

WORK SESSION MINUTES

October 20, 2025

EXECUTIVE SESSION – 7:00 p.m. Personnel

Council President John Stratz called the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m.

Present at the Meeting

John Stratz, Council President

Barbara Heffelfinger, VP

Gary Nickerson

Bob Winkler

Bud Murphy

Robin Valentis

Tom Sodano, Mayor

Also present at the meeting

Barbara Kirk, Hill Wallack

Geoff Thompson, Borough Manager

Carol Schuehler, Borough Engineer

Marie Serota, Secretary/Treasurer

COUNCIL OR BOROUGH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Borough meetings are recorded for the purpose of preparing the minutes.
- All comments must be made at the microphone and be kept at three minutes.
- Planning Commission vacancy
- The Barbara T. Foundation 5K Run scheduled for 11/8/25 has been cancelled due to lack of registered runners.

PUBLIC COMMENT – On Agenda Items and Non-Agenda Items (3-minute time limit)

- Tim Weaver spoke about some of the recent proposed developments in town that he didn't approve of the TOD and earned income tax should've been on the ballot.
- Dave Cahill, a democratic mailing that was sent out.
- Mike Smith, appointing a new council member with experience.

CONSENT ITEM

MOTION BY ROBIN VALENTIS TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER 6 COUNCIL MEETING. SECONDED BY BOB WINKLER. All ayes, motion carried.

REPORTS:President's Report

- Participated in the inspection of Noeland Avenue sidewalks and the sign off from that inspection.
- Participated in the PA State Audit of our Liquid Fuels Fund
- Provided musical entertainment for the Activities' Committee Annual Penndel Seniors' Birthday Dinner
- Attended a meeting at the firehouse regarding firehouse finances.

Solicitor's Report

- Letters/Invoices sent to property owners on Noeland Avenue.

- Attended the 566 Bellevue Avenue Zoning Hearing on October 15th, which has been continued to November 19, 2026.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Barbara T. Foundation 5K Run scheduled for 11/8/25 has been cancelled due to lack of registered runners.

NEW BUSINESS

MOTION BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER TO HIRE JENNIFER LEAH- ROSA TO POSITION OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY CONTINGENT UPON A SUCCESSFUL BACKGROUND AND CREDIT REPORT. SECONDED BY ROBIN VALENTIS. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION BY GARY NICKERSON TO AUTHORIZE THE BOROUGH SOLICITOR TO DRAFT A HAZARDOUS MATERIALS RECOVERY/REIMBURSEMENT ORDINANCE. SECONDED BY BOB WINKLER. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER TO PROCEED WITH CURB REPAIR NOTIFICATIONS ON CRESCENT AND MONROE AVENUES. SECONDED BY BOB WINKLER. The vote was 0-6, motion failed.

MOTION BY JOHN STRATZ TO APPOINT RYAN SORENSEN TO BOROUGH COUNCIL FULFILLING COUNCILMAN MOFFA'S UNEXPIRED TERM. SECONDED BY GARY NICKERSON. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 8:17 P.M. SECONDED BY ROBIN VALENTIS. All ayes, motion carried.

Submitted By:

Marie Serota
Marie Serota, Borough Secretary/Treasurer