

The Regular Meeting of Souderton Borough Council was called to order by President Brain Goshow at 7:30 p.m. Members of Borough Council present at this meeting included:

President Brian K. Goshow	Councillor Edward Huber
Vice-President Andrew C. Schlosser	Mayor John R. Reynolds
Councillor Ned D. Leight	Junior Councillor Daniel Yocum
Councillor D. Jeffrey Gross	Solicitor Robert G. Bricker
Councillor Steven J. Toy	Borough Manager P. Michael Coll
Councillor Richard Halbom	Sergeant Kurt E. Scherzberg

Absent from the meeting were Councillor John U. Young and Councillor Jonathan Gardenier. The Invocation was given by Mayor John R. Reynolds, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Consideration was given to the minutes of the May 3, 2010 Regular Borough Council Meeting and the May Borough Council Work Sessions. A motion was made by Councillor Richard Halbom, and seconded by Councillor Jeffrey Gross, to approve the minutes of the May 3, 2010 Regular Borough Council Meeting and May Borough Council Work Sessions as presented. The motion was approved.

Mayor John R. Reynolds expressed appreciation to Junior Councillor Daniel Yocum who will be completing his term as Junior Councillor with Souderton Borough this summer. Mayor Reynolds introduced Brian Barr who resides at 438 Railroad Avenue in the Borough as the next candidate for Junior Councillor. Brian Barr will be a junior this fall and comes highly recommended by the Souderton School District educational staff.

Sergeant Scherzberg presented his report to Borough Council. Mayor Reynolds inquired if the closure of the swimming pool has contributed to any noted increase in juvenile activity. Sergeant Scherzberg noted that since this past Saturday, which would have been the opening day for the pool; there was only one juvenile contact. Sergeant Scherzberg noted that school will be in session for a few more weeks and juvenile activity is expected to increase, but to date, there is no noticeable increase in juvenile activity. Sergeant Scherzberg did note that trespassing at the old high school building continues to be an attractive nuisance to the department.

The Borough Solicitor's report for the month of May, 2010 was distributed to Borough Council. The Borough Solicitor drafted and revised a proposed employment agreement between the Borough and James P. Leary to serve as Chief of Police. The solicitor began reviewing documentation for the Main Streets Anchor Building loan program and they prepared a memorandum dated May 27, 2010 commenting on the proposed program. The Borough Solicitor advertised the C-2 Limited Commercial/Residential Ordinance for consideration at the June 7, 2010 Borough Council meeting.

Borough Manager Michael Coll first noted a scheduling conflict with the Independence Day Holiday. The original schedule was to move the Borough Council meeting to the first Tuesday, however; a few members commented that they preferred holding the July Borough Council Meeting on Monday, July 12<sup>th</sup> in place of the Public Works Work Session. The general consensus of the members was to advertise the July Borough Council meeting for Monday, July 12, 2010. Borough Manager Michael Coll reviewed the agenda items scheduled for consideration. Bids were received and tabulated for the landfill disposal of sludge and grit from the Souderton Waste Water Treatment Plant. A recommendation has been made to award the contract to Solid Waste Services d/b/a J. P. Mascaro. The ordinance establishing the new C-2 Limited Commercial/Residential District has been advertised for consideration. The ordinance also includes revisions to the Zoning Map of the Borough. Borough Solicitor Robert Bricker has completed an employment agreement between the Borough and James P. Leary to serve as the Chief of Police. James P. Leary is in the audience this evening. A recommendation has been made

to approve the agreement. A series of five parking restriction modifications have been recommended from discussions in work session. The recommendations include increasing the parking restriction on Main Street from Lumber Street to Green Street from 1 hour to 2 hours. A similar recommendation has been made for the first segment of Hillside Avenue. A recommendation has also been made to restrict parking to 2 hours in half of both the Main Street Plaza lot and the municipal parking lot off of Chestnut Street. A loading zone has also been recommended between 16 and 20 W. Chestnut Street. The last item for consideration is authorization to advertise bids for construction of the pool filter building. Borough Manager Michael Coll explained the status of the bids for the pool renovation contract. Concern was raised by the various pool contractors over the timing for the construction of the filter building, since this building is a significant component for the pool contractor to complete their work installing the filtration and chemical equipment.

Councillor Richard Halbom noted that the Traffic Calming Committee is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 pm. Councillor Halbom encouraged residents who have concerns with controlling vehicle speed in alleys to attend this meeting or contact him prior to the meeting.

Mayor John Reynolds noted that construction work has begun on the Zwingli United Church of Christ construction project.

Consideration was given to paying the bills for the month of May, 2010.

#### GENERAL FUND

Ches-Mont Disposal, Inc.	\$343.20	Indian Creek Foundation	\$470.00
Clemens Uniform Rental	111.92	Jason M. Kelly	264.00
Cole Information	373.95	John T. Fretz Insurance Agency	135.00
Comcast Cable	44.95	Keystone Plan East	6,406.53
Daniel L. Beardsley, Ltd.	73.60	Keystone Opportunity Center	30.00
Davidheisers, Inc.	71.00	Kopp Equipment Sales	620.00
Lawson Products, Inc.	286.51	L. W. Clearing Company	155.00
Matthew Bender & Co., Inc.	192.00	Landis Block & Concrete	13.86
Metlife	217.63	Lansdale Police Department	300.00
Metlife	1,675.84	Lawson Products, Inc.	189.61
Montgomery Newspapers	166.13	Markey Paper & Packaging, Inc	307.55
Naceville Materials	167.33	Metlife	1,675.84
Nationwide Trust Company	394.93	Metlife	1,675.84
Nationwide Trust Company	974.82	Metlife	217.63
Nextel Communications	542.17	Metlife	217.63
North American Benefits Company	1,010.73	Michael C. Boraski, D.M.D.	298.00
Petty Cash Fund	163.25	Montgomery County Planning Comm	5,076.00
Postmaster, Telford/Souderton	243.80	Montgomery Newspapers	245.51
PPL Electric Utilities	40.42	Moyer & Son, Inc.	2,479.14
Ricoh	92.80	Nationwide Trust Company	1,059.43
Souderton-Telford Main Streets	11,250.00	Nationwide Trust Company	980.46
Thomas Kleckner	40.00	Nationwide Trust Company	341.29
Towamencin Township	4,000.00	Nationwide Trust Company	293.49
Verizon Wireless	43.01	Netcarrier Telecom, Inc	349.49
AT & T	34.25	Nextell Communications	240.68
Badge Printers of America	86.95	North Penn Water Authority	50.57
Bergey's, Inc	109.94	NYCO Corporation	49.58
Boucher & James, Inc	3,558.06	P. Michael Coll	315.50
Christopher E. Werner, D.D.S.	105.00	PECO Energy	34.79
Clemens Uniform Rental	87.54	PPL Electric Utilities	8,701.59
Cope's Garage, Inc	2,135.32	Richter Drafting/Office Supply	559.41
Country Fair Cleaners	396.25	Shelly Enterprises, Inc	168.96
County Line Landscape Nursery	450.12	Snjezana A. Cacovean D.M.D.	712.00
David A. Freed	200.00	The Partnership TMA	355.00

Dischell Bartle Yanoff & Doole	256.00	Montgomery County Treasurer	187.00
Entenmann Rovin Co	174.00	Montgomery County Treasurer	125.00
Farm & Home Oil Company	2,362.46	Trout Brothers, Inc	10,031.19
Freedom Systems Corporation	3,373.00	Trumbauers Lawn & Rec, Inc	209.28
Fromm Electric Supply Corp	70.12	Univest VISA	1,000.00
George Allen Portable Toilets	236.00	Unum Insurance Company	782.77
Good Plumbing Heating A/C, Inc	2,577.06	Ven-Mar Sales, Inc	449.43
H & K Materials	654.87	William Powis	218.00
HISI	4,498.00	Word Work, Inc	2,852.77
Idearc Media Corp	129.62	Youngs	7.25
Independence Blue Cross	17,076.67	Total General Fund	\$112,150.29

#### SEWER FUND

Farm Bureau Garage, Inc	\$2,418.44	Metlife	\$82.21
Filter Belts	668.00	Metlife	82.21
Metlife	82.21	Moyer & Son, Inc	191.70
Naceville Materials	125.10	Netcarrier Telecom, Inc.	147.99
North American Benefits Company	317.57	North American Benefits Company	317.57
North Penn Water Authority	132.85	North Penn Water Authority	145.25
PPL Electric Utilities	22,133.72	NYCO Corporation	61.12
Suncoast Research Labs, Inc	1,600.00	Pollu-Tech, Inc	1,694.00
Ven-Mar Sales, Inc	443.74	PPL Electric Utilities	652.32
Carquest	136.28	PPL Electric Utilities	21,386.19
Ches-Mont Disposal, Inc	188.76	Process Masters	218.75
Cintas First Aid & Safety	45.95	Salvatore DeSimone	149.98
Clemens Uniform Rental	165.70	Shelly Enterprises, inc	35.14
D. R. Cordell & Assoc., Inc.	263.02	Siemens Water Technologies	4,231.98
Deltronics Corporation	8,450.60	Siemens Water Technologies Corp	189.00
Edward Gavin	70.40	Suburban Water Testing Labs	52.00
Electro Chemical Engineering	750.00	Sureflow Technologies, LLC	404.15
Freedom Systems Corp	2,195.00	The PA State University	375.00
Hajoca Corporation	149.16	Trout Brothers, Inc.	410.00
HISI	1,191.00	Univar USA Inc	7,834.81
Independence Blue Cross	4,249.32	Unum Insurance Company	256.94
Independence Blue Cross	207.65	Verizon	93.19
Independence Blue Cross	118.80	Waste Management of Indian Valley	13,340.06
Keystone Fire Protection Company	217.00	West Generator Services	700.00
Keystone Health Plan East	2,478.45		
Landis Block & Concrete	88.80	Total Sewer Fund	\$101,939.08

#### CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

Boucher and James, Inc	\$448.75	Plasterer Equipment Co., Inc.	\$2,050.00
Hunt Engineering Company	3,479.84	S & H Landscaping Contractor	18,944.36
John Deere Credit	12,132.03	Susan J. Kern	1,680.00
S & H Landscaping Contractor	11,842.65	Univest National Bank	5,611.21
Sage Design	375.00	Univest National Bank	1,763.13
Susan J. Kern	840.00	Univest National Bank	6,090.28
Boucher & James, Inc	12,454.31	Waste Management of Indian Valley	5,845.83
P. K. Moyer & Sons, Inc	1,968.00	Total Capital Reserve Fund	\$85,525.39

#### SEWER CAPTAL FUND

Bairs Tree Service	\$1,150.00	Landis Block & Concrete	\$11.60
K & A Services	437.50	Naceville Materials	3,407.80
Commonwealth Precast, Inc	3,180.00	Plasterer Equipment Company, Inc	1,370.00
G. A. Peak	13,607.50		
Hajoca Corporation	1,595.89	Total Sewer Capital Fund	\$24,760.29

#### LIQUID FUELS FUND

Established Traffic Control	\$1,213.00	PPL Electric Utilities	\$783.77
Letterco	69.00	Total Liquid Fuels Fund	\$2,065.77

A motion was made by Councillor Ned Leight, and seconded by Councillor Edward Huber, to authorize payment of the bills for the month of May, 2010, 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.

Rhea Gross, 238 Montgomery Avenue addressed Borough Council on a few items of concern. She expressed concern with the amount of crew time spent by the Borough mowing the large area of grass at the new property at 160 Cherry Lane. Perhaps there are other potential uses or alternatives to be explored. President Brian Goshow noted that the crew was purposely directed to maintain the lawn at 160 Cherry Lane to accommodate a request from the Souderton Soccer League to use this property for two soccer fields. Mrs. Gross complimented the Public Works Department for their efforts in street sweeping. Mrs. Gross also raised concern about the condition of some buildings and properties along Main Street, questioning if there are any plans or pressures on the owners to clean up these properties. Councillor Jeffrey Gross noted that these buildings are scheduled to be demolished, but the developer was asked to delay demolition until completion of the Historic District study. The demolished buildings may disqualify a significant portion of Main Street if they are demolished prior to completion and approval of this study. Councillor Gross noted that the owner of the Main Street properties has invested a great deal of money towards the Broad Theater project, but has indicated that as soon as certain investments are returned, they will focus on cleaning up the Main Street properties. Mrs. Gross also noted that the pedestrian crosswalk at Fifth and East Broad Street should be re-painted and the police should consider more press releases to inform the public about police incidents. Publication of police incidents will better inform the public to be more observant and may help the police to resolve these issues. Lastly, Mrs. Gross suggested more promotion of the Indian Valley Boys and Girls Club summer youth programs. This will help children find alternative recreation to replace the closure of the pool.

President Brian Goshow suggested that the Borough notify the owner of the Main Streets property to inspect and better secure the buildings and to provide him with a definitive timeline to complete demolition.

Mary Montroy, 157 N. Second Street questioned the law regarding pedestrians in crosswalks. Borough Council confirmed that the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code requires motorists to yield to pedestrians in crosswalks. The law has not been strictly enforced in Pennsylvania as much as some other states, but motorists must stop and yield the right of way to a pedestrian in a painted crosswalk which certainly adds to the confusion.

Priscilla Neuman, Franklin Avenue, noted that the YMCA and the School District are offering camps for the children this summer.

There being no further public comment, President Brian Goshow moved to the business portion of the agenda. The first item of business was the consideration of bids for sludge and grit disposal. Borough Manager Michael Coll reported that the bids were opened at a public hearing on June 7<sup>th</sup> and a tabulation of the bids has been circulated to members of Borough Council.

Landfill Disposal Sludge & Grit  
June 7, 2010

Bidder	Unit Price Per Ton	Estimated Contract Price
Solid Waste Services, Inc. d/b/a J. P. Mascaro & Sons 2650 Audubon Road Audubon, PA 19403	\$114.22 per ton	\$123,357.60
Waste Management of PA 444 Oxford Valley Rd, Suite 220 Langhorne, PA 19047	\$114.95 per ton	\$124,146.00
Interstate Waste Services of PA		

500 N Franklin Turnpike Ramsey, NJ 07446	\$140.00 per ton	\$151,200.00
We Care Organics, LLC 9289 Bonta Bridge Rd Jordan, NY 13080	No Bid	

A motion was made by Councillor Andrew C. Schlosser, and seconded by Councillor Ned D. Leight, to accept the bid of Solid Waste Services, Inc., of Audubon, PA to haul and landfill dispose dewatered sludge and grit from the Souderton Waste Water Treatment Plant at a price of \$114.22 per ton, as ordered, from July 1, 2010 through July 1, 2011. The motion was approved.

The next item for consideration was the proposed zoning ordinance amendment concerning the C-2 district and the zoning map. A motion was made by Councillor Jeffrey Gross, and seconded by Councillor Andrew Schlosser, to enact Ordinance No. 10-692-03 amending and revising Article IX C-2 Limited Commercial/Residential District of the Souderton Zoning Ordinance and amending and revising the Zoning Map of Souderton Borough. The motion was approved.

President Goshow noted that all members of Borough Council received a copy of the employment agreement with James P. Leary. A motion was made by Councillor Steven J. Toy, and seconded by Councillor Andrew Schlosser, to approve the Employment Agreement between Souderton Borough and James P. Leary to serve as Chief of Police of the Borough of Souderton through October 31, 2012. The motion was approved.

President Goshow noted that James Leary is in the audience. Mayor Reynolds noted that Borough Council had been advised by consultants that the search for a new Chief of Police may take an extended period of time. Borough Council was uncomfortable about going that long without a police chief. James Leary is a retired chief with over thirty years of police experience and came highly recommended by our consultants and he felt that this position is a perfect fit for him. Chief Leary will assist the Borough during the continued search for a police chief and will mentor the officers as we move forward through this transition. Chief Leary will serve as the borough's chief of police during this period and he will not be considered or referred to as an interim or acting chief. Chief Leary introduced himself to the audience.

A motion was made by Councillor Andrew Schlosser, and seconded by Councillor Richard Halbom, to authorize the posting of a two (2) hour parking restriction between the hours of 8:00 am and 8:00 pm daily, except Sundays and Holidays, on the west side of Main Street between Lumber Street and Green Street and on the east side of Main Street between Chestnut Street and the Municipal Parking lot for a 90 day trial period per Mayor's order. The motion was approved.

A motion was made by Councillor Andrew Schlosser, and seconded by Councillor Jeffrey Gross to authorize the posting of a two (2) hour parking restriction between the hours of 8:00 am and 8:00 pm daily, except Sundays and Holidays, on the north and south side of Hillside Avenue from Main Street west a distance of 255 feet for a 90 day trial period per Mayor's order. The motion was approved.

A motion was made by Councillor Andrew Schlosser, and seconded by Councillor Richard Halbom, to authorize the posting of a two (2) hour parking restriction between the hours of 8:00 am and 8:00 pm daily, except Sundays and Holidays, on one half of all available parking spaces in the Municipal Parking Lot at Main Street and Hillside Avenue for a 90 day trial period per Mayor's order. The motion was approved.

A motion was made by Councillor Andrew Schlosser, and seconded by Councillor Richard Halbom, to authorize the posting of a two (2) hour parking restriction between the hours of 8:00 am and 8:00 pm daily, except Sundays and Holidays, on one half of all available parking spaces in the Municipal Parking Lot between Chestnut Street and Hillside Avenue for a 90 day trial period per Mayor's order. The motion was approved.

A motion was made by Councillor Andrew Schlosser, and seconded by Councillor

Richard Halbom, to authorize the posting of a loading zone on the south side of W. Chestnut Street between 16 and 20 W. Chestnut Street for a 90 day trial period per Mayor's order. The motion was approved.

A motion was made by Councillor Jeffrey Gross, and seconded by Councillor Edward Huber, to authorize the advertisement for bids for the construction of the filter and mechanical building phase of the Souderton Community Pool renovation project. Councillor Schlosser asked for clarification on the scope of work intended. President Goshow noted that the project will include the shell of the building and the utilities coming into the building. Filters and chemical feed equipment will be part of the pool construction contract. Borough Manager Michael Coll noted that the new filter building will be located in the area of the basketball courts and will connect with the existing ornamental fencing. There being no further discussion, Borough Council voted to approve the motion.

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

P. Michael Coll, Secretary

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

### ***Public Works Work Session – June 14, 2010 (7:00 pm- 8:20 pm)***

Council Attendees: Mayor John Reynolds, Brian Goshow, Ned Leight, Steven Toy, Richard Halbom and Edward Huber. Junior Councillor Daniel Yocum.

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

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

- a) The May, 2010 Discharge Monitoring Report will be filed with an exception to permit discharge limits concerning the average monthly concentration for ammonia. The exception was related to taking aeration tank "B" off line to repair the ferrous sulfate feed line. There was not enough oxygen in aeration tank "A" and a second blower unit was started up to increase oxygen and reduce ammonia. The system is operating within permit limits at this time.
- b) Chief Operator Sal DeSimone reported that 306,000 gallons of septic waste was received from the Souderton High School, hauled by Clemens Septic. Crews will be working on inserting a new ½" line through an existing 2 ½ inch ferrous sulfate line. The line is significantly oversized and is leaking. Inserting the new line through this existing line will save on excavation expense and should improve the effectiveness of this system.

#### **2. Highway Committee**

- a) Public Works Director Steve Coll reported that crews completed 85 brush collections during the month, consuming a significant portion of crew time. Some smaller brush piles were picked up with the loader and hauled directly to a recycling facility. Flower beds throughout the Borough were weeded, plants trimmed and the beds were mulched for the season. C & S Lawn and Landscape assisted with this effort. Flags and banners were installed and the flower baskets were installed on the street light posts in the core business district.
- b) Street sweeping throughout the entire Borough was completed and Moyer and Son followed with curb side weed spraying. We decided to bring this service back this year, since property owners failed to maintain their properties last year.

- c) Crew member David Freed severely injured his back off of the job. He attempted to return for light duty last month, but soon found that the severity of the injury required surgery. He will be out of work for up to the next ten to twelve weeks. All three summer help employees are now on the job, which will help in working around this extended absence.
- d) Asphalt Industries completed the oil and chip seal coats on School Lane, Lincoln Avenue and West Street. Telford Borough used them to complete their portion of School Lane and they are now considering a separate bid to complete more streets in Telford Borough. P. K. Moyer and Sons is booked on projects into August. We are trying to get into their schedule to mill and base the 400 block of N. Fourth Street before the Univest Gran Prix.

### **3. Sidewalk Committee**

- a) Borough Manager Michael Coll provided a brief update on the progress of the Main Street Streetscape project planned between Chestnut Street and Broad Street. A third HOP permit application submission was submitted to PennDOT on June 18<sup>th</sup>. The extended review is associated with new regulation for ADA curb ramps. Very little review or comment has been offered on traffic flow or storm drainage. A copy of the most recent plan is enclosed with this report. Formal sidewalk construction notices will be sent to the property owners. We met with PPL Electric Utilities, Verizon and Comcast to relocate aerial lines that service the Site Cats office building at 9 N. Main Street. The Borough will have some additional expense associated with the relocation of the services to this building. Spare banks of conduit will be installed under the new sidewalk for any future changes in services.

### **4. Recreation Committee**

- a) Wade Associates has completed their review of the bids for the pool renovations and formally recommended award to Vincent Pools, Inc. at a total contract price of \$1,234,684.00. This contract includes all base construction work plus all of the water features bid as alternates. A motion will be prepared for the July 12<sup>th</sup> Borough Council Meeting to formally make this award.

Borough Solicitor Robert Bricker has prepared all documentation regarding the \$2,500,000 general obligation construction loan for this project. The total indebtedness of the Borough with the borrowing will be \$4,458,884, which is well under the legal borrowing limit as set by the state at \$6,116,660. A motion will also be prepared for consideration of Borough Council to approve the borrowing by ordinance.

Most of the demolition work is now complete at the pool. Crews must still remove the basketball courts and some area lights. The old well casing on the site has been cut below finish grade and will be capped. Work on the parking lot and the transplanting of some mature trees will be deferred until early fall.

- b) I met with our Borough Engineer to begin planning for a proposed dog park to be sited at the Holly Hill Park. They have a survey of the park on file and will begin locating an area sufficient for the dog park, but still maintaining the sledding hill.
- c) A concern was raised by a resident over the condition of the two sandboxes in the Community Park. Committee members agreed to remove one of the two sandboxes and repair the sandbox that will be saved. Committee members also discussed the condition of some of the older sections of walking path in the Community Park, particularly around the shuffle board court. Dangerous sections may be replaced if the budget and time permits; however, other areas should be replaced in conjunction with the new parking lot construction.

### **5. Property Committee**

- a) A number of project signs must be installed as part of grant requirements. A sign must be installed in the Lawn Avenue Park to recognize the state funding for the project. A sign must also be installed at the Main Street Plaza to recognize the Montgomery County funding. A project sign will also be installed at the pool to make the public aware of the renovation project and the continuing fund raising efforts.

### ***Administrative Work Session – June 21, 2010 (7:00 pm-8:50 pm)***

Council Attendees: Mayor John Reynolds, Andrew Schlosser, Jeffrey Gross, Steven Toy, Richard Halbom and Edward Huber. Junior Councillor Daniel Yocum.

Staff Attendees: Sergeant Kurt Scherzberg, Borough Manager Michael Coll.

### **Montgomery Theater Project**

Representatives from the Montgomery Theater appeared before Borough Council with a request to consider revising, or possibly forgiving the remaining payments due on the terms of the Lease Agreement with the Borough of Souderton. The Montgomery Theater is in its seventeenth season and was the Borough's first revitalization project. The property was purchased in 2001 at a price of \$300,000. The Theater acquired a donation of \$100,000 towards the purchase and the Borough assisted with the remaining \$200,000 and further acquired grants to assist in the renovation of the theater. The Borough and Montgomery Theater entered into a Lease Purchase Agreement whereby the Theater would pay \$20,000 per year and upon the receipt of \$200,000 in payments, the Borough will transfer title of the property to the Theater. As of this year, the Theater owes \$60,000 towards this lease purchase agreement.

The Theater has an annual budget of \$475,000, half of which is financed through ticket sales and over \$200,000 must be raised annually in donations and grants. Grants have suffered tremendously over the past year and major donations have dropped dramatically. While ticket sales and attendance are increasing, declining donations and grant revenue jeopardize the ability of the Theater in making the annual payment for this year.

Montgomery Theater is proposing that Borough Council consider three potential options. The first, and most desirable for the Theater, is for Borough Council to consider forgiving the remaining \$60,000 in payments. This option will allow the Theater to take title to the property as an asset to potentially utilize to secure some temporary private financing. The second consideration is to spread the remaining \$60,000 over the next ten years, with annual payments of \$6,000 per year. The third, and perhaps the least desirable option, is to consider a payment of \$40,000 up front and forgiving the remaining \$20,000 in payments.

Borough Council will consider this request over the next few weeks and will discuss further at the July 19<sup>th</sup> Administrative Work Session.

### **1. Police Committee**

- a) A request was made by Dr. Mark Lipkin to consider removing street parking restrictions on N. School Lane, especially since the High School is now closed. Employees using the dental office building had been parking in the high school parking lot across the street; however, the school district has since decided to close off the lots for liability reasons. Borough Council members agreed with the request and recommend a motion to rescind the No Parking restriction on the east side of N. School Lane from Broad Street to the High School cafeteria for a 90 day trial period per Mayor's order.
- b) A concern was raised by a resident over the loading zone that exists in front of Bakers on Broad, at the intersection of Fifth Street and East Broad Street. Even if a vehicle is parked for a short duration, motorists turning from Fifth Street cannot see oncoming traffic. The resident suggested that the loading zone should be eliminated or possibly pushed further back from the intersection. Sergeant Scherzberg was asked to talk to the owners and review the concern for further discussion next month.



In a related matter, Borough Council members discussed the painting of the crosswalk across Broad Street and Fifth Street. There was a painted crosswalk at this location that was not painted after the recent paving by PennDOT. The Borough crew will re-paint this crosswalk.

- c) The Traffic Calming Committee originally scheduled for Wednesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> was cancelled due to scheduling conflicts with interested members.

## **2. Administrative Committee**

- a) Councillor Steven Toy has volunteered to serve as the Borough representative to the Northern Montgomery County Recycling Commission. A motion will be prepared for consideration at the July 12 Borough Council meeting to formally appoint Steven Toy as the Borough's representative.
- b) Councillor Jonathan Gardenier sent an e-mail message reporting that his plans to relocate to Florida have been delayed and therefore he has not tendered an official letter of resignation as of this date. The matter of appointing a candidate to replace him on Borough Council will be addressed upon receipt of the pending resignation. Once the official resignation is received, Borough Council will have a period of up to 30 calendar days to fill the vacancy.

## **3. Development Committee**

- a) Hunt Engineering prepared revised plans for the streetscape plan along W. Broad Street, sections of east Broad Street and the parking lot off of South Front Street. The final product has been disappointing and the latest revisions to the plan were actually discussed and drafted by Councillor Andrew Schlosser. The grant deadline for this project is June 15, 2010. To complete the project, the streetscape plans must be presented at a public meeting of Borough Council, which we will accomplish at the July 12<sup>th</sup> Borough Council Meeting.

Councillor Andrew Schlosser suggested that Hunt Engineering did not complete the project under the terms of the original contract. The contract should be reviewed by staff and the Borough Solicitor to determine if Hunt Engineering has any further obligation to the Borough under the contract.

- b) A brief update on the status of the Main Street Streetscape project was provided to members of Borough Council. The Highway occupancy permit is still under review by PennDOT, after a third submission from the Borough Engineer on June 18<sup>th</sup>. We are scheduled to meet on June 24<sup>th</sup> with Univest representatives to update them on the status of the streetscape plans.
- c) Committee members discussed a letter and request from Michael J. Fox of Montgomery Township, serving as Chairman of the Southeastern PA Stormwater Coalition. The letter requests Borough Council to consider a Resolution to join the stormwater coalition and commit to the sharing of an estimated \$100,000 in legal and engineering expenses to address the proposed new NPDES general permit requirements for stormwater discharges. The estimated cost will be divided on the basis of population between the participating municipalities. Committee members agreed to adopt the suggested resolution and participate in this first round, with no ongoing commitment.

## **4. Finance Committee**

- a) Styer Associates completed the financial statements and audit report for the 2009 calendar year, which was distributed to Borough Council at the work session. The Concise Balance Sheet for the year ending 2009 will be published in the Souderton Independent on June 30, 2010. A motion will be prepared for consideration at the July

Borough Council meeting to approve the financial statements as prepared.

- b) Borough Solicitor Robert Bricker is working on the Anchor Building Grant documents. He has prepared a loan servicing agreement between the Borough and Community Lenders to assist in receiving and distributing the loan payments. Community Lenders is based at 121 N Main Street in Souderton and is a non-profit organization that was formed by area banks. Bob Bricker also prepared a loan contract between the Borough and Broad Entertainment Group. The draft documents have been distributed for review, but will not be ready for formal action by Borough Council at the July 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. This program will be addressed in greater detail at the July 19 Administrative Work Session.
- c) Committee members discussed the potential impacts of new GASB rules as they relate to pension plan reporting and actuarial assumptions. Generally our consultants view the new regulations as adding more reporting requirements, but the GASB rules will not affect financial obligations. Municipal pension plans are reviewed by the Pennsylvania Employee Retirement Commission. Univest/Trollinger Consulting is of the opinion that our current pension plans conform in large part to the proposed GASB rules.