

## **BOROUGH OF BOYERTOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

**October 4, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Boyertown Borough Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Council President Frank Deery. Council members present in addition to Mr. Deery were Charles Heller, Barry Christman, Lorraine Carnes, Keith Endy, Terry Mest and Gene Gabel.

Also in attendance were Marianne Deery, Mayor; Patricia Loder, Borough Manager; Christopher Hartman, Solicitor; Wayne Foley, Boyertown High School Principal; Police Chief Barry Leatherman; interested citizens; and members of Cub Scout Troop 545.

All rose for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Deery called for public comment on the agenda; no comments were forthcoming.

Mr. Deery recognized Chief Leatherman and Mr. Foley. Chief Leatherman reviewed with the members a discussion that was held at the September 29<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Police and Public Safety Committee concerning a traffic problem that is occurring at the high school during dismissal. Specifically, the number of parents picking up their children at the close of school has increased dramatically and is causing a back log of traffic on North Madison Street and East Fourth Street. This back log of traffic prohibits the buses coming from the middle school to use Madison Street to get to the high school. To resolve the problem the Chief has allowed the buses to temporarily travel north bound on the one way south bound block of North Monroe Street. The Chief and Mr. Foley stated that school personnel are directing traffic to assist the buses in getting from the middle school to the high school via Monroe Street. Mr. Foley agreed to attend tonight's meeting of Council to participate in the discussion to find a more suitable resolution to the current situation. Mr. Foley stated that the current shortage of bus drivers has caused overcrowded buses and longer bus runs and is the reason more parents are choosing to pick their children up at the close of school. Mr. Foley does believe the situation is temporary; however, it could continue to be a problem this entire school year.

The Police and Public Safety Committee had suggested that parents be directed to use the Monroe Street extension from Montgomery Avenue to access the east side of the high school. However, Mr. Foley stated that this is not a viable solution and would in fact create a traffic conflict with student drivers and buses as they all attempt to use Monroe Street to enter and leave the high school.

A lengthy discussion ensued on the subject, in which the solicitor stated that Borough Council could adopt a resolution to designate for a period of 90 days a different traffic pattern on North Monroe Street between Philadelphia Avenue and East Fourth Street. Specifically, discussed is designating the one way north bound portion of North Monroe Street as buses only route between the hours of 2:30 p.m. and 2:50 p.m. when school is in session. Following all discussion, members of Council agreed that the solicitor, Police Chief and Borough Manager should prepare a resolution and investigate the necessary signage to designate a temporary traffic pattern on North Monroe Street. Adoption of the resolution will be considered at the November 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of Borough Council.

Mr. Deery called for a motion to approve the minutes of the September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting of Borough Council. The motion was made by Mr. Gabel, seconded by Mrs. Carnes, and approved.

**Finance, Charles Heller**

Mr. Heller made a motion, second by Mr. Mest, to approve the lists of Revenues, Expenditures and Bills for September 2021. The motion was approved.

The following is a summary of the Financial Report:

<b>General Fund</b>	
Balance in Bank 08/31/2021	\$774,072.81
Receipts	185,711.09
Expenditures	407,709.80
Balance in Bank 09/30/2021	\$552,074.10
<b>Tank Maintenance Fund</b>	
Balance in Bank 08/31/2021	\$423,590.53
Receipts	14.20
Expenditures	0.00
Balance in Bank 09/30/2021	\$423,604.73
<b>Water Fund</b>	
Balance in Bank 08/31/2021	\$598,258.42
Receipts	289,196.39
Expenditures	231,665.67
Balance in Bank 09/30/2021	\$655,789.14
<b>Sewer Fund</b>	
Balance in Bank 08/31/2021	\$443,013.53
Receipts	140,529.60
Expenditures	127,335.03
Balance in Bank 09/30/2021	\$456,208.10
<b>Recreation Fund</b>	
Balance in Bank 08/31/2021	\$ 97,789.45
Receipts	3.28
Expenditures	700.00
Balance in Bank 09/30/2021	\$ 97,092.73
<b>Colonial Corners Fund</b>	
Balance in Bank 08/31/2021	\$ 27,567.91
Receipts	870.78
Expenditures	244.60
Balance in Bank 09/30/2021	\$ 28,194.09

Trail Feasibility Study	
Balance in Bank 08/31/2021	\$ 0.20
Receipts	0.00
Expenditures	0.00
Balance in Bank 09/30/2021	\$ .20
Capital Improvement General	
Balance in Bank 08/31/2021	\$1,870,375.76
Receipts	75,062.80
Expenditures	54,633.62
Balance in Bank 09/30/2021	\$1,890,804.94
Forest Management	
Balance in Bank 08/31/2021	\$ 131,302.99
Receipts	4.40
Expenditures	0.00
Balance in Bank 09/30/2021	\$ 131,307.39
Capital Improvement Water Fund	
Balance in Bank 08/31/2021	\$1,022,125.38
Receipts	33.56
Expenditures	45,074.00
Balance in Bank 09/30/2021	\$ 977,084.94
Capital Improvement Sewer Fund	
Balance in Bank 08/31/2021	\$ 398,872.00
Receipts	11.89
Expenditures	102,082.27
Balance in Bank 09/30/2021	\$ 296,801.62
Liquid Fuels Fund	
Balance in Bank 08/31/2021	\$ 157,062.57
Receipts	2.58
Expenditures	100,000.00
Balance in Bank 09/30/2021	\$ 57,065.15
Operating Reserve Fund	
Balance in Bank 08/31/2021	\$ 213,067.69
Receipts	7.14
Expenditures	0.00
Balance in Bank 09/30/2021	\$ 213,074.83

Mr. Heller made a motion, second by Mr. Gabel, to approve the 2022 Eastern Berks Regional Police Budget in the amount of \$2,622,879; Borough’s cost share is \$1,232,434.00. The roll call vote reflected the following members voting “yes”: Mr. Heller, Mr. Christman, Mrs. Carnes, Mr. Endy, Mr. Mest, Mr. Gabel, and Mr. Deery. The motion was approved.

**Public Utilities - Water, Keith Endy**

The following Water Supply and Use Report was submitted for the month of August. A total of 19,921,000 gallons of water was processed through the water filter plant for an average of 660,000 gallons per day. The totals came from these sources:

Trout Run	20,460,000
Ironstone	-0-
Boyertown Reservoir	5,339,000
Pumping from Trout Run	31 days
Pumping from Ironstone	0 days

Trout Run is at a level of 598.920 feet with approximately 354,000,000 gallons of water. Popodickon Reservoir is at a level of 38 feet with approximately 34,600,000 gallons of water. Precipitation in August was 6.1 inches.

Mr. Endy made a motion, second by Mr. Christman, to approve the Inframark LLC Contract Year #28 Budget 10/01/2021 through 9/30/2022 in the amount of \$1,248,725.40. The roll call vote reflected the following members voting “yes”: Mr. Heller, Mr. Christman, Mrs. Carnes, Mr. Endy, Mr. Mest, Mr. Gabel, and Mr. Deery. The motion was approved.

**Public Utilities – Sewer, Keith Endy**

The following Wastewater Treatment Report was submitted for the month of August:

	<b>Average Effluent</b>	<b>NPDES Maximum Allowed</b>
B.O.D.	2.00 mg/1	20.0 mg/1
Ammonia Nitrogen	.40 mg/1	4.8 mg/1
Phosphorus	.54 mg/1	1.5 mg/1
Suspended Solids	5.0 mg/1	20.0 mg/1
Fecal Coliform	21/100 mg/1	200/100 mg/1

The average daily flow at the Wastewater Treatment Plant during the month of August was 473,000 gallons.

**Public Works, Barry Christman**

The following report on the activities of the Street Department personnel during the month of September was submitted:

During the month of September, street department personnel swept streets, cleaned catch basins, mowed grass, removed graffiti from park property, prepared the Town Center Parking Lot for the Oktoberfest event and prepared the Community Park for Duryea Day and the Tractors in the Park events. Department personnel also performed routine maintenance on borough buildings, equipment and vehicles.

Mr. Christman made a motion, second by Mr. Gabel, to affirm the execution of Contract Change Order No. 1 for the contract with New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co., Inc. reflecting a decrease in the contract price of \$64,755.16; the contract price incorporating this Change Order is \$152,663.09. The roll call vote reflected the following members voting “yes”: Mr. Heller, Mr. Christman, Mrs. Carnes, Mr. Endy, Mr. Mest, Mr. Gabel, and Mr. Deery. The motion was approved.

### **House, Gene Gabel**

Mr. Gabel made a motion, second by Mr. Endy, to authorize the Council President to execute a Park Use Agreement with the Boyertown Area Multi Service for use of the Community Park on November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021, for the annual Turkey Trot 5K/Run. The roll call vote reflected the following members voting “yes”: Mr. Heller, Mr. Christman, Mrs. Carnes, Mr. Endy, Mr. Mest, Mr. Gabel and Mr. Deery. The motion was approved.

Mr. Gabel made a motion, second by Mrs. Carnes, to appoint Susan Lopez as an advisory member of the Park and Recreation Board to complete the unexpired term of Deborah Bertolet, term to expire 01/01/2023. The roll call vote reflected the following members voting “yes”: Mr. Heller, Mr. Christman, Mrs. Carnes, Mr. Endy, Mr. Mest, Mr. Gabel, and Mr. Deery. The motion was approved.

### **Public Communication, Lori Carnes**

No report

### **Park and Recreation Board, Lori Carnes**

No report

### **Planning, Frank Deery**

Mr. Deery submitted the Code Enforcement Report for the month of September. The report reflected the issuance of two UCC Permits and three zoning permits. Numerous Notices of Violation were issued for property maintenance code violations, and fifteen rental units were inspected. Miscellaneous permits issued included three yard sale permits, two street opening permits, and one soliciting permit.

**Police and Public Safety, Terry Mest**

No report

**Police Activities, Mayor Marianne Deery**

The Eastern Berks Regional Police Department Activities Report for the month of September is as follows: Total Incidents in the Borough 230; Criminal Arrests 17; Vehicle Arrests 53; Accidents 11.

The Mayor's activity report for the month of September reflected the Mayor's attendance at committee meetings of Borough Council, participation in the Oktoberfest event, and attendance at a meeting of the Berks County Municipal Partnership.

**Building a Better Boyertown, Jillian Magee, Main Street Manager**

Ms. Magee was not in attendance; the September report of the Main Street Manager was submitted via email. The full report is on file in the Borough Administrative Office.

**Solicitor**

Mr. Hartman reviewed with the members a lease agreement he prepared, which provides a legal basis for the Boyertown Midget Baseball League to undertake the project to rehabilitate the Mackey Ballfield at the Boyertown Community Park. Following discussion, a motion to authorize the Council President to execute the lease agreement was made by Mr. Deery, seconded by Mrs. Carnes. The roll call vote reflected the following members voting "yes": Mr. Heller, Mr. Christman, Mrs. Carnes, Mr. Endy, Mr. Mest, Mr. Gabel, and Mr. Deery. The motion was approved.

**Public Comments**

Mr. Deery called for public comment and recognized Mr. Charles Haddad who thanked Borough Council for their assistance with preparations for the grand opening of the General Carl Spaatz Museum.

Mr. Deery then recognized Mr. Clayton Leister who thanked Borough Council for providing the option to participate in the Council Meeting via Zoom.

There being no further business to conduct a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. was made by Mr. Endy and second by Mrs. Carnes. The next meeting of Boyertown Borough Council will be held on Monday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Loder  
Borough Secretary