

**EPHRATA BOROUGH COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
JULY 8, 2019**

The regular Ephrata Borough Council meeting was called to order by President Susan Rowe at 7:00 PM on July 8, 2019, in the Council Chambers of the Borough Office, 124 South State Street.

Reverend Walter Carter, First United Methodist Church, offered the invocation, which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

In attendance in addition to the President were Vice President Thomas Reinhold, President Pro Tem Melvin Weiler and Council Members Timothy Barr, Linda Martin, Ricky Ressler, Victor Richard, and Gregory Zimmerman. Absent from the meeting was Mayor Ralph Mowen.

Also in attendance were Borough Manager D. Robert Thompson, Police Chief William Harvey, Recording Secretary Stephanie Fasnacht, and Borough Solicitor James R. McManus, III, Esq.

The following visitors were present:

Randy Gockley, 62 Robert Road, Ephrata  
Carrie Maharg, Highland Elementary School  
Amanda Halteman, Highland Elementary School  
Nick Thomas, Foreman, Public Works, Borough of Ephrata

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

After a brief discussion of a minor change to the Work Session Minutes, it was moved by Mr. Barr, seconded by Ms. Martin, and unanimously passed to approve the revised June 3, 2019, Work Session Minutes and the June 10, 2019 / Reconvened June 19, 2019, Regular Meeting Minutes.

**MUNICIPAL MOMENT – NANCY HARRIS, MUNICIPAL SERVICES MANAGER**

Ms. Harris provided an update regarding the rental ordinances enacted in September 2017 which included the Rental Property Ordinance, the Nuisance Ordinance and the Noise Ordinance.

Starting with the Rental Property Ordinance, Ms. Harris advised a new permit cycle began in 2018 and there have not been any revoked permits to date. In referencing the Noise Ordinance, Ms. Harris advised there have been no violations to date. In referencing the Nuisance Ordinance, Ms. Harris advised that there are a handful of properties who are resistant to comply with codes enforcement with nine properties receiving notices to date.

Mr. Richard, in referencing the resistant residents, inquired as to more specific information about the incidents; in which, Ms. Harris advised the issue is mainly junk/clutter. Ms. Harris advised the residents were sent notices resulting in no efforts of any kind being made to resolve the issue; therefore, the end result was a citation being issued. Ms. Harris further advised the property owner ignores the notifications and does not assist in resolving the issue(s) at hand.

Ms. Martin inquired if there is any foreseeable resolution to the issue(s); in which, Ms. Harris advised that the properties cannot be considered a nuisance until a citation has been issued and that codes enforcement is currently working with the Solicitor regarding the next steps to take.

**FIRST OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

After a brief time allotted for citizen comments and with no one in attendance coming forward, it was moved by Vice President Reinhold, seconded by Mr. Ressler, and unanimously passed that the public comments section of the meeting be closed until the end of tonight's agenda.

### **ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS**

It was moved by Mr. Barr, seconded by Mr. Zimmerman, and unanimously passed to approve the Acceptance of Reports consisting of the following documents:

#### **Public Safety Committee - June 19, 2019**

The Public Safety Committee met on June 17, 2019 and discussed the following:

#### **Action Items:**

1. Fire Service Study - Chairman Ressler and Chief Harvey briefed the history and need of this recommended study. Mr. Jerry Ozog of the PA Fire & Emergency Services Institute presented on his concept and scope of actions for the proposed study. There was discussion and was Unanimously approved by Committee - *Action by Borough Council at reconvened June 19, 2019, meeting.*

#### **Discussion Items:**

1. Shopping News Litter Complaint – Mr. Harold Wenger and Ms. Julie Hocking of the Shopping News to respond to the complaints of litter. They reviewed their practices, will review policy with their delivery persons and explained the opt-out of delivery process. (Call 717-738-1151 to do so). They are willing to work with the Borough on keeping a positive relationship and litter reduction. – No Further Action at this Time
2. Lincoln Fire Co Fireman's Relief Audit – Chief Harvey summarized the Auditor General report as very good work and positive- Received for Informational Purposes Only
3. Comp-stat (May 2019) - Received for Informational Purposes Only
4. EMC Report (May 2019) - Received for Informational Purposes Only

#### **Old Business: None**

There being no other business set before it, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:34 PM.

#### **Highway Committee - June 19, 2019**

The Highway Committee met in special session on June 19, 2019 at 6:30 PM and discussed the following:

#### **Action Items:**

1. The Committee reviewed a May 30, 2019 e-mail request from Police Chief Harvey for Ephrata Pioneer Fire Company to close South State Street from West Franklin Street to Fulton Street on Tuesday, June 25, 2019 from 5:45 PM to 9:15 PM to conduct demonstrations and activities associated with their annual fund drive kick-off open house. The Committee will recommend that Borough Council conditionally approve the request subject to Borough receipt of a satisfactory certificate of insurance naming the Borough as additional insured at their June 19, 2019 meeting.

2. The Committee discussed a proposed Resolution 2019-11 authorizing the execution of a municipal signature supplement to the Multimodal Grant Agreement between the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) and Property Investing & Management, Inc. (PIM) as sponsor. PIM's attorney, Mark Stanley, briefed the Committee on the history of the proposed Bethany Road & East Main Street (SR 0322) intersection improvements project as part of PIM's Ephrata Crossing development in Ephrata Township. PIM was awarded a PennDOT Multimodal Transportation Fund grant in the amount of \$2,200,000 for highway and signal improvements in Ephrata Township and at the East Main Street (SR 0322) & Bethany Road intersection in the Borough. Because the sponsor is not a municipality, the municipality where the Project's improvements are located must sign the municipal signature supplement agreeing to undertake the selected duties and responsibilities for maintenance and operations of the improvements. The Borough does not assume financial responsibility or other obligations with respect to the design or construction of the improvements. Construction of these improvements is anticipated to occur in 2020. The Committee will recommend that Borough Council adopt Resolution 2019-11 authorizing the execution of a municipal signature page as a required supplement to the Multimodal Transportation Fund Agreement between PennDOT and PIM at their June 19, 2019 meeting.
3. The Committee reviewed a Developer's Agreement by and between Property Investing & Management, Inc. (PIM) and the Borough of Ephrata for certain modifications and improvements to the intersection of East Main Street (SR 0322) and Bethany Road including but not limited to widening the Bethany Road approach to East Main Street (SR 0322) and providing traffic signal and signal equipment upgrades as further detailed in the Agreement. The Committee will recommend that Borough Council authorize the Council President and Secretary to execute a Developer's Agreement with PIM for certain modifications and improvements to the intersection of East Main Street (SR 0322) and Bethany Road subject to the document being in a form acceptable to the Borough solicitor at their June 19, 2019 meeting.

### **Budget and Finance Committee – July 8, 2019**

The Budget & Finance Committee met on June 24, 2019 and discussed the following:

#### **Action Items:**

1. Mainspring submitted a request for \$88,405 which is the first request for the budget year 2019/2020. Once the year end has been completed, they will have a better idea of what their ending balance will be. This will determine what they will request in January 2020. The Committee will recommend approval of the funding request of \$88,405 at the July 8<sup>th</sup> voting session.

#### **Discussion Items:**

1. The Staff provided a copy of the report on McManus invoices. The Committee requested an additional report that shows the total per project. Staff added the new report to the Budget and Finance file in the Dropbox for review. Going forward staff will provide the Detail Report as well as a report totaled by project each month during the Budget & Finance monthly meeting.
2. The Staff provided an update on the PILOT program funds received so far this year. The Borough has received a total of \$4,504.93. The Committee suggested this might be something we want to include in the newspaper column. This would be a way of recognizing those who are paying a PILOT and those who are not. This year we issued 65 letters and so far have received contributions

from 10 tax exempt property owners. The Borough Manager sends handwritten thank you notes to all contributors. Staff will continue to provide updates as additional funds are received.

3. The Committee received a question from a resident asking why committee meeting minutes are no longer included on the Borough Website. Agendas are included on the website and the committee reports are included in the Council Minutes which are placed on the website. The Committee has requested that Staff put the draft minutes on the website by the Friday before the work session.
4. The Staff provided the Check and ACH registers to the Committee for June to date. The Committee wanted to understand why a civic contribution to the Rec Center was just made. They thought we made all payments for civic contributions at the beginning of the year. Staff explained that the civic contributions are disbursed upon request. No further action is required.
5. A few miscellaneous items mentioned in the meeting that were not on the agenda:
  - a. The committee wanted to understand how we pay GDS. Are they paid based on a fixed contract amount or do we pay expenses too. Brent Saylor attended a meeting here at the Borough; do we have to pay for his flight and travel expenses? Also, Garrett attended the solar ribbon cutting; did we pay for him to attend? Staff takes into consideration their travel when signing a contract. Staff will provide additional information on this item at the next meeting.

#### **Development Activities Committee – July 8, 2019**

The Development Activities Committee met on June 24, 2019 and discussed the following:

##### **Action Items:**

1. The staff presented information on the proposed salt storage shed capital project. The estimated costs of the building are in and within the budget. Our public works staff will do some of the foundation work and some of it will be outsourced. Clearspan Structures provided a proposal for a roof structure to cover the salt bins. The roof structure can be purchased through a cooperative purchasing program that will not require bidding it. The Committee will recommend that Borough Council authorize the staff to join the Sourcewell co-operative purchasing program subject to the solicitor's review of the agreement and authorize the purchase of a 50' x 100' monoslope building from Clearspan Structures through the Sourcewell co-op for \$153,441.00 at the July meeting. **NOTE: This item has been removed from consideration by staff.**

##### **Discussion Items:**

1. There were no updates on the Rec Center lease.
2. Harris updated the Committee on the Zoning Ordinance enactment. The public hearing will be held July 8<sup>th</sup>. We will take public comments at that time. The anticipated vote on the draft ordinance was pushed back to the August 12<sup>th</sup> Council meeting. This will allow sufficient time for a resubmission to Ephrata Borough Planning Commission and Lancaster County Planning Commission before the vote. The draft is available in Dropbox.
3. There were no decisions from the June Zoning Hearing Board meeting.
4. There are no new applications for the July Zoning Hearing Board meeting.

#### **Highway Committee – July 8, 2019**

The Highway Committee met on June 24, 2019 and discussed the following:

**Action Items:**

1. The Committee reviewed a request from Richard Gehman, Boy Scout Troop 73 Committee Chairperson, per his letter dated June 3, 2019 to use the East Locust Street parking lot and have the opportunity to staff the West Franklin Street parking lot during the 2019 Ephrata Fair to park cars as a fundraiser. Because the West Franklin Street lot is occupied by vendors during Fair week, The Ephrata Farmers Day Association, Inc. (TEFDAI) has agreed to compensate Boy Scout Troop 73 for lost revenue provided they invoice TEFDAI in a timely manner following the completion of the Ephrata Fair. The Committee will recommend, as part of the Consent Agenda, that Borough Council conditionally approve the request subject to Borough receipt of a satisfactory certificate of insurance naming the Borough as additional insured at their July 8, 2019 meeting.
2. The Committee reviewed a resolution authorizing execution of an application for traffic signal approval to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for planned signal modifications at East Main Street (SR 0322) & Bethany Road associated with the proposed Ephrata Crossing land development in Ephrata Township. The Borough is the traffic signal permittee for this signalized intersection. The Committee will recommend that Borough Council adopt Resolution #2019-12 authorizing the President of Borough Council and the Borough Secretary to execute the application for traffic signal approval for planned signal modifications at East Main Street (SR 0322) & Bethany Road at their July 8, 2019 meeting.
3. The Committee heard about a community storm water education project from Nick Thomas, Public Works Foreman and two teachers from Highland Elementary School. The project promotes “Only Rain in the Drain” to ensure a healthy environment and clean water supply. As part of the community education program, encouraging the importance of a clean storm sewer system, the storm water catch basin inlet markers are being updated and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students at Highland Elementary School were asked to work collaboratively on a new design for the markers. The Highway Committee reviewed six marker designs and chose the “Don’t Even Bother to Pollute the Water” entry as their recommendation to Borough Council to accept as the winning entry at their July 8, 2019 meeting.
4. The Committee reviewed and discussed UGI’s latest natural gas extension plans through certain areas of the Borough. Proposed gas main extensions comprise East Fulton Street from Lake Street to the municipal boundary line east of Bethany Road, Jeff Avenue, and a section of Tom Avenue. The Committee was updated by Project Manager Burkholder regarding UGI’s current project and was advised that UGI has not begun any final pavement or concrete sidewalk restorations at this time but that UGI has been in recent contact with the Borough to schedule a walk-through of the areas that require final restoration. Committee will recommend that Borough Council conditionally approve the gas main extensions subject to the three (3) separate Agreements (“Get Gas Program” Agreement and two (2) “Street Opening and Gas Service Extension” Agreements) between UGI Utilities, Inc. and the Borough of Ephrata. This includes any required performance bonds and certificate(s) of insurance being in a form acceptable to the Borough Solicitor and Borough receipt of a \$107,813.35 payment from UGI in lieu of pavement restoration. This payment is to serve as compensation to the Borough for future costs to final restore those affected portions of East Fulton Street and Jeff Avenue and physical reduction of UGI’s current construction footprint by providing final pavement and concrete sidewalk restoration along West Pine Street and North and South State Streets between West Pine Street and Fulton Street. This is to be done

as soon as possible, no later than August 30, 2019, in a manner consistent with the approved plans and satisfactory to the Borough at their July 8, 2019 meeting.

5. The Committee reviewed Municipal Winter Traffic Services Renewal Agreement #3900038016, year 4 of 5, by and between the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) and the Borough. The Agreement area consists of 2.97 linear miles along East and West Main Streets (SR 0322) from Bethany Road to Market Street and compensates the Borough at a rate of \$1,168.77 per travel lane mile for snow and ice removal during the 2019/2020 winter season. The total anticipated reimbursement to the Borough is \$6,942.49 plus any applicable adjustment to offset severe winter conditions. There is no fuel cost adjustment factored into the Agreement. The Committee will recommend as part of the Consent Agenda that Borough Council authorize the Borough Manager to execute Municipal Winter Traffic Services Renewal Agreement #3900038016 with PennDOT at their July 8, 2019 meeting.

#### **Discussion Items:**

1. The Committee reviewed a Christmas in Ephrata 2019 Events Request from the Christmas in Ephrata Committee of Mainspring of Ephrata. A downtown Ephrata merchant was present and aired her concerns regarding the planned 3:00 PM street closure of East Main Street between State Street and Lake Street and how it impacts her business on the biggest shopping day of the year. Council President Rowe asked that representative(s) of the Christmas in Ephrata Committee and Mainspring of Ephrata contact downtown merchants for their feedback regarding the start time of the road closure. This item has been tabled for further discussion at the July 22, 2019 meeting of Highway Committee.
2. The Committee discussed a citizen concern regarding Grape Alley parallel to and between Washington Avenue and Grant Street running from East Locust Street to Marshall Street. Primary concern is a lack of signage. Committee was advised that signage, particularly stop signs, has not been installed in alleys because signage is regularly knocked down by garbage trucks in alleys. Travel direction is not restricted throughout Grape Alley. Staff will discuss painting stop bars and STOP legends where necessary in this area as directed by Committee. Staff was also directed to contact complainant to answer her concerns.
3. The Committee discussed a citizen traffic concern raised at the June 19, 2019 Council meeting. The concern being additional traffic volume on North Academy Drive approaching the West Main Street (SR 0322) intersection. This temporary increase in traffic volume is due to PennDOT's bridge rehabilitation projects currently occurring along SR 0222 in Ephrata Township and East Cocalico Township. Work along SR 0222 is currently impacting southbound travel into August 2019 when the northbound travel lanes will be impacted into October 2019. Travel in impacted lanes along SR 0222 is delineated to one lane creating slow-downs causing motorists who typically travel SR 0222 to seek alternate routes. Staff will contact PennDOT to discuss traffic concerns in the Borough caused by their projects.
4. The Committee heard from Comcast representatives regarding planned installation of underground cable to be installed in various locations throughout the Borough. Comcast is currently working in the Borough installing overhead facilities. Comcast appeared before the Committee with the intent to socialize their underground installation project so there are no unnecessary delays in the future regarding requests to install those facilities. Staff will work with Comcast to move their project forward at a pace that Staff is comfortable with.

**Community Services Committee – July 8, 2019**

The Community Services Committee met on May 28, 2019 and discussed the following:

**Action Items:**

1. The Committee discussed last month's request from Blue Ridge Communications to provide free Wi-Fi at the Pool and Grater Park. To access the internet, individuals will have to use the Blue Ridge App. The only concern discussed is that the App is unfiltered. It is very common to have unfiltered free Wi-Fi. There are usually terms and conditions of the App that need to be checked off before sign up is complete. There is no liability or cost to the Borough. The Committee will recommend that Borough Council approve Blue Ridge's request at their June 10, 2019 meeting.
2. Rebecca Gallagher explained to the Committee the need to acquire a City/Borough License from BMI Licensing Sales and from American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers (ASCAP) for all events/venues held in the Borough where music is played. The Licenses will cover all Borough properties. The annual fee, for both licenses, is \$715.00. If the Borough Solicitor is a member of International Municipal Lawyers Association there is 10% discount offered. The liability to the Borough, if caught operating without the licenses, is more costly than purchasing the licenses. The Committee will recommend that Borough Council approve the unbudgeted expense to purchase the BMI and ASCAP Licenses at their June 10, 2019 meeting. Going forward, the purchase of the Licenses will be included in the annual Budget and Program of Services as an operating expense.

**Discussion Items:**

1. The Committee reviewed the 2019 first quarter budget report for those areas under the Committee's responsibility. The Committee had no budget concerns. No further action is required by the Committee.
2. Kelly Withum with Mainspring of Ephrata wanted the Committee to be informed that there will be construction fencing and signage placed at the Heatherwood Park Project. There are no permits required and no action required by Council.
3. Borough Manager, Robert Thompson, discussed some issues that have occurred with trees in the Ephrata Mountains, behind N. Maple Street properties. With the recent storms that have come through, there have been power outages from downed trees and some actual physical damage as well. There was a Forestry Plan completed years back. Under the current circumstances, it is a good time to re-visit the Plan and include as a Capital Project in the 2020 Budget. In the process of clearing some of the woods, it is possible that new trails will be created for walking and hiking. The Committee has no problem with moving forward to re-visit the Forestry Plan.
4. Borough Manager, Robert Thompson, reported that WellSpan ECH issued a check to the Borough in the amount of \$32,000. The police received \$27,000 for the Drone Project and \$5,000 goes toward the Bike Share Project. The Borough received a proposal from Lititz Bikeworks. Kelly Withum asked if there would be any objections to her approaching Lititz Bikeworks to see if she can negotiate a better proposal. There were no objections. The plan is no move forward with the Project. Kelly is also going to contact Musselman Lumber to layout the plan for the bike shed and possibly get them to donate the lumber. The Borough already has the bike pumps that were donated by Knead It.

5. Jim Summers, Executive Director of the Ephrata Recreation Center, reported that there were two police incidents at the pool on opening weekend. One incident was alcohol/hookah related and the other was an unattended child. Jim reported that staff did a good job handling both incidents. Jim suggested that the Constable be present for opening weekend. This Memorial Day was one of the busiest he can remember.
6. Councilwoman Linda Martin stated that she's been getting complaints about the bathrooms, especially the men's, in Grater Park. Jim Summers stated that a major overhaul was completed, including the floors, stalls, and dividers added. Further discussion was tabled for the June CS Committee meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS ITEMS**

### **Consent Agenda**

Vice President Reinhold advised the items on tonight's consent agenda have been discussed in detail at their respective committee meetings and were brought forward for additional discussion at last week's Work Session. These items are considered routine in nature and voted upon under one umbrella. These items are not open for discussion unless an individual or Council Member wishes to have the item removed from the consent agenda. If an item is removed it will be handed over to the Committee under which it was originally discussed during the standing committee recommendations.

1. That Borough Council conditionally approve the June 3, 2019 letter request from Boy Scout Troop 73 to use the East Locust Street parking lot during the 2019 Ephrata Fair to park cars as a fundraiser subject to Borough receipt of a satisfactory certificate of insurance naming the Borough as additional insured. (Highway)
2. That Borough Council authorize the Borough Manager to execute Municipal Winter Services Agreement #3900038016, year 4 of 5, with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for the 2019/2020 winter season. (Highway)
3. That Borough Council approve the June 13, 2019 written request from Josh McCracken, Principal of Fulton Elementary School, to place flags at the Winters Leadership Plaza for Veterans Day. The Borough is in receipt of a satisfactory certificate of insurance naming the Borough as additional insured. (Community Services)

It was moved by Mr. Ressler, seconded by Mr. Weiler, and unanimously passed that Borough Council adopt, authorize and/or approve/conditionally approve the items listed on the Consent Agenda.

## **STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

### **Budget and Finance Committee**

It was moved by Vice President Reinhold, seconded by Ms. Martin, and unanimously passed via roll call vote that Borough Council approve the funding request of Mainspring for \$88,405.

### **Highway Committee**

It was moved by Mr. Barr, seconded by Mr. Ressler, and unanimously passed that Borough Council adopt Resolution #2019-12 authorizing the President and Secretary of Borough Council to execute a PennDOT application for traffic signal approval for planned signal modifications at East Main Street (SR 0322) & Bethany Road.

It was moved by Mr. Barr, seconded by Mr. Ressler, and unanimously passed that Borough Council accept the “Don’t Even Bother to Pollute the Water” storm water catch basin marker design entry by 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students at Highland Elementary School promoting “Only Rain in the Drain” ensuring a healthy environment and clean water supply.

President Rowe provided Nick Thomas, Foreman, Public Works, an opportunity to provide an overview of the project as well as introduction of the students in attendance. Mr. Thomas opened his comments by advising Borough Council that Public Works is a strong supporter of MS4 education throughout the community; and as such, they recently partnered with 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students at Highland Elementary School who were studying a water unit titled “Every Drop Matters.” Mr. Thomas advised this created a real word application opportunity for students to become involved within their community by creating a storm sewer marker. Mr. Thomas further advised that students worked in small groups to create a design. Mr. Thomas advised in total, 21 design options were received and voted on by Public Works employees who narrowed the selection to six designs. These six designs were then voted on with a winner chosen by the Highway Committee. Mr. Thomas advised the winners of the selected marker titled, “Don’t Even Bother to Pollute the Water” were: Maddy Wagner, Ryan Mentzer, Ariannah Eberle and Mya Brendle. At this time, Mr. Thomas introduced two of the students who were in attendance, Ryan Mentzer and Mya Brendle, to Borough Council and meeting attendees. President Rowe extended her appreciation to the students for their tremendous job in creating the new markers.

It was moved by Mr. Barr, seconded by Mr. Ressler, and unanimously passed that Borough Council conditionally approve UGI’s natural gas main extension plans dated May 1, 2019 and June 7, 2019 comprising East Fulton Street from Lake Street to the municipal boundary line; Jeff Avenue; and a section of Tom Avenue and three (3) separate Agreements between UGI Utilities, Inc. and the Borough of Ephrata including any required performance bonds and certificates of insurance subject to those Agreements, bonds and insurances being in a form acceptable to the Borough Solicitor and Borough receipt of a \$107,813.35 payment from UGI and physical reduction of UGI’s current construction footprint by providing final pavement and concrete sidewalk restoration along West Pine Street and North and South State Streets between Pine Street and Fulton Street as soon as possible by no later than August 30, 2019.

#### **APPROVAL OF CHECKS 38369 THROUGH 38677 AND THE ACH REGISTER DATED JUNE 28, 2019**

It was moved by Mr. Barr, seconded by Mr. Richard, and unanimously passed that Borough Council ratify the payment of bills performed by the staff since the last regular Council meeting in the aggregate amount of \$1,079,550.54.

#### **SECOND OPPORTUNITY FOR CITIZENS TO BE HEARD**

After a brief time allotted for citizen comments and with no one in attendance coming forward, President Rowe closed the public comments portion of the meeting.

#### **DISCUSSION/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Ressler took this opportunity to commend the young audience members in attendance at tonight’s meeting for their creative efforts. Mr. Ressler also commended the staff as well as Chief Harvey for their efforts in resolving the potential safety road hazards at this year’s Firecracker Run by having UGI provide traffic control at the steel plates in the roadways.

Ms. Martin expressed her happiness with how the Borough is partnering with the school district to create community/government involvement among the students. Additionally, Ms. Martin stated, "... how wonderful it is to have a young audience in attendance at tonight's meeting."

Mr. Barr echoed both Mr. Ressler's and Ms. Martin's comments regarding the attendance of the young individuals at tonight's meeting.

Mr. Richard advised he attended the latest Concert in the Park series which featured patriotic songs and felt the event was very well attended. Additionally, Mr. Richard provided an update regarding the solar farm advising that the Borough has received the greenlight from PPL; and as a result, the solar farm should be operational in the very near future.

Vice President Reinhold extended his appreciation to the Chief and the police department for their efforts resulting in the identification of the individuals who vandalized the Grater Park pavilions earlier this year as well as in a recent event.

**ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Mr. Weiler, seconded by Mr. Barr, and unanimously passed that Borough Council adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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D. Robert Thompson, Secretary