these properties but PennDOT required the separation. He further noted that we submitted six versions of the plan prior to obtaining the Highway Occupancy permit to begin the project and we must complete the work by the end of the year so as to not jeopardize the CDBG grant funding for the project. A field meeting was held with PennDOT to review the resident concerns. During the field meeting, PennDOT officials expressed concern with the design for Cope's Garage and other residential driveways, even though they issued a permit based on submitted construction plans. PennDOT allowed the driveways at 140,142 and 148 County Line Road to remain combined but required that the paving be extended to the curb line with no concrete apron. Concrete sidewalk

along the Cope's Garage property will also be removed from the project. The completed project will appear to have an odd design based on PennDOT requirements. The Borough Engineer will be submitting a seventh revised plan for the project based on the field meeting. The Borough Manager noted the wasted engineering expenses that the Borough will be absorbing on this project. The contractor is expected to complete the project by the end of the year. Unfortunately, the Montgomery Avenue curb and sidewalk project is expected to be delayed into the spring of 2018 depending on weather conditions through December. The Borough crew will level the utility trenches along Montgomery Avenue to get through the winter. Final paving will be scheduled in early 2018 following completion of the curb and sidewalk construction.

#### **4. Recreation Committee**

- a. Souderton Baseball League President Brian Pifer has communicated interest by the league in assuming maintenance responsibility for the continued use of the Summit Street ball field. He requested time on the December 4<sup>th</sup> Borough Council Agenda to present the league's interest in this joint effort.

#### **5. Property Committee**

- a. Borough Manager Michael Coll discussed the status of the lease agreement for the Souderton Train Station. The lease agreement for the train station was signed by Boardroom Spirits and the Borough and sent to SEPTA for signature. SEPTA bounced the lease agreement back to the Borough Solicitor for revision, even though the agreement mirrored the SEPTA template. Insurance concerns seemed to be satisfied and the drawing exhibits seem to be acceptable. The Borough Solicitor is now working on relatively minor language revisions for resubmission to SEPTA. We hope to have a signed revised lease agreement back to SEPTA for signature by the end of the month.
- b. Realtor Ryan Godshall is advertising the Wait Building and the Freight Building for rent. Interest has been expressed in the Wait Building as a small sandwich shop. They may want to consider having a walk up window from the platform, which poses some concern with proximity to the active rail line. Some type of barrier will have to be installed to keep patrons and pedestrians away from the rail. SEPTA required the Borough to remove an initial fence design from the renovation plans. The interested party will be meeting with Steve Toy to discuss improvements and code requirements.
- c. The Borough Solicitor is working on an Agreement of Sale for 30 W. Broad Street, based on the bid award made by Borough Council on November 6, 2017. Borough Council discussed the time frame for advertising the Broad Theater for sale, opting to develop specifications for advertisement after the Christmas Holidays. This will be part of the January, 2018 work session agendas.
- d. The Borough Manager confirmed that the proceeds from the sale of 30 W. Broad Street will be placed into the separate Anchor Building Fund earmarked for designated future economic redevelopment projects or loans. Interest on any loan projects will be earmarked towards Souderton-Telford Main Streets funding.

#### **6. Police Committee**

- a. Police Chief James Leary reviewed a summary of police activities through the month of October, 2017. The statistical reports were previously submitted.
- b. Chief Leary reviewed the status of the fleet of police vehicles and projections for vehicle replacement. Funding has been allocated in the 2018 Budget to purchase and outfit a new patrol vehicle, which will replace the Jeep Grand Cherokee.
- c. Chief Leary is working on a request for a handicapped parking space at 133



Franklin Avenue. The request seems to be justified and will be posted with the Mayor's approval.

## **7. Development Committee**

- a. Borough Manager Michael Coll discussed the revised Zoning Ordinance for the Mixed-Use Redevelopment District as it relates to the proposed revised Berkeley Court Phase 2A development plans. The amended Zoning ordinance addresses the additional townhouse units proposed for Phase 2A. The amendments removed various percentage restrictions with more specific requirements based on the revised development plan and the revised concept plan. Borough Council members suggested that the paragraph concerning the location of garages should also be more restrictive to the proposed development plan. The Ordinance has been advertised for formal consideration at the December 4<sup>th</sup> Borough Council meeting. The Borough Engineer is reviewing the final revised development plans for phase 2A. Both items will be on the December 4<sup>th</sup> Borough Council agenda.

## **8. Finance Committee**

- a. The Souderton Industrial Development Authority will be meeting on November 15<sup>th</sup> to review a financing application from Rex Heat Treat for a plant expansion in Lansdale Borough. The Souderton IDA is hoping to finalize the financing application by the end of this year given the proposed federal legislation to amend the tax code to remove Private Activity Bonds, effectively ending IDA and Section 501 (c)(3) financing. A Resolution approving the Souderton IDA financing will be on the December 4<sup>th</sup> Borough Council agenda.
- b. Borough Manager Michael Coll scheduled a benefits meeting with all full time Borough employees for Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>. At this meeting representatives of Blue Cross and our health benefits consultants will review the insurance renewals for 2018. The Borough manager will set up a committee comprised of departmental employees to review and evaluate alternate health insurance plans for implementation in the fall of 2018. The traditional health plans are becoming too expensive and the Borough Manager is suggesting that the Borough look into the creation of a health savings plan to replace the current health insurance benefit program. Such a change will need the support of the Souderton Police union representatives and preferably supported by the non-uniformed employees.
- c. The 2018 Budget Resolution and the 2018 Tax Ordinance have been advertised for formal consideration at the December 4<sup>th</sup> Borough Council Meeting.