

July 18, 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 Tim Brennan, Larry Browne, Joe Frederick, Dennis Livrone, and Amy Popkin. Also present were Mayor Noni West, Borough Solicitor Ernest Closser, Borough Engineer Jim Dougherty, Central Bucks Regional Police Department Police Captain Lance Carlen, Borough Manager John Davis, Building and Zoning Karyn Hyland, Finance Director Caroline Brinker, and Planning/Public Works Director/Deputy Borough Manager Phil Ehlinger. Councilpersons Ben Bell and Jennifer Jarret were absent.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. O'Brien called for a motion to approve the **June 27, 2022 Council Meeting Minutes**. (Browne-Margolis) The vote was called and the minutes were unanimously approved.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor West stated that she did not have a report, but wanted to offer up a thank you. She said that as Mayor, she is asked to open events and one of them was the Doylestown at Dusk Car Show this past weekend, which was successful and well-attended. She said she always thanks the organizers and special contributors, but tonight she wanted to recognize Borough Staff and our Police who make our events possible. She said that in the case of the car show, the area needed to be cleared so that the Rotary could move 450 cars into parking spaces on State and Court Streets for six hours. Mayor West said that our Regional Police, besides patrolling, helped all those cars get in and out of town. She thanked our Borough and Police stage hands for Doylestown at Dusk and in advance for the Doylestown Arts Festival. She also commented that she chose a 1964 Sunbeam for the Mayor's Cup Award.

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 Fuel Bid.** Mr. Browne said that bids were publicly opened and read on June 14, 2022 by the Bucks County Consortium for the purchase of fuel for 2022-2023 season. He

said that the Borough uses about 28,000 gallons of unleaded, including the Central Bucks Regional Police Department, and approximately 10,000 gallons of diesel. Mr. Browne said that the low bidder for the majority of fuel used, which is unleaded, was RIGGING, at a June 14, 2022 net spot price of \$4.3089 per gallon, floating mean and modifier.

Mr. Browne said that their bids were as follows: unleaded: RIGGING INC., for the purchase of approximately 28,000 gallons of delivered unleaded regular gasoline at a floating price as of the delivery date based on the OPIS Philadelphia Mean price, which was \$4.21 as of June 14, 2022, plus a modifier of \$0.0989 per gallon, for the period of August 1, 2022 to July 31, 2023; diesel: RIGGING INC., for the purchase of approximately 10,000 gallons of delivered ultra-low sulfur diesel at a floating price as of the delivery date based on the OPIS Philadelphia Mean price, \$4.73 as of June 14, 2022, plus a modifier of \$.2540 per gallon, for the period of August 1, 2022 to July 31, 2023.

Mr. Browne said that due to no July Public Works meeting, this recommendation to award RIGGING INC. is being sent directly to Council. He said that if Council wished to follow the recommendation, it could do so by motion. (Browne-Frederick)

Mr. Ehlinger commented that this time last year, we paid \$2.33 for regular and \$2.39 for diesel.

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. He then asked Mr. Ehlinger for any comments he had. Mr. Ehlinger said that, as indicated on the report, they've been busy. He said today was the first of three large paving days, completing East Street and at least half of Fonthill Drive. Mr. Ehlinger displayed a quick video of the Public Works crew doing the work and said you could see the outstanding workmanship that the crew does. He said that on Tuesday, they'll be doing Crestland Terrace and the north end of Clinton Street, which was in really bad shape. Mr. Ehlinger said that one thing about paving in Doylestown Borough is that you never know what you're going to find after you mill off that one and one-half inch. He said in this instance, they actually found stone in many sections, so they had to go back and do an entire base paving before doing the top coat. Mr. Ehlinger said if everything went well, they would be paving the west end of Decatur Street and then a section of Long Lane, which would complete the 2022 paving season.

Mr. Davis noted that a section of Garden Alley was a paving alternate, but it turns out that PECO is putting a gas main in there so they will be doing the paving. He added that was good because given the rise in prices, it was unlikely we would have been able to do the alternate otherwise. Mr. Davis said that PECO's gas main project will result in either the full or half overlay of a lot of Borough streets in the west end and also in the Church and Spruce Streets area. Mr. Frederick added that they'll be on West Oakland, Washington, Lincoln, and Jefferson, which is a lot of roads to have them do. He said PECO indicated it will be a full overlay because they have

to connect in a lot of laterals. Mr. Davis said our ordinance requires that based on certain levels of disturbance to the street. He said we do have other complaints about PECO, but in this case, they're doing a nice job of extending our paving this year.

COMMUNITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS - Mr. Bell

In Mr. Bell's absence, Mr. O'Brien reported that the Committee did not meet and there was no report.

ZONING AND PLANNING - Mr. Brennan

1. **Consideration of Ordinance No. 2022-06, Allowing Certain Emergency Standby Generators to be Located Five Feet from Property Lines.** Mr. Brennan stated that this ordinance permits emergency standby generators to be located five feet from rear and side property lines. He noted that the ordinance had been properly advertised.

Mr. Brennan said that the Zoning & Planning Committee recommends that Council adopt Ordinance 2022-06, and if Council wished to follow the recommendation, it could do so by motion. (Brennan-Browne) 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) Recommendations.** Mr. Brennan said that at its regular monthly meeting held on June 23, 2022, the HARB recommended the following: approval of the following **Sign Applications** as submitted: 10 S. Main Street, Artistic Eyewear, for awning signage, 4 W. Oakland Avenue, Le Macaron, for an A-Frame, 116 E. Court Street, High Swartz, a business sign; and, **Building Applications:** 55 E. State Street, Doylestown Masonic Lodge No. 245, for windows, and 401 Maple Avenue, Christopher Candido, for garage renovation, 24-26 Bridge Street, Jay Clauss and Narayan Acharya, for a porch, and 163 E. Ashland Street, Steven Eisenberg, for exterior renovations.

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

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. She reminded everyone to please put water out for the birds and other wildlife, which is very important.

WATER UTILITY - Ms. Jarret

In Ms. Jarret’s absence, Mr. O’Brien reported that the Committee did not meet and there was no report.

FINANCE/PENSION - Ms. Popkin

Ms. Popkin noted that the Committee did not meet, but there was the **Finance Report** for which she called upon Ms. Brinker to give. Ms. Brinker 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 \$906,344.12. A motion was made to approve the report (Popkin-Browne). 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 - Mr. Dougherty: No report.

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

Central Bucks Regional Police Department (CBRPD) Activities Report. Captain Carlen said he had no report. The CBRPD monthly activity report showed there were 1130 incidents in the Borough in June 2022, and year-to-date, the Department spent \$2,645,519.87 and were at 40.38% of their yearly budget.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT: None.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT:

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:11 p.m., Ms. Margolis motioned to adjourn in memory of Mayor Libby White, seconded by President O’Brien. The vote was called and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

John H. Davis
Borough Manager

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