

June 27, 2022
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 Wendy Margolis, and Council Members Ben Bell, Tim Brennan, Larry Browne, Joe Frederick, Jennifer Jarret, and Dennis Livrone. Also present were Mayor Noni West, Borough Solicitor Ernest Closser, Central Bucks Regional Police Department Police Chief Karl Knott, Borough Manager John Davis, Building and Zoning Karyn Hyland, and Planning/Public Works Director/Deputy Borough Manager Phil Ehlinger. Councilperson Amy Popkin and Borough Engineer Jim Dougherty were absent. Finance Director Caroline Brinker was also absent due to her attendance at the Fanny Chapman Pool Board meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Mayor West stated there were three milestone recognitions:

1. Proclamation honoring **Glenda Childs**, for her 10th year anniversary as owner of Doylestown Bookshop;
2. Certificate of Appreciation to **Keith and Kristina Fenimore**, in recognition of their creation and opening of KIN Wellness & Support Center; and,
3. Proclamation honoring **Frank Gallagher** for 48 years of guiding Doylestown FISH and his longstanding service to the Borough's citizens.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. O'Brien called for a motion to approve the **May 16, 2022 Council Meeting Minutes**. (Browne-Margolis) The vote was called and the minutes were unanimously approved.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor West reported that the Pride Festival attracted over 4,000 people and she heard had that Juneteenth had over 1,000 attendees.

PUBLIC SAFETY - Mr. Frederick

Mr. Frederick said that the only item was the **Doylestown Fire Company monthly report**, which was provided in Council's packet and is available to the public by following the packet link noted on this meeting's Agenda.

PUBLIC WORKS AND ADMINISTRATION - Mr. Browne

1. **2022-2023 Road Materials Bid.** Mr. Browne said that bids were opened and read on February 25, 2022 by the Bucks County Consortium for the purchase of Road Materials for the 2022-23 season. A tabulation was provided. Mr. Browne said that based on these materials, the low bidder is Eureka, which was also last year's low bid.

Mr. Browne said that the Committee reviewed the bids and is recommending the award to Eureka Stone Quarry, Inc. He said that if Council wished to follow the recommendation, it could do so by motion, conditioned upon receipt of a properly executed performance bond and compliance with the bid specifications. (Browne-Jarret)

Resident Richard Tems said he was "so impressed by the high quality of Pennsylvania roads," he recently researched to find out why we seem to farm potholes as a growth industry in this state. He said there are federal government and PennDOT approved materials you can add to the paving material before it is applied which will reduce potholes significantly, but they're never used here. Mr. Tems thought it was time to investigate why we have so many potholes.

Mr. Ehlinger replied to Mr. Tems that he is always open to learning new things and if Mr. Tems would like to share the add mixtures/materials with him, he would look into it. Mr. Ehlinger commented that we do use PennDOT specifications and we have minimum standards to meet in order to use our liquid fuels money on road paving jobs. He said if Mr. Tems had this innovation, he would love to hear it. Mr. Tems said he would share it.

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

2. **Public Works Department Report.** Mr. Browne said the monthly report was provided and he noted that he saw some of the paving being done on the bike/hike trail this morning.

Mr. Ehlinger commented that the monthly report showed 26 work orders in May, in addition to many, many other unlisted chores the Department does. He said there are 33 miles of bike trails in the greater Doylestown region most of which have been paved by the Doylestown Borough Public Works Department because we have a paver and the Township doesn't. He said the last 500 feet was paved today across from Wawa which will connect that intersection and also create some better pedestrians linkage. Mr. Ehlinger pointed out that bike path was being paid for by a contribution from that Wawa developer across the street, and there was no cost to the Borough other than in-kind contribution. He added that the Township prepared the area of the bike path. Mr. Ehlinger commented that it was integrated cooperative effort with the Township.

COMMUNITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS - Mr. Bell

Mr. Bell reported that the Committee did meet, but there were no action items for Council. He then acknowledged the Pride Committee. He said Pride Month started June 1 with a flag raising at the courthouse and then a march down to our new park plaza to raise a second flag; the County Theater hosted the Film Festival and showed two films; and, there was a block party on June 18

with beautiful weather, half a dozen live performances, and a great crowd of nearly 4,000 attendees. Mr. Bell said that the Pride Committee, sponsors, and volunteers did a fantastic job this year and they're looking forward to even more next year.

ZONING AND PLANNING - Mr. Brennan

1. **Authorization to Advertise Generator Ordinance.** Mr. Brennan stated that this ordinance permits emergency standby generators to be located five feet from rear and side property lines. He said that the Zoning & Planning Committee did not have a quorum present at its June 13, 2022 meeting, but those members in attendance recommended that Council authorize advertisement of this ordinance. Mr. Brennan said that if Council wished to follow the recommendation, it could do so by motion. (Brennan-Browne)

Mr. Tems commented that he owns a standby emergency generator which is within three feet of his house. He said a lot of Borough lots are so narrow, you can't meet the five feet requirement so there has to be a way to deal with that. Mr. Brennan acknowledged that the Borough has been receiving more of these, which is why it is being reduced. He added that there is always the process for a variance as well.

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

2. **Zoning Hearing Board Report.** Mr. Brennan deferred to Ms. Hyland, who reported that the Doylestown Borough Zoning Hearing Board held a Public Meeting on June 15, 2022, to hear the following applications: 339 South Main Street, by Peoples Security Bank and Trust. Ms. Hyland said that Council had authorized the Solicitor to represent its interests in that application. Ms. Hyland said that after some back and forth with the applicant, a plan was presented that the two members of the Zoning and Planning Committee who were present at the meeting were satisfied with. She said the Solicitor then wrote a letter confirming that the Borough was okay with the new placement of a freestanding sign. Ms. Hyland said that application was approved by the Zoning Hearing Board; 13 Easthill Drive, by Andrew and Sherry Cordery, who requested dimensional variances to permit multiple building additions. She said that application was approved; and, 238 West Court Street, by David Roman, for a dimensional variance to construct a garage. Ms. Hyland said that application was also approved.

3. **Code Enforcement Monthly Activity Report** and 4. **Building Inspection Monthly Report.** Mr. Brennan stated that these reports were provided in Council's packet and they are available to the public by following the packet link noted on this meeting's Agenda.

ENVIRONMENT AND RECREATION - Ms. Margolis

Ms. Margolis reported that the Committee met, but at this time, there were no actions to be put before Council.

WATER UTILITY - Ms. Jarret

In Ms. Jarret reported that the Committee did not meet formally, but rather they did an informal tour for interested Borough Councilpersons with Water Director Jeremy Matozzo, who showed them the wells, the water tank, the water system, and some of how the system operates.

FINANCE/PENSION - Ms. Popkin

In Ms. Popkin's absence, Ms. Margolis gave the following report:

1. **Consideration of Resolution No. 2022–10, Approving Doylestown Hospital Authority Bond Issue.** Ms. Margolis stated that this resolution as requested by the Doylestown Hospital Authority calls for the approval by the Borough of the issuance of 2013B bonds by the Doylestown Hospital Authority in order to restructure the Authority's Revenue Bonds. She said that the as the Hospital Authority was created in 1979 pursuant to an Ordinance of the Doylestown Borough, Borough Council is required to approve such a resolution by the Municipal Authorities Act to permit the Hospital Authority to proceed. Ms. Margolis said this resolution creates no liability or obligation for the Borough.

Ms. Margolis noted that a representative from the Doylestown Hospital Authority was present to answer any questions.

Ms. Margolis said that the Finance and Pension Committee has reviewed the information and the resolution, and is recommending Council adopt Resolution No. 2022-10. She said that if Council agreed with the recommendation, it could do so by motion. (Margolis-Jarret) With no comments from Council, Staff, or the public, the vote was called. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

2. **Consideration of Proposal from TebWeb Innovations LLC for Council Meeting Video Production Services.** Ms. Margolis said that a proposal was received from TebWeb Innovations LLC for Council meeting video production services. She said that the cost for these services is \$125 an hour, to include approximately three-quarter hour pre- and post-meeting setup, plus the meeting time. Ms. Margolis said that if Council agreed with the recommendation, it could do so by motion. (Margolis-Browne) With no comments from Council, Staff, or the public, the vote was called. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

3. **Finance Report.** Ms. Margolis reported that Council was provided with a list of prepaid bills and a list of bills to be paid this evening. She said the total of all funds expended was \$1,235,935.94. A motion was made to approve the report (Margolis-Jarret). With no comments from Council, Staff, or the public, the vote was called. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

PERSONNEL - Mr. O'Brien: No report.

PROFESSIONALS' REPORTS

Engineer's Report - In Mr. Dougherty's absence, Mr. O'Brien stated there was no report.

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

Central Bucks Regional Police Department (CBRPD) Activities Report. Chief Knott had no report. The CBRPD monthly activity report showed there were 1087 incidents in the Borough in May 2022, and year-to-date, the Department spent \$2,196,943.99 and were at 33.54% of their yearly budget.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Browne congratulated the Central Bucks West 4x400 meter girls' relay team for another state championship. He said the team consisted of Claire Dalsass, Maile McFadden, Mimi Duffy, Kate Edenson, Malia Mulcahy, and Abigail Kolbe. Mr. Browne commented that it's the sixth time in the school history they've won the states.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Tems said that vehicles are racing up East Street and across Maple Avenue on a regular basis, and seem to view the stop signs as advisory in nature. While he has seen the police doing some surveillance, he said it isn't enough and asked what could be done to get the speeding vehicles to slow down before a pedestrian is killed. Mr. Tems said that wherever there isn't a stop light, people just race through the intersections on East Street.

Mr. Davis said speed studies could be performed on East Street approximately from Court to down past Linden. Mr. Tems said people do slow down near the bottom on the hill because of the table, so probably from Main to Linden. Mr. Davis said we'll get the studies underway and get some fresh data.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:34 p.m., President O'Brien entertained a motion to adjourn. (Browne-Brennan) The vote was called and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

John H. Davis
Borough Manager

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