

COMMUNITY SUPPORT WORKING GROUP

Friday, 10/1/2021 – 8am, Borough Hall

Attendance: Council President Jack O'Brien, Larry Browne, Joe Frederick, Ben Bell, Mayor Ron Strouse, and Borough Manager John Davis. Ben Bell attended the meeting remotely.

The **Minutes** from the September 17, 2021 meeting were approved.

Street Closures and Outdoor Dining Update: John advised there is one more street closure planned on West State Street. Domani Star and Doylestown Inn are both interested in purchasing a spot for outdoor dining, although Doylestown Inn hasn't yet gotten back to John regarding the specifics. John is still working out the numbers regarding a possible fee per season, considering lost parking revenues. The Community and Government Affairs Committee will need to discuss possible outdoor entertainment, as well as the possibility of revising the Borough's open container ordinances. The group discussed different aspects of outdoor entertainment and the safety concerns involved.

Latest Update on COVID 19 Precautions: John advised we are still following CDC guidelines at Borough Hall and are limiting contact between vaccinated and non-vaccinated employees. According to Mayor Strouse, County employees are expected to reach a 90% vaccination rate in October.

Discussion on Need to Continue CSWG Meetings: The group discussed the need for continued meetings on a twice-per-month basis. Ben suggested a working group combining members of various groups to discuss various issues without holding public meetings. If action is to be taken during the meeting, the meeting must be advertised and held publicly. As this group had been formed in response to the effect on businesses during the pandemic, those direct needs seem to have been resolved. Most of the ongoing issues addressed through this group can be handled going forward in the various Borough committees. Members in attendance agreed to consider the group going forward and will discuss it again.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:55 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Kramer
Minutes Secretary