

Penndel Borough Council Meeting Minutes

November 6, 2023

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

Present at the Meeting

Council President John Stratz
Council Vice President Barbara Heffelfinger
Councilman Alan Dashoff
Councilman Joe Dudash
Councilman Gary Nickerson
Councilman Bud Murphy - absent
Councilman Bob Winkler
Mayor Tom Sodano

Also present at the meeting

Ben Hauser, Solicitor, Hill Wallack
Geoff Thompson, Borough Manager
Carol Schuehler, Engineer, Value Engineering
Sean Perry, Chief of Police
Marie Serota, Secretary/Treasurer

Public Comment on Agenda Items

Dave Cahill, asked if they were voting on the budget tonight. John Stratz said they are voting on the preliminary budget. Dave asked if they were voting on full-time police and part-time police. He asked if they were voting on the police contract, even though there are internal problems with the police department. John said it is the preliminary budget and when it is done, it will be posted for ten days for everyone to see.

Tim Weaver, said as head of the Environmental Advisory Committee, he hasn't received any information from anyone in the borough regarding any meetings or anything to do with the environment. John said that the committees create their own meetings and report back to council, not the other way around. Tim asked if they get started, will he receive information. Barbara said she had been telling him that. Tim asked what the concrete was for that they were going to pay for. John said it was for the ADA ramps that had been redone around the borough.

Jeff Jones, said the handicap ramps at Highland and Crescent are terrible and are like two inches off the ground. There are a lot that are missing and a lot that are bad and should be addressed. John said they fixed the worst ones with as much grant money as they could and when the grant money ran out, they had to stop for this year. Jeff said Highland and Crescent are the worst.

Consent Items

MOTION BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 16, 2023 WORKSHOP MEETING. SECONDED BY GARY NICKERSON. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING BILLS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 2023:

General Fund	\$29,502.06
Refuse Fund	\$ 552.54
Sewer Fund	\$11,846.90
Capital Reserve Fund	\$14,160.64
Liquid Fuel Fund	\$ 599.77
Escrow Fund	\$ 6,185.40
Payroll Fund	\$ 1,048.00

Payroll

General Fund	\$30,734.90
Sewer Fund	\$ 3,201.04

Total \$33,935.94

Escrow Fund Bills

Schoolhouse Court:

Hill Wallack	\$ 160.00
Value Engineering	\$ 79.50

Cattani Subdivision:

Hill Wallack	\$ 580.00
Value Engineering	\$ 440.00

Verrichia:

Hill Wallack	\$ 1,273.90
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Wawa ZH:

Hill Wallack	\$ 1,000.00
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Escrow Releases:

Sorrentino ZH Escrow	\$ 300.00
Big Marty's ZH Escrow	\$ 1,752.00
Phantom Admin. ZH Escrow	\$ 300.00
Auto Zone ZH Escrow	\$ 300.00

SECONDED BY GARY NICKERSON. All ayes, motion carried.

Reports:

President's Report

John Stratz reported that for the ADA ramp replacement, the engineer walked the borough with his help, and they picked the worst ones, and they did as many as the grant amount of over \$153,000.00 allowed without hitting the taxpayers. Next year, they'll try again and get as many more curbs done as they can, so the entire town is fixed.

Borough Manager's Report

Geoff Thompson read his report which is on file in the secretary's office. Joe Dudash asked about the October 26th 10 AM meeting at 50 Hulmeville Ave. and what the stormwater citation compliance was about. Geoff said Carol could answer that because she was at the meeting. Joe said he would wait until Carol's report. He asked if it was true that the Langhorne Carpet Mill is pending sale. Geoff said he had heard that. Joe said he heard it's part of the guy from 50

Hulmeville Ave. that wants to buy it. Joe said for the 40 Bellevue Ave. trucking company, he heard they have a U&O problem. Geoff said they found out they tried to start another business within the same building for a car sales office. Joe asked if they are citing them. Geoff said they're in court regarding the Zoning Hearing Board, which they appealed as well as for two code violations he thinks.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Sodano read his report which is attached.

Gary Nickerson asked the mayor about the \$60,000.00 for the mast at Bellevue Ave. He knows that previously he was opposed to the PennDOT doing work at that intersection and he was working with people behind the scenes. He asked if there were any updates on the progress, he's had with the elected officials on that because \$60,000.00 is a lot of money. Mayor Sodano said he has no update because they have refused to include him in their discussions on them. Barbara said they tried to get grant money to purchase the lawyer's office and they were not successful. Her suggestion had been to make it a community center and have different kinds of group meetings and activities there. And for the Langhorne Carpet Company, many years ago she reached out to the owners about putting in a National Register application, but they would not allow it, which probably would have saved the property. National Register does not restrict you on anything, you just have to keep the general facade of the building. She did have an architect come up and look at that building, and it is a landmark building, which is the highest ranking of the National Register. Unfortunately, the owner didn't approve and didn't want any part of it. It makes her heart sick that that building and the Rumpf building are not going to be preserved.

Police Chief's Report

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

Joe Dudash asked about the PBA contract and when it's approved, how fast he would get a full-time officer. Chief Perry said there would be a testing process, so he can't give him an exact number. Joe asked about all of the missed shifts. Chief Perry said they just hired three and are still going through training because you can't just hire them and throw them on the street. He has been telling council for the last five years why they need to get away from hiring part-timers because they leave to go somewhere else, so they need full-time. Joe said the one from Philadelphia hasn't been on the schedule. Chief Perry said that's not true, he's been working overnight shifts. Joe said he has the schedule. Chief Perry said those schedules change daily. Borough code restricts him from forcing somebody to come to work if it interferes with their full-time job, so they can only accept the hours that they're willing to work. They have needed full-time officers since 1997, when the last full-time officer left here. Joe said he told them higher salaries would attract people. Chief Perry said higher salaries are rewarding the officers to stay. As for the open shifts, he is only one person and can only work so many hours. Joe said part of the problem is leadership because the chief didn't do any strategic planning, which every police department needs. Mayor Sodano said it's illegal for them to force guys who are under a contract to not live up to that contract.

John Stratz called for a recess at 8:08 p.m. due to yelling. Chief Perry left the meeting and did not return. The meeting reconvened at 8:19 p.m.

Engineer's Report

Carol Schuehler read her report which is attached.

Joe Dudash asked about the 50 Hulmeville Ave. environmental issue. Carol said a violation notice was issued by the Conservation District and also by Pennel Borough against the property owner. There was denuding of the site and there was trash evidence at the site. She did not see things actually being buried but she saw evidence of that. They are asking that it be cleaned up. The EPA has been out there as well. Joe asked where they stand right now with that. Carol said they are awaiting a submission of plan from their engineer on the remediation of that area, and they've talked to them about what they expect in that plan, herself, and the Conservation District. Joe asked about the 300 units they want to put there. Carol said the engineer that has been retained to work on this violation issue told her that he has not received any direction to work on the land development and that is not the focus right now, it is the cleanup. Joe asked if she could keep Pennel's Environmental Committee apprised of what's going on. Carol said she can copy the borough secretary and she can disseminate to the Environmental Committee as things go on. Joe asked about the house that is going to be built on Holly Ave. He said it's a flood zone back there. Carol said the applicant's engineer provided plans. They did soil testing and they found that at a certain depth, the soil's infiltrate. The plan that she reviewed is that they're proposing to direct all their impervious runoff to the stone pit for infiltration. That generally meets the borough code for the stormwater management plan utilizing stormwater infiltration on site. Joe asked if it was the same as they did on the Simon's property. Carol said it is the same concept, but she doesn't believe they have put it in yet. Joe asked if it would hurt the people on Holly Ave. because they are flooded out continuously. Carol said they are meeting the stormwater code. They would be allowed to build a house on the existing lot of record as long as they meet the stormwater code, and they provided calculations and entailed soil testing. Joe asked about what they had discussed about a storm water extension down through Oak Ave. He asked if that would relieve some of the water issues back there because their pumps run 24 hours. Carol said it's not exactly the same problem. That's apples and oranges. What they're talking about here is what happens on their lot. Instead of that water running off towards the other properties on Oak Ave. behind them, they are proposing to put that into a stone infiltration and infiltrate that down into the ground. It's not going to solve everybody else's problems around them but it's going to offset the newer impervious area that they're putting on their lot. The storm water that leaves their lot after development is calculated to be less in the storm water that leaves the existing lot today. It's a drywell, so it's a stone pit and there's a couple of places where testing has been done in that region and this is one of them where if you go down at least six feet, there's a point where they get really good infiltration. Joe said there is a guy on Oak Ave. who is a repeat offender, and he keeps dumping his leaves down into the storm water drain. He is out of control and if they have a major rainstorm, he clogs it. He has videos from the residents. Carol said that would come under code enforcement.

Mayor Sodano said to Carol that the CDBG ramps are handicap accessible ramps and the purpose of them is to prevent problems where people with mobility issues can't access. They are proposing to pay these people for these tonight. Mayor Sodano read a list of corners that he quickly went and looked at and he feels the contractor created trip hazards. Crescent at Centre, the southwest and the southeast corner, Crescent at Monroe, the southwest corner,

Woodland at Monroe, the northwest corner, Woodland at Fairview, the southeast corner, Dehaven at Fairview, the northwest corner. If the purpose is to make them accessible, he asked why they are paying them for creating trip hazards. He asked if that automatically implies that there's a design flaw on them, and why are we paying them to have created trip hazards. Carol said without reviewing his list because she didn't have it before this moment, that he's referring to places where a cheek wall was incorporated into the design. Mayor Sodano said yes, on three of them. The one at the last meeting was when the fire company was here about theirs, which is nine inches. There's a five inch one at Crescent and Monroe. It's identical but it's five inches. The one at Woodland and Fairview is identical but it's about four inches. Some of them have a straight edge and are tapered but the ones he mentioned are not tapered and are trip hazards. Carol said they are in exact compliance with PennDOT specifications for accessible ramp designs. Cheek walls are used when they need to deal with an existing obstruction like a utility pole and when they need to match an existing grade above the accessible ramp. Mayor Sodano said they didn't do it in all the places the same. At the corner of Noeland and Crescent, the dumpster that's been complained about on that spot, they cut it back somewhat and tapered it and they tapered the curb, so they did it differently there. Carol said they can do that within the right of way and each of those is designed in exact compliance with PennDOT standards. Joe asked if this was done with grant money. Carol said it was a Community Development Block Grant. Joe asked what happens if they don't pay them. Carol said that's a lawyer question, but they did build the ramps in accordance with the plans and designs, which are in accordance with the PennDOT standards. It doesn't matter that they are not PennDOT roads. The standards being utilized is because they need to have those ramps in place per PennDOT standards when they want to repave these roads. They are the guiding standards which will be utilized by Liquid Fuels as a measuring stick to make sure that they are in compliance.

Ben Hauser said he is hearing from their professional that the contractor met all of the design specifications. The design specifications are applicable to pretty much every road in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Not paying the contractor for doing work for which they followed the rules would be a problem and he would advise borough council not to do that. Any person who happens to have a misfortune and that's a circumstance that they would actually have to prove fault and who ultimately caused that issue, with the curbs built to the standard, there may not be a case.

Solicitor's Report

Ben Hauser reported that council met in Executive Session beginning at 6:30 pm. There were five members of council present along with himself, Mayor Sodano, and Mr. Thompson. Mr. Winkler was absent. The subject was collective bargaining. The Executive Session concluded at 6:45pm.

New Business

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

Langhorne Postmaster invoice dated 10/3/23 in the amount of \$321.40 for quarterly sewer/refuse billing postage
AT&T Mobility Invoice #X09262023 in the amount of \$156.26 for PD wireless service
Comcast invoice dated 9/26/23 in the amount of \$214.27 for internet & voice services at 37 W. Woodland Avenue
The Hartford Invoice #357524447133 in the amount of \$678.00 for life insurance premium installment

Verizon Invoice #9945776233 in the amount of \$25.02 for M2M Account Share 1GB
Comcast Invoice #183994653 in the amount of \$379.10 for business voice edge service

Gettysburg Benefits Administrators, Inc. in the amount of \$169.59 for dental insurance premium installment

Office of Labor & Industry invoice dated 9/29/23 in the amount of \$1,555.00 for fire department workers' compensation insurance premium

PECO-Payment Processing invoice dated 10/5/23 in the amount of \$42.67 for 790 Neshaminy Street outdoor lighting electric

Ready Refresh Invoice #1310431953892 in the amount of \$46.98 for water cooler rent

Comcast invoice dated 10/2/23 in the amount of \$244.89 for internet service at 790 Neshaminy Street

Independence Blue Cross Invoice #231006055812 dated 10/6/23 in the amount of \$5,958.90 for medical insurance premium installment

Waste Management Invoice #5928-2448-6 in the amount of \$17,976.25 for September service

PECO-Payment Processing invoice dated 10/11/23 in the amount of \$1,408.57 for streetlights' electric

SECONDED BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION BY GARY NICKERSON TO APPROVE JOB #16610 FROM K.E. SEIFERT FOR 2023-2024 SNOW REMOVAL AS OUTLINED IN QUOTE DATED 8/2/2023. SECONDED BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER. Joe asked if they received any other quotes. Geoff said they tried to get four quotes and only got one returned from K.E. Seifert. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER TO PAY OFF THE 2020 SERIES B LOAN - \$197,000.00 AS RECOMMENDED BY BOROUGH MANAGER. SECONDED BY GARY NICKERSON. Joe asked if this was a grant or a loan. John said it is an adjustable-rate loan that they took out in 2020. Joe asked why they didn't use it. Gary said they applied for this and then they actually got a grant after the fact. Joe asked why they didn't give the money back. Mayor Sodano said when he was still sitting in the audience, Mark Moffa responded that they couldn't get this much money at any better rate, and they would be smart to take out the loan. He doesn't remember what they got the grant for. Barbara said from what she understands, they took out two loans and refinanced them and the interest rates were so low that they paid 1.1% on that loan. Terry McIntyre said there was a moratorium on sewer. Nobody could build. They took \$1,000,000.00 out and promised that the Bucks County Water & Sewer Authority would fix the system. It was \$400,000.00 for streets and \$600,000.00 for the sewer. They only used a portion of that. He doesn't know what happened after he was sent packing after the election.

Geoff Thompson explained that council took out a \$500,000.00 loan in 2020 for sewer improvements. They received \$213,155 from a small projects grant after the loan was secured leaving a large portion of the loan unspent. Delaware Valley Regional Finance Authority, who they borrowed the money from, has advised if the loan is not being used, it needs to be repaid in full or repurposed. The 2020 series loan was basically divided into two, Series A and Series B. Series A loan is \$261,000.00 and they're paying 1.1%. Series B, which he is recommending they pay off, \$197,000.00, is a variable rate which he thinks they are paying 4.779% on it. He's recommending they pay off the \$197,000.00 that they repurpose the other part to do more

sewer improvements. He talked to Carol about what needs to be done, which is outlined in the memo. Quadrant 1, quadrant 3, quadrant 4, route repairs, excavation repairs, cleaning, televising, smoke testing and also for pump station one, a new meter. That's what he is recommending they do with the other portion.

All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER TO APPROVE THE PRELIMINARY 2024 BUDGET AND AUTHORIZE ADVERTISEMENT. SECONDED BY GARY NICKERSON. Alan Dashoff asked when they actually discussed the numbers because they have at least \$45,000.00 to \$60,000.00 of revenue in disagreement and a bunch of expenses that can be cut. It looks like they're drawing down every fund balance that they have to support this budget. Joe Dudash said he agrees with Alan because they don't have half the stuff. He asked who is on the Budget Committee. John said Geoff, their paid manager who they have specifically to do this.

Tim Weaver, said he understands this is a preliminary budget and it is not a finalized budget, but it seems that some things have not been hashed out totally and people are concerned because it's the taxpayer's money. They need to make sure that this budget is at least fiscally responsible, and it represents their best interest. If the people have questions, they should elaborate on some of their questions because it might stop a little bit of the contention. Interest rates are going up. The cost of everything is going up. Their numbers are wrong. Everything is wrong across the board. Tell the people the truth because they are the ones paying the money. The vote was 4 yes, 2 no (Joe Dudash & Alan Dashoff) Motion passed.

MOTION BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER TO APPROVE ONE FULL AND FINAL PAYMENT TO NJS CONCRETE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$153,042.20, CONDITIONED UPON RECEIPT OF ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE BOROUGH ENGINEER. SECONDED BY GARY NICKERSON.

Mike Smith, asked if the grant money came in yet. Geoff said normally CDBG grants are a reimbursement. Mike said they need to tell the people that they are footing the bill until the grant comes in and repays them. Mike asked Ben who is going to get sued since the fire company has the nine-inch step that was approved by PennDOT, and the borough pays the contractor. Ben said there's a lot of steps in the process of proving the injury was the fault of another, proving the injury was attributable to that curb. From the discussion he had with Ms. Schuehler, the curbs are designed according to the specifications. There's no negligence that they have to the borough or the contractor. Just because there's speculation that people think it's not correctly designed, doesn't mean it's incorrectly designed. Mike said a typical riser on a residential house is not over seven inches and this is nine. He asked Ben if he could make sure and let them know at the next meeting.

All ayes, motion carried.

Public Comment

Terry McIntyre, said back in 2006, they were in desperate need and had to take out the loan. He believes it was \$400,000.00 for streets and \$600,000.00 for sewer. Only part of that amount of that money was spent when he was on council. He didn't get reelected, so he has no idea what happened to it. That loan was necessary, and he'll stand behind that. He asked what account the \$197,000.00 is coming from to pay the loan. He just wanted to make sure they didn't short another fund. He is concerned about the trash contract. He asked if they looked

into getting together with Hulmeville Borough. Geoff said he spoke with their manager to see how they liked their trash hauler. Terry asked if they looked into privatizing since other municipalities have to get their own hauler to come in and get their trash. He thinks the taxpayers are going to take a pretty big hit on this contract. Gary said it was an increase but not a jaw-dropping increase. Terry said he heard about the law office changing hands. He hopes when they do the U&O, they make them fix the sidewalks because two years ago, his wife face planted on his sidewalk.

Dave Cahill, asked Mayor Sodano how many shifts have been missed since July. He believes there were thirty-seven shifts missed in July. He asked for the total since July. Mayor Sodano said he didn't have that information with him. Dave said they are still missing shifts into November. He believes they missed two shifts on Sunday. They are committing fraud because they already paid for 24/7 365 coverage in their taxes in April and they're not getting what they paid for. They think that they can just call the state police. The state police aren't patrolling this town. They only come for priority calls. They need some numbers, so they know what's going on.

Tim Weaver, asked if there are any updates coming out for the MS4 and if they have anything planned for 2024. He had a new stack of paperwork delivered to him and he knows some of the recommendations that are required by law. John said they are aware and working on it. Tim said the same people who own 50 Hulmeville Ave. may have acquired the rug mill and usually when large developers start to get something in motion, they'd like to acquire large tracts of property to keep things together and if they're already talking about a 300 unit high density low income housing units with illegal immigrants coming to Penndel, so now they're going to lose a couple of properties. Everybody might want to keep their eyes open because they all know that Penndel is secretly being turned into a 15-minute ghetto, or as they've referred to it as a 15-minute city because it's walkable from the railroad station to anywhere in Penndel in 15 minutes. That's why they need all these handicap accessible walkways. There's a couple of items out there and they're known as United Nations Agenda 21 and United Nations Agenda 30. It seems like council and the engineer are following these plans to the tee to make Penndel a 15 minute walkable city, which is what they consider it and it looks like they're going to get a 15 minute walkable ghetto instead.

Council Members to be Heard

Joe Dudash said they're in some difficult times. What they've seen up here today reminds him of DC when he worked down there, shoving things through, the bills and everything else yet, the taxpayers are paying for it. There are things like full-time police. He's still against that because they've got great part-timers. It's a leadership problem and they're not going to solve it by throwing money in. They're going to raise the taxes. He bets that Hulmeville Borough, Langhorne Manor and Langhorne Borough are saying hallelujah, Penndel is going to have full-time police and they'll be taking care of them, so they'll be helping three other boroughs with their budgets. They had better start saving money because the fire department has told council better start saving money. The fire department has told them the fire departments are going to become regionalized. They're going to be full-time fire departments and the taxes will go up 6-8 mills. Middletown already bought three trucks. One is going to Hulmeville, one to Penndel and one to Langhorne. It's part of this transition. They already hired two full-time fire department guys. They had better start putting money away because Middletown is going to come to them and say give them money for services. They are \$1.2 million in debt. Tomorrow is Election Day. He's glad he won't have to deal with this junk anymore after December. He's done and Alan is

done. These people are coming back. And this Robin reminds him of Bud, she's just going to vote the same way. This is going to be their legacy. Taxes are going up after the election. Sewer is going up. Trash is going up. Geoff did a good job with the trash contract. Joe said to the audience they need to pack this place and follow these budgets. He needs them to come here and fight them and get stuff passed. He also needs them at the ballot box and get rid of these people. John said he is not allowed political speech from this dais. They have to come in here pack this place. What they see tonight is frustration because there's going to be low-income housing and Middletown is involved. There's deep problems here and he needs them to vote the right people in here. This is 20 years of stagnation. Nothing has changed in this place, but other towns have revitalization.

Gary Nickerson said there's a lot of people that do come to meetings and are just looking to score political points. Everybody on here on the dais is essentially a volunteer. Look at what they did tonight. He thinks this is the earliest they've ever had the snow contract in. They're saving money by paying off a loan that they weren't utilizing. They went through a preliminary budget for advertisement that he thinks there was no change in the taxes. He's not sure what everybody is incredibly angry about. They're still putting money aside for capital improvements and they found a way to pay for a future full-time police officer. They were able to take advantage of a Community Development Block Grant to pay for some of the sidewalks to make them ADA compliant. Also, streets that are potentially going to be fixed. They could do more. He would like to have all of the intersections done. Everybody up here has tried to do the best they can. Some people are afraid of change. There are no plans to do anything with public housing. This is public property that somebody is looking to sell or be using. Council doesn't really have anything to do with that.

Barbara Heffelfinger left the meeting at 9:24 p.m. Borough Officers Peck and Krimmel arrived at this time and stood in the front entrance hallway.

Alan said he would have given out the preliminary budget to the people so they can see it a couple days back and he would have given it to the council two weeks ago so they would have had a chance to go over it and give their questions out rather than go surprise, surprise, let's see what they're looking at and then get bitched at. You don't get to it fast enough and also guarantee that the committees get broken up so that the same two people aren't on all the committees and control the purse strings.

MOTION BY GARY NICKERSON TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 9:26 P.M. SECONDED BY JOHN STRATZ. All ayes, motion carried.

Submitted by: 
Marie Serota, Secretary/Treasurer

Lastly, I have a topic that I would like to clear the air about and I would like it reflected in the monthly minutes. There was an accusation made at the last meeting (that I was not at) that I was accused of committing a “sexual misconduct” in the conformance of my duties. This accusation is 100% not true and is appalling that it was even being alleged with no factual basis. If the person making the allegation believes that this rumor is true, they have a moral and ethical obligation to report it to the Bucks County District Attorney’s Office who would investigate any matters regarding criminal allegations against police officers. I would encourage them to make the report to the District Attorney’s Office so that these allegations can be verified to be a complete lie. A council meeting is not the proper venue to make allegations of this nature even if they were to be true. This only solidifies my position, in that this is a personal agenda facilitated by this person and anyone else involved with spreading this untrue rumor. Honesty and Integrity to the members of this department and this community are my number one goal as your Chief of Police and I will not have my name sullied because someone does not like me for whatever reason.

Sean Perry, Chief of Police
11/6/2023

Mayor's Report November 2023

Attended Borough Council meetings and executive sessions.

Attended Langhorne Manor storm water project "ribbon cutting".

At this meeting I asked the project engineer, Issac Kessler, pointed questions about the project and it's effect on Pennel borough, especially regarding The Chubb Run.

Presented at the Bucks County RDA meeting.

Attended PBA contract discussions.

Attended annual Halloween Parade and festivities.

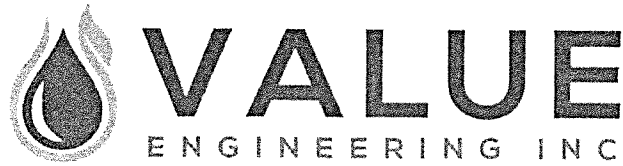
Attended Bucks County Conservation District wetlands damage remediation meeting on site at 50 Hulmeville Avenue.

I have stayed in regular contact with both The bucks County Concervation District and the PA DEP departments regarding this problem. They advised me both the property owners as well as their engineers have been apprised of the scope of the remediations required as well as the fines that have been accruing.

Now that these same developers are poised to purchase The Langhorne Carpet Company property, I believe it is incumbent on Council to follow the law and ensure these people adhere to all laws, codes and ordinances of Pennsylvania, Bucks County, and especially Pennel Borough.

Lastly, as we approach snow plowing season, Pennel Borough needs to act on having the numerous basketball backboards removed from the streets.

Sadly, this is the only time we can enforce against this nuisance, because the snow ordinances are the only place where such street impediments are addressed. As I have stated ad nauseum, this Council's inaction on updating our Borough ordinances is is an affront, nay, an offense, against the tax paying residents of Pennel Borough. That it is nearly 3 years and this Council can not get the pool and fence ordinance passed is an embarrassment. At this rate the residents will be dealing with the basketball equipment in the streets and the ballfield parking issues for another 4 year term of foot dragging and ineptitude.



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November 6, 2023 Engineers Report

Penndel Borough, Bucks County

CDBG Grant for ADA Ramps on local streets

Installation of 20 accessible ramps on Borough streets is complete. A recommendation for payment appears on the agenda tonight.

50 Hulmeville Avenue

I attended a meeting this month with an engineer retained by the owners of 50 Hulmeville Avenue, a representative from the County Conservation District, the Borough Manager, and the Borough Mayor. We discussed history, concerns, and expectations regarding resolution of site issues near the waterway. The applicant's engineer was advised fees and applications must be submitted to both Penndel and BCCD to continue forward toward resolution of outstanding violations.

Holly Avenue SLR Property

This month we reviewed a stormwater permit for a proposed new home on an existing lot on Holly Avenue.

