

**Regular Borough Council Meeting**

**October 5, 2020**

The Regular Monthly Meeting of Souderton Borough Council, held on the above date, was called to order by President Brian K. Goshow at 7:00 p.m. Council President Brian Goshow noted that this in-person meeting is also available for the public to access through Zoom to monitor and make public comment. The Borough Council meeting was attended by the following members and staff:

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| President Brian K. Goshow    | Councillor Edward Huber         |
| Vice-President Julie Munden  | Mayor John R. Reynolds          |
| Councillor Donna Rogers      | Junior Councillor Nick Mancini  |
| Councillor Ned Leight        | Solicitor Robert G. Bricker     |
| Councillor Richard Godshall  |                                 |
| Councillor Daniel Yocum      | Borough Manager P. Michael Coll |
| Councillor Matt Mscichowski  |                                 |
| Councillor Daryl Littlefield | Police Chief James P. Leary     |

The invocation was given by Council President Brian Goshow, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Council President Brian Goshow noted that Vice-President Julie Munden is coordinating Zoom access this evening.

Consideration was given to the minutes of the September 14, 2020 Regular Borough Council Meeting and the Borough Council work session on September 21, 2020. The meeting minutes were considered separately by Borough Council as follows:

A motion was made by Councillor Richard Godshall, seconded by Councillor Ned Leight, to approve the minutes of the September 14, 2020 Regular Monthly Borough Council meeting as presented. The motion was approved.

A motion was made by Councillor Richard Godshall, seconded by Councillor Ned Leight, to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2020 Borough Council work session as presented. The motion was approved.

Borough Manager P. Michael Coll reported on a letter received from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources confirming that Souderton Borough was awarded a grant in the amount of \$225,000.00 towards playground and outdoor gym equipment for the Community Park Improvement Project.

Police Chief James Leary noted that the monthly report for September will be distributed for discussion at our next Borough Council work session. The Souderton Police Department remains fully operational and the Officers are all healthy and well. Chief Leary noted that the department continues to support and assist our local food banks. The COVID pandemic has diminished many of the department’s Community

Oriented Policing initiatives and has challenged the ability of the officers to access mandatory training requirements. The department will maintain their usual presence during Mischief and Halloween nights. Discretion is left to the residents to decide if they choose to participate in Halloween activities by leaving their porch light on.

Borough Solicitor Robert Bricker circulated his monthly report to Borough Council. The Borough Solicitor began initial work on the required documentation to obtain a Tax Anticipation Loan for the 2021 calendar year. The Borough Solicitor filed a response with the PA Office of Open Records concerning the appeal of the IBEW Union under the Right to Know law.

Public Works Director Steven Coll was absent from the meeting. The Public Works crew is preparing to complete the designated road paving projects. The streetscape project around the Broad Theater will be constructed upon completion of the paving work. Crews are expected to begin spot leaf collection at the end of October and will then follow an alternating schedule through the month of November.

Borough Manager Michael Coll reviewed the meeting schedule for the month of October. There will be a Borough Council work session on Monday, October 12, 2020. A special Budget work session has been scheduled for Monday, October 26, 2020 beginning at 7:00 pm. The Agenda for the October 5, 2020 Borough Council meeting includes formal authorization to have the Borough Solicitor prepare an Ordinance regarding the proposed re-authorization and expansion of the Souderton Business Improvement District. The Borough Manager noted that the BID re-authorization plan includes the entire Borough. The Plan and information on the voting process can be found on the BID's website at [soudertonconnects.com](http://soudertonconnects.com). The deadline to receive responses is November 12, 2020. A motion has been prepared to approve the proposed policy of the Northern Montgomery County recycling Commission in addressing Act 101 violations. Styer Associated reviewed the 2019 Audit and General Purpose Financial Statements with Borough Council at the September 21 work session. A motion has been recommended to approve the statements as presented.

Mayor John Reynolds reported that the Police Chief Selection Committee observed the field of six highly qualified candidates complete the final evaluation exercises throughout the day on Saturday, September 26. Councillor and Police Committee Chair Julie Munden noted that Councillor Donna Rogers has been added to the Police Chief Search Committee. The Committee will be meeting on October 15<sup>th</sup> with SafeCity Solutions to review the final scores of the Police Chief Candidates and they plan to narrow the field to three candidates to be interviewed by Borough Council. President Brian Goshow expressed his appreciation to the Committee for the significant amount of time that they devoted to this search. Selecting our next Police Chief is one of the most important matters that Borough Council will undertake this year.

Councillor Daniel Yocum noted that the COVID-19 pandemic has cancelled the many traditional fundraising events that the Souderton Fire Company holds on an annual basis, including the annual Fire Prevention Open House. The Souderton Fire Company is planning a Drive-In Movie night for October 17<sup>th</sup> information on this and other fund raising events that will be posted to their Facebook page.

Consideration was given to paying the bills for the month of September, 2020.

**GENERAL FUND**

21 <sup>st</sup> Century Media	\$211.66	Ready Refresh	\$108.19
Advanced Color & Grind	50.00	Richter Drafting Office Supply	125.28
Airgas National Carbonation	238.10	Robert W. Harley, RPR	180.00
Allan Myers	2,904.40	Shelly Enterprises-USLBM, LLC	26.36
Armour & Sons Electric, Inc.	8,447.50	Suburban Propane	227.07
Arrow Tree Service, LLC	2,900.00	Sudz In A Bucket, Inc.	27.50
Bergey's, Inc.	104.95	The Verdin Company	67.59
C & S Lawn and Landscape, Inc.	13,600.00	Towne Answering Service	550.00
Clemens Uniform Rental	245.68	Trumbauers Lawn & Rec, Inc.	30.34
Comcast Cable	781.55	Uninvest VISA	301.91
Cope's Garage, Inc.	959.34	Uninvest VISA	151.14
D. L. Beardsley, Ltd.	68.00	Uninvest VISA	83.78
Davidheisers, Inc.	36.00	Unum Insurance Company	1,036.49
Delta Dental/Gettysburg Benefit	1,096.12	Verizon	72.70
Freedom Systems Corp	4,022.98	Verizon Wireless	354.24
George Allen Portable Toilets	381.00	Advanced Disposal	38,006.92
H & K Materials	291.89	Altek Business Systems, Inc.	415.29
Highway Materials, Inc.	307.96	American Power Washing, LLC	160.00
James P. Leary	336.59	Boucher & James, Inc.	2,257.81
Landis Block & Nycrete Co	6.38	Clemens Uniform Rental	114.12
Lawson Products, Inc.	95.25	George Allen Portable Toilets	152.00
Metlife	3,137.27	Home Depot	52.96
Moyer Indoor/Outdoor	1,864.64	Independence Blue Cross	16,015.57
Nationwide Trust Company	944.18	Metlife	3,118.21
NetCarrier Telecom, Inc.	505.25	Nationwide Trust Company	956.87
North American Benefits Co	1,004.41	North Penn Water Authority	733.00
North Penn Water Authority	48.80	Postmaster, Lansdale	770.50
Nucitrus	708.00	PPL Electric Utilities	132.40
PECO Energy	62.61	Ready Refresh	38.93
PA One Call System	90.30	Shelly Enterprises-USLBM, LLC	40.08
Plasterer Equipment Co., Inc.	1,633.07	Trumbauers Lawn & Rec, Inc.	572.73
PPL Electric Utilities	1,600.96		
PPL Electric Utilities	84.42	Total General Fund	\$115,649.24

**SEWER FUND**

Altek Business Systems, Inc.	\$92.33	Unum Insurance Company	\$242.76
Analytical Laboratories, Inc.	115.00	USA Blue Book	269.41
Bearings & Drive Solutions	154.08	Verizon	75.76
Cintas First Aid & Safety	91.49	Analytical Laboratories, Inc.	115.00
Clemens Uniform Rental	\$226.15	Bearing & Drive Solutions	\$16.20
Comcast	89.51	Bergey's Electric, Inc.	134.60

D. L. Beardsley, Ltd	56.00	Cintas First Aid & Safety	181.65
Delta Dental/Gettysburg Benefit	284.64	Clemens Uniform Rental	90.46
EVOQUA Water Technologies	8,559.45	EVOQUA Water Technologies	7,571.60
Home Depot	154.96	Good Plumbing Heating A/C, Inc.	971.01
J. P. Mascaro & Sons	662.30	Hajoca Corporation	1,280.25
Jesse Baro, Inc.	9,018.29	Home Depot	156.56
Metlife	69.21	Independence Blue Cross	4,659.03
Midway Industrial Supply	1,517.13	Jesse Baro, Inc.	4,814.67
Moyer Indoor/Outdoor	208.71	Landis Block & Nycecrete Co	22.23
NetCarrier Telecom, Inc.	158.06	Lawson Products, Inc.	365.42
North American Benefits Co	250.60	Metlife	69.21
North Penn Water Authority	101.80	Midway Industrial Supply	173.22
NYCO Corporation	115.84	North Penn Water Authority	193.64
PPL Electric Utilities	473.28	Pennsylvania State University	395.00
Reuter & Hanney, Inc.	800.00	PPL Electric Utilities	10,197.75
Schaners Wastewater Products	2,558.63	Sunair Co	4,275.33
Suburban Water Testing Labs	4,714.70	USA Blue Book	1,511.94
Univest VISA	330.00	Total Sewer Fund	\$68,584.86

POOL FUND

CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

Commonwealth Precast, Inc.	\$2,630.00	Blooming Glen Quarry	\$1,115.00
Georges Tool Rental	933.66	Boucher and James, Inc.	6,165.35
Naceville Materials	851.61	Naceville Materials	147.54
Shelly Enterprises-USLBM, LLC	52.72	P. K. Moyer & Sons, Inc.	15,725.25
Univest Capital	3,155.23	Security Service Co., Inc.	6,000.00
Allan Myers	517.89	Total Capital Reserve Fund	\$37,294.25

LIQUID FUELS FUND

PPL Electric Utilities	\$6,265.38	Sherwin Williams	\$56.98
PPL Electric Utilities	27.25	PPL Electric Utilities	70.13

A motion was made by Councillor Matt Mscichowski, and seconded by Councillor Daryl Littlefield, to approve the payment of bills for the month of September, 2020 as presented. The motion was approved.

A motion was made by Councillor Matt Mscichowski, and seconded by Councillor Richard Godshall, to approve the payment of recurring bills for the month of October, 2020 as presented. The motion was approved.

President Goshow opened the meeting for public comment as follows:

Michael Pipe, 570 E. Garfield Avenue, Souderton addressed Borough Council that the minutes of the August 3, 2020 Borough Council Meeting grossly failed to properly characterize his comments. He expressed extreme dissatisfaction that the minutes did not specifically state his comment that Council President Brian Goshow and

Councillor Edward Huber were not wearing masks during the August 3, 2020 Borough Council meeting. In fact, Council President Goshow and Councillor Edward Huber are again not wearing face masks at this meeting of Borough Council. Mr. Pipe did recognize and expressed appreciation for the remaining members of Borough Council who are wearing face masks.

Priscilla Newman, 17 Franklin Avenue, Souderton expressed concern with the lack of progress with the North End Market at 140-142 Main Street. The building looks terrible, windows are missing, and the Borough needs to be more aggressive with the owner to complete the renovations.

Harry Boardman, 105 N. Main Street, Souderton reported that the Art Jam will be a virtual event this year due to COVID restrictions. The virtual event will continue through the month. The Souderton Business Improvement District installed the new benches and seating area at the entrance to the Main Street Parking Lot.

Following public comment, President Brian Goshow moved to the scheduled business items as follows:

A motion was made by Councillor Donna Rogers, and seconded by Councillor Ned Leight, to authorize the Borough Solicitor to prepare and advertise an Ordinance to re-authorize and expand the Souderton Business Improvement District for formal consideration at the December 7, 2020 regular Borough Council Meeting. The motion was approved by a vote of 8 ayes and 1 nay. The dissenting vote was cast by Councillor Daniel Yocum.

A motion was made by Councillor Ned Leight, and seconded by Councillor Matt Mscichowski, to approve the proposed policy of the Northern Montgomery County Recycling Commission addressing Act 101 violations. The motion was approved by a vote of 8 ayes and 1 nay. The dissenting vote was cast by Councillor Edward Huber.

A motion was made by Councillor Richard Godshall, and seconded by Councillor Daniel Yocum, to a approve the Audit Report and General Purpose Financial Statements as prepared by Styer Associates, Certified Public Accountants for the year ending December 31, 2019. The motion was approved.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

P. Michael Coll, Secretary