

## WORK SESSION

October 21, 2019

Council President Beverly Wolfe called the meeting of PennDel Borough Council to order at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

### Present at the meeting

Council President Beverly Wolfe  
Council Vice President Barbara Heffelfinger  
Councilman John Stratz  
Councilman Mark Moffa

### Also present

Ben Hauser, Hill Wallack  
Mayor Robert Winkler  
Carol Schuehler, Value Engineering

### Presentation by Michael Fuller, DVRPC, Regional Streetlight Procurement Program (RSLPP), which is on file in the secretary's office.

Beverly Wolfe checked with Michael Fuller on whether the fixtures were Bulletin 15 approved and he said they are. Beverly said they can use Liquid Fuels funding for that part of the project. Mike said without financing, PennDot will allow you to use liquid fuels funds to pay for the material and labor for the Bulletin 15 items with the exception of the photocell. If you get a rebate, you need to put that back into the liquid fuels fund. Beverly said the cobra head network controls, that is the one presented before that is asset management. She said liquid fuels funds can be used for the material costs which is \$50,524.00. Mike said these would be your actual costs and the difference between these costs and this line item is the control system which is not Bulletin 15. You would be able to get reimbursed for this amount on this project cost, the \$75,000.00. You would be able to use about \$40,000.00 that you would be able to use Liquid Fuel funds for out of the \$75,000.00. John Stratz asked if since PennDot is forcing us to pay for the photo cell, is there an adjustment they can make with the PECO rebate since they are paying more for the fixture because of the photo cell; can they keep some of that rebate? Michael said the rebate is specifically for the fixture. They are not giving you anything for a control. Mark Moffa asked how many municipalities are in this and Mike said 26. He wouldn't be surprised if all 26 didn't move ahead with a project of some sort. Mark asked when they have to decide by. Mike said they are shooting for October and some are going into November. Some municipalities are financing so that's why they need to be wrapped up by November because they will be closing on financing in late November. Construction is planned for 2020. They made a special note for PennDel above anybody else that they would like to start spending the money so they get the materials purchased and Armour is willing to work with them on billing to make sure we are into this year. Beverly asked what the chances of having it done in 2019 were. Mike said they have six projects that were non finance projects that they already have approvals on and they have one big one, which will be done close to the end of 2019. Carol Schuehler asked if there would be a third phase. Mike said the program has been very successful. Round one went great. This round they anticipate even better results. It's a huge program to move this many municipalities. It takes a lot of resources and time. Round one took about four years so they are toying with the idea of some smaller groups, like maybe five at a time to move quicker. Mark asked of the municipalities' in this region, would he think half has the LED lights. He thought the percentage was lower than half. With the volume of fixtures, he wouldn't be surprised if more than half would be done. Mark asked if construction would begin

in early 2020 and Mike said he doesn't have the construction schedule at this point so he can't commit to when in 2020. They are committed to being done in 2020. Their goal is the fall of 2020. Based on estimates it looks like 80% will be done by the second quarter.

Steve Lowe, 409 Cynthia Ave., said he heard them talking about the photo cell is not part of the price of the rebate. He asked about the other control you mentioned. Is that in every light fixture or only the ones on Lincoln Hwy. Mike said it was for all fixtures to have. Steve asked if it impacted liquid fuels funds. Mike said liquid fuels won't pay for any controls whether it be the basic photo cell or the other two. The manual control is part of the fixture so technically liquid fuels funds will be paying for the fixture. Steve asked how the network controls work. Mike said it's a wireless mesh network, radio frequency and the fixtures can communicate with each is the mesh part of the network. All of them communicate back to a gateway that can be located somewhere, preferably at the borough hall. That gateway does not hook into the local system of the municipality. It actually goes to the cloud and the manufacturer hosts that system. From a security standpoint that's nice. Nobody can hack into that network and get back into your financials. Steve said five years down the road from now and we're still in a payback mode and the manufacturer says this option is now going to cost you, obviously it's free now. Mike said when they priced out the network control option, which, is the \$32,000.00, there is an annual service fee which they have already baked into that. They baked in 20 years of a \$2.00 per fixture annual service fee. Mark asked about the 3,000k or 4,000k. Mike said it depends on the community. Some places where there was yellow light in their community, they didn't want to jump from yellow to all the way to white so they went from yellow to warm white. Historic communities with a lot of brick and stone, the warmer white looks a little better. On the other side, a lot of people like the pure white because it looks like open for business, secure, well lit. Almost all new construction goes with 4,000k. Mark said the pricing is not specific to either and Mike said no, you can pick whatever you want, it's the same price.

Beverly Wolfe said since the original meeting, she has not changed her mind at all. It's even more firm now that the network control system is absolutely the way to go. Armour Electric will be hosting all of this and will be notified immediately if there is a problem with one of the lights. It's asset management. There won't be any problem with a street light being out for weeks and nobody noticed it. If a light goes out or there is a problem, we will know immediately. There's a lot of value in that like public safety. John Stratz said he has changed to the middle option since the photo cell is not being paid for by liquid fuels funds but the middle option is. With the middle option you can pull the wattage with the bulb and extend the life of it. Beverly asked who was going to do that. John said they do it on the initial install. They put in a higher wattage bulb and dial it back to 30 watts. Beverly said if we have a problem with a fixture or have a problem with a light, we're just going to rely on someone spotting it. John said if it lasts the first year, it's going to last the next 19. Mark said he doesn't believe that. He said the box says the bulb will last 13 years and in two years he's back in Home Depot buying another LED bulb. Mike said commercial LED lights are different than residential. On the old style fixture if you bought one of those right now, it would have a one-year warranty. The LEDs have a ten-year warranty. No manufacturer would give a ten-year warranty unless it was going to last 20 or 30 years. They can't play a game where it lasts about as long as the warranty because they would lose a lot of money. It has to last much longer than the warranty period. The rated life on the LED fixture is hundreds of thousands of hours which would actually indicate 30, 40 even 50 years. He doesn't think you're going to get 50 years out of it but you're going to get very long life out of it. Mark said in the title of the resolution it is saying phase three and four but earlier we talked about it being phase two. Mike said phases three and four are future phases. Phase three is construction so if you sign the resolution it is for construction. Beverly said it's not the project phase.

Elaine France, 410 Bellevue Ave., asked if taxpayers were paying for this and if there is a fund in the borough that pays for this. Beverly said the liquid fuels fund already has money set aside to pay for this project, but not the entire project because PennDOT won't allow certain portions of this project to be paid out of liquid fuels funds. Mrs. France asked how much and Beverly said somewhere around half of it. She asked if the rest was coming from taxes and Beverly said yes. She asked if taxes would be raised. Mike Smith from the Earned Income Tax. Beverly said they don't anticipate that at this time. This has been budgeted for over the past year. This was thought about in 2018. John Stratz said the savings in electricity is going to pay for this project in between eight and eleven years, depending on what controls they order for them. Beverly said they are cutting the amount of kilowatt hours that we pay for. She believes it was 105,000 down to 48,000. She doesn't have the figures with her but it was 100 and something fixtures over a year's time and it was a substantial amount of money. Plus, it's energy efficient and it's green. Mark Moffa thinks this project is a no brainer. It's just a matter of picking which was to go here. Mike said the energy savings pay for the project. On the one chart he showed, the net value of the project is \$60,000.00, that is above and beyond the cost of the project. That's money that actually goes back into Pennndel's coffers. And that didn't factor in that the \$40,000.00 is coming from Liquid Fuels funds which is not taxpayer money.

Mike Smith, 127 Dehaven Ave., said if they take the money out of liquid fuels, how much money would be left in there, the rainy-day fund. Beverly said they haven't been using liquid fuels as a rainy-day fund for a long time. Mike said he means if a street needs to be redone or something pops up like if they have a sinkhole. Beverly said at the end of 2018, they had a fund balance of \$133,620.00. Their allocation in 2019 for liquid fuels was \$62,000.00. They had available for an appropriation \$155,102.00. Mike asked if they were looking into doing any streets in the near future. Beverly said they were not going to be spending the entire allocation that they had for this project because there are certain portions of it you can't use it for. They had \$63,000.00 set aside for it. She said apparently at the end of all of this, with our new allocation from next year of about \$61,000.00, they will probably have a fund balance somewhere in the neighborhood of \$100,000.00 to 125,000.00, even after paying for this. Mike Smith asked again if they are looking into doing any other streets. Beverly asked if he meant out of the liquid fuels fund and Mike said yes. Beverly said no, they haven't looked at any streets out of the liquid fuels fund. The last street they took money out of liquid fuels was E. Woodland Ave. The other streets were out of capital. Mark asked Mike to tell them in layman's terms what the difference would be for them in this town would be. Mike said the manual controls would be an additional \$6,900.00 of which most of that cost, like \$6,400.00 is part of the fixture so he thinks liquid fuels fund would be able to pay for a portion of it. Without liquid fuels funds, that \$6,900.00, the way you have to look at it is for your 177 fixtures, they are all going to have adjustability, is he going to get \$6,900.00 worth of value for let's say 20 years of having that flexibility there. You may only go to five or ten of those fixtures and use that functionality. Is it of that much value to you to do that? Let's say you have a pedestrian/car conflict at an intersection and you decide, that maybe lighting had nothing to do with it but you think about increasing the lighting there, you would have the ability to do that there. If there is some other situation that where the light is just obtrusive in a very unique instance where you might just need to make an adjustment. The question is whether you will get \$6,900.00 of value on having that flexibility on the fixtures over a long period of time. In round one a third of the municipalities saw value in that. Only one did the network control but it was so much more expensive, like doubling the project cost. In this round they had three or four more jump on it. For network controls, he really thinks the greatest value is it is not easy to make adjustments, it's the ability to get information about outages, day burners, which is when your photocell fails and it's operating all day long. Barbara Heffelfinger asked if on the manual controls you had to actually get someone out there and up into the fixture. Mike said it is set at the appropriate level at installation but if you want to make any

adjustments after that, you'd have to send someone out with a bucket truck to make the adjustments and there would be costs associated with that. Under both control systems, LED likes to be dimmed so we are going to buy a bigger fixture and dim it down to a certain level right out of the gate. You're going to get longer life out of a very long-life product but you can get longer life when it gets dimmed. Mark said if they have the network controls, we don't have to send Armour out to make an adjustment. Mike said he doesn't think you make many adjustments because they are designed correctly for the type of road. Manual or network, you're not going to be making many adjustments so it is more on the network controls, the value of that information about what's out. Mark asked if Mike was telling him they were not going to go out. Mike said things could get knocked down, photocells can fail. Middletown lost 40 fixtures in one shot from a lightning strike. You have a ten-year warranty on all of the LED products. Mark asked how much it costs every time Armour comes out. Mike said their rate is about \$170.00 an hour for a man and truck. John Stratz said the plus with network controls is that our insurance might go down because there will be no street light out for more than 24 hours. Steve Lowe said the fixture is under warranty. What about the service call? Mike said labor is one-year warranty. Steve said after the one year someone from here is going to have to send an email with the ok for Armour to come out and fix the light we got an email for. You're not paying for the part but you are paying for the service. Mike said you're going to have such a new system it's going to require so little maintenance. John Stratz said \$1,700.00 for a photocell, \$6,900.00 for this middle ground. Back \$1,700.00 out of that middle ground for service we're not going to use. We're not going to go adjusting lights. Elaine France said that if the bulb goes out, what happens at this time of night? Beverly said they would have forwarding. They will have a contingency plan and multiple emails as well. Mike said you can have them send you an email of the lights that were out over the last 24 hours. You can have it send every two days or every week. Ben Hauser asked when the actual contract penciling the amount, when does it need to be authorized, approved and signed by council. The resolution incorporates the contract as an exhibit. Mike said the resolution allows staff and management to complete the construction contracts. Since you want to spend the money this year, it should be done within a week or two. There is a six-week lead on materials and his goal for Penndel is to at least get materials ordered. Mike said Penndel will be fairly early in the 2020 installation because if they are ordering materials, they are not going to let them sit here. Penndel is pretty high up in the preliminary construction schedule. With a six-week lead time we at least want the materials in here so we can bill you because that is the biggest chunk of the project cost. Beverly said they have a budget work session tomorrow night where they can conduct other business and it sounds like they need to conduct this business. Think about it overnight and think about everything and look it over and we can talk about it tomorrow night.

MOTION BY JOHN STRATZ FOR RESOLUTION 2019-29, RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF PENNDEL, BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA AUTHORIZING COOPERATE PURCHASING AND PARTICIPATION IN PHASES 3 AND 4 OF THE REGIONAL STREET LIGHT PROCUREMENT PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE DELAWARE VALLEY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION. SECONDED BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION BY MARK MOFFA TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 7, 2019 COUNCIL MEETING AND THE OCTOBER 8, 2019 BUDGET WORK SESSION. SECONDED BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER TO PAY THE FOLLOWING INVOICES:

COMCAST BUSINESS INVOICE DATED 10/2/19 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$127.87 FOR INTERNET AT 790 NESHAMINY STREET

PECO INVOICE DATED 10/15/19 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$39.57 FOR TRAFFIC LIGHTING ELECTRIC

SECONDED BY JOHN STRATZ. All ayes, motion carried.

#### Mayor's Report

Mayor Winkler reported that a big branch came down on Woodland Ave. Some of the neighbors came out and helped them get rid of it. He attended the leadership conference in Penn State. The PSAB is requesting all municipalities adopt a resolution that was made by their lawyers for House Bill 1775 and Senate Bill 101. The Mayor read the resolution.

MOTION BY MARK MOFFA TO PASS RESOLUTION 2019-30 SUPPORTING HOUSE BILL 1775 AND SENATE BILL 101 STORM WATER FACILITIES ON STATE HIGHWAYS. SECONDED BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER. Steve Lowe asked what the population of Penn del is. Barbara said it is 2,438. All ayes, motion carried.

Mayor Winkler said there are a couple of resolutions that the PSAB is seeking which is an amendment to the open records law to exclude personal information of local government agency employees and to allow for a fair recuperative fee to be charged for labor and time spent on non-contingency requests. The PSAB requests support the Governor's \$4.5 billion budget proposal entitled "Restore PA" provided that the current Local Impact Fee is not eliminated. Beverly said they will look into them. Mark Moffa asked if they are resolutions where they are asking us to support a lobby for a statewide bill or just asking them to change the way things are done in this borough. The mayor said statewide.

Street sweeping should be being done at the end of the month, beginning of November.

The mayor said Governor Wolf sent him a notice that he has signed a bill that prohibits domestic abusers from possessing firearms and supports the elimination of the statute of limitations on child sexual abuse. It's on US PA, the first statewide campaign to address sexual assault in schools and in colleges.

#### Engineer's Report

Carol Schuehler read her report which is attached.

Beverly Wolfe asked Carol if she was satisfied with what they were doing with the ADA ramps at the northeast corner of Hulmeville and Woodland and some existing curbing and frontage. Carol said these are the issues she raised and on Friday afternoon she received a preliminary plan of pavement markings to address one of her concerns. She still has some comments to send back on that. She got a letter that addressed her other concern, just to ensure that the curb is replaced along Hulmeville Ave. frontage and to ensure the accessible ramps are installed at the intersection of Woodland and Hulmeville Avenues. The developer and his agents have been very responsive and today she received the letter from the engineer's office. She reviewed it with the solicitor's office to make sure they are all comfortable that that is a valid affirmation and that all this would happen. They are comfortable going forward at this point with the understanding that this will be addressed by the developers and his engineers. She thinks it would be in the best interest of the borough to proceed with the PennDOT permit application from the borough confirming you will be maintaining that storm sewer after the developer is long gone because we need to get that connected. Beverly asked what they need to do in order for

that to proceed. Carol said as long as borough council has authorized it, your staff has the business partner ID number with PennDOT and can implement the electronic filing of the permit. She is sure the borough secretary wouldn't proceed with that without knowing it was authorized by council. Beverly said it won't be a formal bid package. Carol said it would be wise to do that. Beverly said they need to have it in place for future and for any issues they might come across. Carol said you had a higher than 50% compliance on Bellevue Ave. and you don't have a full compliance rate at this point and fortunately we have an extension. This would give you a way to resolve the non-compliance that would actually get things fixed out there. Beverly said getting back to Schoolhouse Ct., this permit for the development, that's a matter of normal business with any developer, correct? Carol said any developer in any municipalities in the past six or seven years. Beverly said that a developer has to tie into a stormwater system. Carol said yes. Beverly said because the municipality has to assume responsibility.

Elaine France, 410 Bellevue Ave., said they had a contract with Giuseppe's. He did all the big projects and then he came to do theirs last week. The gas company came out and marked the lines. Giuseppe's had to dig a 3-foot hole to find the gas line and where she marked it, it wasn't there. And what she said was she thought that the gas line could possibly be right underneath their curbs which would require a higher cost because it would have to be hand dug and hand broken up and still would be a problem so Giuseppe's just cancelled their contract. Because of it needing hand digging all along the curb and then digging 3 feet all along the street and still having to remove the curb in the way and it could possibly cause damage because the gas line is indeed under the curb. So, we have a conflict here. They tried to do their curbs and we don't know what the people from the gas company said and if they had been out earlier that week either. They are on the corner of DeHaven & Bellevue Aves. They feel like they are in a bind. Giuseppe's said they won't do it. Beverly asked if they had PA One Call come out and if that was the she that she was referring to and Elaine said yes. Beverly said they marked where they believed the gas line was and Elaine said yes. Beverly asked what happened after that. Elaine said she said because of the gas line coming to the front of their house on Bellevue, they wouldn't be able to bring heavy equipment because they might rupture the line. They need to hand dig it to see where it is. They dug from the curb to the sidewalk in three separate sections. Beverly asked if they found it. Elaine said they did not and that's when she said that it's a real possibility that it could be under their existing curb. So, Giuseppe's walked away and said he won't do it. He won't hand dig it or break up the curb. They won't hand dig the street. Barbara Heffelfinger asked her if it's possible, because her house is the oldest in town and they may be correct because curbs and sidewalks didn't come in until much later. Elaine France said they had an incident when they subdivided and the actual gas line comes in on DeHaven and right on the corner is where it bends but it doesn't bend out into the street. If you look where she marked it, you can see it doesn't go out into the street like some other lines. That is not where theirs is marked. Being the first house in town, it is very well that it is under the curb. Beverly told her they would have to look into this and get back to her. Elaine said it would be a tremendous amount of money to hand dig it. Beverly said they would take a look at it and let her know.

**MOTION BY MARK MOFFA TO MOVE THE THREE ACTION ITEMS WHICH ARE:  
APPROVAL OF THE PENNDOT PERMIT APPLICATION FOR SCHOOLHOUSE COURT,  
AUTHORIZE ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID FOR THE MEMORIAL PARK LIGHTING PROJECT  
TO BE FUNDED BY A CDBG GRANT AND AUTHORIZING THE BOROUGH ENGINEER TO  
ATTEND THE PRECONSTRUCTION MEETING FOR THE HULMEVILLE AVENUE BRIDGE  
PROJECT. SECONDED BY JOHN STRATZ. All ayes, motion carried.**

### Committee Reports

Mark Moffa reported that the Long Range Finance Committee met on October 9th and they prepared follow up questions to the presentation that Keystone made. They thought it would be helpful to present the questions they had that were unresolved in advance of them coming to borough council to make a presentation. Keystone will be here to present to council on November 18th. He is going to give them the Long Range Finance Committee questions to them in advance so that hopefully they come with all of them answers. They talked about what the procedure would be and this is the next step by having Keystone attend. Thinking ahead, if council did want to move ahead on the EIT, the next step would be to enact an ordinance. The next step would be introducing the ordinance to council and having it advertised. They would wait four to six weeks depending on meeting dates and times for publication before the ordinance would come up for final adoption. That's the process that is required. Since Keystone is not coming until November 18th, the earliest this board can authorize a draft of the resolution would be November 18<sup>th</sup>. Then it has to be introduced six weeks from that so you are probably looking at late January, early February. Beverly said they would definitely have to have town meetings. Mark said there was coverage in the Bucks County Courier Times on what they want to do. He said the first opportunity is November 18th when the public can hear it when they do.

Mark reported on revitalization and ordinance that they've been wondering what the timeline is on the TOD overlay, zoning overlay and that is currently with our solicitor. They are looking to revise the draft and implement the Bucks County Planning Commission's changes. They will be circulated to council, Bucks County Planning Commission, Carol needs to get another look and then it comes back to council where they would have to introduce it. It might go back to the revitalization task force one more time and it has to go back to the Pennel Planning Commission again and has to go back to the Bucks County Planning Commission again. That is roughly what is required. Mark asked Ben Hauser what his timeframe was on the revision to the current draft. Ben said he is hoping in the next two weeks he will have a fully revised draft. Beverly asked if they've given any thought to the zoning map or if they needed to wait for that. Ben said the zoning map would be an incorporated exhibit to the TOD ordinance to show how the boundaries have changed.

Barbara Heffelfinger said she believes they need two public meetings for the EIT. Mark said what he read, which came from Hill Wallack, was they didn't need two meetings. Ben said he would double check that. He said he thinks it needs to be advertised three consecutive weeks but he will check on that.

Barbara Heffelfinger reported that they have two more budget meetings this month on the 22nd and the 28th. Hopefully they can get everything in by then. On Community Development they presented the four RDA applications last week and she guesses they will know sometime in November whether they got them. Sean Perry did the police one and he did a great job. Beverly did the borough and also the fire company and the rescue squad. They got them in in 15 minutes. It wasn't easy but that is all the time they give you.

### New Business

MOTION BY JOHN STRATZ TO AUTHORIZE THE PREPARATION OF A SMALL PROJECTS GRANT TO GET MORE FUNDING FOR UPSIZING THE SEWER MAIN ALONG THE NESHAMINY. Carol said last year they went to the small projects grant for upsizing the sewer line along the Neshaminy Creek and they only got less than half of what they need. They reached out to Brett Ennis who is our contact with Commonwealth Finance and DCED and he said to absolutely go forward with the application for the remaining upsized interceptor line

funds. He is probably the one reviewing the application. If authorized by council, they will refresh that application and resubmit and ask for the rest of the funding for upsizing the sewer line along the Neshaminy Creek. SECONDED BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER. All ayes, motion carried.

Beverly Wolfe said she would still like to send out another set of letters to the residents on Bellevue Ave. who did not do the concrete work before they start looking for prices. Carols said she doesn't think this precludes the borough from sending out another set of letters. She thinks this just helps get the borough organized for what to do next. What she is planning to do is put out a request for a unit price quote with an open-ended amount for putting curb in on Bellevue Ave. on the side that has parking and then a unit price for the side that does not have parking.

MOTION BY MARK MOFFA TO AUTHORIZE THE BOROUGH ENGINEER TO PREPARE A UNIT PRICE BID PACKAGE FOR CURB AND SIDEWALK WORK ON BELLEVUE AVENUE PROPERTIES THAT DID NOT COMPLETE WORK. SECONDED BY JOHN STRATZ. John Stratz asked what happens if someone comes in and asks if we have any suggestions, can we tell them this is the unit price and if they like it, they should contact them. Carol said so we would have a unit price contract for completing the work and if it's not done and the owner didn't do it; the borough would have this contractor come in and expect reimbursement from the property owner. Ben Hauser said he would imagine that the borough's price would be driven by what is known as economy of scale where the borough has bid out a much larger grouping. An individual property owner may not be able to secure the same price the borough gets because in theory, it is guaranteeing more work than one particular property. Carol said she doesn't know and they will have to look into that. It depends on what kind of package they put together. John said it's a long shot of them coming in if they have been ignoring us this far and if they are going to come in for help. Beverly said they will give them another chance. Ben said there are other mechanisms in the borough code to reach compliance as well. Elaine France asked if it was true that it is postponed until next year. Beverly said that is correct. She asked about it going out for bid and in the spring if someone would be brave enough to do her curbs. Carol said there would be the ability for the borough to get the work done. It might be at a higher cost than the bid you had from your current contractor. All ayes, motion carried.

MOTION BY BEVERLY WOLFE TO AUTHORIZE VALUE ENGINEERING TO PREPARE A NEW ZONING MAP FOR THE BOROUGH OF PENNDDEL WITH THE NEW TOD IN LINE WITH AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$800.00. Carol Schuehler said they have GIS mapping in the borough and can utilize the GIS mapping to update the zoning map. She actually thinks she has an improved zoning map. They could do it in a day's time and would be under \$800.00. Beverly asked the county for their assistance in doing a new zoning map and was told by John Ives that they were not in a position to do that, and we would have to do it. The current zoning map dates from the 1970's. SECONDED BY MARK MOFFA. All ayes, motion carried.

#### Persons to be heard

**Mike Smith, 127 Dehaven Ave.**, asked that since Keystone is coming in on the 18th, are you going to put pamphlets in everybody's mailboxes instead of just hiding it in the paper that nobody gets anymore? Beverly said they are going to ask Keystone to do some additional public hearings, inquisitions, whatever you want to call it. They are going to have them come in and present to the public. Beverly said they are like saran wrap. They are as transparent as you can get. Everybody will know. They will find a way to make sure. It is going to be communicated to everybody, even if we have to send it by carrier pigeon. Elaine France asked what that meant. Beverly said and Earned Income Tax is a local tax that is enacted on a person's wages. We are one of a few municipalities who has not enacted one. Most of them

who are still working pay that to another municipality. That municipality collects the money. If we enact an Earned Income Tax here, that money will come from where we work to where we live. We are going to have public town halls to explain and make sure every member of the public has all the information that we have. Everything will be absolutely out there for everyone to see. Elaine asked what happens to it. She asked about the per capita tax. Beverly said that is Neshaminy School District. Elaine said Philadelphia has the Earned Income Tax. Beverly said so does Middletown, Bensalem, Hulmeville. Elaine said she understands that but in competition for hiring people at St. Mary Medical Center, one of the reasons people leave Philadelphia is to come here because we don't have that. Mark Moffa said Middletown has one. It's just less than Philadelphia. Middletown is a half percent and Philadelphia is 3%. If anyone works in Philadelphia and we enact it, we can't get any of that. Ben Hauser said Philadelphia taxes are a special tax. Elaine asked what percentage it would be. Mark said the Long Range Finance Committee made a recommendation for a half of 1%. Council hasn't discussed it yet. Elaine asked if it was just for wages. Mark said social security and pensions are exempt. Elaine asked if IRAs were exempt because you have to take a distribution every year. Beverly said she has taken out of hers and never had to pay the EIT on it. Mark said dividends are not impacted. It has to be earned income. Beverly said it's all going to be part of the presentation that is going to be made and she would highly encourage everyone to come. Any municipality can enact it like any tax. Elaine asked if it goes into the general fund. Beverly said it does, that there is an account line for that.

**Steve Lowe, 409 Cynthia Ave.**, said that some of them know that he works at Moldamatic. He's been hit with a lot of questions about the bridge. One of the big questions is, during the construction phase, they have two back loading docks that they use all the time. They envision there is going to be a lot of construction equipment there and they kind of foresee that the back entrance to their facility might be closed off. He is asking borough council to have Carol try to push for letting them know that Moldamatic would like to know. Carol asked Steve to send her a google map or give it to Karen so she could send it to her of the area he is talking about. He said he doesn't have a computer so the answer is no. The address is 29 Noeland Ave. The bridge abutment is part of Moldamatic's back lot. They are concerned about keeping it open for trailers to come in and unload at the loading docks. Beverly asked him to come up after they adjourn so that she can give it to Carol. She doesn't think anyone on council would object to Carol asking the questions from Mr. Lowe. Steve asked that they keep Moldamatic and Permabilt in the loop of what's going on. The entrance to their lot is across from theirs so they would be affected also.

MOTION TO ADJOURN BY BARBARA HEFFELFINGER. SECONDED BY MARK MOFFA. All ayes, motion carried.

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Marie Serota, Secretary/Treasurer