



Borough Council- Regular Meeting April 1, 2024

The Regular Meeting of Souderton Borough Council, held on the above date, was called to order by Council President Tracy W. Burke at 7:00pm. President Burke stated that this evening's meeting will be recorded. Councilor Julie Munden provided the Invocation, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Borough Secretary Stacy E. Crandell noted that Councilor Matthew R. Sholly and Junior Councilor Elijah S. Steglik was absent this evening and the following Borough Council and staff were present:

Council President Tracy W. Burke	Mayor Daniel L. Yocum
Councilor Matthew J. DiNenna	Borough Manager Stacy E. Crandell
Councilor Stephanie Hall	Solicitor John Torrente
Councilor Edward M. Huber	Police Chief Brian A. Newhall
Councilor Daryl W. Littlefield	Public Works Director Steven Coll
Councilor Julie A. Munden	Finance Director Sara Jarrett-Eaton
Councilor Donna M. Rogers	Administrative Assistant Christine Nicholas
Councilor Richard M. Walczak	

Council President Tracy Burke explained as previously discussed, that going forward the minutes and approval of the bills will fall under a consent agenda portion of the Council Meeting per a discussion with the Borough Manager.

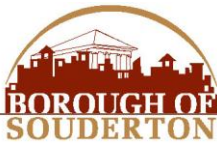
After 40 years, Mr. P. Michael Coll is retiring from Souderton Borough. Mayor Dan Yocum spoke at length about Mr. Coll's accomplishments as Borough Manager and what he means to Souderton Borough. A "bridge builder" who was integral in the formation of Community Park, Souderton Community Pool and the Wastewater Treatment Plant to name a few. Mike Coll thanked everyone who helped him get to where he is and who paved the way before him. Many people joined Mike and Family for a meet and greet in the lobby.

A motion made by Councilor Daryl Littlefield, and seconded by Councilor Richard Walczak, to approve the Consent Agenda that included the March meeting minutes and the bills for March and April. The motion was approved.

Borough Manager Stacy Crandell introduced new employee Sara Jarrett- Eaton. A motion made by Councilor Matthew DiNenna, and seconded by Donna Rogers, to approve the appointment of Sara Jarrett-Eaton as Finance Director and Treasurer. The motion passed unanimously.

Jessica Cimini, Souderton Connects Manager, provided an update. She stated that they will be hosting their first Third Friday in May and have local bands and food trucks. They will be installing an art banner and using their first Façade Grant at Optical Gallery. A Business Bytes event will be held on May 8, 2024, at Brass Collar and will feature a Q & A session with the Economic Development Committee.

Council President Tracy Burke spoke about the details of the Façade Grant and contacting Rep. Steve Malagari's office.



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Mayor Daniel Yocum highlighted some events going on in Souderton in April. A "So You think You Can Cook" event is coming up soon and on April 20th a Bingo event will be hosted.

A motion made by Councilor Julie Munden, and seconded by Councilor Donna Rogers, to approve Resolution#2023-11 to allow the transfer of the liquor license to 672 E. Broad Street as long as the applicable zoning and accessibility requirements are met. This was approved with a vote of 7-2, with Councilor Richard Walczak and Councilor Edward Huber opposing the motion.

Police Chief Brian Newhall summarized the monthly report of the police department activities. Chief Newhall noted that the National Drug Takeback event would be forthcoming. Two vehicles sold on Muncibid for \$7,400.00 and our new vehicle is now in our possession. Central Booking will now take place at Montgomery County Corrections.

Public Works Director Steven Coll summarized the activities of the Public Works Department. Mr. Coll explained that the Department is working on a sewer project of Wile Avenue. P.K. Moyer is paving. Brush and leaf collection is going on and work on the pool is continuing. 2 Handicapped ramps were installed at Broad and Washington. Sealmaster will be coating the basketball court in about a month.

Borough Solicitor John Torrente spoke of Litigation being discussed at the Executive Session following the meeting. Also, changes to the non-uniform pension plan were being discussed. Instead of 25 years to be vested, it would be changed to 10 years. COLA and DROP programs were also discussed.

No Committee Reports were presented at this time

Council President Tracy Burke opened the floor to the audience for public comment. Calvin Munden of 220 Montgomery Avenue, spoke of boosters for his High School Marching Band. On May 15th there will be a Bag Bingo and they are looking to put together a Percussion Competition with 28 groups. Volunteers are always needed to help with the parking lot and various stations. Go to soudertonbigredone.org and sign up on their sign-up genius. Public Comment was closed at 7:49pm

Borough Manager Stacy Crandell explained Resolution#2024-08 is the Approval of Sale of Items on Muncibid. The following items were sold:

Crown Victoria \$4,000.00
Trailblazer - \$3,500.00
Skatepark - \$1,350.00
Ice Skating Rink - \$750.00

A motion was made by Councilor Julie Munden and seconded by Councilor Stephanie Hall to approve Resolution#2024-08 authorizing the Sale of Items on Muncibid. The motion was approved.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:37PM to an executive session to discuss personnel with no action anticipated.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara E. Jarrett-Eaton

Sara E. Jarrett-Eaton, Secretary