

BOROUGH OF BOYERTOWN COUNCIL MEETING
June 5, 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 opposition to the following: selling the borough owned water and sewer utilities, appointment of a new member to the Water Authority without advertising the vacancy, and skepticism concerning the report on the activities of the police department. He also requested a year end summary of police activities.

Mr. Deery then called for a motion to approve the minutes of the May 1, 2017 meeting of Council. The motion was made by Mr. Heller, second by Mr. Gabel, and approved by the membership present.

Finance, Charles Heller

Mr. Heller made a motion, second by Mr. Mest, to approve the lists of Revenues, Expenditures and Bills for May 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 4/30/17	\$474,502.08
Receipts	504,752.14
Expenditures	186,274.59
Balance in Bank 5/31/17	\$792,979.63
Tank Maintenance Fund	
Balance in Bank 4/30/17	\$253,167.23
Receipts	188.01
Expenditures	0.00
Balance in Bank 5/31/17	\$253,355.24
Water Fund	
Balance in Bank 4/30/17	\$697,146.48
Receipts	97,398.98
Expenditures	123,827.38
Balance in Bank 5/31/17	\$670,718.08

Sewer Fund	
Balance in Bank 4/30/17	\$592,037.26
Receipts	105,535.05
Expenditures	109,908.84
Balance in Bank 5/31/17	\$587,663.47
Recreation Fund	
Balance in Bank 4/30/17	\$79,515.79
Receipts	818.35
Expenditures	18,303.77
Balance in Bank 5/31/17	\$62,030.37
Colonial Corners Fund	
Balance in Bank 4/30/17	\$110,619.54
Receipts	841.17
Expenditures	334.48
Balance in Bank 5/31/17	\$111,126.23
Capital Improvement General	
Balance in Bank 4/30/17	\$1,031,169.36
Receipts	113,194.97
Expenditures	90,645.46
Balance in Bank 5/31/17	\$1,053,718.87
Forest Management	
Balance in Bank 4/30/17	\$ 77,119.76
Receipts	58.23
Expenditures	0.00
Balance in Bank 5/31/17	\$ 77,177.99
Capital Improvement Water Fund	
Balance in Bank 4/30/17	\$ 900,708.21
Receipts	583.72
Expenditures	0.00
Balance in Bank 5/31/17	\$ 901,291.93
Capital Improvement Sewer Fund	
Balance in Bank 4/30/17	\$ 417,952.84
Receipts	308.10
Expenditures	9,650.00
Balance in Bank 5/31/17	\$ 408,610.94
Liquid Fuels Fund	
Balance in Bank 4/30/17	\$ 154,670.79
Receipts	78.95
Expenditures	0.00
Balance in Bank 5/31/17	\$ 154,749.74

Land Development Escrow	
Balance in Bank 4/30/17	\$ 6,424.76
Receipts	0.00
Expenditures	0.00
Balance in Bank 5/31/17	\$ 6,424.76

Public Utilities - Water, Keith Endy

The following Water Supply and Use Report was submitted for the month of May 2017: During the month of May a total of 20,905,000 gallons of water was processed through the water filter plant for an average of 674,000 gallons per day.

The totals came from these sources:

Trout Run	8,344,000
Ironstone	6,704,000
Boyertown Reservoir	5,857,000
Pumping from Trout Run	19 days
Pumping from Ironstone	20 days

Trout Run is at a level of 585.42 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 May was 5.1 inches.

Public Utilities – Sewer, Keith Endy

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

	Average Effluent	NPDES Maximum Allowed
B.O.D.	2.00 mg/1	20.0 mg/1
Ammonia Nitrogen	.4 mg/1	4.8 mg/1
Phosphorus	1.02 mg/1	1.5 mg/1
Suspended Solids	5.8 mg/1	20.0 mg/1
Fecal Coliform	6/100 mg/1	200/100 mg/1

The average daily flow at the Wastewater Treatment Plant during the month of May was 580,000 gallons.

Public Works, Barry Christman

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

During the month of May street department personnel swept streets, repaired pot holes, cleaned catch basins, sprayed weeds at the parks, mowed grass, as well as performing routine maintenance on borough vehicles, equipment and property.

Mr. Christman made a motion, second by Mr. Gabel, to award the 2017 Road Project to H & K Group, Inc. P. O. Box 196, Skippack, PA 19474 base bid items #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and alternate bid item #A.1 in the amount of \$299,761.00 conditioned upon receipt of bonds and insurance satisfactory to the borough. The roll call vote reflected the following members voting “yes”: Mr. Heller, Mr. Christman, Mr. Endy, Mr. Mest, Mr. Gabel, and Mr. Deery. Mrs. Carnes cast a “no” vote. The motion was approved.

House, Gene Gabel

Mr. Gabel made a motion, second by Mrs. Carnes, to authorize the Council President to execute the Park Use Agreement with the Boyertown Community Library for use of the community Park on September 30th for a Disc Golf Tournament Fundraiser. 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 Mrs. Carnes, to authorize the Council President to execute the Park Use Agreement with Church World Service for use of the Community Park on October 1, 2017 for the CROP Hunger 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. Heller, to accept the resignation of Steven Bleiler from the Park and Recreation Board. 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 also made a motion, second by Mr. Endy, to accept the resignation of Neal Fisher from the Boyertown Water Authority. 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 appoint Richard Hetrick, Jr. 607 Englesville Road, Boyertown to the Boyertown Water Authority to complete the unexpired term of Neal Fisher, term to expire January 2021. 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

Mrs. Carnes reported that the Boyertown Fun Days event was held on June 1, 2 and 3 and was very well attended. Mrs. Carnes also noted that a pet water fountain will be installed at the Community Park; the fountain is sponsored by Patt Veterinary Clinic.

Planning, Frank Deery

Mr. Deery submitted the Code Enforcement Report for the month of May. The report reflected the issuance of five UCC Permits, and nine zoning permits. The Miscellaneous Permit Report reflected the issuance of five street opening permits, five yard sale permits, and one soliciting permit. Follow up inspections were performed on numerous Notices of Violation issued for general property maintenance code violations, and four new Notices of Violation were issued, seven citations are pending. In addition, seven rental unit inspections were performed.

Police and Public Safety, Terry Mest

Mr. Mest made a motion, second by Mr. Heller, to authorize a handicap parking space at 307 East Third 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.

Mr. Mest also made a motion, second by Mrs. Carnes, to authorize the closure of a portion of North Chestnut Street on Saturday, August 19, 2017 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for the Building a Better Boyertown Dog Days of August event. 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 May 2017 was submitted:

Calls for Service	273	Non Traffic Complaints	126	Non Traffic Arrests	25
Traffic Complaints	103	Traffic Arrests	57		

The Mayor's activity report for the month of May reflected the attendance at numerous meetings of Building a Better Boyertown, participation in activities at the State Theater, attended a meeting of the Carl A. Spaatz Memorial Association, hosted a luncheon with Commissioner Christian Leinbach and Senator Bob Mensch, and officiated a wedding.

Mayor Deery also read a letter she wrote to Chief Leatherman thanking the department personnel for their service to our community and the Chief for his leadership of the department.

Building a Better Boyertown, Adrienne Blank Main Street Manager

Mr. Lea and Ms. Blank introduced Mr. Mark Evans, of Barton Partners, who reviewed with Council the progress made to date concerning the Boyertown Visioning Meetings.

Ms. Blank reviewed with Council the activities of the BBB during the month of May. She also presented to the Borough a check in the amount of \$5,000 representing return of one half of the donation the Borough made to the BBB toward the expenses for the 150th Anniversary Celebration. Ms. Blank also addressed Council concerning the DCNR Trail Feasibility Grant stating that BBB will provide the required match of \$35,000. Ms. Blank also noted that at this time they have a commitment of \$14,000 from Pottstown Health and Wellness toward the project.

President Deery then reviewed and discussed with Council a communication received from Charles Haddad, of Building a Better Boyertown, concerning the Borough's donation of \$2,500 in 2017 toward the purchase of a watering device to water the planters in the main street area of the Borough. Mr. Haddad noted that the Borough's original commitment toward the purchase of a watering device was a donation of \$5,000. Mr. Deery noted that the original discussion concerned the purchase of a gator type vehicle at a cost of \$10,000. Subsequent to the original discussion the BBB determined that a gator would not be feasible and decided to purchase two watering carts at a cost of approximately \$2,500 each. A final cost was not initially presented to the Borough. The Borough was advised that a single watering device would be purchased in 2017 prompting Council to approve a motion to donate \$2,500 in 2017 and \$2,500 in 2018 if a second watering device was purchased.

Mr. Haddad states in his communication that the cost of a single watering device was \$2,960.21; Mr. Haddad is requesting the Borough agree to donate an additional \$460.21 to cover the full cost of the purchase. Mr. Haddad also stated his opinion that a second watering device will not be purchased.

Following all discussion Mr. Deery made a motion, second by Mr. Heller, to amend a previous motion approved by Council and authorize an additional donation to Building a Better Boyertown in the amount of \$460.21 to cover the full cost of the watering device purchased in 2017; and to reduce the previously approved 2018 donation of \$2,500 to \$2,039.79. 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 stated that he requested to be placed on the agenda and expressed his opinion that he has the right to be listed on the Council agenda. Mr. Leister also commented on cars that are parked illegally on borough streets and not being ticketed by the police department. Specifically, Mr. Leister stated his opinion that the Borough should impose "no parking" on the north side of East Fifth Street and allow parking on the south side of East Fifth Street. Mr. Leister also stated that he witnessed a drug transaction occur in the alley behind his residence. Mr. Leister stated that he did not report the incident to the police department and that he did not obtain the license plate number of the vehicle used in the incident.

Mr. Deery then recognized Mrs. Mest who thanked the police department for their presence in the area of the Boyertown Elementary and Junior High West Schools at the start and end of each school day. Mrs. Mest stated her opinion that the presence of a patrol car slows traffic and establishes a level of safety for school children.

Mr. Deery then recognized Mr. Leister again who commented on having in the past reported the operation of a prostitution ring on Washington Street. Mr. Deery asked Mr. Leister to note the presence of two children in the meeting room. Mr. Leister continued to discuss the prostitution ring after several requests by Mr. Deery to be cautious due to the presence of children in the meeting room. Mr. Deery then gavelled Mr. Leister due to the graphic nature of the discussion and ended the comment period.

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There being no further business to conduct a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m. was made by Mr. Gabel and second by Mr. Christman. The next meeting of Boyertown Borough Council will be held on Monday, July 3rd, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Loder
Borough Secretary