

Regular Meeting

April 4, 2022

The Regular Meeting of Souderton Borough Council was called to order by President Tracy W. Burke at 7:00 p.m. President Burke reminded the members and audience that the Borough Council meeting is being recorded through Zoom and will be posted to the Borough web site.

The Invocation was given by Borough Councillor Matthew Sholly, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Borough Secretary P. Michael Coll conducted a Roll Call with the following members of Borough Council and staff present:

President Tracy W. Burke	Mayor Daniel L. Yocum
Vice-President Edward M. Huber	
Councillor Daryl W. Littlefield	
Councillor Julie A. Munden	
Councillor Donna Rogers	Solicitor Robert G. Bricker
Councillor Matthew R. Sholly	Borough Manager P. Michael Coll
Councillor Richard M. Walczak	Police Chief Brian Newhall
Councillor Courtnee L. Wampole	Public Works Director Steven R. Coll

Absent from the meeting was Borough Councillor Matthew DiNenna.

Consideration was given to the minutes of the March 7, 2022 Regular Borough Council Meeting and the March 21, 2022 Borough Council Work Session Meeting.

A motion was made by Councillor Daryl Littlefield, and seconded by Councillor Julie Munden, to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2022 Regular Borough Council Meeting as presented. The motion was approved.

A motion was made by Councillor Daryl Littlefield, and seconded by Councillor Courtnee Wampole, to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2022 Borough Council Work Session Meeting as presented. The motion was approved.

Mayor Daniel Yocum noted that on April 9 the Girls Scouts will be sponsoring a clean-up event in the West Street Park. On April 30 the Souderton-Telford Rotary Club will sponsor a clean-up event at Front and Broad Streets. Another event is being planned and volunteers are needed to clean up the Holly Hill Park.

Police Chief Brian Newhall summarized the March, 2022 monthly report to Borough Council. Chief Newhall noted that the department is implementing a PennDOT initiative to make aggressive driving stops. Three speed timing devices have been

received and are being tested on Summit Street. Once testing and set up is complete they will be mounted in high traffic areas. The signs also have a feature to display messages. Chief Newhall also noted that thefts from vehicles are on the rise, encouraging the public to lock their vehicles. Chief Newhall reminded the public to obey Dog Laws, particularly curbing and leash laws. The Souderton Police Department will be participating in the Drug Take Back event and prescription drugs can be deposited in the front lobby of the Municipal Building at any time.

President Tracy Burke requested additional information on crime statistics pre-pandemic compared to current data.

The Borough Solicitor's report for the month of March was distributed to Borough Council. The Borough Solicitor prepared required documents for the amended 2019 General Obligation Loan for the park renovation project. The Solicitor reviewed and offered suggested revisions to the Letter of Intent for the Freight Building. The Solicitor reviewed the potential Goddard School conditional use application with the Borough Manager.

Public Works Director Steven Coll distributed his monthly report of public works activities to Borough Council for their review and information. Crews will be working on the monthly brush collection, street sweeping and pothole patching. The storm drainage project at Grace Bible Church is complete with exception of some drainage work on adjoining residential properties. Storm drainage work has started in the Community Park. The competition or lap pool has been uncovered and drained to have companies evaluate the condition of the plaster and pool joints. The Spring leaf collection program will start the week of April 18th.

Borough Manager Michael Coll noted that Borough Council will hold their monthly work session on April 18, 2022. Borough offices will be closed on Friday, April 15 for the Good Friday Holiday. The Borough Manager, accompanied by the Borough Solicitor and CKS Engineers, will be presenting a variance application before the Franconia Township Zoning Hearing Board on Thursday, April 7, 2022 concerning the Public Works Facility project on Cherry Lane. The Souderton Planning Commission will not be meeting on April 6th due to the Lenten Season and lack of pending business. The next Borough Council meeting will be Monday, May 2, 2022.

The Borough Manager further noted a letter dated April 4, 2022 from Donald Fields, 412 N. Main Street concerning the 2022 fireworks discussions in the Community Park in conjunction with Concert Sundaes, which has been forwarded to the committee. The only business item for consideration is the proposed Letter of Intent for the Freight Building.

Councillor Daryl Littlefield reported that the Public Outreach Committee

recommends that Borough Council has a table at the Third Fridays events on Main Street. Borough Council supported the recommendation.

Councillor Richard Walczak of the Public Safety Committee reported that the committee researched the suggestion for a designated left turn arrow from Broad Street to Main Street. Upon investigation, crash history does not support a warrant for PennDOT to consider any modification of the existing traffic signal.

Councillor Courtnee Wampole reported that the Economic Development Committee is recommending authorization to forward the Letter of Intent for the Freight Building lease. The Committee has received and evaluated the requested information from the microbrewery.

Councillor Julie Munden reported that the committee met with Phillips and Donovan Architects to discuss the floor plans for the Municipal Building Renovation project. She and staff recommended certain revisions to the proposed floor plan.

Councillor Richard Walczak noted that the Finance and Budget Committee will be meeting on April 6th to review the budget and the suggested capital projects under consideration.

Councillor Courtnee Wampole reported that the Parks and Recreation Committee is suggesting fireworks in the Community Park on Sunday, June 19 with a rain date of June 26. The Committee is working with the fireworks company to develop a show that will utilize smaller sized shells to address the noted safety concerns.

Consideration was given to paying the bills for the month of March, 2022.

GENERAL FUND

21 st Century Media	\$61.91	Fromm Electric Supply Corp	\$830.28
Advance Auto Parts	132.21	George Allen Portable Toilets	146.00
Altek Business Systems	151.96	H & K Materials	258.56
Altek Business Systems	6,380.89	Home Depot	123.87
Bergeys, Inc.	63.69	Independence Blue Cross	17,729.02
Boucher & James, Inc.	2,793.73	Landis Truck Graphics	590.00
Clemens Uniform Rental	321.99	Moyer Indoor/Outdoor	1,834.93
Comcast	592.05	North American Benefits Co.	1,212.59
Cope's Garage, Inc.	3,152.50	Petty Cash	128.51
D. L. Beardsley, Ltd.	282.95	PPL Electric Utilities	1,876.22
Davidheisers, Inc.	269.95	Richter Drafting Office Supply	212.40
Delta Dental/Gettysburg Benefit	1,178.68	Souderton CDC	5,937.50
Fred Beans	17,965.00	Thomas A. Lawson	224.00
Fromm Electric Supply Corp.	200.22	Uninvest VISA	185.46
George Allen Portable Toilets	229.00	Uninvest VISA	15.89
Good Plumbing Heating A/C, Inc.	1,262.28	Uninvest VISA	187.15

H & K Materials	\$165.12	Unum Insurance Company	\$1,172.05
Home Depot	355.21	Verizon	73.75
Idville	1,822.95	Verizon Wireless	191.65
J. P. Mascaro & Sons	72,962.37	Altek Business Systems, Inc.	2,099.00
John R. Young & Co.	29.75	Applied Concepts, Inc.	12,052.50
Maryjane Yoder	167.42	Bearing & Drive Solutions	8.05
Metlife/Brighthouse/GASB	3,017.85	Britton Industries	2,095.00
Morton Salt	4,136.17	City of Easton	350.00
Moyer Indoor/Outdoor	3,173.27	Clemens Uniform Rental	91.07
NAPA Auto Parts	40.50	Cope's Garage, Inc.	2,507.79
Nationwide Trust Company	907.76	Crystal Springs	82.90
Nelson Wire Rope Corp.	40.90	George Allen Portable Toilets	152.00
NetCarrier Telecom, Inc.	305.16	Glick Fire Equipment Co.	200.87
North Penn Water Authority	42.54	Gran Turk Equipment Co., Inc.	1,654.64
PECO Energy	230.36	Home Depot	156.05
Pendergast Safety Equipment Co.	55.49	Hoover Tec	15.74
Plasterer Equipment Co., Inc.	1,701.17	J. P. Mascaro & Sons	72,962.37
Postmaster, Lansdale	265.00	Kuhls Law	2,024.00
PPL Electric Utilities	402.07	McDonald Uniform Company	814.49
PTE	99.50	Metlife/Brighthouse/GASB	5,710.19
Robert E. Little, Inc.	464.13	Moyer Indoor/Outdoor	577.75
Scott A. Seifert	5,290.00	NAPA Auto Parts	34.58
Shelly Enterprises USLBM, LLC	119.70	Nationwide Trust Company	1,899.80
Sherwin Williams	61.78	North Penn Water Authority	225.80
Something Better, Inc.	1,100.00	Old Dominion Brush	978.72
Steven R. Coll	317.36	Oldcastle Lawn & Garden	180.81
Styer Associates	5,900.00	Ore, Inc.	1,035.00
Suburban Propane	152.39	PSAB- CDL Testing Program	35.15
Towne Answering Service	550.00	PA Chiefs of Police Association	742.50
Univest Bank & Trust Co.	466.67	Plasterer Equipment Co., Inc.	348.53
Univest VISA	15.95	Scott A. Seifert	2,180.00
Univest VISA	267.89	Suburban Propane	479.74
Univest VISA	388.29	Timothy S. Kelly	144.95
Verizon Wireless	220.75	Univest Bank & Trust Company	516.66
Advance Auto Parts	255.02	Univest VISA	448.93
Altek Business Systems, Inc.	629.02	Wise Electric	975.00
Clemens Uniform Rental	141.15		
Comcast	867.44	Total General Fund	\$288,877.52

SEWER FUND

Altek Business Systems, Inc.	\$105.50	Wise Electric	\$255.00
Amwell	4,622.63	Y-Pers Inc.	191.80
Bearing & Drive Solutions	172.08	Bergey's Electric, Inc.	888.99
CCP Industries, Inc.	1,204.00	Clemens Uniform Rental	138.66
Cintas First Aid & Safety	307.88	Comcast	138.39
Clemens Uniform Rental	316.84	FP Finance Program	359.00
Comcast	138.39	Home Depot	44.33
D. L. Beardsley Ltd.	48.40	Independence Blue Cross	5,333.32
Delaware River Basin Comm.	887.00	IT Landes Home Service Team	1,249.00
Delta Dental/Gettysburg Benefit	470.40	Mike Nelson Consulting	290.00
Derstine Company, Inc.	1,015.00	Moyer Indoor/Outdoor	201.42

Electro Chemical Engineering	\$1,850.00	North American Benefits Co.	\$314.75
EVOQUA Water Technologies	3,631.70	PA Rural Water	315.00
H2O Solutions, Inc.	181.00	Perkasie Regional Authority	750.00
Home Depot	14.82	PPL Electric Utilities	15,976.68
J. P. Mascaro & Sons	3,585.78	Robert E. Little, Inc.	124.74
K J Door Services, Inc.	1,057.00	Suburban Water Testing Labs	1,657.00
Lawson Products, Inc.	691.37	Unum Insurance Company	269.87
Metlife/Brighthouse/GASB	92.28	Verizon	79.01
Midway Industrial Supply	3,948.45	1 st Defense Fire Protection	125.00
NAPA Auto Parts	8.54	Bearing & Drive Solutions	84.48
NetCarrier Telecom, Inc.	114.37	Clemens Uniform Rental	145.69
North Penn water Authority	86.74	EVOQUA Water technologies	3,565.00
P. K. Moyer & Sons, Inc.	805.00	Excelsior Blower Systems, Inc.	1,241.00
PA Rural Water	140.00	J. P. Mascaro & Sons	3,311.21
PPL Electric Utilities	17,164.94	Metlife/Brighthouse/GASB	184.56
Richard D. Nelson	418.50	North Penn Water Authority	164.09
SWERP	7,870.00	Schaners Wastewater Products	2,581.03
TRM Telford Recycling Material	230.00	Y-Pers, Inc.	57.88
Univar Solutions USA, Inc.	5,276.25		
USA Blue Book	597.93	Total Sewer Fund	\$97,089.69

POOL FUND

Airgas National Carbonation	\$84.36	PPL Electric Utilities	\$785.07
Comcast	173.92	Comcast	209.45
Moyer Indoor/Outdoor	848.35	Montgomery County Treasurer	185.00
NetCarrier Telecom, Inc.	89.85	Bennington Pool Services, LLC	54,900.00
North Penn Water Authority	17.92	North Penn Water Authority	18.43
PECO Energy	174.06	Total Pool Fund	\$57,486.41

CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

Boucher & James, Inc.	\$5,400.76	H & K Materials	\$640.18
Cope's Garage, Inc.	550.00	KOMPAN, Inc.	334,999.93
Home Depot	8.50	Landis Block Nycecrete Co	19.38
Jobsite Products, Inc.	1,936.00	Lane-King of Prussia	28,785.00
Modern Group, Ltd	49,234.40	Naceville Materials	1,245.69
Rebew Design Group, Inc.	2,500.00	Shelly Enterprises USLBM, LLC	26.10
Richter Drafting Office Supply	90.00	TRM Telford Recycling Material	1,610.00
Shelly Enterprises USLBM, LLC	65.25	Phillips & Donovan Architects	7,435.83
Univest VISA	380.00		
Commonwealth Precast	4,700.00	Total Capital Reserve Fund	\$439,627.02

LIQUID FUELS FUND

PPL Electric Utilities	\$7,014.42	PPL Electric Utilities	\$159.36
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A motion was made by Councillor Daryl Littlefield, and seconded by Councillor Matthew Sholly, to pay the bills for the month of March, 2022 as presented. The motion was approved.

A motion was made by Councillor Matthew Sholly, and seconded by Councillor Daryl Littlefield, to pay the recurring bills for the month of April, 2022 as presented. The motion was approved. The Borough Manager noted that the Tax Anticipation Loan will also be paid off this week.

President Tracy Burke opened the floor to the audience for public comment.

Main Streets Manager Christina DiVergigelis commented that the Souderton Connects “So You Think You Can Cook” event for April 6th is sold out. Third Fridays will open up in May, still looking for vendors and food trucks for the events.

President Tracy Burke noted that Souderton Connects will be attending the April 18th Borough Council Work Session to review a Business Welcome Packet that they are assembling.

There being no further public comment, President Burke moved to the remaining scheduled item of business, which is the Letter of Intent for the Freight Building lease.

Councillor Courtnee Wampole noted that this opportunity to lease the Freight Building came through an initial contact with Souderton Connects. Councillor Wampole summarized the committee efforts to develop the recommended Letter of Intent for the Freight Building. The company has rebranded their name to Brass Collar Brewing. Benjamin Israel and his partners were present and commented on their interest in working with the Souderton Community.

A motion was made by Councillor Courtnee Wampole, and seconded by Councillor Daryl Littlefield, to authorize the issuance of a Letter of Intent to Brass Collar Brewing Company to enter into a formal Sublease Agreement for the Souderton Train Station Freight Building at 100 S. Front Street, Souderton. The motion was approved.

President Tracy Burke commented that the Borough is moving forward to clean up the Freight Building and adjacent site work that has been a developing eye sore for far too long.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

P. Michael Coll, Secretary