

BOROUGH OF BOYERTOWN COUNCIL MEETING
August 2, 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, Keith Endy, Terry Mest and Gene Gabel. Council member Lorraine Carnes arrived at approximately 7:05 p.m.

Also in attendance were Marianne Deery, Mayor; Patricia Loder, Borough Manager; Beth Kohl, 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 called for a motion to approve the minutes of the July 5th, 2021 meeting of Borough Council. The motion was made by Mr. Heller, 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 July 2021. The motion was approved.

The following is a summary of the Financial Report:

General Fund	
Balance in Bank 06/30/2021	\$784,971.24
Receipts	108,891.90
Expenditures	42,557.24
Balance in Bank 07/31/2021	\$851,305.90
Tank Maintenance Fund	
Balance in Bank 06/30/2021	\$423,561.33
Receipts	14.76
Expenditures	0.00
Balance in Bank 07/31/2021	\$423,576.09
Water Fund	
Balance in Bank 06/30/2021	\$435,478.30
Receipts	481,878.99
Expenditures	306,220.31
Balance in Bank 07/31/2021	\$611,136.98
Sewer Fund	
Balance in Bank 06/30/2021	\$393,393.40
Receipts	244,692.84
Expenditures	177,378.96
Balance in Bank 07/31/2021	\$460,707.28

Recreation Fund	
Balance in Bank 06/30/2021	\$ 97,507.88
Receipts	3.31
Expenditures	0.00
Balance in Bank 07/31/2021	\$ 97,511.19
Colonial Corners Fund	
Balance in Bank 06/30/2021	\$ 28,501.98
Receipts	555.81
Expenditures	244.60
Balance in Bank 07/31/2021	\$ 28,813.19
Trail Feasibility Study	
Balance in Bank 06/30/2021	\$ 0.20
Receipts	0.00
Expenditures	0.00
Balance in Bank 07/31/2021	\$.20
Capital Improvement General	
Balance in Bank 06/30/2021	\$1,977,388.56
Receipts	68.92
Expenditures	94,833.57
Balance in Bank 07/31/2021	\$1,882,623.91
Forest Management	
Balance in Bank 06/30/2021	\$ 131,293.94
Receipts	4.58
Expenditures	0.00
Balance in Bank 07/31/2021	\$ 131,298.52
Capital Improvement Water Fund	
Balance in Bank 06/30/2021	\$1,030,843.87
Receipts	6,054.43
Expenditures	9,994.47
Balance in Bank 07/31/2021	\$1,026,903.83
Capital Improvement Sewer Fund	
Balance in Bank 06/30/2021	\$ 412,843.66
Receipts	14.39
Expenditures	8,200.00
Balance in Bank 07/31/2021	\$ 404,658.05

Liquid Fuels Fund	
Balance in Bank 06/30/2021	\$ 156,371.46
Receipts	2.79
Expenditures	0.00
Balance in Bank 07/31/2021	\$ 156,374.25
Operating Reserve Fund	
Balance in Bank 06/30/2021	\$ 213,054.18
Receipts	6.25
Expenditures	0.00
Balance in Bank 07/31/2021	\$ 213,060.43

Mrs. Loder advised the members that bids for the Borough Hall Renovation Project were publicly opened today at 2:10 p.m. The bid tally sheet will be electronically distributed to all elected officials tomorrow. The bids will be awarded or rejected within 60 days at a regular or special meeting of Borough Council. Review and discussion of the bids will be held at the September 1st meeting of the Finance Committee.

Mr. Heller made a motion, second by Mr. Endy, to approve Resolution Number 08-02-2021 amending the Schedule of Fees charged by the Borough of Boyertown for permits, licenses and water and sewer rates. The roll call vote reflected the following members voting “yes”: Mr. Heller, Mr. Christman, Mrs. Carnes, Mr. Mest, Mr. Endy, 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 June. A total of 19,284,000 gallons of water was processed through the water filter plant for an average of 643,000 gallons per day. The totals came from these sources:

Trout Run	21,530,000
Ironstone	-0-
Boyertown Reservoir	4,638,000
Pumping from Trout Run	30 days
Pumping from Ironstone	0 days

Trout Run is at a level of 600.670 feet with approximately 363,000,000 gallons of water. Popodickon Reservoir is at a level of 38 feet with approximately 34,600,000 gallons of water. Precipitation in June was 3.7 inches.

Public Utilities – Sewer, Keith Endy

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

	Average Effluent	NPDES Maximum Allowed
B.O.D.	2.00 mg/1	20.0 mg/1
Ammonia Nitrogen	.14 mg/1	4.8 mg/1
Phosphorus	.69 mg/1	1.5 mg/1
Suspended Solids	6.0 mg/1	20.0 mg/1
Fecal Coliform	22/100 mg/1	200/100 mg/1

The average daily flow at the Wastewater Treatment Plant during the month of June was 417,000 gallons.

Public Works, Barry Christman

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

During the month of July, street department personnel patched streets and alleys, trimmed tree branches that were obstructing signs, cleaned catch basins, hauled discarded tires to a salvage yard, mowed grass, cleaned park pavilions and restrooms, removed graffiti from park property, and performed routine maintenance on borough buildings, equipment and vehicles.

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 Historical Society for use of the Community Park on September 11th, 2021, rain date September 12th, 2021, for a community event entitled “Tractors in the Park”. 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 Mr. Christman, to accept the resignation of Debbie Bertolet from the Park and Recreation Board effective immediately. 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

Mrs. Carnes made a motion, second by Mr. Gabel, to approve publication of the August 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 July meeting of the Board was held in the Community Park. At this time the Board is not planning to hold any further events in 2021.

Planning, Frank Deery

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

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 July is as follows: Total Incidents in the Borough 260; Criminal Arrests 10; Vehicle Arrests 65; Accidents 8.

Building a Better Boyertown, Jillian Magee, Main Street Manager

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

Solicitor

Mr. Deery made a motion, second by Mrs. Carnes, to authorize the solicitor to advertise Ordinance Number 03-2021 vacating the entirety of an unnamed twelve foot wide alley located off of South Reading Avenue. 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. Deery then made a motion, second by Mr. Heller, to authorize the Council President to execute the agreement with the Boyertown Museum of Historic Vehicles agreeing to permit the Museum to install 3 lights posts in the Borough owned public right-of-way of South Walnut Street adjacent to 85 South Walnut Street. 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 Mrs. Jamie Casino who commented on the weed growth within the public sidewalks along the main street. It was noted by Council that maintenance of the public sidewalk is the responsibility of the property owner. Mrs. Casino also reported that there is no curbing at 119 North Reading Avenue, which is creating a hazardous condition for pedestrians.

Mr. Deery then recognized Ms. Peggy Hafer who made an inquiry about the disc golf course at the Community Park, specifically who is responsible if a disc hits and injures someone on the walking trail. Ms. Hafer was advised that the individual who threw the disc would be the responsible party. Ms. Hafer also expressed concern that a small dump truck is being parked on South Jefferson Street making site visibility difficult when exiting the alley onto South Jefferson Street. This matter is referred to the Police and Public Safety Committee of Borough Council for discussion.

Mr. Deery then recognized Mr. Matthew Hiryak and Ms. Lisa Catagnus, residents at 302 Front Street. Mr. Hiryak and Ms. Catagnus discussed with Council the ongoing problem they have with tractor trailers delivering to Campbell Fittings industrial building driving over the curbing at the property they own at 300 Front Street. Mr. Charles Neubauer, Plant Manager, for Campbell Fittings, stated that the loading dock at their facility is in compliance with the zoning ordinance. Mr. Neubauer also advised that the company informed vendors that flatbed trucks particularly with sleeper cabs and extended bed lengths may find it difficult to back into the dock. Discussion was held on the placement of bollards behind the curb line to deter trucks from driving over the curb; however, placement of bollards within the right-of-way would require the approval of Borough Council. The matter was referred to the Police and Public Safety Committee for further discussion.

There being no further comments and no further business to conduct a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. was made by Mrs. Carnes and second by Mr. Christman. The next meeting of Boyertown Borough Council will be held on Tuesday, September 7th, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Loder
Borough Secretary