

**Meeting Minutes**  
**State College Borough Council**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Monday, August 5, 2019**

The State College Borough Council met in a regular meeting on Monday, August 5, 2019, in the Municipal Building, 243 South Allen Street, State College, PA 16801. Mayor Hahn called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Present:** Donald M. Hahn, Mayor  
Evan Myers, Council President  
Jesse L. Barlow  
David J. Brown  
Catherine G. Dauler  
Janet Engeman  
Theresa D. Lafer  
Dan Murphy

**Also Present:** Terry Williams, Borough Solicitor; Thomas J. Fountaine, II, Borough Manager; Dwight Miller, Finance Director; P. Rick Ward, Parking Manager; Douglas Shontz, Communications Specialist; Greg Garthe, Planner/Zoning Officer; Deborah A. S. Hoag, Public Works Director; Roger A. Dunlap, Assistant Borough Manager/Chief Financial Officer; John A. Gardner, Chief of Police; Amy J. Kerner, Borough Engineer; Thomas Brown, Facilities Supervisor; Sharon K. Ergler, Assistant Borough Secretary; Thomas R. King, Assistant Borough Manager for Public Safety; and Borough residents and members of the media.

**Proclamation**

Suicide Awareness and Prevention Month/Day – Mayor Hahn presented Marisa Vicere, Chair of the Centre County Suicide Prevention Task Force, with a proclamation declaring September as Suicide Awareness and Prevention Month and September 10, 2019 as Suicide Awareness and Prevention Day.

Ms. Vicere thanked everyone for their continued support of suicide prevention efforts and designating September as Suicide Prevention Month. She said the Centre County Suicide Prevention Task Force comprised of agencies, community members and providers who advocate for prevention and compassionate treatment strategies that lead to a future free from suicide. She said everyone must make mental health a local priority and collaborate with one another to share resources and spread knowledge. She thanked everyone for working to help end the silence around the topic of suicide and suicide prevention.

**Presentation**

Class CAS 100 Group Comm Presentation – Mayor Hahn introduced a group of students from the Penn State's CAS 100 group who presented their ideas about economic development and possible solutions.

Sarah Diamond, a Penn State student in the CAS 100 course, stated her class met with Mayor Hahn a month ago to discuss several issues throughout State College. They decided to work on issues related to economic development and presented the student perspective about economic development issues to Council. She said that, as an incoming freshman, her class determined that the best way to improve the economy was to enhance entertainment and infrastructure throughout the area.

Sean Warner, another CAS 100 student, spoke about infrastructure. He said when he arrived in State College, he was glad to see that there was public transportation with the Centre Area Transportation Authority (CATA) bus system. He said the class noticed that the CATA bus system was underutilized by students and people working Downtown and at Penn State. He said the class conducted a survey of 20-30 volunteers asking why people did not use the bus system and they found that people thought the

system was way too complicated and took too much time out of their day. He suggested creating a prototype for a new user interface that would seamlessly integrate with the current app. He said the class was willing to contact CATA's app developers to make it happen. He said another issue was raised about visitors coming to State College football or basketball games. He suggested advertising the CATA bus system at Beaver Stadium and the Bryce Jordan Center to help alleviate parking issues and traffic flow. It also allowed people to park farther away and take buses to the stadium.

Ross Safin, another CAS 100 student, spoke about business opportunities. He noted that most of the businesses on College Avenue were fast food chains and clothing stores. He suggested diversifying businesses on College Avenue.

Connor Porcello, another CAS 100 student, noted that students make up most of the State College population. He said students often look for places to socialize and eat together, but that often brought along drinking. He suggested implementing more entertainment businesses, particularly on the weeknights after classes. He said introducing these attractions into the Borough would deter students from drinking. He said the bowling alley and sports center were 40 minutes away and closed early at midnight. He said students would love to go bowling if the bowling alley stayed open until 3 a.m. and if the CATA bus system went there at that time.

Jack Verrilli, a CAS 100 student, suggested doing more community events because there was a disconnect between the Borough community and the Penn State community. He said there were some Borough events that were not accessible for students. He noted that Arts Festival was one example when students and the rest of the community came together. He said it was important for community members and students to interact with each other to sustain a positive and understanding relationship between the two. He suggested that more community members should be able to access exclusive Penn State events.

Zack Carbone, a CAS 100 student, discussed the issue of parking. He said students and visitors would greatly benefit from accessible information on the Borough's website about parking. He said accessible information about easy cards and free parking on Sundays would make things easier during busy weekends for football games, graduation weekend and other events.

Ms. Diamond thanked Council for giving them the opportunity to speak about economic development issues.

Mayor Hahn thanked the students for speaking.

Mr. Myers asked the students if they wrote a conclusion or report of their findings. Ms. Diamond said they have some notes on the outline they provided to Council and their emails to contact them. Mr. Myers said some of the ideas were new and some of the ideas were in the process. He said the recommendations for businesses were interesting. He commended the students for taking the time to think about the community they lived in. He said he appreciated their thoughtfulness.

Ms. Dauler echoed Mr. Myers comments and asked them if they had contacted the Downtown State College Improvement District (DSCID). She said she represented the Borough Council on the DSCID's Board of Directors, and she noted that the DSCID was always looking for fresh ideas. She said the DSCID would welcome information and encouraged them to look them up. She said she would mention their comments to the Executive Director, Rob Schmidt, at the next board meeting.

Ms. Lafer said the students did an amazing job for such a short time. She said they found several real important problems. She encouraged them, if they were staying on at Penn State as incoming freshmen, to see what the DSCID was doing, checking out the ABC's at the Borough and find out what CATA was doing. She encouraged them to take part in public administration if they were interested.

Mr. Murphy stated he knew the students were introduced to the role the community played during orientation and thanked them for taking that to heart. He echoed Ms. Lafer's comments and encouraged

them to share their experiences with the other incoming freshman about becoming involved with the State College community.

Mayor Hahn thanked them for the presentation and hoped it would become a lifelong relationship with State College as a student and eventually as alumni. He encouraged them to follow up.

### **Public Hour – Hearing of Citizens**

Melanie Morrison, a resident of Penns Valley, thanked Council, Mr. Fountaine, Chief Gardner, and Mayor Hahn for acknowledging community concerns and taking steps towards meaningful solutions. She said she came on behalf of her fellow 320 Coalition members to ensure that they stayed informed of the progress of the next steps following the officer-involved shooting in March. She said the advisory board for community oversight was of major importance to the 320 Coalition. She said she wanted to ensure there were protocols in place for screening and training that police officers received, but also to build trust between officers and community members. She said that without transparency then the assumption of accountability was an act of faith. She said the 320 Coalition was open to putting together an advisory board with the Borough to build and maintain a positive relationship. She asked Council if any plans would be publicized for community review and for an actual timeline regarding the creation of the advisory board. She said that she experienced another incident of vandalism to her vehicle. She said that her children were in the vehicle at the time and she did manage to pull the vehicle over after she realized there was an issue. She said her children were terrified and she had to file another police report. She said she hoped the community would continue to work together so that everyone was protected. She said change must begin in the community and radiate outward.

Mr. Fountaine said he would update Council with a report at the second meeting of each month. He said he reported on progress last month. He noted that body cameras were rolled out and implemented in July prior to the Arts Festival. He said Borough staff were not prepared to provide an update that evening, but staff were making progress on those items.

Hayden Yoder, a resident of 170 Honors Lane, said that State College had been his home for the last eighteen years or so. He said he enjoyed observing the vibrancy and culture of an incredibly safe community. He said he wanted to apply his talents to enrich the wellbeing of his own town and promote the healthy development of street art, provide an opportunity for community service, produce an additional spike in tourist attractions, pamper our cherished university, pave the way for residents to form meaningful relationships and paint masterpieces throughout the Borough. He noted that area at 901 West. College Avenue was empty and barren. He said O.W. Houts & Son sold the property to Penn State in 2008 for \$3.4 million and was left unused other than some parking spaces for a handful of people. He said that while he did not represent Penn State, he said he felt confident that they were receptive of his project. He said, of the 25,000 square-foot space, 3,600 square-feet or one-seventh of the land would be used as public rotating mural. He said this wall would serve as the only space in State College where budding artists would be able to paint without breaking any laws. He said he sincerely believed that a public wall as a legal artistic space would safely detach the value of graffiti as an art form. He said State College was a center for the arts and the space would provide a unique flavor to bolden that identity.

Mayor Hahn said it was an excellent presentation and encouraged Mr. Yoder to speak to Ferguson Township with his presentation because it was close to the line between Ferguson Township and the State College Borough.

Ms. Lafer said since the space did belong to Penn State, the Council could encourage this idea, but they were unable to enforce the idea in anyway. She suggested that Mr. Yoder speak to Penn State and Ferguson Township as well as other art groups.

Mr. Yoder noted that he did contact Penn State and they told him to speak the Borough. He said he would speak to Ferguson Township.

Mayor Hahn said that developing art Downtown was important too and said walls Downtown would benefit from artistry.

Mr. Myers stated he appreciated Mr. Yoder's ideas and stated that when ideas were brought forward, it was important to put concrete suggestions into writing and submit them to entities impacted by those ideas like Penn State, Ferguson Township and the Borough.

Leslie Laing, a resident of Ferguson Township, asked Council to make a motion to host a second special meeting to discuss the March 20 incident regarding Osaze Osagie. She said the meeting was robust and a wonderful commitment from the State College Police Department (SCPD), the Centre County Commissioners and Council to discuss the issue further. She said she wanted the meeting to occur so that members of the public would be able to attend and hear more about addressing the assembly of the advisory board, other efforts, the internal investigation, the promised updates from the 2016 Task Force report and the recommendations from that report. She said she wanted to follow up on the Borough's efforts exploring and expanding the funding crisis intervention team, the partnership meeting with Centre County about revising the 302 mental health warrants and any findings or after-action report following the officer-involved shooting as one was not originally filed or provided. She asked if there were recommendations for free post-traumatic stress counseling for the officers involved in the shooting was carried forth and she echoed the concerns about the body cameras like public information for reviewing footage. She said she would gladly follow up with emails on training and said she was grateful the Borough moved away from establishing the Task Force.

Mayor Hahn noted that two Council members were able to request special meetings in writing. He said Mr. Murphy and Mr. Barlow requested the special meeting last time.

Mr. Myers asked Ms. Laing to provide Council with her list of questions. He noted that Mr. Fontaine provided a report on some of the questions Ms. Laing asked at some point. Mr. Fontaine said that the standing report was scheduled for the third Monday of each month. He said August 19 was the next time he would have an update. Mr. Myers said that Mr. Fontaine was able to merge some of the answers to Ms. Laing's questions into that report and invite audience questions to the reports.

Geoffrey Landers-Nolan, a resident of Ferguson Township, said he came to the meeting on behalf of the 320 Coalition. He said much of his remarks echoed Ms. Laing and Ms. Morrison. He thanked Council and Mr. Fontaine for answering some of his questions about the body cameras. He said he was grateful that the Borough and SCPD were willing to hear feedback about what they were able to implement in terms of safety and policing. He said that it was heartening to hear that there was currently an internal investigation. He said there were a lot of sensitive issues about interdepartmental investigations but acknowledged that it was good that the Borough continued working on the issue. He said that sharing information was an important first step in rebuilding trust and remaining transparency. He noted there was a question about the collective bargaining agreement for the SCPD at one of the Campus and Community in Unity (CCU) meeting in May and asked if that agreement was distributed publicly.

Mayor Hahn said the August 19 will be live streamed and available to view later at [cnet1.org](http://cnet1.org) for the public.

Ms. Lafer said that the events of March 20 carried a great deal of weight on the community. She said everyone could live together in some form of harmony. She said everyone could acknowledge that many of the questions stemmed from not just the tragedy on March 20 but the larger series of tragedies and the anger that fed it. She hoped that everyone would put in the work to stop the movement toward division, anger and violence. She encouraged everyone to continue to ask question.

Mr. King said the SCPD Collective Bargaining Agreement was available on the Borough's website.

## Consent Items

Ms. Engeman motioned to approve the following Consent items. Ms. Lafer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- Approve, with conditions, the closing of the 100 block of South Allen Street (between East College and East Beaver Avenues), on Monday, September 30, 2019, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., for the Penn State Homecoming Allen Street Jam.
- Approve, with condition, the closing of various Borough streets (normal PSU Homecoming Parade route), on Friday, October 4, 2019, from 5 p.m. to 9:15 p.m., for the annual Penn State Homecoming Parade.
- Approve the closing of a portion of West Hillcrest Avenue, for the West College Heights Block Party, on Sunday, September 15, 2019, from 3:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- Approve the closing of various Borough streets, on Thursday, October 10, 2019 from 5:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., for the State College Area School District Homecoming Parade.
- Approve the closing of Westview Avenue (between Fairway Road and Franklin Street), on Friday, September 13, 2019, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., for the Westview Block Party.

## General Policy and Administration

### General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2013

Mr. Fontaine said the Borough reviewed existing debt to determine if there was an opportunity for refinancing the debt to result in a savings. He noted that the Borough policy provided for refinancing debt when the projected savings is equal to or greater than 3 percent and based on preliminary reviews of the 2013 General Obligation Bonds, the Borough anticipated savings that would meet or exceed the threshold for refinancing. He noted that during June and early July, Chris Gibbons of Concord Public Finance, solicited bank proposals to refinance this debt. Mr. Gibbons attended Council's July 1, 2019 work session to review the bank financing proposals for the possible refinancing of the Borough's General Obligation Note, Series of 2013. He said that although the bank proposals did not result in the required savings, the review included a comparison to what the Borough might receive as a financing option in the current bond market. He stated Council authorized proceeding with the exploration of the bond market for this refinancing and the bond bids were received earlier that day. He said the General Obligation Note, Series of 2013 had a fixed rate of 2.34 percent through November 15, 2020, and the Note converted to variable rate thereafter with an interest rate cap of 5.25% for the remaining 14-year term. He explained that under current market conditions, the Borough could reduce its interest rate exposure by completing a refinancing, and the current policy on refinancing like that required a net present value (NPV) savings of at least 3 percent of refunded principal. He said that the auction generated 49 bids from seven different underwriting syndicates, and Janney Montgomery Scott was the lowest rate bid at 2.03 percent and produced the best reduction of interest rate exposure for the Borough. He said Concord Public Finance modeled the Janney Montgomery Scott bid on three interest rate exposure scenarios, and all three produced a net present value (NPV) savings over the 3 percent policy requirement minimum. He stated that Chris Gibbons, Concord Public Finance, would present the results of the August 5, 2019 Competitive Bond Sale later in the meeting. He said staff recommended Council adopt the borrowing ordinance and schedule Final Settlement of General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2019 for September 4, 2019. He said that a roll call vote was required.

Chris Gibbons from Concord Public Finance stated that receiving 49 bids was an incredible feat. He said the auction platform went into overtime 20 times. He said two things pushed the bond market: 1) it was the first competitive bond sale since the Federal Reserve made any movement; and 2) the discussion about trade between the U.S. and China reducing the stock market by 700 points. He explained that because of that, people looked for safe investments like the Borough's in bonds. He said that was why

the Borough got a great rate and the fixed rate under the entire term was 2.03 percent, resulting in savings.

Ms. Dauler said it sounded like it was an exciting time. Mr. Gibbons laughed and said it was exciting because while he was watching the auction with Mr. Miller earlier, nothing happened until after 11:08 AM and then 49 bids came in. He said he was very pleased with the results.

Ms. Lafer asked what the Borough's projected actual savings over time were. Mr. Gibbons said the reduced interest rate resulted in savings. He said the old rate was 2.3 percent and the new rate of 2.03 percent would result in \$40,000 of savings.

Jens Damgaard discussed Ordinance 2131, which finalized the General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2019. He said Council now had it in the final form and the draft form until the auction earlier that day. He said it was going to be a General Obligation Bond (GOB) issue in the aggregate principal amount of \$9,465,000, which was enough to retire the note, the bank loan, and pay all associated costs in issuing the bonds. He said the covenants of the Ordinance did not vary a lot other than the mechanics of how it worked compared to the bank loan. He said the GOB had fixed interest rates throughout their term. He said that on September 4, the settlement will conclude and consisted primarily of signing documents and completing a wire transfer. He said Jersey Shore State Bank would file the necessary paperwork with the State to show new terms.

Ms. Lafer motioned to adopt the borrowing ordinance and final settlement date for September 2, 2019. Mr. Barlow seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously in a roll call vote.

#### State College Area School District South Track Lighting Operational Agreement

Mr. Fontaine stated that, as required by the recent amendment to the Zoning Code that allowed for a height increase in outdoor lighting, a draft agreement setting forth the operational terms was developed and reviewed by Council at their July 8, 2019 work session. He said the School Board also reviewed the Agreement. He noted that this agreement was reviewed with residents in the neighborhood adjacent to the South Track at the State College Area High School, and modifications made to the draft agreement based on those discussions, and then the draft agreement was distributed to both the School Board and Council on July 1, 2019. He said staff recommended Council approve the Operational Lighting Agreement as presented.

Ms. Dauler motioned to approve the Operational Lighting Agreement. Ms. Lafer seconded the motion.

Amy English, a resident of 705 Edgewood Circle, thanked Council and SCASD leadership for allowing input from residents. She said she was cautiously optimistic about the agreement for this year but felt concerned about the issue for future years with evening usage by community groups. She said she appreciated the Borough's commitment to protect the neighborhoods. She said parking was previously raised as an issue and she said that some Council members suggested restricting parking in the Greentree neighborhood during athletic events. She asked what the plan was with football season around the corner to handle foot traffic.

Mr. Fontaine said the Borough had not made much progress on the area of parking and traffic because Borough was trying to get the agreement in place first. He said the Borough would now move to working on parking before the first football game. Ms. English asked if Council could hold off on voting before parking was addressed. Mr. Fontaine stated that it was up to Council and the agreement was related to the lighting issue, so parking will need to be dealt with as a separate action.

Ms. Lafer said she met with the neighborhood group and the SCASD School Board. She said because the neighbors were satisfied with the adjustments to the agreements, she would take her "no" vote back. She said Council will follow up on the issue of parking and she asked people to bring any other issues back to Council regarding parking.

The motion passed unanimously.

#### Parking Garage Maintenance Change Order

Mr. Fountaine explained that Project #3-2019 was awarded by Council on June 3, 2019. He said work began on July 15, 2019, once work began, it was discovered that there was a considerable amount of more weld plates that were compromised and needed addressing at the McAllister Parking Deck. He noted that additionally, there were areas of delamination of the concrete decking and some surface cracking discovered that needed to be repaired which was not part of the original contract. He said the total cost of the change order was \$18,733 or nearly 39.5% of the original contract, and since this amount was greater than the 15% allowed, Council approval was required. He said staff recommended that Council approve Change Order #1 for Project 3-2019 in the amount of \$18,733.

Mr. Murphy motioned to approve Change Order #1 for Project 3-2019. Mr. Barlow seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Planning and Zoning**

##### Minor Lot Line Adjustment for 415 Nimitz Avenue and 1282 Smithfield Street

Mr. Fountaine explained that the properties at 415 Nimitz Avenue and 1282 Smithfield Street contained single-family homes, but the driveway for 415 Nimitz Avenue encroached within the property for 1282 Smithfield Street. He stated that to address this, the two property owners submitted a subdivision and lot consolidation plan to subdivide 160 square feet of land from 1282 Smithfield Street and consolidate it with 415 Nimitz Avenue so that the driveway was entirely located on the lot of 415 Nimitz Avenue. He noted that there were no other modifications proposed at this time. He explained that approval of the subdivision complied with all applicable provisions of the zoning and subdivision codes were a ministerial act that required Council approval upon a finding that the subdivision was compliant. He said staff reviewed the plan and determined that the subdivision complied with all applicable zoning and subdivision regulations. He said the Planning Commission (PC) reviewed the plan during its June 5, 2019 meeting and found that the plan complied with the Borough's zoning and subdivision regulations. He stated that staff recommends Council approve the minor subdivision.

Mr. Myers motioned to approve the minor subdivision. Ms. Dauler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Public Works**

##### Borough Council to Consider Use of Borough-owned Streetlight Poles for Wireless

Mr. Fountaine stated that AT&T previously executed agreements with the Borough to place wireless nodes at various locations. He said the agreement was for the node itself and did not include the fiber wire that connects to the node. He stated that for the specific location of South Atherton Street and Calder Way (southwest corner), AT&T was ready to erect the wireless node, but the Borough ordinance required a separate agreement be executed for the wire. He said that staff recommended that Council approve and authorize the Manager to execute the Use Agreement.

Mr. Barlow motioned approve the AT&T Use Agreement. Ms. Dauler and Ms. Engeman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Official Reports and Correspondence**

Mayor's Report – First, Mayor Hahn stated that the Pennsylvania State Mayors Association was in State College for their annual conference. He said they were very complimentary of State College. He said he sent a report earlier that day to Council. Second, he said there were some criticisms made of the Borough's elected officials for failing to defend the SCPD during the last Borough Council meeting. He

said some statements were untrue, some were unfair, and some were offensive. He said that some people called upon him to act on such statements made by certain Council members to reproach or oppose such statements. He said after careful consideration of taking such action, he said he respectfully declined doing so because he did not know where following such course of action will end after it begins. He said once he began challenging comments based on content, he said it led him down a slippery slope and constantly second guessing his actions, biases, and intent. He said he knew people will criticize his action as was their right. He said he was reminded of a statement by Evelyn Beatrice Hall, "I disapprove of what you say, but will defend your right to say it. He said he believed the duty of public servants was to receive complaints, which might be untrue or offensive, and respond with fairness, accuracy and courtesy. Third, he reminded everyone that he was running for Magisterial District Judge and there will be a good chance that he will be elected. He suggested that staff add the procedure for fulfilling the vacancy on a future meeting agenda. He said he will likely submit his resignation in early November and effective in late December. He urged staff to not hold off on the discussion of his successors wait until after his resignation. Lastly, he said Mr. Fountaine will provide an update on race and equity matters at the third Council meeting of the month, August 19.

President's Report – Mr. Myers stated he appreciated Mayor Hahn's remarks about his position, and he noted that Mr. Williams will need to guide Council in how to approach the upcoming change. He said that staff should put together a report for next week's meeting answering questions about the process, Council's obligations, and the timeline for dates. He said the mayoral appointment procedure must take place in public.

Mr. Fountaine stated he received a letter from Mr. Williams earlier that day regarding the evaluation of the effective date of Mayor Hahn's resignation. He said he will circulate the letter to Council and reiterated that the mayoral appointment process discussions must be done in a public meeting unlike other personnel matters. He said there was no basis for any executive session review. He said this issue would fall to the next Council to fulfill that appointment because the vacancy would not exist until the end of the year.

Mayor Hahn noted he received the letter from Mr. Williams earlier that day. He said the options included varying the submission date of his resignation or the effective date of his resignation. He said it was important for the Borough to have a mayor in place by January 2 before the last meeting of the current Council.

Mr. Myers said that Council met in an Executive Session prior to this meeting to discuss personnel matters, real estate and litigation. After, he followed up with a comment about Ms. Lafer's remarks about the impact of hate throughout the nation and how it related to everyone in the Borough. He said that those who dispose hatred and violence make it easier to commit violence and hatred. He noted that much of that hatred was rooted in racism but also homophobia, islamophobia, xenophobia, misogyny and anti-immigrant sentiments. He said that State College will be flooded with the diversity of people of all colors, religions and not, and people who love who they love no matter how they got here. He reiterated that it was the official position of the Borough to honor that diversity in both rhetoric and action.

Manager/Staff Reports – Mr. Fountaine stated there were several issues coming up that will impact the Borough with request to the Atherton Street Reconstruction Project. He said the various agreements in the works including reimbursement for relocation of existing facilities, most notably sanitary sewer, storm water, sidewalks and other real estate issues. He said Council and the Authorities Board will receive those agreements soon. He asked Ms. Kerner to speak to the statuses of the various projects.

Ms. Kerner explained that the Atherton Street Reconstruction Project update affected section 153, which went north of Curtin Road to about 200 feet south of the Westerly Parkway intersection. She said that as PennDOT continued to work on the design of the project, the Borough identified the sanitary sewer from Railroad Avenue to Fairmount Avenue that needed repair and replacement. She said the Borough was considering upsizing the sanitary sewer from 6 inches to 8 inches, which was significant than a spot repair. She noted that that aspect meant the project was the reason why the project was delayed with bidding beginning next year and construction the year after that. She reiterated that the Borough was looking for TAP funding for the streetscape on Atherton Street/Beaver Avenue to Railroad Avenue, which

she explained would work best if the Borough gave disbursement of rights and funds to PennDOT. She said she hoped to present finalized information about that at the August 19 meeting. For the second item, Ms. Kerner discussed the reimbursement portion of the sanitary sewer. She said that PennDOT offered that if the Borough included the Borough's portion with their portion, they will pay for 75 percent of the cost and the Borough will pay the remaining 25 percent, because it was their project that they originally bid on. She said the Borough did not currently have the amount because they needed to work it out with PennDOT to approve the design and put together an agreement about it. She said both items will be on the August 19 meeting.

### **Adjournment**

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Sharon K. Ergler  
Assistant Borough Secretary

Prepared by Melissa J. Krug, Administrative Assistant