

Regular Meeting

October 6, 2008

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	Mayor John R. Reynolds
Councillor Ned D. Leight	Junior Councillor Daniel Yocum
Councillor D. Jeffrey Gross	
Councillor Brian Goshow	Solicitor Charlotte Hunsberger
Councillor Katherine M. Grubb	Borough Manager P. Michael Coll
Councillor Ray M. Yothers	Public Works Director Steven R. Coll
Councillor J. Edward Hunsicker, Jr.	Chief Charles A. Quinn, Sr.

The Invocation was given by Councillor Brian Goshow, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Consideration was given to the minutes of the September 2, 2008 regular Borough Council Meeting and September, 2008 Borough Council work sessions.

A motion was made by Councillor Ned D. Leight, and seconded by Councillor Ray M. Yothers, to approve the minutes of the September 2, 2008 regular Borough Council Meeting and September Borough Council work sessions, as presented. The motion was approved.

Under correspondence, Borough Manager Michael Coll noted that he received an email from Linda Christian, 222 W. Chestnut Street and Helen Otto, 110 S. School Lane; both letters expressed concern with the potential closure of the Souderton Community Pool.

Mayor John R. Reynolds noted that he also received emails from residents regarding the Souderton pool as well. He read a letter from Richard Kline, thanking the Mayor for his support in keeping the pool open; he enjoys swimming in the afternoon. Mayor Reynolds also read a letter from Dan Graham, 66 W Walnut Street urging members of Borough Council to keep the pool open. Another letter was received from Lauren Shaughessy, 226 Harleysville Pike, suggesting that the Borough should have an official Christmas tree. Mayor Reynolds would like to have an official Holiday tree this year preferably within the core business district. Mayor Reynolds closed with one last comment, which is near and dear to at least one family in Souderton Borough, "Go Phils!"

Councillor Katherine Grubb questioned Chief Quinn on the status of marking and outfitting the new Dodge Charger police car for service. Chief Quinn commented that the Charger will be used as an unmarked vehicle until the new equipment arrives. Delivery of the equipment is not known at this time.

Solicitor Report for the month of September, 2008 was distributed. They drafted the shared parking agreement for the property at 121 North Main Street and sent it to the developer's attorney for review. They are working on a sewer service agreement for a property along Cherry Lane in Hilltown Township.

Public Works Director Steven Coll confirmed that on October 7th, Borough forces will mill and base N Fourth Street between Broad Street and Chestnut Street. The final wearing course will be paved in 2009. This will be the last paving project for this year. In response to a question from President John Young, Steven Coll outlined the schedule for leaf collection that will begin during the week of October 27th. Crews will operate with one machine for the first few weeks and add the second machine when collections get heavy. Councillor Katherine Grubb questioned the replacement of a driveway depression at 61 N Fourth Street. Steven Coll noted that they are aware of this problem, but the depressed curb will not be replaced until next year prior to final paving. Presently, there is uncertainty with the final grade of the road; the delay will enable the curb depression to be installed at the correct grade which will be determined with the paving of the new base course this week.

Borough Manager Michael Coll reported that the month of October will be dedicated to the development of the 209 Budget. The leaf collection schedule is posted on the web site. The agenda for this meeting includes appointment of a full time police officer for the Souderton Police Department. The Civil Service Commission has completed testing and has formally presented an eligibility list of three candidates for consideration of Borough Council. The top ranked candidate, achieving a score of 93, is Joseph J. Rudner, Jr., who presently works as a part time officer with the department. He has

been recommended for formal consideration this evening. The second item of the agenda is consideration of a minor subdivision plan regarding property at 23 N Front Street. The proposed subdivision has actually been ordered by Commonwealth Court to settle a property dispute. This proposed plan has been endorsed by both the Souderton Planning Commission and the Montgomery County Planning Commission, subject to certain revisions as suggested by the Borough Engineer. The last item is consideration of a Resolution approving the submission of a grant application under the Montgomery County Green Fields/Green Towns program for the development of the small plaza area fronting the new Main Street municipal parking lot. The plaza is designed to complement the Main Street streetscape and will feature a sculpture as commissioned by the Indian Valley Arts Foundation. The project will create a raised planting bed for landscaping with seating in front, concrete sidewalk, lighting various ground covers and plant material. The project estimates are approaching \$100,000 with up to 80 percent in possible grant funds. The Borough is scheduled to appear before the County Open Space Board on Tuesday, October 28th to make an initial presentation of the proposed project.

President John Young opened the floor for any committee reports. Sanitation Committee Chairman Brian Goshow reported that the Borough was approached by our neighboring municipalities and special legal counsel about filing an Amicus Brief in support of the Indian Creek TMDL appeals. Souderton Borough has a somewhat limited exposure on the Indian Creek as a storm water discharger and decided not to participate due to cost considerations. The Borough has invested a significant amount of funding on the recent NPDES permit appeal.

Consideration was given to paying the bills for the month of September, 2008.

GENERAL FUND

David A. Freed	\$95.00	Lane-King of Prussia	\$653.00
MetLife	217.63	MetLife	2,464.30
Univar USA Inc.	237.00	Daniel L. Beardsley LTD	168.40
Petty Cash Fund	194.96	Potty Queen	284.00
AT&T	69.15	Ches-Mont Disposal, Inc.	719.90
Clemens Uniform Rental	402.60	Comcast Cable	42.95
Farm & Home Oil Co.	840.08	PABCO	59.00
PECO Energy	14.32	Pennsylvania One Call System	40.30
Postmaster, Telford/Souderton	544.96	911 Safety Equipment	54.45
Boro of Souderton Capital Reserve	75,000.00	Clemens Uniform Rental	244.74
Comcast Cable	60.37	Jaeger Electric Service, Inc.	310.74
MetLife	217.63	MetLife	2,464.30
Moyer & Son, Inc.	2,388.34	NetCarrier Telecom, Inc.	343.92
Nextel Communications	369.85	PPL Electric Utilities	288.82
The Home Depot	160.06	Verizon	203.08
Weaver and Reckner Dental	504.00	Word Work, Inc.	2,065.00
Cole Information Services	324.95	Cope's Garage, Inc.	1,573.95
David (Pete) Myers	3,070.00	David A Mettin	1,200.00
Fretz Enterprises	34.74	Independence Blue Cross	16,546.78
Keystone Health Plan East	7,112.53	Moyer & Son, Inc.	941.30
North American Benefits Company	874.60	PA Municipal Retirement System	671.24
PA Municipal Retirement System	2,902.47	PPL Electric Utilities	9,007.58
Rotanium Products Company	113.07	Univest Visa	239.94
Univest Visa	37.24	Unum Insurance Company	755.12
Ven-Mar Sales, Inc.	93.59	Weldon Auto Parts	44.45
Ches-Mont Disposal, Inc.	334.65	Federal Express Corporation	36.92
Concrete Service Materials	717.20	Cope's Garage, Inc.	1,258.94
Daniel L. Beardsley LTD	18.20	Drawing Board Printing	122.70
Farm & Home Oil Company	1,853.40	Freedom Systems corporation	1,840.95
Glasgow, Inc.	140.00	John T. Fretz Insurance Agency	23,720.68
Kurt Scherzberg	430.33	Landis Block & Concrete	901.49
Letterco	210.00	M & M Stone Company	88.82
Markey Paper & Packaging, Inc.	62.58	MetLife	217.63
Michael C. Boraski, D.M.D.	493.00	Naceville Materials	110.36
Nextel Communications	363.39	Norris Sales Company Incorporated	808.50
PA Municipal Retirement System	3,031.00	PA Municipal Retirement System	647.07
Potty Queen	340.80	QC Inc.	348.00

Richter Drafting/Office Supply	507.56	Scott A. Seifert	510.00
Shelly Enterprises, Inc.	431.33	Shelly Enterprises, Inc.	177.77
Shelly Enterprises, Inc.	18.24	Tinari Container Service	822.12
Travis Bivighouse	450.00	Tri Valley Primary Care	133.00
Warehouse Battery Outlet	47.50	Weaver and Reckner Dental	266.00
William Powis	211.00	Word Work, Inc.	3,978.30

Total General Fund \$182,915.83

SEWER FUND

Ches-Mont Disposal, Inc.	\$92.00	Environmental Machines & Service	\$529.42
MetLife	82.21	PPL Electric Utilities	11,487.09
Thomas Seerveld, D.M.D.	231.00	Boro of Souderton Sewer Capital	50,000.00
Altek Business Systems, Inc.	59.55	Comcast Cable	42.95
Lawson Products, Inc.	292.37	Hajoca Corporation	545.67
J.P. Mascaro & Sons	5,131.20	MetLife	82.21
Moyer & Son, Inc.	344.94	NetCarrier Telecom, Inc.	198.12
PPL Electric Utilities	275.68	Thomas Scientific	121.03
Univar USA Inc.	4,972.28	Verizon	54.22
Ches-Mont Disposal, Inc.	92.00	EPWPCOA, Inc.	80.00
EPWPCOA, Inc.	100.00	Fisher Scientific	612.93
Good, Inc.	687.19	Graphic Controls LLC	384.14
Hach Company	972.80	Harry B. Miller Co.	2,579.09
Independence Blue Cross	207.65	Independence Blue Cross	4,585.80
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Keystone Health Plan East	1,562.17	North American Benefits Company	189.62
Postmaster, Telford/Souderton	168.00	Richter Drafting/Office Supply	15.72
Unum Insurance Company	198.28	Bauman Crane Company, Inc.	394.32
Bearings & Drives Unlimited	441.56	Carquest	121.16
Clayton H. Landis Company, Inc.	1,428.72	Clemens Uniform Rental	132.56
Excelsior Blower Systems	515.76	Farm Bureau Garage, Inc.	1,188.87
Freedom Systems Corp	168.75	John T. Fretz Insurance Agency	9,790.37
K & A SERVS, INC	250.00	Kitson Bros., Inc.	496.77
Mauro Vanegas	103.20	MetLife	82.21
Naceville Materials	207.74	Sealing Specialties	10.00
Shelly Enterprises, Inc.	19.56	Siemens Water Technologies	1,647.98
State World Headquarters	185.14	Suburban Water Testing Labs	139.00
The Reporter	614.36	Thomas Scientific	199.90
United Laboratories	1,010.72	Univar USA Inc.	2,782.63
West Generator Services	983.98		

Total Sewer Fund \$115,924.22

CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

Boucher and James, Inc.	\$4,720.16	Hunt Engineering Company	1,654.63
Naceville Materials	2,386.51	Univest National Bank	6,052.96
Univest National Bank	21,711.31		

Total Capital Reserve Fund \$36,525.57

LIQUID FUELS FUND

PPL Electric Utilities	\$163.80	Armour & Sons Electric	\$234.80
PPL Electric Utilities	414.62	The Sherwin Williams Co.	1,397.25
Highway Materials, Inc.	254.54	Letterco	336.00
M & M Stone Co.	12,271.66	PPL Electric Utilities	167.58
The Sherwin Williams Co.	138.40	U.S. Municipal Supply, Inc.	2,088.00

Total Liquid Fuels Fund \$17,466.65

SANITARY SEWER CAPITAL FUND (PLGIT)

A motion was made by Councillor Ray M. Yothers, seconded by Councillor Ned D. Leight, to pay the bills for the month of September, 2008, as presented. The motion was approved.

President John U. Young opened the floor for public comment by Borough Residents and Property Owners.

Karen Kichline, 403 Fairview Avenue, commented that she has been involved with the Souderton Swim Team for twenty years and moved here because of the swimming pool. The pool is a valuable community service, if the pool is lost for even one year; the children will have no place to go. The pool offers support for day camps and provides summer employment opportunities.

Helen Otto, 110 S School Lane, spoke in support of maintaining the community pool. She moved to this location because of the various services that were provided, including the pool.

Cheryl Grubb, 64 N Fourth Street, questioned the percentage of Borough residents who purchase pool memberships. Borough Manager Michael Coll noted a historical trend of approximately 10% of the households in the Borough will purchase a membership or equating to roughly 160 out of the 400 annual memberships sold. Mrs. Grubb commented that she raised three children at the pool and it served her family well, but the pool must be a financial decision. Pool memberships are roughly used by 10 percent of the residents but 100 percent of the residents use the roads.

Norman Detweiler, 460 N Main Street, supports the continuation of the Souderton pool; we need recreation for our kids. The pool provides a benefit for the entire community, regardless of whether you choose to purchase a membership.

Michael Bolin, 39 N Fifth Street, commented that the quality of the pool may be a reason for the declining memberships, but a renovated pool will likely increase interest in purchasing memberships. Other neighboring pools have higher membership fees and the Borough could consider raising fees and partnerships with neighboring municipalities to update this facility. He believes that this pool is an important part of our community.

Linda Thompson, 222 W Summit Street (Franconia Township), commented that she is a user of the facility, which is within walking distance from her home. She and her daughter work in the snack stand. Aside from recreation, the pool presents an economic opportunity for the community.

Melvin Schissler, 381 Morwood Rd (Franconia Township), commented that he appreciated the efforts of Souderton Borough in providing swimming for the past 50 years. His family appreciated the benefit of the pool, raising three children there and participating in competitive swimming. He realizes this is a complex matter and a definite financial concern. It will be a sad day when the Souderton pool cannot continue.

Renee Page, 60 W Chestnut Street, commented that she just moved to Souderton Borough a few months ago from the Philadelphia area. The pool was one of the features that attracted her to this area.

Councillor Brian Goshow requested clarification of the percentage of Borough residents using the facility. The Borough Manager responded that there are roughly 1,600 single family dwellings within the Borough and approximately 160 Borough households will purchase memberships. The Borough has not kept statistics on the residential status of daily admissions, which could be assumed to be predominately Souderton Borough residents within walking distance. Likewise, we do not keep statistics on the senior swimmers and lap swimmers who use the facility during 12 noon to 1 pm. A fair amount of these users are Borough residents. Councillor Goshow noted that taking all of this information into account, it may be possible to suggest that nearly one third of the users of the pool may be residents of the Borough.

Councillor Edward Hunsicker commented that he is concerned about the overall safety of the pool, which is 50 years old. You can only patch things so often and we are still relying on the old filter system. Councillor Hunsicker read a letter from the Harleysville Community Pool offering to accept Borough residents at their current resident membership rates if the Borough decides to close the facility next season. There is an option for Borough residents to access a municipal swimming pool next season. The current facility was constructed through a partnership between Souderton Borough,

Telford Borough and Franconia Township, but Souderton Borough has been asked to carry the entire expense of operating the facility for many years. A new facility must be financed through volunteers and community donations.

Councillor Ned Leight questioned if there are any known maintenance issues required for 2009 or could the facility operate next season at the same budget. Borough Manager Michael Coll noted that the pump for the upper pool will need to be rebuilt, but aside from the pump repairs the normal seasonal expenses are expected. Councillor Ned Leight also questioned the continued use of gas chlorine for disinfecting the pool. The Borough Manager confirmed that the gas chlorination system is run by our waste water treatment plant personnel, who also maintain the gas chlorination system for the waste water treatment plant. The Borough is permitted to maintain gas chlorination at the pool as long as the waste water treatment plant personnel operate the system. Councillor Ned Leight also noted that the feasibility study completed by Wade Associates also discusses potential phasing options.

Councillor Brian Goshow commented that Borough Council is faced with two issues concerning the pool and they should be separated. The first issue is to continue to operate the existing pool next season and the second issue is whether to rebuild the pool facility for future seasons. Councillor Goshow encouraged members of Borough Council to find the courage to move forward, based on actual expenses for the 2008 pool season there is no reason why we cannot open the existing pool in 2009. Water quality was not a problem in 2008 and it should not be a problem next season. Residents of neighboring municipalities do need to contact their representatives to encourage a more regional effort in maintaining a community swimming pool for the future. Councillor Goshow further commented that perhaps the reason for a ten percent membership rate in the Borough is due to the "graying" of our community and this trend may turn around as younger families look to relocate into the Borough. The pool is an important part of regenerating this community. He further noted the success of the new Hatfield Township pool which had problems accommodating all of their memberships.

Councillor Katherine Grubb noted that the Hatfield pool only closed twice during the season because the facility reached its maximum capacity. Councillor Grubb further clarified that the resident membership rate was \$260.00 and the non-resident membership rate was \$385.00 for the 2008 season.

Councillor Jeffrey Gross, serving as Recreation Committee Chairman, stated that he received feedback from local shops and restaurants. The talk is about the pool and residents want to keep the pool in Souderton. Councillor Gross commented that the percentage of memberships sold in the Borough is not an accurate representation of the Community's opinion. There are many older residents and property owners who choose not to purchase a membership to the pool but strongly support the continuation of this service for their children and grandchildren. Councillor Gross commented that he agrees that the entire community and our local business community must be a part of this project.

Councillor Katherine Grubb reviewed the provisions of the first pool feasibility study and the new feasibility study by Wade Associates, which is more realistic for Souderton Borough. Councillor Grubb agreed with Councillor Goshow in that Borough Council must decide whether to open or close the existing pool next season and secondly does the Borough have the money and resources necessary to move forward with a new pool facility as outlined in the Wade Associates study. Residents can help by asking corporations for donations to this project.

President John Young brought the discussion on the pool to a close, commenting that he appreciated all the comments from the public. This is a very complex and potentially costly issue and as indicated by the various discussions, Borough Council is interested in the opinion of the public and is considering many different planning ideas and approaches for a new pool facility.

The first item of business is consideration of the hiring of a new full time police officer. The Borough Manager noted the recommendation Joseph Rudner in his earlier report. A motion was made by Councillor Katherine Grubb, and seconded by Councillor Brian Goshow, to hire Joseph J. Rudner, Jr. to the position of Police Officer with the Souderton Police Department. Motion was approved.

Mayor John Reynolds administered the Oath of Office to newly appointed Police Officer Joseph J. Rudner, Jr.

Borough Manager Michael Coll reviewed the proposed subdivision plan for property at 23 N front Street. In response to a question by Councillor Goshow, the Borough Manager confirmed that this subdivision was mandated by a Commonwealth Court decision to satisfy a lengthy property

dispute. The proposed plan conforms to the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance and was reviewed by both the Souderton Planning Commission and Montgomery County Planning Commission.

A motion was made by Councillor J. Edward Hunsicker, Jr., and seconded by Councillor Ray M. Yothers, to approve the minor plan of subdivision as prepared for C. Scott Moyer, dated September 15, 2008, for property located at 23 N. Front Street, subject to revisions as set forth in the Borough Engineer's review letter dated September 24, 2008.

Borough Manager Michael Coll outlined the tentative plans for the development of the plaza area along the new Main Street parking lot. The Borough is scheduled to appear before the Montgomery County Open Space Board on Tuesday, October 28th to present the plans and formal request for funding assistance under the Green Fields/Green Towns program. Councillor Brian Goshow noted that the sculpture was commissioned through the Indian Valley Arts Foundation and will be financed by the foundation and is not a part of this application.

A motion was made by Councillor Ned D. Leight, and seconded by Councillor D. Jeffrey Gross, to adopt Resolution 2008-13 approving submission of an implementation grant application under the Montgomery County Green Fields/Green Towns Program for construction of the Main Street Plaza. The motion was approved.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

P. Michael Coll, Secretary

WORK SESSION MINUTES AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Works Work Session – Monday, October 13, 2008

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

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

1. Sanitation Committee

- a) The September Discharge Monitoring Report was filed with no exceptions to permit limitations. Nutrient removal was exceptionally good this month. Attached is a report from Chief Operator Sal DeSimone outlining the performance of the plant and maintenance projects.
- b) Advertisements were placed for the vacant operator/lab technician position at the waste water treatment plant; with applications received through September 15th. Sal DeSimone reviewed and conducted interviews with potential candidates, with a recommendation to hire Tyler McCarthy to fill the position. A final interview was held with the applicant on October 17th and a conditional offer of employment was extended to him subject to satisfactory compliance with the Borough's drug and alcohol policy, progression towards a waste water operator's license and completion of a 120 day probationary period. Tyler McCarthy began work on Monday, October 20th and is progressing very well. He will be scheduled into the weekend operator rotation beginning November 8th.
- c) Committee members recommended that the regular random testing for drug and alcohol policy compliance be extended to all Borough employees.

2. Highway Committee

- a) Refer to the attached outline from Steve Coll regarding the status of projects completed during

the month of September and planned through October.

- b) Crews completed approximately 60 brush collection requests, completed the milling and overlay of South Second Street, between Broad Street and Noble Street, and will be complete painting of cross walks and other street markings.
- c) Crews will be completing the installation of storm drainage along Lawn Avenue in preparation for paving in 2009.
- d) Leaf collection will begin during the last week in October and follow our posted collection schedule through December. The self contained unit is ready and will be out during the initial collection cycle. The second machine will be added later in November when collections become heavy.

3. Sidewalk Committee

- a) No new items were discussed

4. Recreation Committee

- a) Considerable discussion was again held on the status of the existing swimming pool and the potential reconstruction of the facility as recommended in the feasibility study completed by Wade Associates. Further discussion will be held on this issue during the next administrative work session, which will concentrate on the 2009 budget.
- b) Committee members reviewed correspondence between the Borough and the Board of Zion Mennonite Church regarding the proposed purchase of the South Front Street Baseball fields and the proposed playground project sponsored by Zion Mennonite Church. The offer to purchase the baseball fields was conditioned upon receipt of the State DCNR grant to provide the required local matching funds under the Montgomery County Green Fields/Green Towns program. The Borough should receive confirmation of the state grant awards in the very near future. Without this grant, it is highly unlikely that the Borough will pursue this project. Zion Mennonite is considering a community playground project on their property at Cherry Lane and South Front Street. They have requested the Borough to assist with site preparation, liability insurance and maintenance. This proposal will present some cost to the Borough, but is viewed to be relatively low. Neither party has made a definitive decision on either project at this time.

5. Property Committee

- a) No new items were discussed.

Administrative Work Session – Monday, October 20, 2008

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

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

1. Police Committee

- a) Police Negotiating Committee representatives meet with Police representatives on Thursday, September 25th. The group is making some progress towards a new agreement. Another session has been scheduled for Thursday, November 6th.
- b) A request was made to consider extending the No Parking restriction on East Reliance Road another 20 to 25 feet west from the intersection at Railroad Avenue. Visibility is very difficult for vehicles at Railroad Avenue, particularly when a large pick up truck is parked on the street.

Extending the parking restriction is anticipated to improve visibility. Committee members agreed with the recommendation and will place this item of the November Borough Council Agenda for a 90 day trial period.

- c) An inquiry was made with the Borough Engineer about the anticipated procedure to reduce the speed limit on State maintained roads in the Borough to 25 mph. This question was forwarded to traffic engineer Andrew Heinrich, who indicated that PennDOT will most likely require a speed survey to be completed on the requested segment of highway. The speed limit is typically established at the 85th percentile vehicle operating speed, which often times is well above the desired lower speed limit. The Borough attempted to reduce the speed limit on County Line Road to 25 miles per hour and experienced denial from PennDOT based on this anticipated result. Committee members suggested attempting to justify the reduction in the speed limit based on land use and not existing vehicle operating speeds.
- d) Chief Quinn reported that a parade permit was issued to Souderton-Telford Main Streets for the annual Holiday Parade on Saturday, December 6th. The permit was conditioned on receipt of a Certificate of Insurance. It was noted that this is the 50th Anniversary of the Holiday parade in Souderton.
- e) Chief Quinn reported that the Dodge Charger is scheduled to be marked by Letterco on Monday, October 27th. The light equipment is on backorder.

2. Administrative Committee

- a) A letter was received from Councillor Ray Yothers formally resigning from Borough Council effective November 10, 2008. A motion will be prepared to accept his resignation at the November 10th Borough Council meeting.

Borough Council will have thirty days to fill the vacancy of Ray Yothers. The candidate must be a resident of Ward 2. The appointment will run through December 31, 2009. The appointed Council member will be required to run in the 2009 Primary for placement on the ballot for the November municipal election. The elected term will run for the remaining term of ray Yothers through December 31, 2011, at which time the Councillor will run on the typical four year term.

As of this report, Steven Toy, 615 E Cherry Lane and Richard Halbom, 49 N Fourth Street, have written letters of interest and have been invited to attend the November 17th Administrative Work Session. A formal appointment is scheduled for the December 1st Borough Council meeting.

- b) Zwingli Church serves as the polling place for the 3rd ward. The recent fire at the church will preclude this location to serve as a polling place for the November General Election. Representatives from the Montgomery County Board of Elections recently approved the Souderton Municipal Building to serve as the alternate ward 3 polling place for the November elections.

The voting machines will be delivered and set up in the Council Chambers during the evening on Monday, November 3rd, which will require rescheduling of the November Borough Council meeting to Monday, November 10th. The November Public Works Work Session will be rescheduled to Monday, November 3rd. The November Administrative Work Session will be held as scheduled on Monday, November 17th.

3. Development Committee

- a) Committee members reviewed the proposed scope of services that the Montgomery County will provide under the continuation of the Planning Assistance Contract. The major planning projects include continued work in completing the rezoning of N Main Street; drafting a fully codified Zoning Book; completing a new Revitalization Plan and assistance with subdivision and land development reviews.
- b) The Souderton High School Redevelopment Plan was discussed. Jonathan Gardenier commented that the Souderton School Board should be asked to contribute towards this

planning effort. A discussion was held concerning the future role of DePallo Design and Planning in the high school project. The Borough Manager suggested that the redevelopment of the high school property be handled through the Borough Engineer, Borough Solicitor and the Montgomery County Planning Commission. There should not be a reason to have to employ another planning consultant. Committee members felt that DePallo did not fully complete the intended project as originally contracted. The Borough Manager will prepare a breakdown of the DePallo contract for Committee members to consider completion of any additional or remaining services.

Metro Development Company, who was the selected purchaser of the Souderton high School property will be invited to attend the November 10th Borough Council meeting to discuss their conceptual land development plans for the high school property.

- c) An email from Steven Dorn, 38 W Summit Street, was discussed by Committee members concerning the 24 hour operation of the Wawa store and the acceptance of early morning deliveries. Presently, the Zoning Ordinance does not restrict hours of operation in any district and the control of delivery times is equally as difficult to regulate. Committee members suggested that the Zoning Ordinance should restrict business hours in certain districts as well as delivery times to avoid conflict with residential neighborhoods. In the interim, Committee members suggested sending a letter to Univest National Bank, as owner of this property, to request their consideration in intervening to control the hours of operation.
- d) Mark Cornwall of Tattoo marks has completed a land development plan for review by the Borough to complete the connection ramp from the new municipal parking lot into the rear of his property. During the review, members of the Souderton Planning Commission suggested that the Hillside Tavern property may be interested in participating in this planning effort. The owners of the Hillside Tavern property just recently confirmed their interest; however, we just received a call from Mark Cornwall expressing concern with the current Hillside property and recent property owner disputes. It seems that the current relationships will preclude further consideration of extending the shared parking beyond the Cornwall property.

4. Finance Committee

- a) Committee members concentrated discussions on the draft 2009 Budget. Wade Associates completed the final feasibility report on the Souderton Community Pool. Considerable discussion was held on the recommendations to renovate the pool facility. The general consensus was to consider renovating both pools at the same time rather than phasing, which may prove more costly over time. Community involvement was also viewed as a prerequisite by some to continue with the project.

Jonathan Gardenier commented that he will advance a motion at the November 10, 2008 Borough Council meeting to close the current pool facility.

Committee members agreed to postpone completion of the Main Street Streetscape project between Chestnut Street and Broad Streets to 2010. The current streetscape planning project is suggesting some significant revisions to the intersection at Main and Broad Streets and it would be premature to proceed with construction until this master plan is fully complete. Committee members desired more funding for paving projects. Employee salary increases were also discussed with a feeling that the current projections are slightly high based on the overall economy.