

BOROUGH OF BOYERTOWN COUNCIL MEETING
November 1, 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; Jillian Magee, Main Street Manager; and interested citizens.

All rose for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Mr. Deery made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 4th, 2021 meeting of Borough Council. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gabel and approved.

Finance, Charles Heller

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

The following is a summary of the Financial Report:

General Fund	
Balance in Bank 09/30/2021	\$552,074.10
Receipts	87,053.63
Expenditures	133,652.97
Balance in Bank 10/31/2021	\$505,474.76
Tank Maintenance Fund	
Balance in Bank 09/30/2021	\$423,604.73
Receipts	25,015.34
Expenditures	0.00
Balance in Bank 10/31/2021	\$448,620.07
Water Fund	
Balance in Bank 09/30/2021	\$655,789.14
Receipts	385,453.59
Expenditures	374,348.71
Balance in Bank 10/31/2021	\$666,894.02
Sewer Fund	
Balance in Bank 09/30/2021	\$456,208.10
Receipts	237,158.20
Expenditures	224,722.07
Balance in Bank 10/31/2021	\$468,644.23

Recreation Fund	
Balance in Bank 09/30/2021	\$ 97,092.73
Receipts	3.44
Expenditures	0.00
Balance in Bank 10/31/2021	\$ 97,096.17
Colonial Corners Fund	
Balance in Bank 09/30/2021	\$ 28,194.09
Receipts	360.83
Expenditures	244.60
Balance in Bank 10/31/2021	\$ 28,310.32
Trail Feasibility Study	
Balance in Bank 09/30/2021	\$ 0.20
Receipts	0.00
Expenditures	0.00
Balance in Bank 10/31/2021	\$.20
Capital Improvement General	
Balance in Bank 09/30/2021	\$1,890,804.94
Receipts	66.99
Expenditures	2,712.78
Balance in Bank 10/31/2021	\$1,888,159.15
Forest Management	
Balance in Bank 09/30/2021	\$ 131,307.39
Receipts	4.65
Expenditures	0.00
Balance in Bank 10/31/2021	\$ 131,312.04
Capital Improvement Water Fund	
Balance in Bank 09/30/2021	\$ 977,084.94
Receipts	100,035.94
Expenditures	1,400.00
Balance in Bank 10/31/2021	\$ 1,075,720.88
Capital Improvement Sewer Fund	
Balance in Bank 09/30/2021	\$ 296,801.62
Receipts	50,011.18
Expenditures	0.00
Balance in Bank 10/31/2021	\$ 346,812.80

Liquid Fuels Fund	
Balance in Bank 09/30/2021	\$ 57,065.15
Receipts	1.93
Expenditures	0.00
Balance in Bank 10/31/2021	\$ 57,067.08
Operating Reserve Fund	
Balance in Bank 09/30/2021	\$ 213,074.83
Receipts	7.55
Expenditures	0.00
Balance in Bank 10/31/2021	\$ 213,082.38

Mr. Heller made a motion, second by Mrs. Carnes, to authorize advertising the 2022 Proposed Budget for a ten day public inspection period. 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. Heller then recommended Special Meetings of Borough Council be scheduled for 6:00 p.m. on November 23rd, December 1st and December 6th for the purpose of review and discussion of the 2022 Proposed Budget. A motion to authorize the Borough Manager to advertise the Special Meetings of Borough Council for the purpose of review and discussion of the 2022 Proposed budget was made by Mr. Deery, seconded by Mr. Christman. 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. Heller made a motion, second by Mr. Gabel, to authorize the Borough Manager to execute the Proposal for Professional Services submitted by EHC Associates to perform an asbestos survey of Boyertown Borough Hall for the fee of \$3,194.00. 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 September. A total of 19,473,000 gallons of water was processed through the water filter plant for an average of 649,000 gallons per day. The totals came from these sources:

Trout Run	18,385,000
Ironstone	-0-
Boyertown Reservoir	7,035,000
Pumping from Trout Run	30 days
Pumping from Ironstone	0 days

Trout Run is at a level of 599.920 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 September was 6.9 inches.

Public Utilities – Sewer, Keith Endy

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

	Average Effluent	NPDES Maximum Allowed
B.O.D.	2.00 mg/1	20.0 mg/1
Ammonia Nitrogen	.11 mg/1	4.8 mg/1
Phosphorus	.57 mg/1	1.5 mg/1
Suspended Solids	4.0 mg/1	20.0 mg/1
Fecal Coliform	13/100 mg/1	200/100 mg/1

The average daily flow at the Wastewater Treatment Plant during the month of September was 610,000 gallons.

Public Works, Barry Christman

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

During the month of October, street department personnel mowed grass, removed dead Ash trees from the Community Park, removed graffiti from park property, painted the Spaatz Bandshell, cleaned catch basins, and painted over graffiti at the Trout Run Dam Spillway. Department personnel also performed routine maintenance on borough buildings, equipment, and vehicles.

House, Gene Gabel

A discussion was held on the request made by the Boyertown Picklers to add three additional Pickleball Courts at the Community Park. The Boyertown Picklers, a group of individuals who routinely play pickleball at the Community Park, attended a meeting of the House Committee to share with the Committee a plan to add three additional Pickleball Courts and to request Borough Council's support for the project. The addition of the courts would eliminate thirty parking spaces. The House Committee referred the matter to full Council for discussion. Discussion was held on how the group determined there is a need for additional courts, management of the courts, the loss of parking spaces, information that Douglass Township, Montgomery County, is considering conversion of their tennis courts into pickleball courts, and is the group expecting the Borough to fund the project. Discussion was also held on whether the group has been in contact with a non-profit organization for assistance with the project. Following a somewhat lengthy discussion, it was agreed that the group should come back to a meeting of the House Committee for additional discussion and information gathering. Mrs. Loder will advise the group leaders to attend a future meeting of the House Committee.

Public Communication, Lori Carnes

Mrs. Carnes made a motion, seconded by Mr. Heller, to authorize publication of the November 2021 Borough Council Newsletter. 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.

Park and Recreation Board, Lori Carnes

Mrs. Carnes reported that the Board is preparing for the 2022 Sensational Summer Program. Mrs. Carnes also noted that the December 15th meeting of the Board will be cancelled.

Planning, Frank Deery

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

Police and Public Safety, Terry Mest

Mr. Mest made a motion, second by Mrs. Carnes, to approve the Building a Better Boyertown Chillin on Main event to be held on December 4th, 2021 on Philadelphia Avenue between Reading Avenue and Washington Street from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. 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. Mest made a motion, second by Mrs. Carnes, to approve the Building a Better Boyertown Coming Out of Hibernation event on April 16th, 2022 on Philadelphia Avenue between Reading Avenue and Washington Street from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. 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. Mest made a motion, second by Mr. Heller, to approve the Boyertown Museum of Historic Vehicles request to close South Walnut Street from Pine Alley to Third Street and Third Street from Peach Alley to South Walnut Street on November 6th, 2021 between the hours of 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for the Museum’s “A Mighty Museum Celebration”. 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.

Police Activities, Mayor Marianne Deery

The Eastern Berks Regional Police Department Activities Report for the month of October is as follows: Total Incidents in the Borough 221; Criminal Arrests 10; Vehicle Arrests 44; Accidents 10.

The Mayor's activity report for the month of October reflected the Mayor's attendance at committee meetings of Borough Council, attendance at the dedication of the Carl Spaatz National USAAF Museum, attendance at the grand opening of the Carl Spaatz Museum, attendance at a meeting of the Berks County Community Foundation, participation with BaBB in a tour of the Borough with the Pennsylvania House of Representatives Tourism Committee, attendance at the Fallen Comrade Ceremony at St. John's Lutheran Church, and attendance at the State Theatre for the Pandemic by the Talisman Players.

Building a Better Boyertown, Jillian Magee, Main Street Manager

Ms. Magee reviewed the October report of the Main Street Manager. The full report is on file in the Borough Administrative Office.

Solicitor

No report

Public Comments

Mr. Deery called for public comment and recognized Mr. Jeff Casino who inquired who would pay for new pickleball courts. He was advised that the group has not requested the Borough pay for the courts.

Mr. Deery announced that Council would recess to executive session to discuss a real estate matter. Upon reconvening Solicitor Hartman advised that one real estate matter was discussed in executive session and advised Council should consider approval of the following: a motion to authorize advertising for sale by sealed bids the property located at 25 South Reading Avenue, Boyertown, bids to be received 60 days after notice of advertising, conditions of sale and notice to be prepared by the solicitor and the Borough Manager, and updated opinion of value to be received before the deadline for receipt of sealed bids. The motion was made by Mrs. Carnes and seconded by Mr. Gabel. 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.

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There being no further business to conduct a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 p.m. was made by Mr. Christman and second by Mr. Heller. The next meeting of Boyertown Borough Council will be held on Monday, December 6th, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Loder
Borough Secretary