

# COMMUNITY & GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

**Thursday, May 4, 2017 - 6:00 p.m.**

**Present:** Chairperson Don Berk, Joe Flood, Joe Frederick, and Noni West. Also present was Councilperson Jack O'Brien, Borough Solicitor Jordan Yeager, and Borough Manager John Davis.

The **Minutes** of the April 2017 meeting were approved.

John gave an overview of the recent Delaware Valley Insurance Trust Sanctuary City Forum. The Forum provided an overview of current federal and state law in this area, the federal preemption of immigration law, and the nine model immigration rules proposed by the American Civil Liberties Union. A number of audience members commented on the issue of immigration enforcement. John will gather some examples of a resolution opposing Senate Bill 10 and House Bill 28.

The Committee next discussed the impact of the recent upsurge of political demonstrations in the downtown including the March for Science in April. John stated that the demonstrations had gone well with the police department gaining praise for their actions and disruption being limited. The Committee commended the organizations of the Women's and Science Marches. The Committee is looking forward to considering amendments to the parades ordinance in order to better deal with future demonstrations.

The Committee next revisited a resolution in support of Fair Districts PA and their efforts to reform the redistricting process. Susan Madian of Fair District PA presented a draft resolution and updated the Committee on the status of the Bill. The Committee moved to recommend the resolution to Borough Council.

Under **New Business**, Joe Flood reported on the latest meeting of the Senior Task Force.

**Adjourned:** 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Davis  
Borough Manager

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