Borough of Souderton Regular Meeting

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

President John U. Young Vice President Andrew C. Schlosser Councillor Brian Goshow Councillor Katherine M. Grubb Councillor Roy J. Zeiher Councillor Ray M. Yothers Councillor Philip Clemens Councillor J. Edward Hunsicker, Jr. Mayor John R. Reynolds Solicitor Robert Bricker Borough Manager P. Michael Coll Public Works Director Steven R. Coll Police Chief Charles A. Quinn, Sr.

Absent from the meeting were Councillor Ned Leight and Junior Councillor Andrew Espenlaub.

The Invocation was given by Councillor Ray M. Yothers, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Consideration was given to the minutes of the August 6, 2007, Regular Borough Council Meeting. A motion was made by Councillor Philip Clemens, seconded by Councillor Ray M. Yothers, to approve the minutes as prepared. The motion was approved.

There was no correspondence.

Mayor John R. Reynolds noted that the annual Univest Grand Prix bicycle race will be held this Saturday, September 8th. This is the 10th anniversary of the Univest Grand Prix and he hopes that the community will continue to support this event. President John Young further commented that this event has grown to a point of being televised both nationally and internationally.

Police Chief Charles Quinn commented that he provided each Councillor with the first print out from the radar speed trailer. Chief Quinn further added that SEPTA was notified of the bicycle race and the planned detour for Route 132 during the event. Also parking restrictions will be posted for the race and the community is reminded that vehicles parked in violation will be ticketed and towed at the owner's expense.

Solicitor's Report for the month of August, 2007, included meetings with the Souderton Civil Service Commission and they are working on revised Rules and Regulations for the Commission. The revised Rules and Regulations will be presented to Council for approval.

Public Works Director Steven Coll reported that they completed paving work on the East Reliance Road railroad grade crossing, as directed by the Public Utility Commission with CSX Transportation reimbursing material expenses. Crews have completed trench repairs and paving work along East Summit Street for the Univest Grand Prix. Final paving will be completed in 2008. Crews are scheduled to begin construction of the new storm drain line along N Fourth Street next week. Roads will be closed for several weeks.

Borough Manager P. Michael Coll reminded Borough Council of the vacancy on the Souderton Industrial Development Authority. The Civil Service Commission is scheduled to meet on Monday, September 10th at 4:00 pm to discuss the revised Rules and Regulations. We are planning to discuss the Civil Service Rules and Regulations at the Administrative Work Session of Borough Council with formal consideration scheduled for the October 1st Borough Council meeting. A formal Conditional Use application has been received form Mark Cornwall of Tattoo Marks to formally authorize the operation of his tattoo parlor and piercing studio at 143 Main Street. A hearing before Borough Council will be scheduled in October. Members of the Souderton Zoning Hearing Board unanimously appointed Attorney Joseph Kuhls of Dischle, Bartle, Yanoof and Dooley as their Solicitor. This appointment was effective immediately. The only item of business scheduled for this evening is a minor subdivision plan from Daryl Derstine and Jonathan Felton for property at 445 and 447 Main Street.

Following an inquiry from Councillor Brain Goshow, Borough Manager Michael Coll noted that a copy of the single hauler trash collection survey questionnaire has been distributed to members of Borough Council. This questionnaire will be included in the fall newsletter that will be mailed to Borough residents later this month. The survey is relatively simple to complete and is intended to obtain a feeling form the community whether the Borough should continue to work towards a single trash collector in the Borough.

Consideration was given to paying the bills for the month of August, 2007.

GENERAL FUND

Boucher and James	\$11,876.70	Ches-Mont Disposal, Inc.	\$642.36
Comcast Cable	42.95	Enchlor Inc.	472.50
MetLife	240.70	MetLife	3,060.45
North Penn Water Authority	58.88	PECO Energy	14.34
Pennsylvania One Call System	22.10	Petty Cash Fund	71.42
Ply-Mar Construction Co., Inc.	101,610.00	Potty Queen	275.00
Sureflow Technologies, LLC	188.55	Trico Associates	180.00
Univar USA Inc.	2,724.85	Univest National Bank	16,273.64
Charles A. Quinn, Sr.	33.00	David A. Freed	342.00
Farm & Home Oil Co.	947.65	Federal Express Corporation	26.67
Jaeger Electric Service, Inc.	577.15	McBee Systems, Inc.	184.57
MetLife	240.70	MetLife	3,060.45
Michael C. Boraski, D.M.D.	363.00	Montgomery Newspaper	169.55
Moyer & Son, Inc.	2,673.02	NetCarrier Telecom, Inc.	472.47
PA Municipal Retirement System	20.00	PPL Electric Utilities	3,870.41
State Workers Insurance Fund	12,656.70	Univest Visa	13.09
Verizon	216.56	AT&T	32.22
Beacon Business Machines	102.00	Independence Blue Cross	13,555.47
North American Benefits Company	775.47	Petty Cash Fund	114.38
Postmaster, Telford/Souderton	182.40	PPL Electric Utilities	5,559.99
PSAB CDL Testing Program	130.00	QC Inc.	336.00
Saint Joseph's University	2,026.00	Thomas A. Lawson	95.50
Unum Insurance Company	751.70	Weber, Kracht & Chellew	103.50
Word Work, Inc.	840.00	Keystone Health Plan East	5,167.07
Bergey's, Inc.	293.46	Christopher E. Werner, D.D.S.	253.00
Clemens Uniform Rental	77.30	Cope's Garage, Inc.	7,313.75
David A. Freed	316.00	Farm & Home Oil Co.	606.69
Fromm Electric Supply Corporation	19.80	I.C.R. Specialties	158.00
Indian Creek Foundation	376.00	Jaeger Electric Service, Inc.	315.17
Kurt Scherzberg	53.28	Lansdale Police Department	450.00
Letterco	52.00	Markey Paper & Packaging, Inc.	82.20
Metro technology Service	1,790.00	Michael C. Boraski, D.M.D.	132.00
Moyer & Son, Inc.	229.50	N.A.D.A. Appraisal Guides	66.00
Nextel Communications	359.27	Radio Shack	34.99
Richard A. Mellor	200.00	Richter Drafting/Office Supply	735.80
Ron Bartholomew Concrete	46,300.00	Shelly Enterprises, Inc.	9.66
Souderton Independent	22.95	Span Publishing Inc.	134.10
Univar USA Inc.	565.05	Univest National Bank	6052.96
		Total General Fund	\$260,392.06

SEWER FUND

4 Maitz Home Services	\$616.25	Bearings & Drives Unlimited	\$410.62
Ches-Mont Disposal	79.50	Comcast Cable	42.95
ES2, Inc.	200.00	MetLife	82.21
North Penn Water Authority	168.03	Pollu-Tech, Inc.	251.00
PPL Electric Utilities	733.28	PPL Electric Utilities	15,146.16
Cintas Corporation	304.00	Postmaster, Telford/Souderton	838.13

Bearing & Drives Unlimited	368.37	California Contractors Supplies, Inc	199.60
Fisher Scientific	702.17	J.P. Mascaro & Sons	5,494.32
MetLife	82.21	Moyer & Son, Inc.	305.86
NetCarrier Telecom, Inc.	217.68	Nyco Corporation	255.68
Siemens Water Technologies	1,106.19	Suburban Water Testing Labs	250.00
Thomas Seerveld, D.M.D.	113.00	Verizon	53.80
Independence Blue Cross	5,457.80	Keystone Health Plan East	2,291.64
North America Benefits	254.79	State Workers Insurance Fund	5,424.30
Univar USA Inc.	1,810.80	Unum Insurance Company	233.75
Airgas	67.66	Bearings & Drives Unlimited	190.00
Cintas First Aid & Safety	29.90	Clemens Uniform Rental	157.20
Fisher Scientific	42.56	Hach Company	303.00
Hart Mechanical Contractor	827.50	J.P. Mascaro & Sons.	4,802.85
K & A SRVS, INC.	687.50	Nyco Corporation	88.86
QC Inc.	118.40	S C Engineers, Inc.	631.84
Shelly Enterprises, Inc.	5.54	Siemens Water Technologies	1,124.99
Thomas Seerveld, D.M.D.	80.00	United Laboratories	345.51
Univar USA Inc.	385.00	Wellington Sporting Foods	27.75
Wolf,Block,Schorr & Solis-Cohen	390.00		
		Total Sewer Fund	\$53,800.15

SANITARY SEWER CAPITAL FUND (PLGIT)

Commonwealth Precast, Inc.	\$ 631.00	G. A. Peak	\$ 20,481.25
Glasgow, Inc.	598.50	Hajoca Corporation	2,624.30
Highway Materials, Inc	1,862.49	M & M Stone Company	1,394.18
Naceville Materials	5,330.61	Norris Sales Company, Inc	2,255.00
S C Engineers, Inc	483.95	Trout Brothers, Inc.	10,448.17
Bank of New York (PENNVEST)	57,355.94	Naceville Materials	1,220.54
		Total Sanitary Sewer Capital Fund	\$104,685.93

LQUID FUELS FUND

Asphalt Industries, Inc.	\$29,837.90	PPL Electric Utilities	\$166.15
Shelly Enterprises, Inc.	53.29	Armour and Son Electric, Inc	628.22
PPL Electric Utilities	391.05		
		Total Liquid Fuels Fund	\$31,076.61

A motion was made by Councillor Andrew C. Schlosser and seconded by Councillor J. Edward Hunsicker, Jr., to pay the bills for the month of August, 2007, as presented. The motion was approved.

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

Jonathan Gardenier, 127 N. Fourth Street, commented that the speed radar trailer should be located away from intersections, since he noted that the trailer is recoding the speed of cars slowing to turn at intersections. This will serve to skew the speed reports. He further suggested that the Souderton High School should be contacted to develop a web site for the Borough as a class project, with far less expense to the Borough. Mr. Gardenier handed out photographs of weeds growing along sidewalks, especially in the core downtown, which must be addressed prior to the bike race. He further suggested that the insertion of grass plots must be done in a uniform manner. Lastly, Mr. Gardenier distributed additional sketch plans showing alternative designs for the Main Street parking lot and further recommended that Borough Council revisit the parking requirements to require more off street parking, for example multifamily units should be required to have three spaces per unit. Councillor Andrew Schlosser recommended that the Code Enforcement Officer contact residents about controlling weeds within the sidewalk area of their property. Borough Manager Michael Coll noted that the Borough contracts with Moyer & Son to spray weeds along curb lines on an annual basis.

Debbie Llewellyn, 68 Diamond Street, commented that she is very dissatisfied with the painted parking stalls on Diamond Street. The striping resulted in the loss of ten parking spaces on the street and they can no longer park around the curve at Wile Avenue.

Elaine Derstine, 23 W. Chestnut Street, expressed appreciation to Borough Council for moving forward with the single hauler trash collection survey. She also questioned whether the Borough considered offering a local government class at the High School for residents to learn more about the operation of local government. Mayor Reynolds noted that former Mayor Allebach attended civic classes at the High School on a very regular basis to talk to students about the role of local government.

Janet Seigfreid, 62 Diamond Street, commented about the speed of vehicles and trailers traveling down Diamond Street during the soap box derby. Diamond Street is very congested and there are many families with small children in this block. As a courtesy, these vehicles must slow down or utilize a different street.

Laurel Hagelgans, 64 Diamond Street, supported the comments made by Mrs. Llewellyn. We are all two car families desiring to be able to park at least one car in front of our homes.

The first item of business was Approval for the Minor Subdivision Plan of Daryl Derstine and John Felton, 445/447 Main Street.

A motion was made by Councillor Andrew C. Schlosser, and seconded by Councillor Roy J. Zeiher, to approve the minor subdivision plan, dated July 2, 2007, as prepared for Daryl Derstine, regarding property at 445 & 447 N Main Street, accepting the waiver request from Section 303.4 and 402.3 of the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance, accepting for dedication the land between the legal right of way and ultimate right of way, as noted on the plan, and requiring the planting of a street tree on each of the two lots. The motion was approved.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:03p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

P. Michael Coll, Secretary