

Penndel Borough Council Workshop Minutes

April 17, 2023

Council President Joe Adams called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Barbara Kirk reported that council held an Executive Session, which lasted about 20 minutes after the April 3rd council meeting. Litigation matters were discussed. Council held an Executive Session tonight before the meeting at 7:00 pm, which lasted almost a half hour. The Executive Session dealt with litigation matters and included discussion of the pending zoning application of 40 Bellevue Ave., which will be addressed later tonight.

Present at the Meeting

Council President Joe Adams
Council Vice President Alan Dashoff
Councilwoman Barbara Heffelfinger
Councilman Joe Dudash
Councilman Bud Murphy
Councilman John Stratz – via telecommunications
Councilman Gary Nickerson
Mayor Tom Sodano

Also present at the meeting

Barbara Kirk, Solicitor, Hill Wallack
Carol Schuehler, Value Engineering
Marie Serota, Secretary/Treasurer

Council or Borough Announcements

Joe Dudash said he is sorry to see Joe Adams leaving but it's a good thing for him as far as a federal career and he thinks he will do very well. He accomplished a lot as a young man here. It's sad that he's leaving because there's so much more for you to do with finances and stuff like that and he thinks if he were still going to be here, they would move ahead even more. Joe Adams thanked him for his kind words and said it's bittersweet. He's very happy for the opportunity but also very sad that he'll be leaving here.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

Tim Weaver, asked for clarification on the motion to authorize the borough solicitor to represent the borough at the 40 Bellevue Ave. zoning hearing to oppose the variance request for limited motor vehicle repair, which includes mechanical and auto body repair. He spoke to 160 different homeowners and there's no opposition from any of them against the owner of 40 Bellevue Ave. expanding his business. He asked for a show of hands from council on who oppose this. Barbara Heffelfinger and Joe Dudash raised their hands. He thinks it's going to set an extremely bad precedent to attack a business from expanding and bringing in more EIT.

Consent Item

MOTION BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 3, 2023 COUNCIL MEETING. SECONDED BY BUD MURPHY. All ayes, motion carried.

Engineer's Report

Carol Schuehler read her report which is attached.

MOTION BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER TO AUTHORIZE ADA RAMPS SURVEY AND DESIGN BY BOROUGH ENGINEER FOR THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROJECT. SECONDED BY JOHN STRATZ.

Mayor Sodano said the intersection of Noeland and Crescent is marked, which was in the original plan is the corner where the garage with the apartments is. Their dumpster normally sits on the spot where the ADA ramps will be. They're going to have to enforce situations where a property owner does that. Carol said that would be a code enforcement issue. Mayor Sodano said they faced that years ago and it didn't appear to be something that code enforcement did something about. They don't have an ADA ramp there yet but there is a resident who has limited walking ability and complains regularly as the dumpster sits in the way.

John Stratz said they would ask the property owner nicely to move the dumpster and that should appease the resident who complained.

Barbara Heffelfinger said the owner just has to move the dumpster.

Mike Smith, said that John Lo Piccolo complained about that, and the code official went out and said it is fine and was not in the way, even though he should be made to move it. Barbara said circumstances have changed. Mike said to Carol that he knows it's going to add to each ramp but the ones that have just been repaved have milling machines on Bobcats. So, maybe have that area milled and refilled with brand new black top. They'll have a better chance of marrying the two together and then seal it. Carol said the picture that she took of the intersection of Noeland and Crescent was back in March and the dumpster was not where the accessible ramp is. It was further back on the property. Maybe the dumpster moves around but the day she was out there, it was not a problem. They would build specifications to tie the new pavement back to the old and she prefers to do these things before the pavement happens. Two things were brought to her attention, one is the comment that they had before about an accessible ramp going into a storm drain and the second is that she was out there meeting with JDM or Morrissey last week about exactly how the paving would work through those intersections. She said not to be fussy about how it lines up with the accessible ramps because she thinks they can find money to make it right no matter how it lines up.

Tim Weaver, said the dumpster never seems to be in the way. He frequently travels that path. There's no adjoining sidewalk running up Noeland to Crescent on that side of the road, so that ADA ramp would only go down Crescent St. itself. So, it's not going to backtrack behind the dumpster, so there's not going to be a walkability problem. It seems they're always behind the eight ball. They're always going to rip up a new project to start another project. Every time it's done, they're compromising the integrity of the original project to retrofit the second project. These things have a failure rate of almost 100% every time. Infiltration of water, freezing, just the duration and then vehicular traffic. If they approve this, they should put in some kind of stipulation that maybe they'll be looked at ahead of time and crack sealer be used immediately when the cracks start appearing. He understands what Mike said about marrying them together. They're going to need something that's a little bit pliable to keep that crack in check but that's also going to need to be replaced at an additional cost a lot sooner than later. They're going to crack first because the marrying process is not going to be complete because they are

dealing with two different kinds of blacktop and two different temperatures and there's expansion and contraction involved with all this. Also, what contractor they use and how compacted the soil is and how compacted the sub street is underneath, nothing ever lines back up like it used to.

Joe Adams asked about the life cycle and if they have a budgeted line item where they can every five year or ten years perform some type of maintenance. He asked how they track the life cycle of these projects from the start to the end to make sure that issues don't become a long-term maintenance thing. Carol said the components to this are the concrete of the accessible ramp, the tile that's put on the ramp, which is the truncated domes, and then the pavement ties in at the bottom of the ramp. The concrete of the ramp is much like a sidewalk, except if it cracks. It's got about a 50-year lifespan unless it cracks, or it's subjected to a lot of salt. The tiles, the truncated domes, occasionally one of those tiles get broken and needs to be replaced, but it's not common. As for the asphalt in front, to put in the new curb and create the form for the new curb, they're going to have to excavate out the pavement along that curb line to about 18 inches out minimum to work so to match that back up, what Mike was talking about was essentially a mill of the top, which is what they call a neat cut. They fill in the base pavement in front of that hole, then fill that hole back up with aggregate and base pavement and then they're going to do the neat cut. They take like an inch and a half off the surface of that existing pavement and then put in a wearing course over everything from the curb to that new edge to put in the new pavement and then seal that with the joint sealant to help keep water from going back down. Her preference is a rubberized joint sealant, which has a lifespan of about seven years. The less expensive joint sealant lasts only a season or two and then they're going to start to see those cracks again.

Bud Murphy asked about the bleachers. Carol said it's already in motion. Bud asked if they are going with the original plan or the shortened one. Carol said she didn't give them the option of the shortened one. She told them to come to her and tell her how they're going to make it work within the bid.

Alan Dashoff said he watched that grant webinar and they're not a priority group. Carol said they are a priority. They're an environmental justice community and would be fully funded for the twenty-five. They need to involve the county, who actually alerted them to this grant in the first place. The TMA would be useful, and Richard Brawler is a great resource for this, so she's really excited to set up a meeting with him hopefully late next week.

Unfinished Business

Joe Adams said Geoff was in discussions for the borough hall ADA renovations project. He would like to table this motion to give Geoff some more time to get the numbers tightened.

MOTION BY BUD MURPHY TO TABLE THE MOTION TO PREPARE REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE BOROUGH HALL ADA RENOVATIONS PROJECT. SECONDED BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER. All ayes, motion carried.

New Business

MOTION BY GARY NICKERSON TO HIRE THE LAW FIRM OF RUDOLPH & CLARKE LLC AS SPECIAL COUNSEL FOR THE 2024 TRASH CONTRACT AT \$185.00 PER HOUR. SECONDED BY JOE ADAMS.

Barbara asked why they need a lawyer to help negotiate the trash contract. What they did before was they sat down and went over the whole contract and decided what they wanted and how to present it and then they went to the attorneys. She doesn't want the attorneys sitting in from the get-go. Gary said he imagines Geoff is not going to say to them to come up with a trash contract. There's going to be input from the borough. Barbara said they had everything worked out and they said this is what they wanted. They didn't give the attorneys any option. Gary said this is a motion to hire the special counsel. Barbara said so they won't come in until they tell them to come in. Joe Adams suggested they form a trash committee to review first. Barbara Kirk suggested they should take the old bid specs, present the old bid specs to the trash committee to review and see what needs to be changed, then get a framework of what the proposed bid should look like, which then if it's ready for their next meeting or even the May 15th meeting, they can present it to council. The trash committee and council can then say they're going to take it and submit it to the conflict attorney to look at and finalize. Have the next council president see through the actual handling of it to the trash committee what steps would they need to take now to table this and remand it to the trash committee. So, I would make them have somebody make a motion that the actual appointment of council be tabled pending review and recommendations from the trash committee and then make a motion that a trash committee should be established by council and each of these has to be voted on these motions.

Mayor Sodano said he wanted to point out the firm that's being considered, Rudolph and Clark, Mr. Clark is one of the partners. They have Senator Steve Santarsiero on their list of council but more importantly for him, that he thinks they should at least be aware of is that Mr. Rudolph as well as his firm were responsible for thousands of dollars in the failed mayoral, council and then state representative campaigns of Mark Moffa, as was Mr. Truelove and his firm. They were both responsible for many thousands of dollars on those campaigns and neither of those firms have contributed even one penny across the aisle. Therein lies his question on whether or not they represent the best interests of all the residents at all times or simply the ones that they want to contribute to.

John Stratz said Joe Dudash was so proficient at this and asked him if he felt like they needed an attorney or could they put him back as the leader of the Trash Committee. Joe said he, Gary and Barbara worked on it. The only thing he and Gary ran into was the units and that was the conflicting thing. They would need a lawyer for that. Joe Adams asked if the Trash Committee was ever formally dissolved. Gary said there's no one on it right now. Joe said if they weren't dissolved, they could just resume. John said he would like the three of them to do this once again without spending any extra borough money. They got a great contract, and he has confidence in their work. John said people can give to whoever's campaign they wish. That has absolutely no validation on the work and ethics they will bring to the community. Therefore, that comment on the lawyers' supporting Mr. Moffa was uncalled for.

MOTION BY JOHN STRATZ TO TABLE THIS AND REMAND TO THE TRASH COMMITTEE.
SECONDED BY ALAN DASHOFF. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION BY JOHN STRATZ TO AMEND THE AGENDA TO REAFFIRM NICKERSON,
DUDASH AND HEFFELFINGER AS MEMBERS OF THE TRASH COMMITTEE. SECONDED
BY JOE ADAMS.

Tim Weaver, thanked Barbara Heffelfinger for doing her due diligence and not wasting any more taxpayer money. If they've looked at the surrounding boroughs lately, most of them are

getting specific cans to put their refuse in at this time. There is no other refuse being taken by their refuse providers. They get the can; they fill it and that's all they're allowed. The dumps are filling up and the costs are going up. They're cutting the tax breaks and the dumps, they're already almost at max capacity. The costs are going up and they will pick up less. He thanked Barbara again for not wasting a bunch of money in his opinion, with a bunch of people that are a bunch of criminals. All lawyers there are a bunch of crooks and the more you hire, the more you get robbed. That's just the way life is in the real world.

Barbara Kirk said it only takes one in the barrel to ruin it for the rest of them.

All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION BY JOE ADAMS TO REAFFIRM THE TRASH COMMITTEE TO CONSIST OF NICKERSON, DUDASH AND HEFFELFINGER. SECONDED BY BUD MURPHY.

Mike Smith, said he didn't think they disbanded that committee. Joe Adams said he can't remember a time where a motion or action to disband was made, so they are just reaffirming it. Mike said as president of council, he would choose who goes on what committees. Joe said he chose Nickerson, Dudash and Heffelfinger.

All ayes, motion carried.

Joe Adams said he received an email from Rich Schramm, President of the Penndel Fire Department regarding vehicles' parking.

Mayor Sodano said the intersections in question are Crescent and Centre, Woodland and Centre and Dehaven and Centre. They should have some amount of setback so the vehicles can't park too close to them. There are areas that the Penndel Police are currently not enforcing because of the parking ordinances. There are signs on Woodland Ave. saying, "no parking here to corner." The problem is, when it was put into effect, nobody removed the ordinance that says there is absolutely no parking allowed at any time on the south side of Woodland Ave. from Bellevue to Hulmeville. There are many of them here tonight, himself included, that are parked illegally. They cannot enforce one or the other at their choice. They have to clear the ordinances. He had brought this up to former Council President Beverly Wolfe in one of their sessions here publicly on more than one occasion. They need to look at the parking ordinances and clear them up and then do this because they need the safety factor for those fire trucks. They don't need someone getting hurt or the fire trucks running into a vehicle. That's bad enough, but it could drive it onto someone's lawn where a kid is and then they would really have an issue. They need to act on this, but they need to do it by fixing the current parking ordinances and then adding these clearances so that the fire trucks can effectively negotiate these corners.

John Stratz said it is unfair to push Councilwoman Wolfe under the bus. At the time, they had an Ordinance Committee. It should have been active. Their ordinance for parking does not have any teeth. The police cannot ticket therefore, people park where they want until we can beef up the parking ordinances. As an example, on Hulmeville Ave., on Saturdays from other locations come and park everywhere they want. He's had his driveway completely blocked by some idiot parking in it, but they do not have the ordinance to paint yellow lines to prohibit parking from six feet to the driveways. They need to beef up the ordinances. Then we can move on with Mr. Schramm's problem and completely solve it.

Gary Nickerson said this can be done, however, this will require some serious coordination with the fire department and the police department. He thinks this would be perfect for the Public Safety Committee. They can work with the solicitor and identify the specific areas and coordinate with the fire company, the turning radius with the trucks and the setbacks. Joe Adams asked Gary if at the next meeting, they can remand this issue to public safety, so they can begin that process. Gary said it will need to be done with the chief of police and also with the fire department.

Barbara Heffelfinger said Gary is right. Their ordinance book should be completely overhauled simply because there are conflicting things in it. When they revise something, they don't take the old one out. That's why they have a fence in the front yard and all these other conflicting rules.

Tim Weaver, said they can't pass a law against idiocy. People are just doing what they want and do it without respect to their neighbors, to their borough or to the Commonwealth. Most people care only for themselves and their well-being. They're not concerned about their friends or their neighbors. As John said, they need to put the teeth back into the ordinance to make sure that the firemen can get around these corners safely. Everybody has to be on board with this. He doesn't know why it's so hard to get the chief to enforce it and just put a damn ticket on there. This is the way things used to be done in this town. If they can't ticket someone for breaking the law anymore, that means they're lawless. And if they're lawless, it's just going to continue to get worse. Have him go and put some citations out. If they want to go to court and fight it, they can do it in the due process of the law. The chief can do the same thing. If there is a setback requirement, they should enforce it. The law is the law. If they don't like getting this citation, they can figure it out in the local courthouse where it always used to be straightened out.

Mike Smith, said they can write all the laws they want but if they don't enforce them, it doesn't matter. They can sit here and spend thousands and thousands of dollars correcting the book, which he agrees the book needs to be gone over. It's a tedious job, go through it and find out what contradicts itself somewhere else in the book. It's been going on for years, even since he was on council. He thinks it's around \$6,000.00 or more to put a new ordinance in. They keep spending that money and they don't enforce it, what good is it?

Alan Dashoff said the state has a law that says you have to be so many feet from a stop sign and so many feet from a hydrant. All that stuff exists. They can start enforcing that tomorrow and it has nothing to do with the ordinances. Mayor Sodano said Alan is correct. For instance, they often have vehicles parked on Centre St. north of Woodland, which would be heading toward the firehouse that are too close to the corners. The state statute specifies that you cannot park within twenty-two feet of the walkway. It doesn't say the stop sign anymore. That's farther than what the old yellow curb that exists is. To John's point, there is question of whether they are or not able to paint the yellow lines, without it being in our ordinances but that doesn't mean we can't, to Alan's point, issue tickets. They can enforce any parking ordinances that don't have a conflict. The ones that have a conflict are the ones that they can't enforce and those unfortunately, are the ones that keep bumping into at Woodland and DeHaven. DeHaven actually has on one side only, a no parking. It's if you were coming on Centre St. to DeHaven and you were to make a right turn, so you were heading towards Hulmeville Ave., you're not supposed to park forty feet from the corner on what would be the south side of DeHaven. The left side is the only part of DeHaven that actually has a limitation and why it was done, he has no

idea. He assumes it was because of a fire truck but it is in §390-25 and it specifically says Dehaven Ave. on the south side from the southwest corner of Centre St., a distance of 30 feet to the west. Mr. Smith is at an odd number on that street, so he would be the south side and going west from Centre St. will be towards his house. The fire department doesn't usually turn there. Going in the other direction, more often than not, they turn on Woodland Ave. instead of Dehaven.

MOTION BY JOHN STRATZ TO AUTHORIZE THE BOROUGH SOLICITOR TO REPRESENT THE BOROUGH AT THE 40 BELLEVUE AVENUE ZHB TO OPPOSE THE VARIANCE REQUEST FOR LIMITED MOTOR VEHICLE REPAIR WHICH INCLUDES MECHANICAL AND AUTO BODY REPAIR. SECONDED BY GARY NICKERSON.

Barbara Heffelfinger said she does not want to give them anything.

Mayor Sodano said he opposes the request by 40 Bellevue Ave. to be allowed to do the mechanical work and body work that they've requested. They were given variances where they're allowed to do light mechanical but now, they're doing heavy repair and body work and painting. Light mechanical repair is like oil changes, tire service, brake service, what would be normal maintenance type of stuff. The heavy stuff has certain requirements in the state of Pennsylvania equipment wise and safety wise that they have to meet to be able to do that. They don't have a lift apparatus and they don't have the required clearances and safety provisions in place. They would not be grandfathered in because that's not what that facility was used for. The state has requirements, including a downdraft spray booth. They're in their painting cars. They've taped over their smoke alarms, and they've taped over a bunch of their outlets and things of that nature. They are just wantonly spraying and except for the guy that was holding the spray gun, the rest of them weren't even wearing masks. If they give approval for them to do that kind of stuff and there are no provisions for them to meet state regulations, they could create a hazard that ends up in a fire. He has no problem with them doing their light repair and maintenance that they approved them for but what they are doing and what they want to do is well beyond that scope and he opposes it. Alan asked who inspects it from the state. Mayor Sodano said state troopers are responsible. For safety, it's the fire marshal and he's already been there and cited them because they don't meet any of the requirements. Someone else comes in for a yearly inspection of the downdraft booths.

Barbara said they think they can do whatever they want. They haven't gone through the proper channels and they don't follow the rules.

Tim Weaver, said he understands that there are some concerns and there may be some violations. They can't assume they're going to be blasting or spray painting a lot of cars. Auto body is also quarter panel repair, headlights, bumpers, things of that nature. He is worried about the precedent that this is going to be set if Pennel hires a solicitor to go after a business. He doesn't care about their personal opinions. It's the precedent that they're going to have to continually fall back on. The law states they follow past precedent and once this is done, this is going to be a bad road for anything else coming into this town.

Barbara Kirk said what the opposition is going to be is not the business in and of itself but the fact that the business or the property owner is seeking permission to have to have a use at the property that is not otherwise allowed under the zoning regulations for the zoning district where this property is located. It is not saying that this applicant could not expand the business, only if

it was at an appropriately zoned property. This business came in and sought relief to operate a trucking terminal business, which the zoning hearing board approved subject to them complying with all other zoning regulations. They are now coming and saying they want to have a use at the property that is not otherwise permitted under Pennel's zoning ordinance. And what she understands council is looking to do, is say there are other areas where they can have an automotive repair business but not at this property and that's why they're sending the solicitor, if approved, to oppose that request. It's not setting a precedent of saying they're attacking business owners or businesses. It's saying they're enforcing the zoning regulations and because of the plan that they put forth as to how the borough should look comprehensively, that is not a use appropriate for this property. There are times when a borough or a municipality believes that if the property owner failed to comply with zoning regulations after already getting zoning relief, that they want to ensure that the property owner, for lack of a better term, doesn't schmooze the Zoning Hearing Board type of thing. She's not sure what the TOD covers, she understands this property sits in two zoning classifications. The TOD is an overlay district and there's a different legal basis for an overlay as opposed to a strict zoning classification.

John Stratz said their solicitor is hired specifically to represent their interests as a borough government and to keep them out of trouble and they appreciate their work.

Mike Smith, said he will probably be sitting on the Zoning Hearing Board that night. Barbara was completely right. There was a list of items that they were given to abide by and to date, they have been balking at each and every one of them and have been cited numerous times. If they do not do this, they could be back in the same situation again where they're fighting violations constantly. It's obvious that violations don't stop them. They have no choice on this one.

A roll call vote was taken. Joe Dudash, yes, Gary Nickerson, yes, Bud Murphy, yes, Alan Dashoff, no, Joe Adams, abstain, Barbara Heffelfinger, yes, John Stratz, yes. Motion passes 5-1-1.

MOTION BY ALAN DASHOFF TO AUTHORIZE JOHN STRATZ TO ATTEND THE PSAB ANNUAL CONFERENCE IN HERSHEY, PA FROM JUNE 4TH TO JUNE 6TH AT A COST OF \$250.00. SECONDED BY GARY NICKERSON. John said this is open to the entire council. There is a line item in the budget that represents education. The PSAB demands that they make this vote so that he could be a voting entity there because on the last day, there are three hours of the voting entities sitting there and there is only one allowed per borough to vote on multitudes of important legislation coming up.

All ayes, motion carried.

Joe Adams said that he accepted a position in the Department of Defense and will be starting Monday April 24th. There are two reasons why he's resigning. Marie and Karen are great, and they do a really good job. He's not going to be able to give them the time of day or his fellow council people the time of day. It's a conflicting interest. He can't serve both the DOD and Pennel with the amount of effort and time that he really wants to. He is hurt and sad that he has to give up this position. But at the same time, Marie and Karen definitely deserve a president who is going to be present and who can jump in and be able to do stuff. Regardless of what his agency policy is or what it is, the elected officials and people of Pennel deserve someone that's going to be able to be more present. He doesn't know where he's going to be

next week. He was told during his onboarding, that they will take his cell phone away, so he wouldn't even be physically able to be contacted by anyone on council or in the borough while working. He thanked everyone for putting up with him. He is happy to live in Penndel and wants to see it do better. He asked council to sign his document as part of the proof that he resigned from this position, so he has no political conflict starting on Monday. He wishes he didn't have to do this, but the opportunity came up and he took it.

MOTION BY ALAN DASHOFF TO ACCEPT JOE ADAMS'S RESIGNATION FROM BOROUGH COUNCIL EFFECTIVE APRIL 18, 2023. SECONDED BY BUD MURPHY. The mayor and council thanked Joe for his service and wished him luck in his new position.

Mike Smith, said in the beginning it started out rough and tough but since he has been president of council, it's actually been a pleasure. It really has been calm. It's been very contentious over the past years. He thanked him for his service and thought he did a good job.

Tim Weaver, said he has been doing research for the Environmental Advisory Committee to get prepared to hit the ground running. The last copy he could find of the Neshaminy and Little Neshaminy Creek Watershed Stormwater Management ordinance was from March 7th, 2005. He was wondering if anyone knows if it has been updated. Joe said he will remand this to Geoff tomorrow for his action items to check to see what the latest version of that ordinance is and have that available for him. Tim said as long as he has lived in Penndel, there's been an ideological divide that has separated the left from the right. He said Joe made it go away just for a brief amount of time, and he's hoping it doesn't come back. He knows he's harsh and animated and sometimes he knows they all hate him, but the reason is because he cares. He has an 11-year-old niece that he's taking care of and she is going to grow up here. He just hopes that they can all get together and drop the left the right and focus on what's important.

A roll call vote was taken. Joe Dudash, abstain, Gary Nickerson, yes, Bud Murphy, yes, Joe Adams, yes, Barbara Heffelfinger, yes, John Stratz, abstain, Alan Dashoff, yes. Motion carried, 5-0-2.

MOTION BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER TO AUTHORIZE ADVERTISEMENT OF THE COUNCIL VACANCY AND CONSIDER INCLUDING A DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN APPLICATIONS. SECONDED BY JOE ADAMS. A deadline to accept applications was discussed. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION BY BUD MURPHY TO SET THE DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN APPLICATIONS TO BE MAY 11TH, 2023, NOON, EASTERN DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME. SECONDED BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER. All ayes, motion carried.

Public Comment

Pat Dicken, said her daughter asked her to mention the curbs on Oak Ave. and if they could be painted yellow to keep the cars back from the stop sign. There are cars parked right up to the stop sign. Mayor Sodano said they are working on it, as was mentioned earlier. There is a discrepancy of whether they can or cannot paint however, they are ticketing and that is something that's in the Pennsylvania State motor vehicle code. There is no question about ticketing too close to a stop sign. They wrote one on Dehaven the other day. Fifteen feet normally is what they enforce because that was always considered the norm in a residential

area. He said if somebody's parking too close to the stop sign, they have his number and can call the chief and they will get somebody out there.

Jay Moser, said on Rumpf Ave. by the ball field, it is eroding, and someone is going to get hurt if they fall off. It needs a fence because someone is going to step off the sidewalk and about a foot and a half away, someone is going to fall down into the ditch. Barbara said it's Spring Valley Farm. Mayor Sodano said the open property, which is a couple hundred feet between the houses, is owned by Middletown Township. He will verify it and notify them with the concern. Jay asked about the paving on Crescent St. He asked why the sidewalks and curbs weren't taken care of like everyone else in the borough had to do. Joe said they just resurfaced it, and it wasn't a borough project. Jay said neither was Bellevue Ave. and they made them do the sidewalks and curbs.

Patrick Donahue, complained about having to do his curbs on Bellevue Ave. and he couldn't get a permit for his contractor who was half the price, and the borough sent their contractor in and ripped it up and then charged him. They also stressed they couldn't use plywood when putting in a curb, that it had to be steel. On Route 1 they are using plywood and they didn't make the curb eight inches high. Barbara said it's their road. Patrick said so is Bellevue Ave. He had issues with his curb, and they made him rip them out and make them higher. The borough makes the problems and they don't follow the rules.

Mike Smith, said to Barbara Kirk that she did great tonight.

MOTION BY JOE ADAMS TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:20 P.M. SECONDED BY ALAN DASHOFF. All ayes, motion carried.

Submitted by: _____
Marie Serota, Secretary/Treasurer