

June 17, 2019
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 Flood, Joe Frederick, Sue Gordon, and Wendy Margolis. Also present were Mayor Ron Strouse, Borough Solicitor Jordan Yeager, Borough Manager John Davis, Central Bucks Regional Police Department Police Chief Karl Knott, Borough Engineer Jim Dougherty, Water Director Chris Norris, Planning/Public Works Director/Deputy Borough Manager Phil Ehlinger, Karyn L. Hyland, Director of Building and Zoning, and Finance Director Caroline Brinker.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. O'Brien called for a motion to approve the **May 20, 2019 Council meeting minutes**. (Margolis-West) The vote was called and the minutes were unanimously approved.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Strouse reported that on May 27, 2019, our **Memorial Day Parade and service** were held. He said it was a perfect day and perfect weather, with preparations by our Public Works Department and other Borough Staff, Veterans, and Parade Marshal Chris Suessenguth, and execution by our Central Bucks Regional Police Department, Doylestown Fire Department, Borough Staff and volunteers, and a host of others, along with approximately 2000 participants. The Mayor said that with the parade, service, and flag raisings, we provided the appropriate Doylestown honor to our Veterans and for their sacrifices.

Mayor Strouse said the Memorial Day activities provided the most dramatic contrast to events that unfolded two days later as storms ripped through our community, bringing down a score of utility poles, destroying cars, and providing serious damage to homes. The storm also brought back TV and radio crews, this time providing coverage, not of the 151th Memorial Day parade, but of a totally natural event that no community wants to experience. He said then there were the trees – trees and limbs down everywhere, most evident in a corridor east of the commercial district. The Mayor said that long term recovery will involve addressing the loss of trees and our tree canopy in fresh ways.

Mayor Strouse said the response was swift, efficient, and thorough from the Doylestown Fire Company, Central Bucks Regional Police, Borough Staff, and the Public Works Department. He said it should not be lost on anyone that these same people who were ensuring a successful and safe public event for thousands of people on Monday, were back at it on Wednesday and the days that followed to see our resilient community on its feet, functioning as it expects. The Mayor said they were out there providing safety for the public, maintaining a public space for residents to deposit debris, comforting residents as they confronted property loss, efficiently working with utility crews and on their own, and putting in those long hours. He said there is nothing coming from our community and himself but praise and thanks to all, with a special thanks reserved for our Public

Works Department. He said that residents noticed, with some reaching out to say "job well done" and that's probably the best thing you can say about it: "Job well done Public Works Department!"

Next, Mayor Strouse reported on **Doylestown Pride Week 2019**. He said that a Doylestown Pride Festival Committee has been crafting a series of events that they think will be fun and will enrich the lives of all of us living in and around Doylestown. Built around a three-film movie series at the County Theater and including a reception, street party, talk back after the screening of the documentary, "Stonewall Uprising" and including a host of independent events sponsored by private businesses wanting to participate in their own creative ways, Doylestown is presenting its own uniquely Doylestown version of Pride events that are taking place throughout the country during June, designated as Pride month. The Mayor said that many of the events around the country are planned by the LGBTQ community and then take place in the larger community. From the very beginning in Doylestown, a larger diverse group of community stakeholders have been part of the planning process. The committee chairs come from Discover Doylestown and Delaware Valley University, and members come from within the diverse LGBTQ community, as well as community groups and Borough Council. He said a larger group of participants and planners means that the need for compromise becomes greater.

Mayor Strouse said the committee has been meeting weekly for some and time, and at each meeting, new and exciting ideas are presented. Recognizing the possibilities, but being realistic about proper planning for successful events in this first year, there is enthusiasm for incorporating many of these additional ideas into subsequent years. He said no one on the committee got everything they wanted, but working in earnest for more than six months, they have come together with a program that is informative, entertaining, educational, inclusive, and just plain fun. It is shaping up to be a credit to our community, the diverse LGBTQ community, and the committee as well. The Mayor said that for current details, go to dtownpride.com, and join in the celebration beginning with a reception on Thursday, at Zen Den, where a member of Borough Council will be bartending, in addition to an assistant or two.

PUBLIC SAFETY - Ms. Gordon

1. **Consideration of Ordinance No. 2019-2, Creating a 10-Ton Maximum Gross Vehicle Weight on Mercer Avenue, Center Street, and Chapman Avenue.** Ms. Gordon said that Council's Public Safety Committee met on May 8, 2019, to consider a request to limit large truck traffic on Mercer Avenue, Center Street, and Chapman Avenue. The concern relates to trucks using neighborhood streets to avoid the intersection of Swamp Road and Old Easton Road.

Ms. Gordon stated that at its May 20, 2019 meeting, Council authorized the drafting and advertising of an ordinance creating a 10-ton maximum gross vehicle weight on Mercer Avenue, Center Street, and Chapman Avenue. The ordinance was then drafted and properly advertised.

Ms. Gordon said the Committee is recommending that Council adopt Ordinance No. 2019-2, and if Council wishes to follow the recommendation, it could do so by motion. (Gordon-Flood) With no comments from Council, Staff, or the public, the vote was called. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC WORKS AND ADMINISTRATION - Mr. Frederick

Mr. Frederick stated that he had nothing to report and then called upon Mr. Ehlinger for the **Public Works Department Monthly Reports**. Mr. Ehlinger stated that the monthly Work Order Report and the Fleet Services Report were provided. He said they had a busy month, as the Mayor mentioned, preparing for the Memorial Day Parade. He said per the new protocols for protection of large crowds, they deployed, at the direction of the police, 17 pieces of Public Works equipment, including every dump truck and back hoe the department has, to provide physical barriers at key intersections. Mr. Ehlinger stated that this has become the normal routine for these events. He reported they also deployed over 200 barricades for this event, which is a pretty big logistical challenge for the department, but they did it.

With regard to the storm on May 30, Mr. Ehlinger said it reminded everyone that Public Works really are first responders, along with the police and fire. He said they may not be putting building fires out or catching criminals, but clearly the community relies on them to be out there early and get the roads open for emergency vehicles and for the safe passage of the public. Additionally, Mr. Ehlinger reported that they collected over 200 tons of debris at the Chapman Park lot, which was very successful as far as providing a place for residents to drop off their debris. He said without this collection site, folks may have had it in their yards for years. Mr. Ehlinger said they will be some costs chipping up the debris and they are getting estimates right now. He said in the end, it's probably a worthwhile investment for the sake of the residents during what was a little less than a civil emergency.

Lastly, Mr. Ehlinger commented that the coordination internally with the police and fire departments was excellent during the storm and they couldn't have worked more seamlessly as a team. He said they kind of went under the police department's command structure and he thought everything worked really well. Mr. Ehlinger said they held a debriefing today about that subject and some refinements will be made, but you can rest assured that at least in Doylestown Borough, the emergency services and the first responders work very well together, and there is a pretty good system in place.

COMMUNITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS - Mr. Berk

Mr. Berk reported that the committee did not meet in May. He did comment on the Pride Festival which is happening this week, saying that they are "very stoked about it." He said to add to Mayor Strouse's highlights, it does open at the Zen Den with the official kickoff. Tickets are needed for all of the official events and they're available at dtownpride.com. Mr. Berk said the movies, which you will need tickets for, Stonewall is free and there's a panel discussion afterwards, To the Stars hasn't been released yet, and Wild Nights with Emily about Emily Dickinson starring Molly Shannon is a lighthearted way to start off the event. He said there are a ton of popup events as well, such as drink contests, queer youth open mike night, an art show at the Rainbow Room, there will be painting on the street, lots of vendors at the block party, for which you don't need tickets, painting of rainbows on the street like on a crosswalk, which will wash away, there will be a music tent, activities tent, and lots of surprises. Mr. Berk said very dear to him is there will be dancing in the street. He said there have been signs torn down, some resistance by the haters, there's a few of them, but they are there, and Council Members are very committed to this event, are thrilled that they're doing it, and it's going to bigger and better next year. He commented that there are 24 vendors that they've chosen from over 50 vendors who applied. Mr. Berk said many

want to support it, including the Executive Director of the Civil War Museum, Dee Ann Smith, who said she would love to see a flag raised from Monument Square. He said moving forward, "Let our freak flag fly."

ZONING AND PLANNING - Mr. Brennan

1. **Application for Subdivision and Land Development Approval, County Theater, Inc., 20-28 East State Street.** Mr. Brennan reported that the County Theater, Inc., owner of the subject property located in the Central Commercial Zoning District, is proposing to demolish the existing building at 28 East State Street to allow for the expansion of the existing movie theater at 20 East State Street. Borough Council issued a Certificate of Appropriateness for the architectural design on January 28, 2019, and on February 14, 2019, the Doylestown Borough Zoning Hearing Board granted a special exception and variances to facilitate the proposal.

Mr. Brennan stated that the Zoning & Planning Committee reviewed the application on June 10, 2019, and recommended preliminary and Final approval or the application conditional on the following: 1) that the applicant resolve all outstanding issues in the review letters of the Borough Engineer, Borough Water Engineer, Bucks County Planning Commission, Bucks County Conservation District, Director of Water, and Fire Marshal to the satisfaction of staff; 2) that the Applicant provide "no parking" signage along the rear driveway; 3) that the applicant enter into the usual developers, maintenance and escrow agreements in form satisfactory to the Borough Solicitor; and, 4) that the project comply with all applicable building and environmental regulations including local, state, and federal .

Mr. Brennan said that in consideration of the foregoing, the following waivers from the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance are recommended: 1) §404, to allow concurrent preliminary and final plan approval; 2) §§803 (b)(6), 803 (c)(2), and 805 (c)(2), to partially waive the requirement to provide existing features within 400' of the site and to allow a scale of 1" = 1,000' on the location map; 3) §516 (f), to permit grading within five feet of the property line; and, 4) §§520.C.1, 520.D.1., and 520.E, to waive the requirement to provide a landscape plan and street trees.

Mr. Brennan said that if Council is in agreement with the Committee's recommendation, it may grant Preliminary and Final Subdivision and Land Development approval by carrying a motion to do so. (Brennan-Margolis)

Mr. Yeager asked if the applicant or a representative was present, and the response was no.

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

2. **American Legion Permit Fees.** Mr. Brennan said that the American Legion, Post 210 recently submitted a building permit application for renovations to their building at 315 North Street. The scope of work includes relocating the front entrance steps and expanding the landing area at the top of the steps. The new landing area will be used as a patio. Mr. Brennan said that the submission also included a letter requesting the Borough waive building permit fees, which total \$684.50.

Mr. Brennan said the Zoning & Planning Committee reviewed the request and recommends waiving the fees. If Council is in agreement with the Committee's recommendation, it may do so by motion. (Brennan-Gordon) 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 June 19, 2019, to hear the applications of: 19 South Pine Street, Nancy Kanter, 11 or 12 feet wide house, who requests a special exception to permit a change from one non-conforming use to another as well as various parking and setback variances to construct an addition to the existing structure and to change the current office use to a residential unit with professional office; 36 Taylor Avenue, Jennie Arculin, a twin along Taylor, just off Main Street, and it's an application to finish the attic space and a variance to permit the expansion of a non-conformity greater than 25%; and, 21 Golf View Road, Fred and Gisela Beans, to allow an air conditioning unit on the side of the dwelling.

4. **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: there were no Sign Applications; Building Applications: 36 Bridge Street, by Steve Rubenstein, for a roof replacement, with the recommendation of using GAF Slateline shingles in an antique slate color and reclaiming the original slate to be used for the dormer sides; 101 S. West Street, Chris and Beth Gilbert, for exterior renovations, with the recommendation to remove the existing dormers and roof and replace it with a new shed dormer using smooth Hardiplank, a bronze standing seam roof, and Marvin windows and doors; 261 Maple Avenue, John and Susan Eichert, to demolish the existing garage and rebuild a two-car garage, with the recommendation to use the following materials to match the house: three types of brick, blue-black shutters, Marvin windows, and a standing seam roof; 89 Cottage Street, Greg Ventresca, to demolish and construct a new two-story single family home, with the following modifications: an eight inch breakfront and rear roof on the right elevation, the brick on the chimney should match the brick foundation, use smooth Hardiplank siding, GAF Timberline roof in pewter grey, a mahogany entry door and all other doors in black, pella window reserve 1x1 windows, front columns in a raised white panel and half round gutters in white, noting mountain sage may be used as an alternate color for the Hardiplank siding; and, for the revised application of 50 N. Main Street, Worth & Worth, for exterior renovations, recommendation is for the revised application as submitted and presented per the plans that were included with the hard copy packet that shows materials, finishes, and details.

Mr. Brennan said that the 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-Frederick)

Mr. O'Brien asked if there were any applicants present and it was noted that the property owner of 89 Cottage Street, Greg Ventresca, was.

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

5. **Code Enforcement Monthly Activity Report.** Mr. Brennan reported there were 45 residential and two non-residential use and occupancy inspections, 40 complaints were investigated, two recycling inspections, 29 sidewalk/paving inspections, zero sidewalk/snow inspections, five litter enforcement, one graffiti, six fire company issues, and five tree removal permits/issues.

6. **Building Inspection Monthly Report.** Mr. Brennan reported there were 167 total permits and a total cost of permit fees of \$23,451.50.

ENVIRONMENT AND RECREATION - Ms. Margolis

Ms. Margolis reported that they were unable to meet due to an emergency, a graduation, and a few other things, but she wanted to report that tomorrow the EAC is meeting and they will meet with them to hear a progress on the discussion about reducing plastics and other things in the Borough. She also reported that the fourth Design for Nature Garden Tour was extremely successful, selling over 300 tickets - the largest tour so far. She said Councilperson Bell's garden was on it and she heard that it was very well received and a lot of people were excited about it. She thanked Mr. Bell for putting it on the tour.

WATER UTILITY - Mr. Flood

Mr. Flood stated the Committee met, discussed water testing, and in accordance with our continued commitment to provide clean, safe water to our residents here in Doylestown Borough. He said he had no action items and then called upon Mr. Norris for the monthly Water Department Report. Mr. Norris reported that there was one water main repair at 424 North Street [visual aids of before and after the water break were provided], two water meter repairs, five power outages, five house calls, 16 well house repairs, 25 SCADA System Alarms, three emergency shutoffs, one fire flow test, and three bulk chemical deliveries. From the front office, he said there were 17 final readings, 38 water leak notices sent, eight meter repair notices sent, 198 late payment notices sent, 57 shutoff notices sent, and two non-payment shutoffs.

With regard to the water break, Mr. Norris said the men initially uncovered the break on North Street and yes, the water was shooting straight up to above the road surface. He said the men are very good at what they do – they did not put anyone without water while performing the repair. He said they dive on it with a clamp and cinch it down, everything goes back into operation, they bury it, repave, and move on.

Mr. Flood commented that when our Public Works is not cleaning up after a storm, they're doing this.

Mr. Ehlinger pointed out that in the visual aid, there was stone in the trench. He said that was because there was another water main break within several feet of this one and the stone is evidence that we were there at some point in the past.

Mr. Davis said it is important to note that the Public Works men are skilled enough to be able to clamp that under pressure, which makes a big difference households that don't have to go without water while a repair is being made.

Mr. Norris added that it also prevents boiled water advisories.

Mr. Ehlinger further commented that the notice was received about 9:00, it was confirmed that there was a water main break, put the PA One Call in, and they were done in three hours - there was no overtime. He said the men were done by 3 p.m. and the road was opened back up for traffic. Mr. Ehlinger said they are really good at what they do and are quick. Mr. Frederick commented, "a lot of experience to do that."

FINANCE/PENSION - Ms. West

Before reporting on the first item of business, Ms. West informed everyone that Ms. Hyland and Mr. Ehlinger came to the Committee meeting and gave a very comprehensive report on their approach to our storm water management and, specifically, how we are going to address the DEP

unfunded mandates to reduce our contribution to silt to the water system. She said it was extremely worthwhile and she now has her own storm water management map if anyone wants to see it.

Ms. West then moved onto the Agenda items.

1. **Authorization to Re-Advertise Bids for the Sale of Borough Property.** Ms. West stated that no bids were received at the June 3, 2019 bid opening for the sale of the Borough property located at 440/442 Boro Mill Hill Road. She said there are two parcels of land, each containing half of a two-story residential twin dwelling, TMP #08-012-005, Lots 2 and 3, located at 440/442 Boro Mill Hill Road. Ms. West said that an open house to view the properties will be held on July 10, 2019, from 1 pm to 4 pm at the properties. She said the bids will be publicly opened and read at 2:00 pm on July 23, 2019, at Doylestown Borough Hall.

Ms. West said that pursuant to 73 P.S. §1641, if a political subdivision advertises bids for sale of real estate a second time and the Borough does not received any bids within 15 days of the second advertisement, the Borough may then begin negotiations for a private sale, taking into consideration the fair market value.

Ms. West said the Committee reviewed this item at their June 13, 2019 meeting and is recommending the authorization to re-advertise for bids for the sale of Borough property. She said that if Council agrees with this recommendation, it can do so by motion. (West-Frederick) With no comments from Council, Staff, or the public, the vote was called. All were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

2. **Finance Report.** Ms. West called upon Ms. Brinker for the monthly finance report. Ms. Brinker reported that the total of all funds expended was \$754,008.57. Motion to approve the Finance Report. (West-Margolis) 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. Yeager: No report.

Central Bucks Regional Police Department (CBRPD) Activities Report. The Police Activity Report showed there were 1205 incidents in the Borough in May 2019. Year to date, the Department spent \$2,166,052.49 and were at 37.8% of their yearly budget. Chief Knott commented that he had no report.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: None.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Brennan commented that with regard to the storm water management issues, any Council Members who haven't had a chance to start looking into that, he would definitely encourage them to put it on their radar. He said it is an unfunded mandate, it doesn't reward the Borough for our already good record, and it pushes us in the direction of some costly plans that don't provide a whole lot of benefit to the Borough.

Mr. Flood said at one point a few years ago when this was first coming down, he suggested that Council send a resolution complaining about the fact that it was an unfunded mandate and he was accused of not wanting clean water. Mr. Flood said he thought the state should dime up and help us out.

Mr. Brennan said he thinks part of the problem is that the formula doesn't particular reward a built-up borough like ours. Mr. Flood said that was exactly what he said at the time. Mr. Brennan continued, saying he thought it's something that is more a legislative fix. He said this is going to benefit in places like Lancaster, but when you look at Doylestown Borough that is fully built out, it is hard to find the projects.

Ms. West said they did discuss talking with our legislators as we look at more solutions, as there are very creative ways that the Borough is starting to look at this.

Mr. Davis commented that we are entering the five-year window during which municipalities for the first permit phase have to begin compliance with their numbers, so we'll be monitoring what's happening across the state as municipalities start to face these price tags and the sheer physical difficulties of implementing some of these projects, particularly in an area like ours. He said we'll see how the state reacts, whether there are opportunities for funding, whether there are even opportunities for extensions relaxing the requirements. It has been in discussion for long time, but now we actually have a ticking clock so, we have to approach it as if there is a very real deadline and a very real mandate to comply. Mr. Davis said we are going to take it step by step and approach it in a way that allows us to be flexible. He said we are operating under that five-year deadline and we intend to put something forward by which we can comply.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Flood said over the weekend, Robert McVan, who was a former member of Doylestown Borough Council, in the seventies, and a long time Borough resident passed away from COPD. He said some may know his son, Sean, who is very involved in the Borough as a volunteer. Mr. Flood thought it would be nice to adjourn in his memory, a former colleague, to show that we appreciate people's service when they've served on this Council and served this Borough.

Secondly, Mr. Flood congratulated the CB West boys for winning the state title in the 4x8 and to the CB West girls who ran a fast 4x4 and won the state title, and who also qualified for nationals for the time that they ran. He congratulate the CB West track program.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT:

Art Larson, 176 Hart Avenue, came to talk about public integrity issues. He presented a file to Chief Knott and asked him to pass along the copies that were in it.

Marlene Pray, 13 Maple Lane, expressed her gratitude to Council and Mayor for what's going to happen this week, Doylestown Pride. She said it was a number of years ago that this room was filled with support to pass unanimously an anti-discrimination ordinance to extend protections for the LGBTQ community in Doylestown, which was an historic moment for the Borough and Pennsylvania. Ms. Pray said she sent an email to Messrs. Brennan and Berk with this idea to put a rainbow crosswalk in the Borough in celebration and recognition of Pride Month, and a year later, here we are with this festival that's about to happen with a film series, open mic night at the Rainbow Room, and a temporary crosswalk in front of the County Theater. She said today, she heard from the owner of the building that Siren Records rents that they want to have the 25x15'

rainbow flag hung from their building, and she received texts from others that they want it too. Ms. Pray said it was a fabulous feeling when she saw some teenagers taking pictures of the flags and knowing that those youth were so excited about the representation, support, and pride in Doylestown. She hoped Council felt proud about it as well.

Ms. Pray suggested that Council hang a rainbow flag from Borough Hall and on behalf of the Rainbow Room, gifted a flag to the Borough and asked if it could be hung on the front of the building following the meeting. She presented the flag to the Mayor, thanked everyone, and said she loves what we're doing, and said she knows that next year, it's going to be even better.

Matthew Mandel, Warwick Township, came to support Marlene Pray and his daughter, Lily. He said these are very progressive issues of equality and equity which are just not personal issues, they are American values to him. He said when they moved from Philadelphia in 2004, he barely knew of Doylestown. Mr. Mandel said about that time, Doylestown was known for its wonderful shops and restaurants, great museums, as well as a great place to raise a family. He said those things are still the same, but what some may not realize, which he has found from talking to people in the region, is that in the last few years, Doylestown has become, whether by design or not, sort of a ground zero of equality and equity issues; it has become a place where people hear of and they feel that it is a place that welcomes and embraces diversity in every form and is a place that champions all different causes. He said in today's world where we have so much divisiveness and antisemitism is at an all time high, if any group is not safe, then no group is safe. He said that John Kennedy said that if we can't save the many who are poor, we can't save the few who are rich. Mr. Mandel thanked Council for their efforts, regardless of their personal opinions.

Lily Mandel, a rising junior at CB South, is a member of the Rainbow Room and has been going there for about two years now, is on the Doylestown Pride Committee as a youth member, and is a leader of Bucks Students Demand Action which is also centered in Doylestown. She said she spends more time in the Borough than she does in her own house mainly because of all the activism and work she does, and because of all the opportunities from Marlene Pray - she texts her "here's another thing that I want you to be involved in." She loves being here and loves the support from people like Ms. Pray and the people at the Rainbow Room.

Ms. Mandel said she understands there was an idea to hang a flag in center of town, perhaps Monument Square. She said she gets in some ways why that was decided against, but she's also disappointed that it didn't happen because this is the first year, and "queer youth" like herself and a lot of her friends have been facing, especially in the past few years, a lot of discrimination and harassment in their schools. She said when people think of Doylestown, they think inclusivity and equality. She said she spoke at the Women's March two years in front of 2000-3000 people and she remembers thinking, "Wow, this town is amazing." She said she lives in Warwick Township and their elected officials are not as pro-everything as what she has seen here. She feels grateful to be able to be in this community, but also feels the decoration of it for Pride should reflect what Doylestown is as a community and how inclusive, amazing, and supportive the people are in general. Ms. Mandel says she hoped next year, the flag will be hung in a prominent place because she knew that when people see all this stuff and openly supporting it, it gives them less empowerment to do hateful things and it makes them feel more outnumbered, which decreases risk of hate and discriminatory actions. She said it's important that support is shown prominently.

Mr. Brennan commented that Council does this for the public good and that's why they're here. He said he is so proud to see the spirit and open-mindedness of this community. He said there was talk earlier about how there was a give and take and nobody got exactly what they wanted out of this, but as a Pride Committee member, he got exactly what he wanted. He said seeing the messages of support in the community and so completely throughout the community, it makes him happy and proud, and happy to be in public service, that the people who are talented are going to feel empowered and to be full practicing parts of this community and that's what this is about. He said he's very, very happy that this happened and very, very happy for the community support. He thanked all of those who came out and spoke tonight.

Mr. Berk echoed what he heard and closed by saying that is in their family's Passover Seder, "When one person is not free, no one is free." He said he is thrilled that we're doing this this year and he looks forward to bigger and better ones in the future.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None, as there were no updates and nothing has changed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:48 p.m., Mr. O'Brien said that at the suggestion of Mr. Flood, he entertained a motion to adjourn in the memory of former Councilperson Robert McVan. (Flood-West) The vote was called and the motion passed unanimously.

Council then proceeded to hang the Pride flag on the front of Borough Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

John H. Davis
Borough Manager

:sa