

BOROUGH OF BOYERTOWN COUNCIL MEETING
July 10, 2017

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; Christopher Hartman, solicitor; Patricia Loder, Borough Manager; Adrienne Blank, Main Street Manager, interested citizens, and a press representative.

All rose for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Deery called for public comments on the agenda; and recognized Mr. Clayton Leister who expressed his opinion that the two properties donated to the Borough by BB&T Bank should be sold for a private use, and the Borough should not rule out continued use of the current Borough Hall location.

Mr. Deery then called for a motion to approve the minutes of the June 5th and 21st, 2017 meetings of Council. The motion was made by Mr. Gabel, second by Mr. Christman, and approved.

Finance, Charles Heller

Mr. Heller made a motion, second by Mrs. Carnes, to approve the lists of Revenues, Expenditures and Bills for June 2017. 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. The following is a summary of the Financial Report:

General Fund	
Balance In Bank 5/31/17	\$792,976.65
Receipts	118,845.90
Expenditures	161,831.21
Balance in Bank 6/30/17	\$749,991.34
Tank Maintenance Fund	
Balance in Bank 5/31/17	\$253,355.24
Receipts	196.16
Expenditures	0.00
Balance in Bank 6/30/17	\$253,551.40
Water Fund	
Balance in Bank 5/31/17	\$670,718.06
Receipts	136,899.77
Expenditures	139,516.09
Balance in Bank 6/30/17	\$668,101.76

Sewer Fund	
Balance in Bank 5/31/17	\$587,663.47
Receipts	97,911.90
Expenditures	103,826.77
Balance in Bank 6/30/17	\$581,748.60
Recreation Fund	
Balance in Bank 5/31/17	\$62,030.37
Receipts	56,544.62
Expenditures	34,326.25
Balance in Bank 6/30/17	\$84,248.74
Colonial Corners Fund	
Balance in Bank 5/31/17	\$111,126.23
Receipts	1,860.82
Expenditures	344.90
Balance in Bank 6/30/17	\$112,652.15
Capital Improvement General	
Balance in Bank 5/31/17	\$1,053,718.87
Receipts	729.43
Expenditures	8,942.97
Balance in Bank 6/30/17	\$1,045,505.33
Forest Management	
Balance in Bank 5/31/17	\$ 77,177.99
Receipts	60.75
Expenditures	0.00
Balance in Bank 6/30/17	\$ 77,238.74
Capital Improvement Water Fund	
Balance in Bank 5/31/17	\$ 901,291.93
Receipts	609.25
Expenditures	0.00
Balance in Bank 6/30/17	\$ 901,901.18
Capital Improvement Sewer Fund	
Balance in Bank 5/31/17	\$ 408,610.94
Receipts	319.98
Expenditures	0.00
Balance in Bank 6/30/17	\$ 408,930.92

Liquid Fuels Fund	
Balance in Bank 5/31/17	\$ 154,749.74
Receipts	105.51
Expenditures	0.00
Balance in Bank 6/30/17	\$ 154,855.25

Land Development Escrow	
Balance in Bank 5/31/17	\$ 6,424.76
Receipts	0.00
Expenditures	0.00
Balance in Bank 6/30/17	\$ 6,424.76

Public Utilities - Water, Keith Endy

The following Water Supply and Use Report was submitted for the month of June 2017: During the month of June a total of 20,169,000 gallons of water was processed through the water filter plant for an average of 695,000 gallons per day.

The totals came from these sources:

Trout Run	5,587,000
Ironstone	7,770,000
Boyertown Reservoir	6,812,000
Pumping from Trout Run	16 days
Pumping from Ironstone	23 days

Trout Run is at a level of 585.67 feet with approximately 168,000,000 gallons of water. Popodickon Reservoir is at a level of 37 feet with approximately 32,000,000 gallons of water. Precipitation in June was 4 inches.

Public Utilities – Sewer, Keith Endy

The following Wastewater Treatment Report was submitted for the month of June 2017:

	Average Effluent	NPDES Maximum Allowed
B.O.D.	2.00 mg/1	20.0 mg/1
Ammonia Nitrogen	.2 mg/1	4.8 mg/1
Phosphorus	1.17 mg/1	1.5 mg/1
Suspended Solids	4.7 mg/1	20.0 mg/1
Fecal Coliform	4/100 mg/1	200/100 mg/1

The average daily flow at the Wastewater Treatment Plant during the month of June was 360,000 gallons.

Public Works, Barry Christman

The following report on the activities of the Street Department personnel during the month of June 2017 was submitted:

During the month of June street department personnel mowed grass, completed spring street sweeping, patched potholes, trimmed tree branches around street signs, began weed spraying, arranged for the disposal and transport of 30 tons of street sweepings to the landfill, prepared the Community Park for the annual Fun Days event, as well as performing routine maintenance on borough vehicles, equipment and property.

Mr. Christman made a motion, second by Mr. Endy, to authorize execution of the engineering proposal submitted by TPD, Inc. for the performance of additional engineering analysis of the Second Street Bridge Project to review alternate construction methods. 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. Heller, to authorize the Council President to execute the Park Use Agreement with the Wellness Council of Boyertown for use of the community Park on November 23, 2017 for the Turkey Trot Run/1 Mile Walk. 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 then made a motion, second by Mr. Endy, to authorize the Council President to execute the Park Use Agreement with the Rotary Club of Boyertown for use of the Community Park on October 7, 2017 for a 5K Race. 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. Mest, to authorize release of the Borough Council Summer 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 Pickleball Court located at the Community Park will be completed shortly. The court is constructed with funds provided by Pottstown Health and Wellness Foundation, Boyertown Rotary Club and Boyertown Lions Club. In addition, Mrs.

Carnes advised that installation of a pet water fountain at the Community Park will be completed shortly. Funds to purchase the fountain were provided by Patt Veterinary Hospital. Mrs. Carnes also noted participation in the Pottstown Health & Wellness “On Your Park Get Set Go” contest; first place prize is \$10,000. The Boyertown Community Park is entered into the contest.

Planning, Frank Deery

Mr. Deery submitted the Code Enforcement Report for the month of June. The report reflected the issuance of four UCC Permits, and three zoning permits. The Miscellaneous Permit Report reflected the issuance of three curb and sidewalk permits, and three yard sale permits. Follow up inspections were performed on numerous Notices of Violation issued for general property maintenance code violations, twenty three new Notices of Violation were issued, and four citations are pending. In addition, forty two rental unit inspections were performed.

Police and Public Safety, Terry Mest

Mr. Mest made a motion, second by Mrs. Carnes, to authorize the Wellness Council of Boyertown to hold the Turkey Trot 5K Run on Thursday, November 23rd at 9:00 a.m. beginning and ending at the Boyertown Community Park, and traveling north bound on Madison Street to Second Street and continuing through streets of the Borough; approval is conditioned upon approval by Colebrookdale Township for use of township road, submission to the Borough of Boyertown of a certificate of liability insurance naming the Borough of Boyertown additional insured, and reimbursement of police costs for overtime or part time patrol officer. 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 also made a motion, second by Mr. Heller, to grant the request submitted by the Boyertown Rotary Club to hold a 5K Run at 8:30 a.m. on October 7th, 2017 conditioned upon approval of the race by Colebrookdale and Douglass Townships, submission to the Borough of Boyertown of a certificate of liability insurance naming the Borough of Boyertown additional insured, and reimbursement of police costs for overtime or part time patrol officer. 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 following Police Activities Report for the month of June 2017 was submitted:

Calls for Service	323	Non Traffic Complaints	160	Non Traffic Arrests	25
Traffic Complaints	116	Traffic Arrests	86		

The Mayor’s activity report for the month of June reflected attendance at the Pennsylvania Downtown Center’s 30th Anniversary in Harrisburg on June 13; Boyertown ranked

number seven of forty four accredited main street communities and received a Townie Award for the 150th Anniversary Garden. The garden was planted by volunteers and is maintained by Donnie Ellixson and the students of his Marshal Arts School. Mayor Deery and Council President Deery also participated in a tour of Campbell Fittings facility on East Second Street.

Building a Better Boyertown, Adrienne Blank Main Street Manager

Ms. Blank informed the members that the Façade Grant Program is now complete; an application for participation in the next round of funding will be submitted at the end of this year. Ms. Blank also advised that a Visioning and Action Plan meeting will be held on July 27th in the Community Room of Borough Hall. Ms. Blank reported that Cruise Night will be held on Saturday, July 15th; and a tour of Berk Wiper International located at 400 East Second Street is scheduled for Tuesday, July 25th.

Opinion of Costs for Renovation of 23 South Reading Avenue and 16 West Philadelphia Avenue

Mr. Deery stated that all members have received from the architect and engineer an opinion of costs regarding the renovation of 23 South Reading and 16 West Philadelphia Avenue. The renovation project involves consideration to relocate Borough Hall to 23 South Reading Avenue and to relocate the police Department to 16 West Philadelphia Avenue.

Mr. Deery stated that he would like to form a an ad-hoc committee composed of himself, Mr. Heller, Chief Leatherman, and Borough Manager Loder to review the information provided and to consider all potential options available to meet the current and future needs of the Borough.

Following a brief discussion, Mr. Deery made a motion, second by Mr. Christman, to approve the formation of an ad-hoc committee to review the building/property needs of the Borough to include general administration, police and street department and to investigate and consider all options available to the Borough to meet those needs and to report to full Council their findings and recommendations, ad-hoc committee membership will include Mr. Deery, Mr. Heller, Chief Leatherman and Mrs. Loder. 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. Clayton Leister who read a prepared statement regarding public versus private water companies. Mr. Leister also again stated that he opposes the idea of selling the water system to a private company.

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There being no further business to conduct a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m. was made by Mrs. Carnes and second by Mr. Christman. The next meeting of Boyertown Borough Council will be held on Monday, August 7th, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Loder
Borough Secretary