

Penndel Borough Council Meeting Minutes

June 2, 2025

Council Vice President Barbara Heffelfinger called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present at the Meeting

- Council President John Stratz - absent
- Council Vice President Barbara Heffelfinger
- Councilman Mark Moffa
- Councilwoman Robin Valentis
- Councilman Gary Nickerson
- Councilman Bud Murphy
- Councilman Bob Winkler - absent
- Mayor Tom Sodano

Also present at the meeting

- Barbara Kirk, Hill Wallack
- Geoff Thompson, Manager
- Carol Schuehler, Borough Engineer
- Chief Sean Perry
- Marie Serota, Secretary/Treasurer

Council or Borough Announcements

Barbara Heffelfinger and Mayor Sodano both reminded everyone about Community Day on June 14<sup>th</sup>.

Consent Items

MOTION BY GARY NICKERSON TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 5, 2025 COUNCIL MEETING. SECONDED BY BUD MURPHY. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION BY GARY NICKERSON TO PAY THE FOLLOWING BILLS FOR THE MONTH OF MAY 2025:

General Fund	\$21,970.37
Fire Tax Fund	\$27,570.52
Refuse Fund	\$ 45.78
Sewer Fund	\$43,668.48
Capital Reserve Fund	\$ 2,669.50
Escrow Fund	\$ 1,366.50
Payroll Fund	\$ 1,703.67
Police Pension Fund	\$ 6,200.00
Employees' Pension Fund	\$ 5,800.00

Payroll

General Fund	\$51,000.52
Sewer Fund	\$ 4,266.89
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$55,267.41</b>

Escrow Bills

## Land of Children:

Hill Wallack LLP:	\$360.00
Value Engineering	\$854.00

## 50 Hulmeville Avenue:

Value Engineering	\$152.50
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SECONDED BY MARK MOFFA. All ayes, motion carried.

ReportsBorough Manager's Report

Geoff Thompson read his report which is on file in the secretary's office.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Sodano read his report which is attached.

Mayor Sodano was looking for clarification for inspections on fences. It appears that there is no follow-up inspection when fences are installed unless there's a complaint. He contacted the code officials, and he hasn't gotten an answer yet. There was an issue on Memorial Day with getting into the old sewer plant. When he first became mayor, he was told by the president of council, at the time, that there was no reason the mayor would need keys to the buildings. While the police have keys to the gate because they patrol, neither he nor the chief have keys to the buildings. Borough maintenance man Lou was out sick and there weren't any keys to get the barricades. They need to address this.

Police Chief's Report

Chief Perry read his report which is on file in the secretary's office.

Engineer's Report

Mayor Sodano said Carol mentioned the sidewalk repairs need to be done by July of this year, which is giving them only two months to get it done. He thought, when this was discussed, they were giving them a lot of lead time. Carol said the notices went out some time ago regarding their sidewalks. The notices that just went out were if the borough contractor does the work, it's the estimate for what their portion would be.

Mayor Sodano said Carol mentioned the Route 1 pedestrian project. He asked if it's the one he spoke extensively about. Carol said they had looked at the idea of a pedestrian walkway and talked to Mill Creek Apartments about it, some time ago, that would go along Lincoln Highway in front of Mill Creek Apartments, come back in towards the apartments with an easement, cross the creek and then come back out along Route 1 by Team Toyota. Mayor Sodano asked if she knew what the timeline for it would be. Carol said they are in the very early stages of it and still need to work things out. They've communicated with the apartments but haven't yet communicated with Team Toyota. It appears, from emails from DVRPC, that there was an opportunity for design funding for this type of project. They reached out to DVRPC to start that conversation. It's something that they've wanted to do for a long time, but with some grant programs, they need to have a shovel ready program for a grant and that's a lot to put on the borough to do the design and permitting. Mayor Sodano said there could also be pressure put

on the state and the county. It doesn't necessarily have to be a grant that in any way they're responsible for, but the safety of residents is important. Just today there were two people who nearly got hit on Route 1. Fortunately, his truck is bright red, and they saw it.

Mayor Sodano said Carol spoke about pollutants and there's been discussion here and elsewhere that there are a lot of pollutants that get into storm water from the streets like rubber, oils, and these plastic particles that they're all reading about that are apparently in everybody's drinking water. He is concerned about the rubber and vehicle pollutants. He feels that as a municipality, they should consider something to mitigate the amount of rubber from tires, particulate, etc., that's getting into the storm system. It could be something that they could get credit for.

**Timothy Weaver**, reported that with the recent rainfall, the embankment at 50 Hulmeville Ave is deteriorating rapidly with no environmental remediation. Apparently, a property owner lost over fourteen feet of his property heading into the Chubb Run. Nothing has been addressed back there and everything that was put back there has been undermined over six months ago. All of the sediment is heading down Chubb Run into the Neshaminy Creek. Middletown Township has put stormwater costs on all the properties, including the borough's on Neshaminy St, for about \$800.00. Eventually, that's going to come to Penndel and that's going to be another tax for the residents. They'll have to mitigate their own properties and put in dry wells, swales, or something to catch that rain so you can prove that all of your runoff is not going out into the street and into the storm sewer system. The property on Neshaminy St., none of that water heads into any of the storm sewer systems. It dumps into the unnamed tributary that dumps into Neshaminy Creek back there. As for the stream bank repair project, it's not going to work with the way water flows. The gradient is too great and that water coming downhill will wash away anything that's done. He has seen the culvert that goes under Neshaminy St., that water bypasses that culvert and come right over the top and that's why they had to put concrete on the downstream side of that culvert.

#### New Business

**MOTION BY GARY NICKERSON TO RATIFY APPROVAL OF THE FOLLOWING MID-CYCLE INVOICES:**

**Comcast** invoice dated 4/26/25 in the amount of \$255.31 for internet & voice services at 37 W. Woodland Avenue

**Comcast** invoice dated 4/26/25 in the amount of \$241.59 for internet & voice services at 300 Bellevue Avenue

**Gettysburg Benefits Administrators, Inc.** dated 4/30/25 in the amount of \$201.93 for dental insurance premium

**Guardian Protection Services** invoice dated 5/1/25 in the amount of \$139.00 for alarm battery replacement at 790 Neshaminy Street

**Office of Labor & Industry** dated 5/2/25 in the amount of \$5,477.00 for fire department workers' compensation policy renewal premium

**PECO - Payment Processing** invoice dated 4/22/25 in the amount of \$81.03 for 790 Neshaminy Street electric

**K & S Landscaping** Invoice #1945 in the amount of \$1,040 for lawn maintenance for all borough properties from 4/10/25 to 5/2/25

**Comcast** invoice dated 5/2/25 in the amount of \$364.85 for internet service at 790 Neshaminy Street

**Comcast** Invoice #240252460 dated 5/1/25 in the amount of \$407.48 for business voice edge service

**Verizon Wireless** Invoice #6112418001 in the amount of \$23.27 for M2M Account Share 1 GB

**Independence Blue Cross** Invoice #582512580710 in the amount of \$5,263.48 for medical insurance premium

**PECO – Payment Processing** invoice dated 5/21/25 in the amount to \$1,652.79 for streetlights' electric

SECONDED BY BUD MURPHY. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION BY GARY NICKERSON TO SEND AN EXECUTIVE LETTER OF COMMITMENT FOR THE 2025 GROWING GREENER GRANT APPLICATION. SECONDED BY ROBIN VALENTIS.

Gary thanked everybody for working on this. It would be fantastic if Middletown and Hulmeville could benefit from this and also, if there's going to be some shared construction costs.

All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION BY MARK MOFFA TO CLOSE GROWING GREENER GRANT 2019 AGREEMENT. SECONDED BY ROBIN VALENTIS. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION BY GARY NICKERSON TO APPROVE THE PROPOSAL FROM ZONE STRIPING, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,840.00 FOR CROSSWALK PAINTING AT LINCOLN HWY. AND BELLEVUE AVENUE. SECONDED BY ROBIN VALENTIS.

**Jeff Jones**, asked why they are paying to have them striped if it's a state highway. Carol said the borough is responsible for the signalized intersection, so they have to pay for upgrades and repairs to the traffic signal and for the striping. PennDOT will do the striping when they damage it by resurfacing the roads, but they actually put it on the borough to be responsible for. Jeff said when the paving was done on Rumpf Ave., Lou had to go out and paint the stripes. Carol said for borough streets, that's something they can paint but for the big intersections, it's a thermoplastic marking plus, there's a lot of traffic control involved, so that's actually done by a paint striping contractor.

All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION BY BUD MURPHY TO AWARD THE ULTRA-THIN SEAL PROJECT TO ASPHALT MAINTENANCE SOLUTIONS (AMS) FOR \$103,077.00. SECONDED BY ROBIN VALENTIS.

**Tim Weaver**, asked if the ultra-thin seal project is for Highland Ave. Carol said it's for Highland Ave., Crescent St. between Neshaminy St. and Fairview Ave. and Manor Ave.

All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION BY MARK MOFFA TO AWARD THE NOELAND AVENUE PROJECT TO ASSOCIATED PAVING CONTRACTORS INC. FOR THE TOTAL BID OF \$74, 480.00 WITH THE CONDITION THAT THE BOROUGH ENGINEER REACH OUT TO SEE IF THEY CAN PUSH IT BACK BY THIRTY DAYS. SECONDED BY GARY NICKERSON.

**Tim Weaver**, asked what the scope of work was for. Carol said the sidewalks on Noeland Ave. that are damaged and were marked and the properties that don't have sidewalks were advised

that they're required to install them by the end of July. This is a contractor hired by the borough to install sidewalks per the plans that have been prepared and accepting any accessible ramp work. Then the cost for that work would be charged back to those borough property owners. It's on Noeland Ave. from Crescent St. to Business Route 1. Tim asked if the property owners got their own contractors, would they be able to get that money back? Carol said they're paid on actual quantities installed and that's clear in the bid documents and was made clear at all the meetings.

**Kris Kross**, said they talked about it months ago. They got a copy from the borough on April 10th with the plans that they discussed. They got the paperwork today on what it will cost the borough to install if they choose not to. He wanted to know if they could give more time because they are going right into the heat of summer, which escalates the price of some contractors. If they can move it more towards September or so, that would probably help them to affordably put them in.

Mark asked Carol what would be involved, adding another thirty days on that. Carol said it would be a change order to the contract because the contract was specific with the oldest first date. So, it would be a matter of after the award reaching out to the contractor and discussing whether or not he'd be amenable to a change order to move the date back another thirty days or some such agreement and there could be a cost associated with changing it and it might be problematic for his schedule. Mark asked if they could approve this tonight and have Carol ask and see if that August 1st date could be moved to September 1<sup>st</sup>. Kris said he would like it to be at the end of September. Carol said the problem they hit is that the contractor also needs a window to get the work done before it starts to get too cold so they're trying to balance out everything.

**Dave Cahill**, asked if they have a sidewalk ordinance to do this. Barbara Kirk said they already have a sidewalk ordinance, and it says at council's discretion.

All ayes, motion carried.

**MOTION BY MARK MOFFA TO WAIVE THE LICENSE FEE OF \$70.00 FOR HARRIS BLACKTOPPING FOR THE 2025 PAVEMENT REPAIRS PROJECT. SECONDED BY ROBIN VALENTIS.**

Carol explained that the borough usually does this for contractors doing work for the borough. All ayes, motion carried.

Barbara Kirk said at the last council discussion, there were requested revisions to clarify that this ordinance would apply only to borough roads and not to state roads. It has been included that a definition of a street only pertains to roads owned by the borough. There was an issue as to a definition of a block, which has been included in this final version to be two or more adjacent or contiguous properties fronting the same street that is intended to participate in the proposed event. Then there was discussion as to whether a street to be closed, where there's only one entrance to or exit from such as the T street, should have an approval by 90% of those on the block for such an event, which has been modified. The rest of this, she took the terms and put it into a final form of ordinance for council's consideration.

**MOTION BY GARY NICKERSON TO AUTHORIZE ADVERTISEMENT OF ORDINANCE #2025-5 ESTABLISHING ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES FOR EVENTS AND BLOCK PARTIES. SECONDED BY MARK MOFFA.**

Gary said the changes that were made make sense and they clear up some stuff. He doesn't remember the violation section.

Bud said it may have been addressed but he was wondering if the residents are allowed on a closed street to set up things like a bounce house or a plastic swimming pool or something like that. Barbara Kirk said there was no prohibition from setting up that type of thing. The prohibitions dealt with using tape to block access or vehicles to block access to the street. Mayor Sodano said bounce house or swimming pool would effectively preclude blocking off the street just as the car would and you can't completely close the street across with anything to prevent traffic. It has to be movable by state law because you have to be able to get emergency equipment there. If something is put in the street that goes curb to curb and it couldn't easily be rolled out of the way, that would be illegal. Mark said when they did it on Cynthia, the bouncy house was on someone's property in the street but there was also a slide and they put it at the intersection of Clarissa and Cynthia so that an emergency vehicle could access Clarissa at the other end off of Dehaven if it had to, and also Cynthia. Mayor Sodano said it would be up to the police at the specific time but technically, if you have a 24-foot-wide street, there should be twelve feet available at any given time.

Mark said he liked the revisions and everything that they brought up at the last meeting was addressed. For the hold harmless letter, he asked if the borough would provide one for them to sign. Barbara said they would include it with the application. Mark said there's a section for an application fee, but it just says they're allowed to set a fee by resolution. Barbara said this ordinance is not setting a fee because generally, they do their adoption at the beginning of the year. Mark said this has to go through the ordinance process, so maybe at the meeting where they would go to pass this, they should think about making a resolution to approve it so that it coincides. If they're going to set a fee, then they should set a fee.

**Tim Weaver**, said people should get together as neighbors and figure out a way to work this out and without a fee for a little gig.

**Dave Cahill**, asked if the bouncy house blows away with kids in it that is set up in the street, would the borough be liable. Mayor Sodano reminded Dave that Mark had already discussed it and established that there would be paperwork and that's what hold harmless means.

All ayes, motion carried.

#### Public Comment

**Mike Smith**, said back in January, there was an offer to donate a tree. No one on this council or the mayor can spend a dollar without it being approved on this floor. He found out that Bob Winkler went and bought a tree. He asked when that was approved. Barbara said it was reimbursed by the Activities Committee, which Bob is a member of. Mike asked what the urgency was to get a tree when one was already donated and why there was a last-minute discussion amongst some of them. He said if he remembers correctly, before anything is donated, it must be approved and has to be accepted by council. That was done here under Mr. Truelove, and it was done when he donated. This man continues to cause problems for people on boards and committees, and he just plain screws up everything so that they have to cover for him. Through the years, he's given people permission to put sheds where they weren't supposed to be put and decks where they're not supposed to be and he'll be the first one to say he was a recipient of that. And he told somebody with a fence to go ahead and put it up because they won't make you take it down. He wanted to know if council would be

reprimanding him. He also wanted to know who got Middletown to donate their time. He understands that they didn't authorize their guys to come over. They did it on their own because Bob asked them to.

**Jeff Jones**, asked how Bob went out and bought a tree and let the borough pay for it when they actually had two free trees that were going to be put in the ground. That money should come out of Bob's pocket. Barbara said it didn't come out of his pocket. Arlene Harms is the one who paid for the tree. She made a donation to the Activities Committee. Jeff asked what they're going to do about it being so crooked. Ratchet straps won't fix it. He and Diane were going to spend \$2,000.00 on a twelve-foot tree and have a landscaper put it in. The type of tree they got does not grow well in this area and is going to die. Jeff asked Geoff Thompson if they got the new handicap swing. Geoff said Marie contacted the company about ordering it and there was a screw up on their end. It should be in soon. Jeff said they need to take it down in the meantime, so no one gets hurt.

Mayor Sodano asked Barbara if she said the money was received today for that tree. Barbara said she did not. She doesn't know the exact date it was received.

**Mike Smith**, said he doesn't care about the tree. It was never approved by members of council. He's hoping someone opens their mouth sooner or later and reprimands him. He is the cause of so many problems in this town. They need to start getting him in line. Mike asked Geoff if he approved of buying the tree. Barbara said the Activities Committee bought the tree.

**Diane Jones**, said the tree looked horrible with the lights and the age of the tree at the Christmas tree lighting. They spoke to the mayor in January that they would buy a tree and they went round and around on what kind.

Barbara said she had no knowledge of this. They sat there for many days looking out the window and saw the tree leaning and she didn't want to sit by the window in case the tree was going to fall on the building.

Mayor Sodano said in the January 21st minutes it was discussed, and Mike Smith was publicly thanked for the tree. Barbara said the Activities Committee and the Heritage Society are separate entities. Mayor Sodano said they are trying to get this straight because Bob came back to this building with a bill made out to Pennel Borough, not to the Heritage Society not to the Activities Committee, not to anybody else. He had a bill for \$400.00 for Pennel Borough and he handed it in here. Then there were questions asked and then the Activities Committee got involved. The question that Mr. Smith raised is did a council member have permission to go to a vendor and buy something in the name of Pennel Borough and get it billed to Pennel Borough or did he not. It was never discussed on this floor. And now after the fact, they're going to play cover up for someone is not the question. The question is, did a council member overstep what he's legally allowed to do by going to a vendor, purchasing an item in the name of the borough, and bringing that bill back here. The question is, is that legal or illegal? Barbara said the Heritage Society and Activities Committee will meet and figure it out and get back to everyone.

Diane said money is not the issue. It's the principle of what he did. She asked about the large planters on Route 1. Barbara said the borough puts the flowers in and she can't get anyone to water them. She can't do it. It calls for communication and cooperation with the people in the borough. Diane said if nobody can take care of them, they should remove them. And the Pennel Pizza sign, she understands, he used to do the sign. She's sixty-five and Jeff is sixty-

seven. They won't be able to do it much longer. His daughter Carla used to do it, but she isn't any more either. If you're going to end a job, he should have put up the lunch special instead of having something up there for Redeemer for October and then it's April. To people driving by, it looks like a dead town. Barbara said there will be a nice article in the newsletter. Robin said they need committees with younger people. A lot of homes have sold and there are a lot of new people in town.


**Tim Weaver**, said all this talk about the tree aggravated everybody. They should do what he did and go plant a tree and look how beautiful it looks. They don't need their permission. It's community service. He said Diane brought up a valuable point about the flowerpots. Everybody here has grand ideas, and they want to find people to take care of them. That's called socialism and it only works if they all participate. Everyone needs to be paying attention to the United Nations Agenda thirty and the stealth ship that they're pushing on these towns. If everybody in this building doesn't know that Philadelphia is a C40 city or does not know what a C40 city is, they should look it up and find out what they're about to do. This is what Middletown is up to right now with the stormwater tax. They already tried to put the fifteen-minute ghetto in here and they tried to shove this low-income, high-density housing down their throats. Everybody needs to wake up to this encroaching communism that's being shoved down their throat one small piece at a time.

**Dave Cahill**, congratulated Mayor Sodano on his hundred and ten votes. Dave said he got forty-five, which will be going to Mr. Winkler for buying that Christmas tree.

Robin Valentis left the meeting at 9:00pm. Gary Nickerson left the meeting at 9:02pm.

MOTION BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:02 P.M.  
SECONDED BY MARK MOFFA. All ayes, motion carried.

Submitted by:



Marié Serota  
Marié Serota, Secretary/Treasurer

## Mayor's Report for May 2025

In May I attended the Borough Council meetings and executive sessions.

I attended the Memorial Day Parade. Kudos to the Parade Committee for a fantastic 2025 parade.

I attended the Pennel Borough Planning Commission meeting.

During the course of the month there were multiple meetings with The Chief, the Fire Marshall, the Borough Manager and code officials regarding ongoing code and safety issues in the Borough. I have also been working with these officials, to the extent of my allowed involvement as Mayor, to monitor environmental and safety issues on problem properties in The borough.

The Pennel Community Day and Borough-wide yard sale is Saturday, June 14th.

Father's Day is Sunday June 15th.

Fourth of July celebrations often include fireworks, so please take steps to insure the safety of friends and family.

The schools will be closing for summer vacation, bringing more children outside. Picnics and pool parties will bring extra cars to Borough streets. Please remind your visitors to be courteous with their parking. As always, stay alert, observe the speed limits and full stops at the stop signs. And remember, never leave your vehicle running and unattended!

## June 2, 2025 Engineers Report

Penndel Borough, Bucks County

### DCED Greenways, Trails, and Recreation Program Grant - Memorial Park

A grant application has been submitted for installation of a six-foot-wide paved walking trail around the perimeter of Memorial Park. The grant application included a letter of support from Middletown Township and from State Senator Farry.

### Pavement Repairs

Harris Blacktopping is scheduled to complete pavement repairs in coming weeks. The repairs will address damaged pavement on Crescent and Highland, in addition to repairing numerous potholes recently marked throughout the Borough including potholes on Crescent Street, Monroe Avenue, and DeHaven Avenue.

### Transportation Set-Aside (TASA) Federal Funding

On April 30<sup>th</sup> Manager Thompson and I shared a video conference call with the DVRPC, staff from the BCPC, and engineers from Michael Baker to discuss potential funding for a Pedestrian Safety project along Lincoln Highway at the eastern municipal Borough boundary. At the suggestion of DVRPC, we added the location to the Regional Vision Zero map. DVRPC directed their engineering consultant to evaluate permitting and potential environmental issues related to the project to support further discussion of funding opportunities. We will follow up with them in coming weeks.

### Pump Station 1 pump repair

Torrential downpours on May 14 and 15 and 17 tested the sewage pumping stations. No roof leaks, no ceiling leaks, no overflows. However, one of the pumps at pump station 1 failed on the 15<sup>th</sup>. The high flows caused the pump to pull in rags and grit. PUE cleaned out all the materials, but the pump would no longer move flow. The other pump managed to keep up, and even with the heavy rain on the 17<sup>th</sup> there were no back-up or overflow events. A back-up pump has been rented and installed, and the failed pump sent out for service.

The pump service cost is \$10,772.33 by a COSTARS vendor. They expect to return the repaired pump to Station 1 in mid-June. A rented bypass pump is on standby in case the flow rate becomes too much for the second pump, or if the second pump should have a mechanical failure. The cost for bypass pump rental is \$3,865.05 monthly, plus additional charges for delivery, set-up and removal.

For general comparison information, a new pump costs \$17,653.80.

## Stormwater Fee for Middletown Township

The Borough recently received an invoice from Middletown Township in the amount of \$885.97, due before the end of the calendar year. This is an annual stormwater fee for the former treatment plant property owned by Penndel but located within the municipal Boundary of Middletown. The fee is based on the square footage of impervious surface area on a property. If desired by the Borough, the Borough staff could evaluate ways to reduce unused impervious surface area on the parcel to reduce the annual fee.

## Updated PRP and TMDL Plan for MS4 Permit

During a February 18 meeting with DEP we discussed planned updates to the Borough TMDL and PRP Stormwater Plans. Specifically, we discussed the potential stream restoration project and walked a portion of the waterway. Stream restoration can provide substantial credits for pollutant reduction to meet MS4 permit requirements. Updated planning has been drafted, and an early draft shared with DEP to affirm it satisfies the parameters discussed in our February meeting.

The plan incorporates the stream restoration project on the waterway between Neshaminy Street and Neshaminy Creek identified in a feasibility study last year. After we receive and incorporate feedback from DEP, the plan will be publicly presented to the Borough for a process of comment, consideration and adoption.

## >> Growing Greener Grant Application 2025

We have been in communication with DEP regarding the Growing Greener Plus Grant Application that is currently open. Applications are due June 20<sup>th</sup>. The grant can fund **design and permitting** of a stream restoration project that was identified in a feasibility study last year for the waterway between Neshaminy Street and Neshaminy Creek.

We have obtained verbal commitment from representatives for Middletown Township and Hulmeville Borough to support this project. Representatives from both adjoining municipalities attended a pre-application video conference with DEP and BCCD on May 20<sup>th</sup>. The proposal is receiving very favorable feedback from all.

The grant funding request will be for \$105,000 to fund design and permitting for the stream restoration project. The total project cost will reflect the Feasibility Study already completed by LandStudies, and the amount already paid to LandStudies will provide the required minimum 5% match.

Assuming the funding for design and permitting is awarded and the project design completed, Penndel can join with the other municipalities to submit a grant application for project construction in a future Growing Greener round.

The sediment pollutant reduction projected by this project would help all three municipalities meet their MS4 pollutant reduction requirements.

A letter of commitment is needed from the Borough for this grant application. Hulmeville and Middletown have both agreed to send letters of support for inclusion with the application.

## >> Terminate Growing Greener Grant Application 2019

In 2021 the Borough was awarded a grant to install a hydrodynamic inlet structure. The hydrodynamic inlet was a significant component of the Borough's 2019 approved Pollutant Reduction Plan (PRP). Project design was initiated to meet PRP requirements of the Borough MS4 permit. However, DEP guidance changed, and the hydrodynamic structure would not have provided the Borough with measurable credit for pollutant load reductions.

The Borough needs to close this agreement and release the funds to be eligible for grant award in the 2025 Growing Greener Plus grant program. A letter to DEP is presented for your consideration.

## >> Signal Repairs: Lincoln Highway and Bellevue Avenue

The Borough was awarded \$62,309 in grant funding from the Redevelopment Authority to complete necessary repairs to the signalized intersection of Lincoln and Bellevue and repairs to the school zone flasher and radar sign for Our Lady of Grace School. The Borough authorized the signal repair work by Armour and Sons under a COSTARS contract for \$53,309, which did not include pavement markings. The Borough sent a request for quotes to four vendors and has received two proposals in response. We recommend consideration of the proposal from Zone Striping, Inc. at \$5,840.00.

Armour and Sons plan to perform the traffic signal work during the month of June. The School Zone work will occur later in the summer, as there is a larger lead time to obtain components.

## >> Ultra-Thin Wearing Course Seal on Crescent, Highland, and Manor

The Borough received one bid for Ultra-Thin Wearing Course seal. We recommend Council consider award to Asphalt Maintenance Solutions (AMS).

## >> Noeland Avenue Sidewalks

The Borough received six bids for Noeland Avenue Sidewalks. We recommend consideration of bid award to Associated Paving Contractors Inc. with a total bid of \$74,480.00. That cost may be reduced if property owners complete sidewalk installation or repairs prior to July 31, 2025.

Owners of property that fronts the south block of Noeland Avenue have been advised by certified mail of requirements to repair or construct sidewalks and driveway aprons along the property frontages. Last week, the Borough sent another notice with information on probable costs for each property should the Borough contractor complete the work.