

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 C. Schlosser	Junior Councillor Andrew Espenlaub
Councillor D. Jeffrey Gross	Mayor John R. Reynolds
Councillor Brian Goshow	Solicitor Robert G. Bricker
Councillor Katherine M. Grubb	Borough Manager P. Michael Coll
Councillor Jonathan C. Gardenier	Public Works Director Steven R. Coll
Councillor Ray M. Yothers	

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

Consideration was given to the minutes of the July 7, 2008 regular Borough Council Meeting and July, 2008 Borough Council work sessions. Councillor Jonathan Gardenier requested a correction to clarify the exact order of the motions made during the discussion of the land development application for 121 N Main Street.

A motion was made by Councillor Jeffrey Gross, and seconded by Councillor Andrew Schlosser, to approve the minutes of the July 7, 2008 regular Borough Council Meeting and July Borough Council work sessions, as revised. The motion was approved.

Borough Manager Michael Coll noted that he forwarded a letter to Borough Council from resident Steven Dorn, 38 W Summit Street regarding municipal trash collection. President John Young noted that there are currently five companies collecting trash each week in the Borough.

Mayor John R. Reynolds expressed appreciation to Junior Councillor Andrew Espenlaub who will be completing his term with tonight's meeting. Andrew Espenlaub will be attending the University of Pittsburgh where he will be entering the honors program. On behalf of Borough Council, Mayor Reynolds thanked Andrew for his service and wished him well.

Solicitor Report for the month of July, 2008 was distributed. They researched and prepared a memorandum in regard to liability issues concerning installation of traffic signals and the proposed installation of the traffic signal at Main Street and Reliance Road. They met with the Borough Manager in regard to contractual issues with our supplier for road materials and subsequently drafted notices to the contractor and their bonding company.

Councillor Gardenier questioned the public works director if we have been seeing the price of road materials escalate due to rising fuel prices. Councillor Gardenier noted at the work session we discussed deferring some of the scheduled road projects. The Borough Manager clarified that the deferral from completing certain paving projects is not a matter of budgetary considerations, but a matter of the amount of utility work completed ahead of the planned paving projects. We typically desire to allow a utility trench to settle through one full seasonal cycle before final paving. Councillor Gardenier noted that if the price of road materials continues to escalate it may be worthwhile to evaluate accelerating our paving program at current pricing and borrowing the necessary funds through the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Loan program.

Councillor Brian Goshow inquired about the amount of funds received from utility companies for road restoration. Borough Manager Michael Coll explained that the amount of compensation is calculated on prevailing paving contracts. The compensation is then used by the Borough towards the complete reconstruction of the road. We are expecting to receive compensation from North Penn Water Authority to assist in the paving of Summit Street and Reliance Road. Councillor Goshow also noted the recent installation of the dog stations in the parks.

President John Young noted that the new playground equipment is being installed by Borough forces at the Lawn Avenue Park. Borough Manager Michael Coll noted that wood safety surface material is due to be delivered at the end of August and the playground should be open for public use shortly after the Labor Day Holiday.

Borough Manager Michael Coll reported that he distributed a preliminary report from Wade Associates regarding the reconstruction of the swimming pool facility. This report will be discussed in the following work sessions. We have a vacancy in an operator/lab tech position at the waste water treatment plant due to the recent voluntary resignation from Jeffrey Sidman who will be relocating to the west coast. An advertisement will be placed to accept applications. The first item scheduled for consideration this evening will be the bids received to install the traffic signal system at Main Street and Reliance Road. The second item is consideration to purchase a new police car under state contract. A number of options have been considered with a recommendation to purchase a six cylinder Chevrolet Impala. Two parking restrictions are scheduled for consideration, including a No Parking restriction in front of 200 N Main Street and a Loading Zone along the West Chestnut Street frontage of 100 N Main Street. A resolution will be considered to formally establish a second voluntary 457 deferred compensation plan for the benefit of the police officers. As a follow up to last month's approval to institute a \$52.00 Local Services Tax effective January 1, 2009, there are four resolutions that have been prepared for consideration to formally approve the tax administration agreement with Berkheimer Tax Administrators, appoint Berkheimer to serve as the Tax Hearing Officer, appoint the Borough Manager to serve as the liaison to receive certain confidential tax information and authorize Berkheimer to charge and collect penalties for delinquent taxes. The last item on the agenda is an executive session for the purpose of discussing police personnel matters.

Mayor John Reynolds announced that tomorrow night, Tuesday, August 5th, is National Night Out, which is recognized by local police departments across the country. The Souderton Police Department will be hosting a series of events in the Community Park beginning at 6 pm.

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

GENERAL FUND

Jaeger Electric Service, Inc.	\$443.30	Petty Cash Fund	\$157.92
The Home Depot	83.34	Accent Control Systems	227.00
Clemens Uniform Rental	126.09	Faye Hoffman	40.00
Fellman's Pool SVC, Inc.	361.05	Freedom Systems Corporation	4,484.57
Gouldey Welding & Fabrication	79.00	Indian Creek Foundation	470.00
PA Municipal Retirement System	648.26	PA Municipal Retirement System	2,944.30
The Home Depot	211.71	Univar USA Inc.	1,571.00
Weldon Auto Parts	3.20	Association of Mayors of PA	55.00
AT&T	32.34	Boucher and James, Inc.	1,268.67
Chest-Mont Disposal, Inc.	719.90	Comcast Cable	42.95
Daniel L. Beardsley LTD	130.20	Dr. Larry J. Geller	178.00
Federal Express Corporation	24.77	Frederick's Flowers	1,160.00
Freedom Systems Corporation	2,318.44	Glasgow, Inc.	126.00
M & M Stone Company	191.62	Marc F. Lipkin, D.M.D., P.C.	472.60
Martha Albritton	40.00	MetLife	217.63
MetLife	2,514.30	Montgomery Newspaper	539.62
Moyer & Son, Inc.	6,207.71	Nextel Communications	187.54
North Penn Water Authority	169.10	PECO Energy	14.32
Pennsylvania One Call System	36.40	Peter I. Psomiadis	85.00
Potty Queen	334.72	PPL Electric Utilities	277.87
PSAB CDL Testing Program	65.00	Richter Drafting/Office Supply	124.94
Shelly Enterprises, Inc.	52.32	Telford Press Printers	559.74
Trumbauers Lawn & Rec, Inc.	298.45	Univar USA Inc.	2,322.90
Verizon	208.35	Comcast Cable	60.37
Independence Blue Cross	16,546.78	Keystone Health Plan East	7,112.53
Land Development Escrow Fund	2,000.00	Landis Block & Concrete	30.03
MetLife	217.63	Montgomery Newspaper	693.09
Naceville Materials	1,317.92	NetCarrier Telecom, Inc.	468.07
PPL Electric Utilities	10,035.99	The Home Depot	64.68
Accent Control Systems	182.30	Altek Business Systems, Inc.	348.04
Bergey's, Inc.	23.00	Bishop Wood Products, Inc.	140.00
Bricker, Landis & Hunsberger	4,584.06	Clemens Uniform Rental	195.96
Cope's Garage, Inc.	532.28	Country-Fair Cleaners	254.70
David A. Freed	409.97	Davidheiser's, Inc.	565.00

Del-Val International Truck	31.44	Farm & Home Oil Co.	1,590.57
Freedom Systems Corporation	787.50	Fretz Enterprises	32.00
Gall's, Inc.	74.49	George's Tool Rental	107.00
Glasgow, Inc.	126.00	Indian Creek Foundation	376.00
L.W. Clearing Co.	406.25	Lansdale Block & Concrete	148.30
Lansdale Police Department	450.00	M & M Stone Co.	767.91
Marc F. Lipkin, D.M.D., P.c.	220.00	MetLife	2,514.30
Michael C. Boraski, D.M.D.	482.00	Moyer & Son, Inc.	646.80
North American Benefits Company	874.35	Oldcastle Lawn & Garden North	240.00
P. Michael Coli	260.00	Peter I. Psomiadis, D.M.D.	513.00
Petty Cash Fund	147.59	Postmaster, Telford/Souderton	162.80
Public Agency Training Council	570.00	QC Inc.	261.00
Richter Drafting/Office Supply	280.98	Rotanium Products Company	320.75
Safemasters Co.	268.00	SEPTA	400.00
Shelly Enterprises, Inc.	225.19	Shelly Enterprises, Inc.	829.81
Souderton Independent	31.95	Styer Associates	3,555.00
The Home Depot	179.01	The Reporter	827.00
Towamencin Township	753.00	Trumbauers Lawn & Rec, Inc.	50.90
Univar USA Inc.	1,384.20	Univest Visa	814.79
Unum Insurance Company	755.12	Weldon Auto Parts	9.48
Word Work, Inc.	261.25		
		Total General Fund	\$101,345.27

SEWER FUND

Aqua Dynamic Systems, Inc.	\$660.70	Boro of Souderton Sewer Capital	\$25,000.00
Environmental Machines & Service	915.00	Markey Paper & Packaging, Inc.	84.02
North Penn Water Authority	138.15	PPL Electric Utilities	9,578.65
Bishop Wood Products, Inc.	139.92	Ches-Mont Disposal, Inc.	92.00
Comcast Cable	42.95	Empire Scale Corporation	151.50
Freedom Systems Corporation	2,318.43	Graphic Controls Corporation	704.14
K.J. Door Services Inc.	105.00	MetLife	105.28
Moyer & Son, Inc.	329.57	NetCarrier Telecom, Inc.	206.79
Paul Suscavage, O.D.	75.00	PPL Electric Utilities	715.19
Siemens Water Technologies	3,355.90	Verizon	54.29
Deltronics Corporation	5,760.85	Franc Environmental, Inc.	3,073.75
Hart Mechanical Contractor	1,840.80	Independence Blue Gross	4,585.80
Independence Blue Cross	207.65	Independence Blue Cross	107.74
J.P. Mascaro & Sons	3,466.71	Keystone Health Plan East	2,616.51
Landis Block & Concrete	23.95	MetLife	105.28
Naceville Material	137.46	Schaners Wastewater Products	2,368.27
SimplexGrinnell LP	144.08	State World Headquarters	396.88
Suburban Water Testing Labs	73.00	Thomas Scientific	141.84
United Laboratories	247.85	Univar USA Inc.	4,068.30
USA Blue Book	1,435.70	Cintas First Aid & Safety	23.25
Glasgow, Inc.	63.00	Hajoca Corporation	124.85
J.P. Mascaro & Sons	3,535.74	Jeffrey W. Sidman	78.40
M & M Stone Co.	442.47	North American Benefits Company	305.83
Salvatore DeSimone	82.48	Unum Insurance Company	244.17
Bearings & Drives Unlimited	136.30	Carquest	29.90
CCP Industries Inc.	299.08	Chemsearch	203.65
Ches-Mont Disposal, Inc.	92.00	Clemens Uniform Rental	218.60
Fisher Scientific	39.69	Franc Environmental, Inc.	2,600.00
Good, Inc.	2,069.67	H. Keith Koehler	104.00
Mid Atlantic Pump & Equipment Co.	929.00	Richter Drafting/Office Supply	2.50
S P Solutions	85.50	Shelly Enterprises, Inc.	21.26
Siemens Water Technologies	166.50	Stanley Heleniak, D.M.D.	186.00
Suburban Water Testing Labs	38.00	Thomas Scientific	63.41
United Laboratories	377.40		
		Total Sewer Fund	\$88,137.55

CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

De PALLO Design & Planning, LLC	\$9,055.00	Scott A. Seifert	\$26,000.00
Commonwealth Precast, Inc.	7,450.00	Couzins Inc.	23,018.08
Hunt Engineering Company	31,113.27	Naceville Materials	8,164.75
		Total Capital Reserve Fund	\$104,801.10

LIQUID FUELS FUND

PPL Electric Utilities	\$168.36	Commonwealth Precast, Inc.	\$854.00
Hajoca Corporation	106.85	Landis Block & Concrete	28.50
Lane - King of Prussia	5,267.95	M & M Stone Co.	2,396.80
PPL Electric Utilities	409.25	Shelly Enterprises, Inc.	309.68
		Total Liquid Fuels Fund	\$9,541.39

SANITARY SEWER CAPITAL FUND (PLGIT)

Bank of New York	\$57,355.94	Naceville Materials	1,151.15
		Total Sanitary Capital Fund	\$58,507.09

Councillor Brian Goshow inquired about the bill for Moyer and Son in the amount of \$6,207.71. The Borough Manager confirmed that this invoice includes a number of items including lawn care services, pool supplies and vehicle fuel. A motion was made by Councillor Ray M. Yothers, seconded by Councillor Edward Hunsicker, to pay the bills for the month of July, 2008, as presented. The motion was approved.

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

Dan Polin, owner of the property at 486 N Main Street, spoke on the proposed traffic signal project for Main Street and Reliance Road. He commented that he can view this intersection from his office and has witnessed accidents but most notably commented about the number of near misses that are not reported. He expressed concern that a really bad accident is going to occur at this intersection and favors the installation of the proposed signal.

Scott Houston, 7 E Reliance Road, commented that Borough Council is already aware of his opinion in opposition to the planned traffic signal project at Reliance Road and Main Street. He referred back to a report on accident history, noting that some of the accidents occurred near but not necessarily at the intersection.

Ray Hopkins, 417 Wile Avenue, commented on the cost of the traffic signal at Reliance Road and Main Street. He commented on the rising cost of fuel, paving materials, police car purchase and how much additional funding will be required over budget to complete the signal.

Councillor Gardenier commented that at the work sessions Borough Council discussed the additional funding requirements. Initially the Borough Manger suggested deferring the police car purchase, but we are now focusing on deferring construction of the second phase of the Main Street Streetscape project. The matching funds allocated within the Capital reserve Fund will be used to complete the financing requirements for the traffic signal. The original budget was \$75,000, of which \$50,000 is from a state grant. The actual cost of the signal is \$115,000 to \$123,000, depending on pole selection. The additional funds will then come from the Capital Reserve Fund. Councillor Gardenier further commented that a member of Borough Council noted that this issue was debated for the past twenty years. This is a shocking statement since there are certainly measures that can be considered to improve the intersection without significant expense, such as reducing the speed limit to 25 mph, a right turn only restriction at both Reliance Road approaches and better road markings to stop passing on the right. Councillor Gardenier further commented that the Borough is looking at a new streetscape for this intersection and now is not the time to construct this signal. Councillor Gardenier expressed opposition to the construction of the traffic signal for these reasons.

Councillor Andrew Schlosser commented that he supports the need for a traffic signal, but

would like to see the design of the signal incorporated within the new streetscape design. He stated that we should have our Borough Engineer compare the traffic signal plans with the new streetscape design. By delaying this project, we will have the foresight that what is constructed today will not conflict with future streetscape improvements.

Councillor Brian Goshow commented that he fears that the streetscape work for this section of North Main Street may be ten to fifteen years away. He agreed with the comments of Mr. Hopkins that Borough Council should be careful not to pull funding from other valuable projects, but safety concerns as raised by Mr. Polin are very real. Councillor Goshow commented that we are not looking at the whole picture, the traffic signal is needed now and we should complete the project as cheaply as possible.

Councillor Gardenier suggested that perhaps a redesign as suggested by Andrew Schlosser may even save the Borough some money. Councillor Gardenier further commented on the recent statistical survey prepared by Officer Thomas Lawson. The statistics compare Reliance Road and Main Street to the signalized intersection at Main Street and Broad Street and Broad and Front Streets. There were a total of 55 accidents at the signalized intersections compared to 50 reported accidents at this intersection. This further suggests that the other less costly options should be considered first. If the majority opinion is to proceed with the signal, then we should make sure it is done once and not spend a ton of money later. Councillor Gardenier questioned if the Borough can get another extension on the grant.

Councillor Katherine Grubb commented that the project should be delayed and taken back to the Borough Engineer for evaluation of any possible redesign considerations.

Borough Manager Michael Coll noted that if Borough Council decides to move forward with award of the bid, there will still be a period of time for review of the design while the contract documents are executed, a preconstruction meeting must be scheduled and PennDOT representatives must approve the field locations for each pole. During this time, the Borough Engineer can overlay the recent conceptual streetscape plan for this intersection and isolate any areas of concern with pole placement prior to actual construction.

A motion was made by Councillor J. Edward Hunsicker, and seconded by Councillor Ray M. Yothers, to award the contract to install a traffic signal system at the intersection of Reliance Road and Main Street to Armour and Sons Electric, Inc., of Langhorne, Pennsylvania for a base contract price of \$114,103.85.

Councillor Jonathan Gardenier countered with a motion, seconded by Councillor Andrew Schlosser, to table consideration of the bids for the traffic signal until the August 11, 2008 Borough Council work session. President Young called for a roll call vote on the motion to table as follows:

Jeffrey Gross	Yea	Brian Goshow	Nay
Andrew Schlosser	Yea	John Young	Nay
Katherine Grubb	Yea	Ray Yothers	Nay
Jonathan Gardenier	Yea	Edward Hunsicker	Nay

President John Young noted that there is a tie vote on the motion to table and called upon Mayor Reynolds to break the deadlock. Mayor John Reynolds noted that he is aware of the opinion of Councillor Ned Leight who is absent this evening and in respect of his opinion, Mayor Reynolds voted against the motion to table. The motion to table was defeated.

President John Young then called for a vote of the original motion of Councillor Edward Hunsicker to award the contract to install a traffic signal system at the intersection of Reliance Road and Main Street to Armour and Sons Electric, Inc., of Langhorne, Pennsylvania for a base contract price of \$114,103.85. President John Young called for a roll call vote as follows:

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John Young	Yea	Jonathan Gardenier	Nay
Ray Yothers	Yea		
Edward Hunsicker	Yea		

The motion to award the bid was approved by a vote of 5 yeas to 3 nays.

A motion was then made by Councillor Jeffrey Gross, seconded by Councillor Andrew Schlosser to approve the execution of a change order to the contract with Armour and Sons Electric to use powder coated black poles and mast arms in lieu of the galvanized poles increasing the contract to \$122,528.85. Borough Council members discussed some of the price differences between the alternative poles as itemized by the Borough Engineer. Councillor Gross stated that Main Streets favors the black poles to blend with the streetscape design. President John Young called for a roll call vote as follows:

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Andrew Schlosser	Yea	John Young	Nay
		Katherine Grubb	Nay
		Jonathan Gardenier	Nay
		Ray Yothers	Nay
		Edward Hunsicker	Nay

The motion was defeated by a vote of 2 yeas to 6 nays.

President John Young then moved to the next agenda item to consider a recommendation to purchase a new patrol car. The recommendation of Chief Quinn is to purchase a six cylinder Chevrolet Impala under State contract at a price of \$19,044.00. Councillor Gardenier noted that he spoke to an officer in Lower Salford Township. They had a Chevrolet Impala but recently removed the car from their fleet. Perhaps we should talk to the Lower Salford Police Chief to see what problems were experienced with the Impala. Councillor Gardenier expressed support towards the Dodge Charger after speaking to some of the officers; however, Officer Lawson stated he was in favor of the Ford Crown Victoria which is a proven vehicle.

Councillor Katherine Grubb commented that she spoke with several officers from different departments and they preferred the Dodge Charger. The cost of the Dodge Charger is \$22,944.00 with a V-8 hemi engine.

Councillor Brian Goshow felt that the Dodge Charger and the Chevrolet Impala are about the same size, but a V-8 hemi is not necessary in this Borough. Our Police Chief has recommended the Chevrolet Impala.

A motion was made by Councillor Katherine Grubb, seconded by Councillor Jonathan Gardenier, to approve the purchase of a 2008 Dodge Charger, 4 door sedan, from Warnock Fleet under State contract for the price of \$22,944.00. The motion was clarified to include the V-8 hemi engine. Councillor Brian Goshow noted that we are not certain if Warnock has any vehicles in stock.

Councillor Katherine Grubb revised her motion, approved and seconded by Councillor Jonathan Gardenier, to approve the purchase of a Dodge Charger with an optional V-6 engine at a cost of \$22,000.00. The motion was approved by a vote of 6 yeas and 2 nays, with Councillor Brian Goshow and Edward Hunsicker dissenting.

A motion was made by Councillor Andrew Schlosser, and seconded by Councillor Jonathan Gardenier, to approve the posting of a No Parking Restriction at 200 N Main Street, from Green Street to the alley, for a 90 day trial period per Mayor's order. The motion was approved.

A motion was made by Councillor Jonathan Gardenier, and seconded by Councillor Ray Yothers, to approve the posting of a Loading Zone on West Chestnut Street at 100 N Main Street for a 90 day trial period per Mayor's order. The motion was approved.

A motion was made by Councillor Katherine Grubb, and seconded by Councillor Jonathan Gardenier, to approve Resolution No 2008-08 establishing a voluntary 457 Deferred Compensation Plan for the benefit of the members of the Souderton Police Department, administered through ICMA Retirement Corporation. The motion was approved.

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A motion was made by Councillor Jonathan Gardenier, and seconded by Councillor Jeffrey Gross, to adopt Resolution No 2008-10 appointing Berkheimer as the Tax Hearing Officer pursuant to the Local Taxpayers Bill of Rights for the collection of the Local Services tax. The motion was approved.

A motion was made by Councillor Jonathan Gardenier, and seconded by Councillor Edward Hunsicker, to adopt Resolution No 2008-11 appointing and delegating the Borough Manager/Secretary to serve as the liaison between the Borough and Berkheimer for the express purpose of sharing confidential tax information. The motion was approved.

A motion was made by Councillor Jonathan Gardenier, and seconded by Councillor Katherine Grubb, to adopt Resolution No 2008-12 authorizing Berkheimer to impose and retain costs for the collection of delinquent local service taxes. The motion was approved.

A motion was made by Councillor Andrew Schlosser, and seconded by Councillor Jeffrey Gross, to adjourn to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing police personnel matters and possible sergeant promotion. The motion was approved.

Borough Council adjourned to Executive Session at 9:10 pm and convened to public session at 10:03 pm and 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, August 11, 2008

Council Attendees: Mayor John Reynolds, Jeffrey Gross, Brian Goshaw, Katherine Grubb, Jonathan Gardenier, Ray Yothers and Edward Hunsicker.

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

Presentation- Indian Valley Arts Foundation

Gwen Cukierski and other members of the Indian Valley Arts foundation presented a report on the Souderton Main Street Plaza Sculpture Project. Indian Valley Arts held an open advertised competition for this project, with thirteen entries received all from professional sculptors or designers. The plaza sculpture project has a maximum budget of \$15,000 for the sculpture alone, with other grant funds available to the Borough to prepare the base and surrounding landscape amenities.

Indian Valley Arts selected sculptor Wayne Trapp, who is internationally known with over 400 installations worldwide. Mr. Trapp actually learned of this competition from a local resident and is offering to complete this sculpture at a substantially low price because of his local ties to this community. The custom design from sculptor Wayne Trapp was commissioned to represent past and present Souderton. Gwen Cukierski showed a preliminary sketch of the sculpture representing "Hope, Stability and Growth." This sculpture can be produced in either stainless steel or Cor'ten steel. The sculpture will have a diameter of approximately 3'6" and a height of 10 feet. Councillors Jonathan Gardenier and Katherine Grubb expressed criticism of the abstract sculpture selection by the Indian Valley Arts foundation. Other members of Borough Council endorsed the project with a suggestion that stainless steel be selected to avoid bleeding on the adjoining concrete and landscape materials.

Borough Manager Michael Coll reported that the Borough will complete the plaza design, incorporating provisions for the selected sculpture, and file an application for funding with the Montgomery County Open Space Board. Funds earmarked to the Borough will expire on April 1, 2009.

Police Car Purchase

Members of Souderton Borough Council discussed options to purchase a new police car in light of a recent report that the Dodge Charger with a v-6 engine is not available, as noted in the motion approved by Souderton Borough Council at their August 4th meeting. Councillor Katherine Grubb commented that she has not heard anything positive about the Chevy Impala. She noted that our police officers expressed a preference towards the Dodge Charger and is therefore suggesting that Borough Council proceed with the purchase of the Dodge Charger with a v-8 hemi. The cost is still under budget

and fuel consumption is not that significant with the larger engine. Councillor Brian Goshow expressed dissatisfaction with the Dodge Charger in terms of side window visibility, interior space and continues to feel that a v-8 is not necessary for the Borough. He noted that the Chevy Impala is available and was previously recommended in discussions at the July work session. After considerable discussion, members of Borough Council expressed a consensus to move forward with the purchase of the Dodge Charger with the v-8 hemi engine.

Swimming Pool Feasibility Study- Wade Associates

Members of Borough Council reviewed and discussed an initial draft of the swimming pool feasibility study as prepared by Wade Associates. Wayne Wade presented this draft report to Councillor Jeffrey Gross, Jonathan Gardenier, Katherine Grubb and YMCA Associate Director Betty Linko on July 24th.

The focus of this study is to reconstruct and renovate the existing pools and filter systems. The upper pool will be reconstructed with a zero entry area and various water features. A separate bulk head could be considered to create a separate diving well. New skimmers, piping and filtration equipment will be installed. The study suggests renovation to the lower competitive pool by adding a new skimmer system, new piping and new filtration equipment. New bathhouse facilities and a new mechanical building will have to be considered in the site planning. The project could be designed for completion in various phases to better manage capital funding and potentially take advantage of various grant funding programs and outside contributions.

Considerable discussion was held about the conceptual plans with a suggestion to consider creating more shallow water in the upper recreational pool, with expanded water features and possibly keeping the baby pool separate from the larger pool, to limit required pool closures in the event of fecal incidents. The diving well seemed to be desirable and is very popular with other pools.

Councillor Jonathan Gardenier asked members of Borough Council to express an acceptable amount of funding that they would be willing to set aside in the budget to support swimming. Presently the Borough is investing upwards to \$50,000 per year. Councillor Katherine Grubb commented that road improvement projects and sanitary sewer projects must receive priority over recreational spending. She expressed potential support towards the pool project so long as it does not jeopardize funding for road and sewer projects. Other members felt that specifying a funding commitment at this time is premature. The study and planning should move forward to clarify what the future facility will be capable of offering.

Councillor Gardenier noted that the condition of the existing pool is very poor and should be closed at the end of this season. Other members disagreed with a complete closure. Further discussion will continue through the fall. The Borough Manager was instructed to forward the suggested revisions to Wayne Wade and have him complete the study report. The YMCA will be asked to report on their operating budgets over the past few years.

1. Sanitation Committee

- a) The July Discharge Monitoring Report was filed with no exceptions to permit limitations. Attached is a report from Chief Operator Sal DeSimone outlining the performance of the plant and maintenance report activities.
- b) Councillor Brian Goshow, Engineer Fred Ciottoni and Chief Operator Sal DeSimone met with Ed Zalewski of Sherwood Logan & Associates to review and discuss a revised proposal to install an ElcoTech sludge dryer at the waste water treatment plant. They have dropped the proposed price of the unit to approximately \$300,000 with an estimated \$60,000 in installation costs. Previous conversations had the cost of the unit in excess of \$400,000. They are also offering a lease purchase program. The projected payback is up to 12 years. A recommendation was made to authorize formal bids for the unit at the September Borough Council meeting.

2. Highway Committee

- a) Refer to the attached outline from Steve Coll regarding the status of projects completed during the month of July and planned through August.
- b) We were recently informed by PennDOT Municipal Services that M & M Stone has lost their PennDOT certification for 19mm binder. Given this action, the Borough cannot use M & M Stone to supply binder on any project using Liquid Fuels funds. We are permitted to use their wearing surface. Borough Solicitor Robert Bricker sent notification of default to M & M Stone

and their bonding company. M & M Stone has since rectified this problem by setting up an account on our behalf with Highway Materials to supply the binder, which M & M Stone will bill to the Borough at the agreed contract price. M & M Stone is hoping to resolve their certification with PennDOT in a few weeks. We agreed to split up our planned road work into two phases to give them an opportunity to resolve the matter. If they do not, we will continue with the arrangement through Highway Materials to complete the remaining scheduled work. Crews will be working on paving Summit Street and South Second Street prior to the Uninvest Grand Prix.

3. Sidewalk Committee

- a) No new items were discussed

4. Recreation Committee

- a) Refer to the previous report on the draft swimming pool feasibility study by Wade Associates.
- b) Borough forces are completing the installation of new modular playground equipment at the Lawn Avenue Park. Construction is based on the previously endorsed revised plan to install a pavilion and additional landscaping in the area of the park originally designated for an in-line skating rink. We anticipate completing the play equipment by the end of August. We will then complete the planning for the pavilion and additional landscaping for bids either late fall or early spring.

5. Property Committee

- a) Committee members were informed of a conversation with Scott Frese, who inquired about the possibility of the Borough having interest in the vacant lots held by his father on Fairview Avenue. Committee members agreed that the best use of this property would be for construction of new single family dwellings.

Administrative Work Session – Monday, July 21, 2008

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

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

1. Police Committee

- a) A total of 10 applications were received for the entry level police officer position. All ten applicants participated in the written test on Tuesday, July 29th. The written test will account for 40% of the total score. Seven of the ten applicants received a score of 70 or higher and have been scheduled to participate in the oral examination which will be administered by Chief David Mettin and two additional consultants on Tuesday, August 26th. The oral examination will account for the remaining 60% of the applicant's final score. The Civil Service Commission will convene in early September to complete the final certification list for consideration by Borough Council.
- b) Committee members continued discussion on the request to install a handicapped parking space for 405 East Broad Street. Borough Council already has a space posted for 409 East Broad Street. Members suggested that the two spaces could be combined and started at the intersection of N. Fourth Street, possibly improving visibility at the intersection. A motion will be recommended to proceed with posting a second handicapped parking space in front of townhouses at 401-411 East Broad Street. Members also suggested that a procedure be implemented to follow up on the continuing need of handicapped spaces on a six month basis.

- c) An email was received from residents at 220 Noble Street suggesting that Borough Council consider allowing parking on both sides of Noble Street since it is posted as a one way street. The cartway width of Noble Street is only 26 feet wide, which originally served as the basis for the parking restriction and one way street designation. There is simply not enough room to permit parking on both sides of the street and maintain an acceptable travel lane. This will be relayed to the resident.
- d) Committee members approved a request of the part time police officers to receive the same uniform cleaning and maintenance benefits as the full time police officers.
- e) Committee members approved related expenses to send Kurt Scherzberg to a first line supervision, leadership and management seminar sponsored by the Public Agency Training Council and the Abington Township Police Department on September 17, 18 and 19, 2008.

2. Administrative Committee

- a) Members of the Police Negotiating Committee met with the Souderton Police Officers on Monday, August 11th to begin discussions on a new collective bargaining agreement to become effective January 1, 2009. The Committee received the initial police officer proposals and will formulate a counter proposal shortly.
- b) Two appointments will be placed on the September Borough Council meeting agenda. A motion will be recommended to appoint Andrew Schlosser to another five year term as a member of the Souderton Planning Commission and a motion will be recommended to appoint George Johansen to serve a five year term on the Souderton Industrial Development Authority.
- c) Zwingli Church serves as the polling place for the 3rd ward. The recent fire at the church and subsequent plans to reconstruct will preclude this location to serve as a polling place for the November General Election. We have been in contact with the Montgomery County Board of Elections to determine an alternate polling location. They are aware of the situation and are evaluating the use of the Souderton Municipal Building, SAAC Center or the Souderton Fire House.

3. Development Committee

- a) School District Superintendent Dr. Charles Amuso has confirmed that recent news articles incorrectly stated an August 14th deadline for bids to purchase the high school. He did not provide a firm deadline, but commented that the earliest the School Board will receive any information will be August 28th. The school district has set a minimum bid requirement and he expressed concern that they might not receive any bids meeting this minimum. Members of Borough Council expressed concern that they still have some outstanding issues with the proposed overlay district, but agreed to wait until the actual bids come in to see if the School District will be comfortable considering any proposal at this time. The original plan was to meet jointly with the School Board and the perspective purchaser to discuss provisions of the purchase and outstanding planning issues prior to formally adopting any change in zoning for the site.
- b) The Montgomery County Planning Commission continues to work on a revised C-2 Limited Commercial Zoning District ordinance. Community Planner Hannah Mazzaccaro will continue discussions on the revised C-2 Commercial District at the Wednesday, August 27th meeting of the Souderton Planning Commission. Councillors Jeffrey Gross and Brian Goshaw discussed whether there should be another tier of commercial zoning on Main Street between Green Street and Summit Street. This comment will be forwarded to our community planner.
- c) Jerry Nugent, Director of the Montgomery County Industrial Development Authority and Victor DePallo met with representatives of Borough Council and Souderton-Telford Main Streets on Thursday, August 7th to further discuss the designation of potential economic redevelopment districts within Souderton Borough. DePallo Design and Planning prepared a map showing potential economic redevelopment districts in the Borough. The district includes the Souderton high School property, Core Downtown Business District, Souderton Train

Station and streetscape projects along the Route 113 corridor. The Montgomery County Redevelopment Authority has expressed interest in working with Souderton Borough and may assist the Borough in the formal creation of the redevelopment districts. The next step in this process is to begin the technical designation of the district through the Souderton and Montgomery County Planning Commissions, for formal consideration by Borough Council. This item will be part of the agenda for the August meeting of the Souderton Planning Commission.

- d) Souderton-Telford Main Streets will present the results of the Parking Management Study at the September 15th Administrative Work Session. Members of Borough Council discussed a potential to institute a fee schedule in consideration of waiving off street parking requirements that would then be earmarked to capital improvements in other parking lots. It was suggested that some neighboring municipalities are using a fee of approximately \$2,000 per space. Councillor Jonathan Gardenier suggested a sliding fee schedule that would increase as the waiver request increases. Discussion also suggested an evaluation into whether a Parking Authority would be beneficial to better manage parking facilities throughout the Borough. Borough Manager Michael Coll also noted that he received a call from the Souderton Mennonite Church about interest in discussing a potential lease agreement to utilize their overflow parking lot on West Chestnut Street for daytime parking to support the downtown businesses. They would prefer to lease the lot to the Borough than enter into individual private leases.
- e) The Borough Engineer has completed survey work and will begin to design the connection drive from 121 Main Street to the new municipal parking lot. The engineer will further complete the design of the plaza area in front of the municipal parking lot, which will include facilities for the proposed sculpture project and access to the first floor of 121 Main Street.
- f) Councillor Jonathan Gardenier questioned whether Uninvest has responded to the Borough's letter concerning the height of the parapet wall to entirely hide the mechanical equipment on the roof of the new Operations Center and further address the requirement to completely pave and stripe the parking lot behind the Souderton Train Station. Members requested the Borough Manager to contact Uninvest officials for a formal response to these issues.

4. Finance Committee

- a) No new items were discussed. Work will begin on the development of the 2009 Budget next month.