

## SPECIAL PROJECTS COMMITTEE REPORT – JUNE 14, 2021

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**Members:** Barr, Chairman; Ressler, Vice Chairman; Zimmerman, Member; Martin, Alternate; Thompson, Staff

**Attendees:** Barr, Chairman; Ressler, Vice Chairman; Zimmerman, Member; Martin, Alternate, Rowe, Thompson, Guest (1)

The Special Projects Committee met on May 24, 2021 and discussed the following:

### **Action Items:**

1. The Committee was addressed by Ms. Jeanette Beck who asked the Committee to sign a resolution to support Governor Wolf's proposed 2021 Education Budget. The resolution addresses three components of the Governor's budget as follows:
  - a. An additional \$1.15B of supplemental funding (with no source of revenues)
  - b. 100% of the funds would be distributed through the fair funding formula
  - c. Elimination of the Hold Harmless provision that no school district will receive less funding than what they received prior to 2014.

The Committee discussed the resolution and via a 2-1 vote will move this item to the full Council for action at their June 14, 2021 meeting.

### **Discussion Items:**

1. President Rowe reported that she spoke with Ms. Engle at the school district. Her class did a project on the spotted lantern fly and wanted to present it to the Council. Due to time limitations it was agreed that their presentation would be displayed in the Borough Hall lobby for customers and guests to review. President Rowe will contact Ms. Engle and have her contact Borough Manager Thompson to work out the details. No further action is required on this item.
2. Ephrata Resident Rebecca Beres asked about the collection of recyclable materials in the Borough. Borough Manager Thompson responded that the collection contractor is experiencing a COVID outbreak and is having difficulty completing its daily pickups. The Staff is working with the contractor trying to make sure that everything is picked up in a timely manner.

### **Old Business Items:**

None