

Regular Meeting

February 2, 2009

The Regular Meeting of the Souderton Borough Council was called to order by President John U. Young at 7:30 p.m. Members of Borough Council present at the meeting included the following:

President John U. Young	Councillor J. Edward Hunsicker, Jr.
Vice President Andrew Schlosser	Mayor John R. Reynolds
Councillor Ned D. Leight	Junior Councillor Daniel Yocum
Councillor D. Jeffrey Gross	
Councillor Brian Goshow	Solicitor Robert G. Bricker
Councillor Katherine M. Grubb	Borough Manager P. Michael Coll
Councillor Jonathon C. Gardenier	Public Works Director Steven R. Coll
Councillor Richard Halbom	Chief Charles A. Quinn, Sr.

The Invocation was given by Councillor Jonathan Gardenier, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Consideration was given to the minutes of the January 5, 2009, regular Borough Council Meeting and the January Work Sessions. A motion was made by Councillor J. Edward Hunsicker, Jr., and seconded by Councillor Andrew Schlosser, to approve the minutes January 5, 2009 Regular Meeting. The motion was approved.

There was no correspondence.

The Borough Solicitor's Report for the month of January was distributed to members of Borough Council. The Solicitor had several telephone calls with the Borough Manager regarding police personnel matters. The Solicitor has been in conversation with the Hilltown Township Solicitor regarding the proposed sewer service agreement.

Councillor Jonathan Gardenier questioned Public Works Director Steven Coll on the status of addressing potholes along East Broad Street. Steven Coll noted that East Broad Street is maintained by PennDOT. He had reported the potholes to PennDOT and they recently went through and patched them.

Councillor Brian Goshow inquired on the amount of salt used to date. Steven Coll noted that the Borough salted roads sixteen times this season and went through 160 tons of salt.

Borough Manager Michael Coll reported that the Administrative Work Session for this month has been rescheduled to Monday, February 23rd beginning at 7:00 pm. The Borough Office will be closed on Monday, February 16 for the President's Day Holiday. The Borough Manager reviewed the scheduled business items for this evening, consisting of a number of Resolutions. The first Resolution for consideration appoints an Open Records Officer and establishes a policy on how public records are to be requested. The second Resolution formally accepts the terms and conditions of the Montgomery County Green Fields/Green Towns Grant to provide funding assistance for the construction of the Main Street plaza project. The next Resolution for consideration formally authorizes the Borough to submit a grant application for funding assistance to purchase the South Front Street Baseball Fields from Zion Mennonite Church. The application seeks a grant under the Montgomery County Green Fields/Green Towns Program in the amount of \$512,000, which will be combined with a State DCNR grant of \$128,000 to purchase the property at the total appraised value of \$640,000 without any Borough funding commitment. Souderton-Telford Main Streets Manager Pam Coleman has requested consideration of two Resolutions. The first resolution is to formally request the State DCED to forward the remaining \$135,000 in funding assistance to support the operations of the Main Streets organization. The second requested resolution will formally approve the revised By-Laws of the Souderton-Telford Community Development Corporation to permit them to become a 501 (c)(3) charitable organization. A motion has been prepared to authorize the advertisement of bids for various road materials, various equipment rentals and the roof replacement project at the waste water treatment plant. Bids will be received on March 2nd. Borough Council will hold an executive Session to consult with the Borough Solicitor on police personnel matters.

Councillor Edward Hunsicker reported as a member of the Northern Montgomery Recycling Commission, that the Borough of Souderton is in receipt of \$22,832.47 in State performance grant funds from the 2006 calendar year. Commission members worked very hard for this grant award.

Councillor Brian Goshow reported that the pilot study of the RDP sludge drying unit has been

completed. Chief Operator Sal DeSimone recently received information on another drying unit, which may be a better alternative for consideration. There are a lot of technologies available on the market and the Borough will benefit from further evaluation of the alternative technologies.

President John Young noted that he was in attendance at a recent Souderton High School basketball game and Souderton Police Officer David Gale sang the National Anthem.

Consideration was given to paying the bills for the month of January, 2009.

GENERAL FUND

Beatrice Kaizar	\$35.00	Bergey's, Inc.	\$14.31
Carl B. Stuart	200.00	Christopher E. Werner, D.D.S.	102.40
Comcast Cable	42.95	County of Bucks	220.00
Farm & Home Oil Co.	1,516.59	Freedom Systems Corporation	2,995.00
Fromm Electric Supply Corporation	607.94	I.C.R. Specialties	163.00
Jason M. Kelly	419.99	Marc F. Lipkin, D.M.D., P.C.	192.00
Nelson Wire Rope Corporation	86.00	Nextel Communications	286.39
North Penn Water Authority	543.34	Nyco Corporation	50.00
PA Municipal Retirement System	721.53	PA Municipal Retirement System	3,058.97
Shelly Enterprises, Inc.	168.85	SynaTek	556.80
Thomas A. Lawson	330.00	Weldon Auto Parts	61.16
Word Work, Inc.	166.25	Ches-Mont Disposal, Inc.	334.65
Cope's Garage, Inc.	383.05	Farm & Home Oil Company	1,029.43
Fromm Electric Supply Corporation	48.22	Indian Creek Foundation	376.00
MetLife	1,675.84	MetLife	217.63
Montgomery Newspaper	52.73	Moyer & Son, Inc.	968.21
Perseverance Volunteer Fire Co.	22,250.00	Peter R. Hufnagle	170.00
Petty Cash Fund	139.74	Richter Drafting/Office Supply	58.53
Sandra Clemmer	20.00	Bergey's, Inc.	327.83
Clemens Uniform Rental	118.86	Moyer & Son, Inc.	110.00
Old Dominion Brush	702.38	PPL Electric Utilities	484.34
AT&T	41.62	INTL Salt Company	2,121.79
MetLife	1,675.84	MetLife	217.63
Montgomery County Treasurer	96.00	Montgomery Newspaper	213.27
Moyer & Son, Inc.	1,155.71	PA Local Govt Secretaries	100.00
PECO Energy	301.51	Pennsylvania One Call System	11.70
PPL Electric Utilities	29.81	Propet Distributors, Inc.	83.00
Rotanium Products Company	281.86	Univest Visa	76.25
Univest Visa	12.90	Univest Visa	1.69
Verizon	179.96	Wireless Electronics	149.94
Carl B. Stuart	128.00	Ches-Mont Disposal, Inc.	524.75
Cope's Garage, Inc.	1,176.79	Daniel L. Beardsley LTD	379.35
David A. Freed	9.80	E.M. Kutz, Inc.	49.25
Farm & Home Oil Co.	584.92	Fromm Electric Supply Corporation	31.10
HISI	4,089.00	ICC	100.00
Independence Blue Cross	14,145.21	Indian Valley Chamber of Commerce	155.00
Jaeger Electric Service, Inc.	566.19	Jason M. Kelly	120.00
John T. Fretz Insurance Agency	25,981.83	Keystone Health Plan East	5,777.22
Lapps Landscape Products	390.00	Markey Paper & Packaging, Inc.	34.03
Moyer & Sons, Inc.	1,758.71	Naceville Materials	200.96
Plasterer Equipment Co., Inc.	712.01	Sandra Clemmer	338.00
SEPTA	400.00	Shelly Enterprises, Inc.	54.95
The Home Depot	518.78	Trumbauer's Lawn & Rec, Inc.	891.48
Weldon Auto Parts	282.96	Young's	32.80
911 Safety Equipment	1,993.05	Berben Insignia Company	171.00
Country-Fair Cleaners	312.70	Davidheiser's, Inc.	80.00
Freedom Systems Corporation	75.16	Fromm Electric Supply Corporation	123.82
Joseph J. Rudner, Jr.	50.00	Kurt Scherzberg	30.00
PPL Electric Utilities	402.57	PSAB Yearbook	40.00
Richter Drafting/Office Supply	128.92	Unum Insurance Company	786.39

Word Work, Inc.

321.00

Total General Fund

\$112,704.09

SEWER FUND

Chest-Mont Disposal, Inc.	\$92.00	Clemens Uniform Rental	\$165.36
Comcast Cable	42.95	Deltronics Corporation	877.52
Freedom Systems Corporation	1,500.00	J.P. Mascaro & Sons	3,295.32
Lawson Products, Inc.	281.39	North Penn Water Authority	165.60
Postmaster, Telford/Souderton	63.00	PPL Electric Utilities	15,793.14
Precision Solutions, Inc.	269.15	Richter Drafting/Office Supply	46.82
State World Headquarters	533.53	Suburban Water Testing Labs	111.00
The Home Depot	19.96	Boro of Souderton General Fund	97,500.00
Empire Scale Corporation	260.00	MetLife	82.21
The Home Depot	25.45	Univar USA Inc.	3,190.96
USA Blue Book	213.66	Bearings & Drives Unlimited	422.00
Dept. Environmental Resources	125.00	Fromm Electric Supply Corporation	3.19
Hach Company	754.25	MetLife	82.21
Moyer & Son, Inc.	111.91	PPL Electric Utilities	810.74
Richter Drafting/Office Supply	15.00	Suburban Water Testing Labs	73.00
United Laboratories	525.29	Verizon	56.45
Boro of Souderton Sewer Capital	60,000.00	All Industrial-Safety Products	281.22
Bergey's, Inc.	84.50	Cintas First Aid & Safety	40.60
Clayton H. Landis Company, Inc.	1,579.27	Clemens Uniform Rental	268.48
EPWPCOA, Inc.	90.00	Farm Bureau Garage, Inc.	51.00
Filter Belts	1,615.00	HISI	1,095.00
Independence Blue Cross	3,838.17	Independence Blue Cross	207.65
Independence Blue Cross	113.10	J.P. Mascaro & Sons	3,466.31
Jaeger Electric Service, Inc.	259.68	John T. Fretz Insurance Agency	10,527.17
Keystone Health Plan East	2,235.00	Maintenance Engineering LTD	637.30
Markey Paper & Packaging, Inc.	78.72	S P Solutions	496.75
Carquest	61.09	Unum Insurance Company	206.35
		Total Sewer Fund	\$214,740.42

CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

Univest National Bank	\$1,841.49	Univest National Bank	\$6,052.96
Boucher and James, Inc.	4,653.06	DePallo Design & Planning, LLC	4,562.54
Univest National Bank	1,841.48	Univest National Bank	6,052.96
		Total Capital Reserve Fund	\$25,004.49

LIQUID FUELS FUND

Armour & Sons Electric, Inc.	\$912.60	Armour & Sons Electric, Inc.	\$4,356.66
Gouldy Welding & Fabrication	116.00	Letterco	309.00
PPL Electric Utilities	306.72	Letterco	276.00
PPL Electric Utilities	331.51		
		Total Liquid Fuels Fund	\$6,608.49

SANITARY SEWER CAPITAL FUND (PLGIT)

Bank of New York \$57,355.94

Total Sanitary Capital Fund

\$57,355.94

LAND DEVELOPMENT ESCROW

Trout Bothers, Inc.

\$507.75

A motion was made by Councillor Ned D. Leight, seconded by Councillor Andrew Schlosser, to pay the bills for the month of January, 2009, as presented. The motion was approved.

There was no Public Comment.

President John Young then moved to the business portion of the Agenda with the first item concerning a Resolution appointing an Open Records Officer and establishing an Open records policy.

A motion was made by Councillor Jonathan Gardenier, and seconded by Councillor Richard Halbom, to adopt Resolution No 2009-03 designating an Open Records Officer for Souderton Borough and establishing a policy for requests for public records in compliance with the Pennsylvania Right to Know Law, Act 3 of 2008. The motion was approved.

Borough Manager Michael Coll reported on the status of the design for the Main Street plaza project. They are currently working with representatives from the Main Streets Design Committee on the landscaping details. The sculpture is tentatively scheduled for delivery in July of this year. The plaza will serve as the main entrance for the adjoining building at 121 Main Street.

A motion was made by Councillor Andrew Schlosser, and seconded by Councillor Jeffrey Gross, to adopt Resolution 2009-04 accepting the terms and conditions of the Montgomery County Green Fields/green Towns Program grant award for construction of the Main Street Plaza. The motion was approved.

Borough Manager Michael Coll confirmed that the Board and congregation of Zion Mennonite Church have approved the Borough's proposal to purchase the South Front Street Baseball Field property at the appraised value of \$640,000. The Borough's proposal was conditioned upon the receipt of Montgomery County and State grant funds to cover the purchase price. This purchase will be entirely financed by grant funds.

A motion was made by Councillor Jonathan Gardenier, and seconded by Councillor Andrew Schlosser, to adopt Resolution 2009-05 approving the submission of an open space grant application under the Montgomery County Green Fields/green Towns Program for acquisition of the South Front Street Baseball fields. The motion was approved.

President John Young recognized Main Streets Manager Pam Coleman to report on the two proposed Resolutions scheduled for consideration by Borough Council. Pam Coleman reported that the first Resolution concerning State DCED to support the Main Streets program was considered by Borough Council in prior budget years. This Resolution seeks to draw the remaining two years of funding assistance under the program in the amount of \$135,000. For this year, Main Streets is looking for \$40,000 in state funding assistance towards administrative expenses and \$30,000 to support the facade grant program. Next year, Main Streets will be drawing the remaining \$35,000 for administrative expenses and \$30,000 for the facade grant program.

A motion was made by Councillor Jeffrey Gross, and seconded by Councillor Andrew Schlosser, to adopt Resolution 2009-06 authorizing the filing of a proposal for funds with the Department of Community and Economic Development. The motion was approved.

Main Streets manager Pam Coleman next reported on the proposed revised By-Laws for the Souderton-Telford Community Development Corporation. The current By-laws preclude the organization from qualifying as a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization. In order to achieve this designation, the organization must be totally autonomous from both Boroughs. While the Bylaws are changing, Main Streets has no intention of changing the way they currently conduct their business and will maintain the relationships that are currently held with both Boroughs. The primary objective of the Bylaw revisions is to qualify as a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization to pursue as many funding streams as possible. As an example there are many foundations that may be interested in contributing, but are restricted from doing so because of the lack of this IRS designation. The goal of becoming financially independent can only be realized with this non-profit status. Main Streets is hoping to develop multiple revenue sources without being tied so badly to a single source, that if evaporated, the organization will be in trouble. For example, the State has frozen funding for Main Street programs due to their current financial condition.

Councillor Jonathan Gardenier requested clarification on whether this will free up the Borough's funding commitment for the 2009 calendar year. Pam Coleman responded that Main Streets will still need the financial support as budgeted for this calendar year, but hopes to be able to discuss a revision in the following budget year. Councillor Gardenier also questioned Section 4.02 of the

Bylaws, regarding the election of successors. Souderton Borough appears to have no authority over the election of successors. Pam Coleman concurred, but suggested that Main Streets will continue to advise Council of recommended successors. Councillor Richard Halbom further clarified his understanding that the Main Streets Board will elect successors, but the Borough will continue to be asked to endorse the candidates.

Mayor John Reynolds commented that it appears as though Main Streets is yearning for autonomy, which is something I wanted for along time, to open possible access to private entities and foundations. Pam Coleman commented that this is not about autonomy, it is true that the organization must be autonomous according to the IRS to qualify as a 501 (c)(3), but we do not want to lose the working relationship that we currently have with both Boroughs.

A motion was made by Councillor Jeffrey Gross, and seconded by Councillor Richard Halbom, to adopt Resolution 2009-07 approving the revised Bylaws of the Souderton-Telford Community Development Corporation. Councillor Brian Goshow expressed concern that if Main Streets acts in a manner contrary to the opinion of Borough Council, there seems to be no recourse. Councillor Jeffrey Gross noted that if the Borough retains the current relationship that we are in, Main Streets will continue to be a burden of Souderton Borough to supply funding. Councillor Gardenier commented that he would like to take this matter back to a work session for further discussion. He noted his concern with the election of directors and he doesn't want to empower funding that may be going to a private club or turn into one, where the Borough has no say. Councillor Halbom commented with due respect to Councillor Gardenier's comments, that he has complete confidence with the Main Streets leadership to maintain the existing relationships with both Boroughs.

President Young noted that there is a motion on the floor for consideration. A motion was then made by Councillor Jonathan Gardenier, seconded by Councillor Katherine Grubb, to table action on proposed Resolution 2009-07. A roll call vote was requested, tabulated as follows:

Jonathan Gardenier	Yea	Edward Hunsicker	Nay
Katherine Grubb	Yea	Richard Halbom	Nay
Brain Goshow	Yea	Andrew Schlosser	Nay
		John Young	Nay
		Jeffrey Gross	Nay
		Ned Leight	Nay

The motion to table was defeated by a vote of 6 nays to 3 yeas.

President John Young then referred to the motion of Councillor Jeffrey Gross, as seconded by Councillor Richard Halbom, to adopt Resolution 2009-07 approving the revised Bylaws of the Souderton-Telford Community Development Corporation. A roll call vote was requested as follows:

Edward Hunsicker	Yea	Jonathan Gardenier	Nay
Richard Halbom	Yea	Katherine Grubb	Nay
John Young	Yea		
Andrew Schlosser	Yea		
Brian Goshow	Yea		
Jeffrey Gross	Yea		
Ned Leight	Yea		

The motion was approved by a vote of 7 yeas to 2 nays.

Main Streets Manager Pam Coleman concluded with a report of Main Streets activities over the past five years and provided members with a CD of the recent Holiday Parade.

A motion was made by Councillor Edward Hunsicker, and seconded by Councillor Katherine Grubb, to authorize the advertisement for bids for various road materials, various equipment rentals and the replacement of the roof on the mechanical and chemical buildings at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. The motion was approved.

President John Young questioned the Tax Collector salary adjustment. Borough Manager Michael Coll noted that the current salary is in line with Telford Borough. Should Borough Council want to revise the salary, this must be formally approved by Ordinance prior to February 17, 2009. If the salary is not revised, the current salary will remain in effect for the next four year term. The

general consensus of Borough Council was not to consider revising the salary from the current level of \$7,800 per year.

A motion was made by Councillor Andrew Schlosser, and seconded by Councillor Brian Goshow, to adjourn to Executive Session to consult with the Borough Solicitor on police personnel matters. The motion was approved.

Borough Council adjourned to executive session at 8:35 pm. Borough Council convened to public session at 9:48 pm. There being no further business the meeting was promptly adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

P. Michael Coll, Secretary

WORK SESSION MINUTES AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Works Work Session – Monday, February 9, 2009 (7:00pm-8:30pm)

Council Attendees: Mayor John Reynolds, Ned Leight, Jeffrey Gross, Brian Goshow, Katherine Grubb, Jonathan Gardenier, Richard Halbom and Edward Hunsicker. Junior Councillor Daniel Yocum.

Staff Attendees: Public Works Director Steven Coll and Borough Manager Michael Coll.

1. Sanitation Committee

- a) The January Discharge Monitoring Report will be filed with no exceptions to permit limitations. Attached is a report from Chief Operator Sal DeSimone outlining plant performance and maintenance projects.
- b) Sal DeSimone is completing the pilot test on the proposed RDP Technologies sludge dryer. The dryer operates on fuel oil, liquid propane or natural gas. Natural gas is the most cost effective, but is not readily available to the treatment plant. This unit can be set to achieve a desired dryness, forty to forty five percent is reportedly the most cost effective range but the unit can produce a 90% dry cake. The down side to this unit is the need to add lime to the process and this is a used demonstrator unit.
- c) Specifications for the roof replacement project at the waste water treatment plant were prepared and distributed to thirteen contractors. Sealed bids will be received and opened at 2:00 pm on Monday, March 2nd. The bids will be tabulated and reviewed with a recommendation for award to Borough Council at the March 2nd meeting.
- d) Committee members discussed the proposed Sewer Service Agreement between the Borough and Hilltown Township. Borough Solicitor Robert Bricker proposed additional language in the agreement requiring the Borough to be notified of any change in use that may generate additional flow or loading to the system. We anticipate moving forward with approval of this agreement with Hilltown Township, but the proposed development along Cherry Lane that originated this discussion will probably be dropped from consideration.

2. Highway Committee

- a) Public Works Director Steve Coll reported on the status of projects completed during the month of January and scheduled work for the month of February.
- b) Bids for various road materials and equipment rentals will be opened at 2:00 pm on Monday, March 2nd. The bids will be tabulated and presented to Borough Council at the March 2nd meeting for consideration.
- c) Committee members discussed the status of the connector ramp project between the Main Street parking lot and 121 N Main Street. This discussion led to a recommendation to post

parking restrictions within the lot prior to an influx of business owners who may want to use the lot for all day parking. A suggestion was made to limit the restriction to the center island of the lot and suggest that enforcement of existing parking restrictions must be improved. This issue will be referred to the Police Committee at the next work session.

3. Sidewalk Committee

- a) Committee members discussed completing an updated Curb and Sidewalk Ordinance prior to the beginning of the spring construction season. Work on this ordinance began a while ago but was not completed. Committee members reviewed guidelines for determining whether curb and sidewalk can be repaired or must be replaced. Cracking under an inch wide should be able to be patched. A discussion was also held on the potential of providing loans to homeowners. Concern was raised about the overall cost of such a program. A motion will be prepared for consideration to authorize the advertisement of a Curb and Sidewalk Ordinance for formal consideration at the April Borough Council meeting.

4. Recreation Committee

- a) Committee members discussed the next steps in moving forward with renovations to the Community Swimming Pool complex as suggested in the Wade Feasibility Study. Jeff Gross, Brian Goshow and Katherine Grubb volunteered to establish the agenda and chair a meeting with elected officials from Franconia Township and Telford Borough to discuss possible support from the municipalities towards the pool reconstruction project. The meeting will be held at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, March 18th at the Souderton Municipal Building. Copies of the Wade report were distributed to Telford Borough and Franconia Township last week.

Committee members will need to consider assembling a design team to move forward with specifications and design for the renovated pool facility. Council may wish to retain Wade Associates to design the pool renovations, but we will probably need an architect and electrical consultant to complete portions of the specifications. The spring 2009 newsletter discusses the status of the swimming pool project and advises residents that the pool will not be available for the 2010 season to provide ample time to complete construction.

- c) The changeable letter sign at the Main Street entrance to the Community Park is in very poor condition. The sign is used quite often during the year by the Borough and other charitable organizations. Committee members agreed to obtain quotes for a new sign.

5. Property Committee

- a) Borough forces are making good progress in renovating the ladies room and adding a secondary file storage area. We will be making arrangements with an electrician to complete the wiring for the renovated space as well as to repair the mechanical ventilators in the crawl space on both the administrative and police sides of the building to aid in addressing odor issues, especially on the police side of the building.

Administrative Work Session – Monday, February 23, 2009 (7:00 -8:45 pm)

Council Attendees: Mayor John Reynolds, John Young, Jeffrey Gross, Brian Goshow, Andrew Schlosser, Katherine Grubb, Jonathan Gardenier, Richard Halbom and Edward Hunsicker. Junior Councillor Daniel Yocum.

Staff Attendees: Police Chief Charles Quinn and Borough Manager Michael Coll.

1. Police Committee

- a) Committee members discussed the proposed parking restriction for the Main Street parking lot. A recommendation was made to post a 2 hour parking restriction for the 9 parking spaces in the center isle of the parking lot. This restriction will be recommended for a 90 day trial period per Mayor's order at the March 2nd Borough Council meeting.
- b) The Police Management Study questioned an unusually high rate of disorderly conduct

complaints. Chief Quinn reported that the department was coding noise complaints as disorderly conduct, which may have caused the statistical anomaly. They have adjusted their reporting of noise complaints under a different category.

- c) Councillor Katherine Grubb questioned the policy of the police department with the enforcement of parking against the flow of traffic. Chief Quinn noted that the past policy of Borough Council was to enforce this restriction on state highways but not on local roads. A suggestion was made to begin enforcement on local roads for safety concerns. Chief Quinn noted that he will direct the officers to begin enforcement on March 1st with the issuance of warnings. Parking against the flow of traffic is restricted under the Pennsylvania Motor Vehicle Code; therefore no local ordinance will be necessary.

2. Administrative Committee

- a) The annual Borough Appreciation Banquet has tentatively been scheduled for Wednesday, April 8th at the Indian Valley Country Club. Committee members discussed candidates for special recognition.

3. Development Committee

- a) Work continues on the design for the Main Street plaza project. The Souderton-Telford Main Streets Design Committee is working on the landscape plans that will incorporate a variety of plantings and small fountains. We will be meeting again this week to finalize the plans, which must then be sent to the Montgomery County Planning Commission for review and comment prior to bidding.
- b) DePallo Design and Planning is completing the expanded Economic Redevelopment Plan for the Borough. One of the most popular advantages is the ability to offer a Tax Increment Financing benefit to aid and encourage the construction of an approved project. Committee members were provided with a package of information that was provided by the Montgomery County Redevelopment Authority to better explain the procedure to instituting a TIF program. This same information was provided to the Souderton School District and the Borough has requested their participation in a future meeting to discuss their interest in assisting and participating in a TIF program. A meeting has been scheduled with School District officials on Thursday, March 12th at 8:15 am at the School District office on Lower Road.
- c) Committee members reviewed sketch plans for the West Broad Street Master Streetscape Plan. The latest sketch plan shows revisions to the Main Street intersection with the elimination of the right turn yield lane and the addition of pedestrian crosswalks. Considerable discussion was held on this plan, with the general consensus favoring to retain the right turn yield lane because of concern on traffic backups on Main Street. The design engineer should be requested to consider possible alternatives to locate pedestrian crosswalks, with some suggesting that the crosswalks should simply be eliminated because of the configuration of the intersection and safer crossing opportunities at Washington and Broad and Front and Broad Streets. Concern was also raised about tightening the radii at this intersection because of known truck traffic. Wider radii may be more appropriate. Committee members also reviewed the sketch plan for the revisions to the Noble Street and East Broad Street intersection. Some minor revisions were discussed, with the general consensus approving the proposed plan.
- d) Committee members reviewed a rough draft of the current Curb and Sidewalk Ordinance and certain proposed revisions. More work is needed on the issue of guidelines to condemn certain sections of curb and sidewalk and certain conditions that might warrant repair over replacement. Grass plots and sidewalk plantings must also be clarified. A motion will be prepared to authorize the advertisement of this ordinance for formal consideration at the April Borough Council meeting.

4. Finance Committee

- a) No new items were discussed.