

BOROUGH OF BOYERTOWN COUNCIL MEETING
July 6, 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 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 called for a motion to approve the minutes of the June 7th, 2021 meeting of Borough Council. The motion was made by Mrs. Carnes, 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 June 2021. The motion was approved.

The following is a summary of the Financial Report:

General Fund	
Balance in Bank 05/31/2021	\$887,588.19
Receipts	67,787.41
Expenditures	170,404.36
Balance in Bank 06/30/2021	\$784,971.24
Tank Maintenance Fund	
Balance in Bank 05/31/2021	\$423,547.38
Receipts	13.95
Expenditures	0.00
Balance in Bank 06/30/2021	\$423,561.33
Water Fund	
Balance in Bank 05/31/2021	\$435,628.89
Receipts	187,240.32
Expenditures	187,385.91
Balance in Bank 06/30/2021	\$435,483.30
Sewer Fund	
Balance in Bank 05/31/2021	\$373,631.82
Receipts	158,187.67
Expenditures	138,426.09
Balance in Bank 06/30/2021	\$393,393.40

Recreation Fund	
Balance in Bank 05/31/2021	\$ 84,091.25
Receipts	14,331.63
Expenditures	915.00
Balance in Bank 06/30/2021	\$ 97,507.88
Colonial Corners Fund	
Balance in Bank 05/31/2021	\$ 28,160.56
Receipts	900.77
Expenditures	559.35
Balance in Bank 06/30/2021	\$ 28,501.98
Trail Feasibility Study	
Balance in Bank 05/31/2021	\$ 0.20
Receipts	0.00
Expenditures	0.00
Balance in Bank 06/30/2021	\$.20
Capital Improvement General	
Balance in Bank 05/31/2021	\$2,015,190.23
Receipts	66.33
Expenditures	37,868.00
Balance in Bank 06/30/2021	\$1,977,388.56
Forest Management	
Balance in Bank 05/31/2021	\$ 131,289.62
Receipts	4.32
Expenditures	0.00
Balance in Bank 06/30/2021	\$ 131,293.94
Capital Improvement Water Fund	
Balance in Bank 05/31/2021	\$1,030,809.92
Receipts	33.95
Expenditures	0.00
Balance in Bank 06/30/2021	\$1,030,843.87
Capital Improvement Sewer Fund	
Balance in Bank 05/31/2021	\$ 412,830.06
Receipts	13.60
Expenditures	0.00
Balance in Bank 06/30/2021	\$ 412,843.66

Liquid Fuels Fund	
Balance in Bank 05/31/2021	\$ 156,368.91
Receipts	2.55
Expenditures	0.00
Balance in Bank 06/30/2021	\$ 156,371.46
Operating Reserve Fund	
Balance in Bank 05/31/2021	\$ 0.00
Receipts	213,054.18
Expenditures	0.00
Balance in Bank 06/30/2021	\$ 213,054.18

Mr. Heller made a motion, second by Mrs. Carnes, to authorize issuance of a Letter of Commitment in the amount of \$50,000 to the Boyertown Midget Baseball League in support of the construction of ADA compliant restrooms at the Mackey Baseball Field in the Boyertown Community Park. 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 May. A total of 20,937,000 gallons of water was processed through the water filter plant for an average of 675,000 gallons per day. The totals came from these sources:

Trout Run	15,109,000
Ironstone	-0-
Boyertown Reservoir	5,828,000
Pumping from Trout Run	31 days
Pumping from Ironstone	0 days

Trout Run is at a level of 601.920 feet with approximately 378,000,000 gallons of water. Popodickon Reservoir is at a level of 38 feet with approximately 34,600,000 gallons of water. Precipitation in May was 4.4 inches.

Public Utilities – Sewer, Keith Endy

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

	Average Effluent	NPDES Maximum Allowed
B.O.D.	4.00 mg/1	20.0 mg/1
Ammonia Nitrogen	.23 mg/1	4.8 mg/1
Phosphorus	1.39 mg/1	1.5 mg/1

Suspended Solids	13.0 mg/1	20.0 mg/1
Fecal Coliform	24/100 mg/1	200/100 mg/1

The average daily flow at the Wastewater Treatment Plant during the month of May was 354,000 gallons.

Public Works, Barry Christman

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

During the month of June, street department personnel patched streets and alleys, mowed grass, assisted with the preparations for Boyertown Fun Days at the Community Park and the Philadelphia Avenue Street Fair, managed the repaving of the basketball courts at the Community Park and the Franklin Street Mini Park, and the relocation of the driveway at 25 South Reading Avenue, and performed routine maintenance on Borough buildings, equipment and vehicles.

House, Gene Gabel

Mr. Gabel made a motion, second by Mr. Heller, to accept the resignation of Shannon (Powers) Scarberry from the Zoning Hearing Board effective June 30th, 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.

Mr. Gabel made a motion, second by Mrs. Carnes, to approve Resolution Number 07-06-2021 appointing Roger Lehmann to the Zoning Hearing Board to complete the unexpired term of Shannon (Powers) Scarberry, term to expire January 2024. 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 on the success of the annual Fun Days event held on June 3, 4 and 5 at the Community Park.

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 four zoning permits. Twenty four Notices of Violation were issued for property maintenance code violations, and thirty four rental units were inspected.

Police and Public Safety, Terry Mest

Mr. Mest made a motion, second by Mr. Gabel, to approve the closure of General Carl Spaatz Avenue from Warwick Street to the property line of 28 Warwick Street on August 28th, 2021 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. for the Ribbon Cutting and Opening Dedication of the General Spaatz WWII Museum. 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 June is as follows: Total Incidents in the Borough 231; Criminal Arrests 7; Vehicle Arrests 56; Accidents 15.

Building a Better Boyertown, Jillian Magee, Main Street Manager

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

Solicitor

Mr. Hartman and Mrs. Loder introduced Mr. Will Hallman of the Boyertown Museum of Historic Vehicles. Mr. Hallman reviewed with the members a lighting plan to add three decorative street lights within the public right of way along South Walnut Street in front of the Museum. Mr. Hallman explained that the addition of the lights is part of a museum building improvement project, which includes a new façade and windows, a new entranceway, and new sidewalk and curbing. The lights will be installed and maintained by the museum and the lights are similar to the lights installed by the Borough in the Mainstreet Streetscape Project Phase I.

Mr. Hartman stated that Council’s approval to install the lights within the right-of-way is required. Mr. Hartman further noted that Council approval should include a provision that the museum be required to enter into an agreement with the Borough confirming that the museum will maintain and electrify the lights and upon written notification from the Borough, the museum will move the poles at the museum’s expense if they interfere with any public use of the right of way in the future. The agreement will also require the museum to release and indemnify the borough from liability.

Following discussion, a motion was made by Mrs. Carnes, second by Mr. Mest, to authorize the solicitor to prepare the agreement as outlined above and to share the agreement with the museum for their review and consideration. 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. Charles Haddad. Mr. Haddad thanked Borough Council for their support of the Boyertown Midget Baseball League project and the closure of General Spaatz Avenue for the ribbon cutting and dedication ceremony for the General Spaatz WWII Museum.

There being no further comments and no further business to conduct a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 p.m. was made by Mrs. Carnes and second by Mr. Heller. The next meeting of Boyertown Borough Council will be held on Monday, August 2nd, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Loder
Borough Secretary