

BOROUGH OF BOYERTOWN COUNCIL MEETING
March 6, 2023

The regular meeting of the Boyertown Borough Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Council President Frank Deery. Present in addition to Mr. Deery were council members Keith Endy, Charles Heller, Jeffrey Cascino, Charles Neubauer and Gene Gabel. Council member Barry Christman was absent.

Also in attendance were Lorraine Carnes, Mayor; Patricia Loder, Borough Manager; Christopher Hartman, Solicitor; Ellen Martignetti, Main Street Manager and Allen Steffy, Building A Better Boyertown, and interested citizens.

All rose for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Mr. Neubauer made a motion, second by Mr. Cascino, to approve the minutes of the February 6th, 2023 meeting of Council. The motion was approved by the membership present.

Finance, Charles Heller

Mr. Heller made a motion, second by Mr. Gabel, to approve the lists of Revenues, Expenditures and Bills for February 2023. The roll call vote reflected the following members voting “yes”: Mr. Heller, Mr. Cascino, Mr. Endy, Mr. Neubauer, Mr. Gabel and Mr. Deery. The motion was approved.

The following is a summary of the Financial Report; the complete report is on file in the Borough office:

General Fund – 01	
Balance in Bank 1/31/2023	\$ 248,538.93
Receipts	74,132.78
Expenditures	152,753.94
Balance in Bank 2/28/2023	\$ 169,917.77
Tank Maintenance Fund - 04	
Balance in Bank 1/31/2023	\$ 473,915.35
Receipts	1,721.91
Expenditures	0.00
Balance in Bank 2/28/2023	\$ 475,637.26
Water Fund – 06	
Balance in Bank 1/31/2023	\$ 476,200.57
Receipts	86,579.42
Expenditures	215,713.15
Balance in Bank 2/28/2023	\$ 347,066.84

Sewer Fund – 08	
Balance in Bank 1/31/2023	\$ 468,176.92
Receipts	86,929.00
Expenditures	164,382.38
Balance in Bank 2/28/2023	\$ 390,723.54
Recreation Fund – 09	
Balance in Bank 1/31/2023	\$ 111,899.62
Receipts	406.57
Expenditures	0.00
Balance in Bank 2/28/2023	\$ 112,306.19
Colonial Corners Fund – 13	
Balance in Bank 1/31/2023	\$ 30,356.58
Receipts	1,276.02
Expenditures	1,318.80
Balance in Bank 2/28/2023	\$ 30,313.80
Trail Feasibility Study Fund – 15	
Balance in Bank 1/31/2023	\$ 3,563.27
Receipts	11.89
Expenditures	0.00
Balance in Bank 2/28/2023	\$ 3,575.16
Capital Improvement General Fund – 17	
Balance in Bank 1/31/2023	\$1,981,710.69
Receipts	7,355.20
Expenditures	0.00
Balance in Bank 2/28/2023	\$1,989,065.89
Forest Management – 19	
Balance in Bank 1/31/2023	\$ 134,108.34
Receipts	487.27
Expenditures	0.00
Balance in Bank 2/28/2023	\$ 134,595.61
Capital Improvement Water Fund – 20	
Balance in Bank 1/31/2023	\$ 864,571.29
Receipts	3,138.21
Expenditures	11,861.70
Balance in Bank 2/28/2023	\$ 855,847.80

Capital Improvement Sewer Fund – 30	
Balance in Bank 1/31/2023	\$ 480,847.70
Receipts	1,747.10
Expenditures	0.00
Balance in Bank 2/28/2023	\$ 482,594.80
Liquid Fuels Fund – 35	
Balance in Bank 1/31/2023	\$ 54,382.37
Receipts	201.81
Expenditures	0.00
Balance in Bank 2/28/2023	\$ 54,584.18

Mr. Heller made a motion, second by Mr. Neubauer, to approve Resolution Number 03-06-2023 approving the appointment to the TCC Executive Committee of Dustin Schreiber, Primary Delegate and Rich Sichler, Alternate Delegate to represent all municipalities within the Boyertown Area School District on the Berks County Tax Collection Committee. The roll call vote reflected the following members voting “yes”: Mr. Heller, Mr. Cascino, Mr. Endy, Mr. Neubauer, 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 January 2023:

During the month of January 2023, a total of 25,525,000 gallons of water was processed through the water filter plant for an average of 823,000 gallons per day.

The totals came from these sources:

Trout Run	16,012,000
Ironstone	-0-
Boyertown Reservoir	11,236,000
Pumping from Trout Run	27 days
Pumping from Ironstone	0 days

Trout Run is at a level of 592.920 feet with approximately 270,000,000 gallons of water. Popodickon Reservoir is at a level of 36.5 feet with approximately 30,800,000 gallons of water. Precipitation in January was 4.2 inches.

Public Utilities – Sewer, Keith Endy

The following Wastewater Treatment Report was submitted for the month of January 2023:

	Average Effluent	NPDES Maximum Allowed
BOD	2.00 mg/l	20.0 mg/l
Ammonia Nitrogen	.14 mg/l	1.6 mg/l
Phosphorus	.69 mg/l	1.5 mg/l
Suspended Solids	4.00 mg/l	20.0 mg/l
	Average Effluent	NPDES Maximum Allowed
Fecal Coliform	7/100 mg/l	200/100 mg/l

The average daily flow at the Wastewater Treatment Plant during the month of January was 526,000 gallons.

Mr. Endy made a motion, second by Mr. Heller, to approve Resolution Number 03-06-2023A amending the Schedule of Fees charged by the Borough to increase sewer rates effective the first quarter 2023. The roll call vote reflected the following members voting “yes”: Mr. Heller, Mr. Cascino, Mr. Endy, Mr. Neubauer, Mr. Gabel, and Mr. Deery. The motion was approved.

Public Works, Barry Christman

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

During the month of February Street Department personnel cleaned catch basins, emptied trash cans in the public right of way, patched potholes, salted streets, replaced street signs as needed, chipped Christmas trees, removed branches and fallen trees at the Community Park, and performed routine maintenance on borough buildings, equipment, and vehicles.

Mr. Endy made a motion, second by Mr. Gabel, to authorize Systems Design Engineering, Inc. to advertise the 2023 Street Paving Project for receipt of bids in April 2023. The roll call vote reflected the following members voting “yes”: Mr. Heller, Mr. Cascino, Mr. Endy, Mr. Neubauer, Mr. Gabel, and Mr. Deery. The motion was approved.

House, Gene Gabel

Mr. Gabel made a motion, second by Mr. Endy, to approve a Park Use Agreement with the Boyertown Area Historical Society for the Tractors in the Park event to be held on September 9th, 2023, with a rain date of September 10th, 2023. The roll call vote reflected the following members voting “yes”: Mr. Heller, Mr. Cascino, Mr. Endy, Mr. Neubauer, Mr. Gabel, and Mr. Deery. The motion was approved.

Public Communication, Jeffrey Cascino

No report

Park and Recreation Board, Barry Christman

In the absence of Mr. Christman, Mayor Carnes reported that the board is in the process of mailing the 2023 Sensational Summer Sponsorship letters.

Planning Commission, Charles Neubauer

The following Code Enforcement Report for the month of February, as provided by Systems Design Engineering, Inc. was submitted. SDE issued three UCC Permits, and two zoning permits, fifty two rental unit inspections were completed, and multiple property maintenance code violations received Notices of Violation.

Police and Public Safety, Charles Neubauer

Mr. Neubauer made a motion, second by Mr. Heller, to approve Resolution Number 03-06-2023B authorizing building A Better Boyertown to use the Town Center Parking Lot Friday, September 15th, Saturday, September 16th, with a rain date of Sunday, September 17th for Oktoberfest 2023. The roll call vote reflected the following members voting “yes”: Mr. Heller, Mr. Cascino, Mr. Endy, Mr. Neubauer, Mr. Gabel and Mr. Deery. The motion was approved.

Mr. Neubauer then made a motion, second by Mr. Gabel, to approve the Berks Mont Business Association 2023 Philadelphia Avenue Street Fair to be held on Saturday, June 10th with a rain date of Sunday, June 11th, event hours will be 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Philadelphia Avenue will be closed for the event between Reading Avenue and Monroe Street from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. . The roll call vote reflected the following members voting “yes”: Mr. Heller, Mr. Cascino, Mr. Endy, Mr. Neubauer, Mr. Gabel and Mr. Deery. The motion was approved.

Police Activities, Mayor Lorraine Carnes

The following Police Activities Report for the month of February 2023 was submitted:

Total Incidents	286
Criminal Arrests	1
Vehicle Arrests	66
Accidents	18

The Borough Parking Enforcement Officer issued 72 parking meter tickets and 24 time limit parking tickets.

Mayor Carnes reported on the Mayor's activities during the Month of February. The report reflected the Mayor's attendance at meetings of the Borough, Rotary Club, United Way, and Building a Better Boyertown. Mayor Carnes also participated in a Pickfest Committee Meeting, Wine Walk Committee Meeting and a meeting of the St John's Women's Group.

Building a Better Boyertown Main Street Manager, Ellen Martignetti

Mrs. Martignetti reviewed with the committee a report on the activities of the BaBB during the month of February. The Coming Out of Hibernation event is scheduled to be held on Saturday, April 15th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. BaBB is planning a new event for 2023 entitled Boyertown Heritage Day, which is slated to be held on May 20th between the hours of 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The event is to highlight and market Boyertown's historic attractions and the theme will be "History Mystery".

Solicitor

No report.

Mr. Deery called for public comment and recognized Mr. Clayton Leister who commented concerning street signage in alleys and noted that the state legislature is again considering a bill to permit local police to use radar for speed enforcement.

There being no further comment or business to conduct, a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m. was made by Mr. Neubauer, second by Mr. Gabel. The next meeting of Boyertown Borough Council will be held on Monday, April 3rd, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Loder
Borough Secretary