

November 19, 2018
7:00 p.m.

The regular meeting of Doylestown Borough Council was held on the above date and time in Council Chambers, with the following members present: Council President Jack O'Brien, Vice President Noni West, and Council Members Ben Bell, Don Berk, Tim Brennan, Joe Frederick, Sue Gordon, and Wendy Margolis. Also present were Mayor Ron Strouse, Borough Engineer Jim Dougherty, Borough Manager John Davis, Central Bucks Regional Police Department Police Chief Karl Knott, Planning/Public Works Director/Deputy Borough Manager Phil Ehlinger, Finance Director Caroline Brinker, Director of Building & Zoning Karyn Hyland, and Water Director Chris Norris. Councilperson Joe Flood and Junior Councilperson Josie Hall were absent. Joanna Waldron, Esquire was present for Borough Solicitor Jordan Yeager.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. O'Brien called for a motion to approve the **October 15, 2018 Council Meeting minutes**. (Berk-West) The vote was called and the minutes were unanimously approved.

MAYOR'S REPORT: No report.

PUBLIC SAFETY - Ms. Gordon

1. Consideration of the 2019 Central Bucks Regional Police Department Budget. Ms. Gordon stated that Council members had been provided with the revised 2019 Central Bucks Regional Police Department Budget as approved and submitted for consideration by the Central Bucks Regional Police Commission. She said the Committee reviewed the budget and is recommending approval. Ms. Gordon said that if Council wished to follow the recommendation, it could do so by motion. (Gordon-West) With no comments from Council, Staff, or the public, the vote was called. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

2. Ms. Gordon gave the **Doylestown Fire Co. No. 1 Report**, stating there were 24 incidents requiring the Fire Company's response in October.

PUBLIC WORKS AND ADMINISTRATION - Mr. Frederick

Mr. Frederick stated he had nothing to report and he then asked Mr. Ehlinger for the **Public Works Monthly Report**. Mr. Ehlinger stated that the monthly Work Order Report and the Fleet Services Report were provided. He reported further that the Borough's curbside leaf collection schedule has been delayed by the five inches of snow received last week. He said they are approximately two to three days behind, but they are telling everyone to put their leaves out and they will catch up as quickly as they can, weather permitting.

COMMUNITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS - Mr. Berk

Mr. Berk reported that the Committee did not meet, but that the Pride Month Working Group did meet.

ZONING AND PLANNING - Mr. Brennan

1. Application for Subdivision and Land Development, Provco Pinegood Doylestown South, LLC, Wawa Convenience Store, TMP 08-011-041-061, 425 South Main Street.

Mr. Brennan stated that Provco Pinegood Doylestown South, LLC, the owner of the subject property, 425 South Main Street, is proposing to demolish the existing bank building and construct a 4,700 square foot food market and gas station. The improvements also include related parking, landscaping, storm water management, roadway improvements, and a gateway treatment. He said the Zoning Hearing Board granted the required Special Exception, and the Planning Commission recommended approval.

Mr. Brennan said the Zoning & Planning Committee is recommending Final Approval of the application conditional on the following: (1) that the applicant resolve all outstanding issues in the Borough Engineer's, Borough Water Engineer's, and Shade Tree Commission's review letters to the satisfaction of staff; (2) that the applicant install a new masonry Mercer Museum-themed gateway entry sign, clock tower and wall as per the renderings submitted, including lighting and landscaping. The final design and details be provided to the satisfaction of staff. The maintenance and upkeep, including landscaping, shall be provided in perpetuity by the property owner as a condition of this approval. The existing wood gateway sign is to be removed; (3) that the applicant construct a Traffic Signal and road improvements generally consistent with the plans titled "Drawings for Construction of Doylestown Wawa" prepared by Traffic Planning and Design dated October 11, 2018 as revised to the satisfaction of staff and PennDOT. The improvements shall include a pedestrian cross walk across Main Street as well as across the 202 Bypass on and off-ramps; (4) that the applicant provide detailed architectural design plans for the building and canopy, and that the final design of elements of the canopy structure reflect the materials and details of the gateway sign and clock tower to the greatest extent possible, and to the satisfaction of staff; (5) that the applicant prepare design and permit drawings for a multi-use path crossing of the US 202 bypass bridge western road shoulder. Submission of the actual permit for the crossing to PennDOT is not required; (6) that the applicant provide a voluntary contribution in the amount of \$20,000 for construction of a segment of the Doylestown Community Bike & Hike multi-use trail along the west side of Main Street directly across from the site; (7) that the height of the solid, interlocking buffer fencing between the site and residential uses to the east and north be increased to eight feet for consistency with buffer requirements; (8) that the applicant provide a voluntary contribution to the Shade Tree Fund in the amount of \$10,200; (9) that the applicant provide the water tapping fee in the amount of \$29,068.79; and, (10) that the applicant enter into the usual developers, maintenance, escrow, and operation and maintenance agreements in form satisfactory to the Borough Solicitor.

Mr. Brennan said that in consideration of the foregoing, the following waivers from the Subdivision and Land Development and Storm Water Management (SWM) Ordinance are recommended: (1) §404, to allow concurrent preliminary and final plan applications; (2) §516(f), to allow grading within five feet of the property line; (3) §520.H.2, to allow less than the required 10% parking lot landscaping in favor of a more substantial perimeter buffer; (4) §520.L.1, to permit planting 34 fewer replacement trees than are required; (5) §510(h), to permit the radii of landscape islands adjacent to the building to be three feet rather than the required five feet; (6) §520.F.1(a),

to provide three street trees rather than the four required; (7) §803(c)(2) and §805(c)(2), to waive the requirement of showing existing features within 400 feet of the property; and, (8) SWM §125.3.C(5)(b), to permit the use of HDPE pipe in accordance with manufacturer's loading specifications.

Mr. Brennan said that if Council agreed with the Committee's recommendation, then it may waive Preliminary Land Development Approval and grant Final Land Development Approval by carrying a motion to do so. (Brennan-Frederick)

Mr. O'Brien asked if there were representatives of the applicant present. Bill Rearden, Joe Botta, attorney Edward Murphy, and a representative from Traffic Planning and Design were present. Mr. O'Brien asked if they agreed to the terms and conditions, and the reply was "yes."

With no further comments from Council, Staff, or the public, the vote was called. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

2. **Historic & Architectural Review Board (HARB) Report.** Mr. Brennan said that at their regular monthly meeting, the HARB recommended the issuance of Certificates of Appropriateness for the following applications as submitted: Sign Applications: none; and, Building Applications: (1) 187 East Court Street, William and Laurie Schutt, windows repair and replacement and a skylight addition; (2) 77-79 West Court Street, David and Susan Opperman, two skylights to the front roof and four to the rear; and, (3) 192 Lafayette Street, John and Magan Martino, addition of a window.

Mr. Brennan said the Zoning and Planning Committee recommends that Council approve the applications in accordance with HARB's recommendations, and if Council wished to follow the Committee's recommendation, it could do so by motion. (Brennan-Margolis) With no comments from Council, Staff, or the public, the vote was called. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

3. **Zoning Hearing Board.** Mr. Brennan deferred to Ms. Hyland, who reported that the Board will meet on November 21, 2018, to hear the following applications: (1) 440 Boro Mill Hill Road, Parcel No. 8-12-5, the Borough of Doylestown, owner and applicant, which is requesting use relief to expand the non-conforming use of the twin home and dimensional relief to allow the subdivision of the existing twin from the remainder of the Chapman Park property; (2) 204 North West Street, Parcel No. 8-4-6-102, by Emily J. Kawas, equitable owner of one of the office condominiums on that property is requesting use relief to allow a dance studio; and (3) the property at the corner of Lacey Avenue and East Street, across from the cemetery, by JRB Investments, LLC, which requests dimensional relief to allow construction of a single-family home on a non-conforming lot.

4. **Code Enforcement Monthly Activity Report.** Mr. Brennan reported there were 63 residential and one non-residential use and occupancy inspections, 34 complaints were investigated, six building inspections, no recycling inspections, 77 sidewalk/paving inspections, no sidewalk/snow inspections, four litter enforcement, no graffiti, 12 fire company issues, and no tree removal permits/issues.

5. **Building Inspection Monthly Report.** Mr. Brennan reported there were 158 total permits and a total cost of permit fees of \$19,560.00.

ENVIRONMENT AND RECREATION - Ms. Margolis

1. Consideration of Resolution No. 2018-12, Pennsylvania Environmental Quality Board Climate Petition Establishing Greenhouse Gas Auction Cap-and-Trade Regulation.

Ms. Margolis stated that the Pennsylvania Clean Air Council is seeking petitioners for a submission to the Pennsylvania Environmental Quality Board calling for the establishment of a state cap-and-trade program designed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. She said Resolution No. 2018-12 authorizes the addition of Doylestown Borough as a petitioner. Ms. Margolis noted that becoming a petitioner would require no financial commitment from the Borough.

Ms. Margolis said the Committee is recommending that Council participate in this effort by joining as a petitioner, and if Council wished to follow the recommendation, it could do so by motion. (Margolis-Gordon)

Richard Tems asked whether any consideration had been given to a recent article that a drastic mathematical error had been made in a forecast of greenhouse gases.

Mr. O'Brien said he was not familiar with such an article.

Mr. Tems said a major climate report was reviewed last week and the environmental scientists who issued the report warning about the drastic increase in global temperature climate acknowledged that their mathematics were off in a negative way so there has not been the temperature increase that they forecasted.

Mr. O'Brien replied that there has been temperature increase. Mr. Tems agreed, but said not necessarily what they forecasted because their numbers were wrong. He suggested that Council not sign onto this until they are much more comfortable with the reality of what's happening with evidence from over the years.

With no further comments from Council, Staff, or the public, Mr. O'Brien called the vote was called. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

WATER UTILITY - Mr. Flood

In Mr. Flood's absence, Mr. O'Brien called upon Mr. Norris for the monthly Water Department Report. Mr. Norris reported that there were two water main repairs [visual aids were shown], two water service repairs [visual aids], 25 water meter repairs, eight house calls, 10 SCADA System Alarms, three emergency shutoffs, seven well house repairs, two bulk chemical deliveries, and one power outage. He said from the front office, there were 9 final readings, 36 water leak notices sent, 14 meter repair notices sent, 150 late payment notices sent, 56 shutoff notices sent, four shutoff door hangers posted, and six non-payment shutoffs.

Mr. O'Brien said he thought the Borough is very fortunate that we are able to do a lot of this type work ourselves - we have a staff here that is capable of filling in where needed and get this type of work done. He said it makes a significant cost savings for us.

FINANCE/PENSION - Ms. West

Ms. West said there are four orders of business, all part of the process for approval of our 2019 Budget.

1. **Adoption of 2019 Preliminary Budget.** Ms. West said the proposed budget is to be advertised and made available for public inspection at Borough Hall and on our website and social media for a minimum of 10 days prior to the Final Budget adoption. She said changes can be

made until the Final Budget adoption at the December 17, 2018 Council Meeting. Ms. West noted that a press release, along with a copy of the Budget Summary, has been prepared for the public and the press. Motion to adopt and advertise the proposed 2019 Budget. (West-Margolis)

Audience member Kristine Longshore said she is a little unfamiliar with how mills work based on our assessment, but it seems like a lot for the water rate and the real estate taxes - everything seems to be going up all in one year. She said that's a lot for the average homeowner, especially someone on a fixed income.

Mr. O'Brien said the road tax millage was cut by one-half a mill. He said the Water Fund struggled this year as there wasn't quite the forecasted usage so revenues fell short and as a result of that, we have an operating deficit. Mr. Davis said we've been running an operating deficit for some time in both the General and Water Funds. He said when the numbers were run the first time for the General Fund, because of some increases in expenditures related to the Police Pension Fund in particular and some revenues that came in under budget, particularly parking fines and parking meter fees, we were faced with a substantial deficit. Mr. Davis said the millage increase is to fill that deficit. He said this is the first millage increase since 2013.

Mr. Davis said that it was the same with the Water Fund. He said we have been running a slight deficit or running very close to an exactly balanced budget for years. He noted water usage has been down, partly because it was a wet weather year and also water usage continues to decrease across the board due to water saving plumbing fixtures and more water conservation by the public. He said this is why there is a water rate increase, which will be discussed shortly. Ms. West commented that the average increase per household is \$80 for entire year.

Ms. Longshore commented that this millage is based on current assessments, but the assessment of property values haven't been reassessed since 1972 or '74. She said once they're reassessed and the millage has been raised, it will cost the residents more.

Mr. Davis indicated there is no prospect of reassessment on the county level right now. He said it has been talked about for many years and certainly if it did occur, all municipalities would have to look at everything very differently in terms of assessment and make adjustments accordingly. He said here, the assessment would likely go up as the Borough has older homes, most of which were built at the time of the last assessment in 1972. Mr. Davis said the current average assessment is what these numbers are based on. This assessment is \$28,600 or \$28.60 a mill, so the proposed increase in this budget is \$57.20 at two mills.

Ms. Longshore said her question was answered, but she was not particularly happy as one of the reasons she chose to live in the Borough and not the Township was because it was more favorable in terms of the taxes she had to pay. She said this is starting to shift and she doesn't like it.

Bill Casey, 99 East Court Street, asked if it was said that the increase in the meter from 25 cents an hour to \$1 hasn't been good or hasn't turned out favorably. Mr. Davis said it's not that it hasn't been good, obviously it increased revenues, but the revenue increase was less than even our conservative revenue projections. He said it was assumed we would issue fewer tickets because not only because of the rates, but the technology that is offered now allows people to stay in compliance more easily and they're doing so. Mr. Davis said as a consequence, a lot fewer tickets are being issued, which is a good thing, but it does mean less revenue. Also, in terms of meter fees, Mr. Davis said what we're finding is meter feeding has been largely eliminated by the

higher rates and again by the new technology. Mr. Davis stated further that people no longer put money in on Saturdays, Sundays, or after hours because the meters are much clearer.

Mr. Casey asked if the first ticket is \$10 and the second is \$50. Mr. Davis said that was correct. He said it's just that we're issuing fewer of them, which really is a good thing because we don't like issuing tickets and we do want people in compliance.

Mr. Casey said he knew you can't feed your meter, but you can just move your car to another meter and he has seen people do it. Mr. Davis concurred.

Mr. Brennan commented that issuing less tickets allows consumers to have a better experience when they come into the Borough, which is a good thing.

Mr. Berk said that one of the biggest complaints he hears is about the difficulty of finding a parking space, so the fact that someone can move their car to another space is a good thing for the Borough. He said he is now hearing less of those complaints.

Mr. Casey next asked about the trees at Court and Broad. Mr. Davis asked if he was referring to the VIP Parking Lot and the response was yes. Mr. Casey asked when the tree removal was expected. Mr. Davis said the county had rebid the project and the Borough is expecting them to award a bid and come to us for permits in the near future.

Jim Aldredge, 53 North Church Street, made the observation on the irony of the revenue dropping on the meters – one way to make that up is to enforce the two-hour parking on Belmont and Church which goes largely unenforced. He said people going through stop signs could be ticketed, which is an old issue. Mr. Aldredge added his observation on the water that looking at things from a business standpoint, when your sales revenue drops and you raise prices, it drops again, but we do not have the control of making people buy services/water like the Borough does. He said people don't buy as much water because they're trying to conserve ecologically and financially, and the Borough raising the price is like the post office saying they need more money for stamps because no one mails anymore. He said people will mail less. Mr. Aldredge said it seems to be a fait accompli that if you raise the water rates, people will use less water and then you're going to raise them again, and even less will be used. He said right now they're being charged for a minimum of 3,000 gallons per month when most of them probably use far less than that. Mr. Aldredge asked if the sewer rate was increasing. The response was that the Borough has no control over that as it is the Bucks County Water and Sewer Authority.

Mr. Aldredge said that in business, the suggestion would be find a way to lower our cost, our selling price, or reduce our costs to produce it. He said in government, that's usually the last thing that's considered, but he requested that it be considered. He said like the post office, it decided most of the mailboxes in Doylestown Borough needed to go away because it wasn't cost effective, but they didn't lay anybody off - those people are still getting paid, just not getting paid to pick up their mail now.

Mr. O'Brien said that a study was done two years ago with Johnson Controls. Mr. Davis said yes, and we were able to reduce our electric costs, reduce waste in the system, and were able to get cost savings across the board. He added that we have a small water company and not a big budget. It is incredibly tight and although we were able to achieve some savings and some cuts, it's difficult to make up the entire difference there. Mr. Davis said we're required by law to have two operators, which is what we have, with one clerk who does the billing and other things. He said that's basically the whole Water Department staff. He said staffing is looked at, it's just that we don't have a lot of fat in terms of the number of people we have and still be able to run a

water system. Mr. Davis said a lot of the reduction is simply from reduction of water being wasted through better leak detection and things of that nature, not so much people just starting to use less water as the rates go up.

Mr. Davis said they understand the point being made that we're stuck in a cycle where people are using less and that reduces our revenue. He said we have right now the lowest rates basically in the Delaware Valley, not just the county, but the region including the county and we're significantly lower than most. Mr. Davis said based on this budget and comparing our new number to 2018 rates of about 20 different systems in the region, we will be the second lowest, so we do provide a real value in terms of that product and we've tried very hard to keep it low over the years. He said it is just hard to sustain it at a level that low.

An audience member commented that the increase may be minimal and it's still lower than others in the area, but that in along with the additional millage, there are a number of people in the area who are retired and on fixed incomes, so \$80 a year in millage and more money each month for water that they're not using isn't a favorable situation.

Ms. West noted that it is \$80 total between water and millage. Mr. Davis said it's \$57 for tax and about \$5 a quarter for water, or \$20 a year.

With no further comments from Council, Staff, or the public, Mr. O'Brien called the vote. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

2. Authorization to Advertise Ordinance Setting the 2019 Real Estate Tax Rate.

Ms. West stated that in conjunction with the adoption of the 2019 Preliminary Budget, an ordinance is required to set the 2019 Tax Rate. She said the General Purpose Tax is 10.165 mills, the Fire Protection Tax is 1.70 mills, the Special Road Fund Tax is 1.50 mills, the Ambulance and Rescue Squad Tax is 0.50 mills, and the Debt Service Tax is 1.31 mills. Ms. West stated that the total millage will be 15.175. She said our 2019 General Tax Millage reflects an average yearly increase of \$57 per year in residential assessment.

Ms. West said that if Council wished to authorize the advertisement of the proposed ordinance, it could do so by motion. (West-Frederick) With no further comments from Council or the public, the vote was called. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

3. Authorization to Advertise an Ordinance Setting the Special Permit Parking Fee.

Ms. West stated that in conjunction with the adoption of the 2019 Preliminary Budget, an ordinance is required to set the special permit parking fees and establishing a parking permit for contractors performing work within the Borough. She said our 2019 fee changes reflect a contractor's parking fee of \$5 a day, where in the past, they have parked for free. She noted it also included an increase in special permit parking fees to \$10.00 per month. Ms. West said this is the first increase since 1993.

Ms. West said that if Council wished to authorize the advertisement of the proposed ordinance, it could do so by motion. (West-Gordon)

With regard to the special permit parking, an audience member said she sees the little orange things wrapped around the meters and asked if they only pay \$10 a month for a whole month of parking. Mr. Davis said right now they pay a little less - it's \$100 a year, going up to \$120 a year. She asked if they don't have to pay the meters. Mr. Davis said that was correct. He said they are not guaranteed a spot and the meters that are banded tend to be on the periphery of the downtown where it's not the most desirable spots. He noted this program, created in 1993, works

very well for the people who live or work in the center of town and it frees up spaces in the center of town. The audience member asked again if this is all for \$120 a year, where they can just park all the time. Mr. Davis said yes. He said it's an increasingly popular program as we basically have more permittees than we have meters at this point. The woman asked if this wasn't a revenue loser when we're worried about our parking funds going down. Mr. Davis said he didn't know that it was necessarily a revenue loser, as it leverages those meters which tend to be not as popular because they require one, two, or three block walk. He said right now, it's a lower rate for those meters - you can park there for up to 10 hours. The woman said she sees where people have parked there the night before when they come into town, park, and go to sleep for the night. She said those meters are always full when she goes running. Mr. Davis acknowledged there is a synergy in the center of town with a lot of people living there with no driveways or offsite parking spaces, and in the morning residents get up, move their cars, and employees and visitors come in, and then it changes again at 5 p.m. He said this program has brought in as much revenue as we would normally get from meters, and they're used when otherwise they may not.

A Church Street resident said the Borough installed special parking with red and white signs, reserved, for permit only. He asked if this was what was being discussed. Mr. Davis said those permits in a residential permit parking zone are free if you are an eligible resident/live in that zone. He said if you're in a special permit parking district and your property/address is in that district, then you're eligible for permits for all of your registered vehicles and you're entitled to guest passes. Mr. O'Brien clarified that you do not get a reserved space, you get a permit that allows you to park in one those spots that are so marked as permit parking only. There is no payment required. The audience member asked why the Borough doesn't charge for those. Mr. Davis explained that these particular permits are designed for residential neighborhoods that are under great pressure because of the overall lack of parking in the community and Council has wished to be help them be able to park at or near their own homes. He said a good example is the first permit parking zone which is around Central Bucks West High School where residents couldn't park in front of their own homes because the students parked everywhere. The audience member said he was talking about renters. Mr. Davis said renters would be eligible if they lived there. Ms. West said renters are residents to which the audience member replied they are not owners.

With no further comments from Council or the public, the vote was called. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

4. Authorization to Advertise Ordinance Setting the 2019 Water Rates and Fees.

Ms. West said that in conjunction with the adoption of the 2019 Preliminary Budget, an ordinance setting the water rates and standby fire protection service fees for 2019 is required. Ms. West stated that our 2019 water rates reflect an average increase of \$5 per quarter or \$20 for the year, and the Borough remains to be one of lowest water rates in Bucks and Montgomery Counties. She said the revenues also reflect an increase in fire protection fees to bring them in line with surrounding communities. She noted the last increase for that was in the 1980s,

Motion to authorize the advertisement of ordinance. (West-Gordon) With no further comments from Council, Staff, or the public, Mr. O'Brien called the vote. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

5. Finance Report. Ms. West asked Ms. Brinker for the monthly finance report. Ms. Brinker reported that the total of all funds expended was \$825,592.86. Motion to approve the

Finance Report. (West-O'Brien) With no comments from Council, Staff, or the public, the vote was called. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Davis commented that in the next day or two, he would be D-Mailing the entire budget and the budget statement to the public, anyone who receives D-Mails will receive it, and anyone who isn't signed up for D-Mail can do so at the Borough website. He said it will also be posted on the Borough's website and our social media pages. Mr. Davis said beyond the formal advertisement required by law, we will get this out to the public as much as possible.

PERSONNEL - Mr. O'Brien

1. **Reappointments to Boards/Commissions.** Mr. O'Brien stated that the following board and commission members' terms expire as of December 31, 2018, and each has expressed a desire to return for another term:

<u>Board/Commission</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Member</u>
Dog Park Advisory Board	3 Years	Katelynn Steck
Environmental Advisory Council	3 Years	George Mullikin and Kristin Winters
Fanny Chapman Pool Board	3 Years	Thomas Kane and Joyce Plummer
Human Relations Commission	3 Years	Linda Quinn and Frederick Stanczak
Planning Commission	4 Years	Kim Jacobsen, Heather Mahaley, and Gus Perea
Vacancy Board	1 Year	Curtis Cowgill
Zoning Hearing Board	3 Years	Charles Scott

Mr. O'Brien stated that if Council wished to reappoint the aforementioned members, they could do so by motion. (O'Brien-Margolis) With no comments from Council, Staff, or the public, the vote was called. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

2. **Authorization to Advertise Board Vacancies.** Mr. O'Brien reported that there are vacancies on the following Borough boards/commission:

<u>Board/Commission</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Replacing</u>
Economic Development Advisory Board Currently has seven members and the ordinance calls for nine	3 Years	Kim Stever
Environmental Advisory Council	3 Years	Larry Browne
Fanny Chapman Pool Board	3 Years	Kenneth Haas
Human Relations Commission Currently has six members and the ordinance permits from seven to 15	3 Years	Laurie Smith Kaczanowska
Park and Recreation Board	12/2021	Laura Morocco (Resignation)
Shade Tree Commission	5 Years	Carter Van Dyke
Fanny Chapman Pool Board, Harb, Park and Recreation Board (2 Vacancies), and Shade Tree Commission	May 2019- April 2020	Student Board Members
Junior Councilperson	September 2019- May 2020	

Mr. O'Brien stated that if Council wished to advertise the vacancies, they could do so by motion. (O'Brien-Gordon) With no comments from Council, Staff, or the public, the vote was called. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

PROFESSIONALS' REPORTS

Engineer's Report - Mr. Dougherty: No report.

Solicitor's Report - Mr. Yeager: No report.

Central Bucks Regional Police Department (CBRPD) Activities Report. Police Chief Knott stated the Police Activity Report was provided, showing that last month, there were 1346 incidents in the Borough. Chief Knott said they have spent \$4,551,720.36 and are at 83.98% of their yearly budget.

Chief Knott commented that this Wednesday night tends to be their busiest night of the season and they will be out in full force in the center of town, both in uniform and in plain clothes, taking care of everyone.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: None.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Tems again wished to address the issue of the climate increase matter. He said that the Scripps Institute and Princeton University acknowledge that they made a mathematical error that grossly overstated the rise of ocean temperatures, and that they did no simple mathematics. He said they said oops, sorry about that. Mr. Tems asked that before Council climbed aboard with all the climate change stuff, wait and see how this shakes out.

Mr. Bell stated that the cap and trade petition that Council voted on earlier is really part of a broader, longer-term effort to become carbon neutral by 2052. So if the change in climate is less than what we had heard previously, he thought it makes it easier to meet annual caps and probably makes it easier to meet carbon neutral levels by 2052, so he was very pleased to hear that. He's said it's actually excellent news.

Mr. Tems said the fact of the matter is that we need Co2 in order for crops to grow, that's what they use for fuel. He said the fact that we're not getting as much Co2 as you would like is going to affect our food supplies. Mr. Tems said Co2 is a benefit, not a problem, and the fact that we're not getting as much as the alarmists say we were because of someone's stupidity and their failure to calculate properly, is not a benefit, it's just a screw up on their part.

Mr. O'Brien commented that water can be a benefit and a deficiency too. He said you can drown in water, but you need water to live. He thought you need to find the balance.

Mr. Frederick commented that it seems what Mr. Tems was talking about was limited to one or two studies, but that doesn't mean everybody out there is wrong. He asked that we not generalize that everyone is wrong because one study was wrong.

Mr. Brennan commented that it's a question of degree when we still have 97 percent of the actual scientists saying that humans are responsible for increasing climate temperatures.

Mr. Tems said to check the stories because that's an incorrect story, it's been proved wrong over and over again. He said the fact is there is no such thing as settled science, it's only through experimentation and that the "97 percent" oxymoron stupidity has been disproven years ago.

Forest Drive resident Claire Kelly reported that over the past year, she's been receiving letters from the National Police Department in Topeka, Kansas, regarding "sanctuary towns." She said she does not want to see Doylestown become one of those because things happen in those sanctuary places, like people trying to get into people's homes and people get harassed, and she doesn't want that happening here as this town is too precious, too lovely to ever have it change like that.

Chief Knott explained that sanctuary cities have been a big topic around the country since the 2016 election. He said here in Doylestown, the Police Department abides by the law as it is and if the laws change, the Police Department changes with it. He said as it stands right now, we have no problems here or in the other two boroughs the Regional Police Department represents, and they don't anticipate any problems. Chief Knott said he feels very confident in the Department's policies and believes everything is sound and in place, all of which has been reviewed by their legal team and that they are doing everything well within the law.

Ms. Kelly asked that if this is going to be a reality, even if anybody dreams of it being a reality, will the residents be told or just have it pushed on them. Chief Knott replied that duty is on the members of Council before her right now.

Mr. Davis commented that there are a variety of definitions of sanctuary cities that have been put out in Harrisburg in a number of bills in both the house and senate that have appeared, along with sanctions for communities that meet the definition. He said the Borough has never met the definition of a sanctuary city in any of the bills, and that it is something that we do track closely.

Ms. Kelly asked if anything is about to happen, she would appreciate it if the public was told so they have a choice. Mr. O'Brien replied that anything to be considered is done so in a public forum at these Council meetings and at the Committee meetings, which are all advertised and are all public. He said there's nothing going on that isn't fully open to the public.

John Myron, 46 North Church Street, said he has lived here for 25 years and he wanted to back up Ms. Kelly. He said he grew up in the Bronx, New York City, in the sixties and he saw the Bronx fall apart just by what Ms. Kelly said. He said that's why he ended up living in Bucks County and he didn't want that happening here.

Mr. Myron next stated that North Church Street was made a one-way street, but people still go the wrong way on it all the time. He commented that they also speed there like it's a race track.

Mr. Frederick said that if the resident has a problem with speeding, he should come to a Public Safety meeting and address that problem. He said that's why the meetings are held so people can come out and address their problem. Mr. Myron replied that his problem right now is the traffic situation and he can't cross the street.

Mr. Brennan commented that he has seen this government in action and he thought this government does a great job. He said he's seen people come to committee meetings are heard. He said this government is responsive and if someone comes and in a reasonable tone tells us what's going on, the people here listen and they'll look at that concern. Mr. Brennan said he sees professionalism and decency from the Council members.

Mr. Berk said most of what is done is first discussed in committee. He told Mr. Myron that if he could come to a Public Safety meeting, that's where it could be addressed.

Ms. West added that the Public Safety Committee meets the second Wednesday of every month and if someone notifies us beforehand, an issue can be added to the agenda so everyone is prepared to discuss it. The next meeting is December 12. Mr. Myron said he would really like to see a patrol car out there.

Mr. Davis commented that within the last three or four years in the Church Street/Garden Alley area, in response to residents, Council has created a residential permit parking area then expanded it by two additional spaces, implemented a truck ban on Church Street, and created the one-way traffic on Garden Alley, all at the request of the residents. He said there has been a number of residents' requests and Council has responded, and if there is more to be done, they are happy to look at it.

Mr. Tems said he was rising to defend Council, as several months ago, there was an attempt to declare Doylestown Borough a sanctuary borough, he thought it was Ms. Margolis or Mr. Berk who recommended it, and thankfully Solicitor Yeager pointed out that to be a sanctuary city, you have to have a sanctuary jail and he pointed out there was no jail here in the Borough, so this could not be a sanctuary borough. He said until Council votes to build a jail, he felt we were safe. Mr. Tems said they tried, but the Solicitor said you can't do it. Ms. Kelly said that's was she figured because where there's smoke, there's fire. Ms. Margolis said she didn't try. Mr. Tems said somebody did, if not Ms. Margolis, maybe Mr. Berk. Mr. Berk said it sounded like him.

Mr. O'Brien thanked Mr. Tems for sticking up for Council.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:01 p.m., Mr. Berk moved to adjourn, seconded by Ms. West. The vote was called and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

John H. Davis
Borough Manager

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