

**Langhorne Borough Council Meeting**  
**April 9, 2025**

A Langhorne Borough Council Meeting was held at Council Chambers on Wednesday, April 9, 2025. President Culleton called the session to order at 7:00 p.m. and invited those in attendance to pledge allegiance to the Flag.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** President Nancy Culleton; Vice President Kathy Horwatt; Councilpersons Scott Haldeman, Adam Zielinski, Anthony Marfia, Tim Harris, and Bob Cumming; Solicitor David Truelove; Chief John Godzieba; Treasurer Ellyn Schoen; Manager Mary Zimmerman; Clerk Gabe Tenaglia

**ABSENT:** Mayor Joe Taylor

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRESENTATIONS:** President Culleton made several announcements. There was an Executive Session at the end of the March 12<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting, and the agenda was amended to allow Council to vote on the manager's contract after exiting Executive Session. At that meeting, Council voted to approve the contract and Mary Zimmerman was officially made the Borough Manager. Council was informed that the event to honor the first responders to the West Richardson Avenue fire, which was scheduled for April 10<sup>th</sup>, has been postponed. On April 26<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m., the Shade Tree Commission will have their annual Arbor Day celebration. This year, the celebration will honor longtime Shade Tree Commission Chair Chris Blaydon, who has stepped down as Chair but remains on the commission. Councilperson Zielinski announced that the Recreation Board is postponing the Easter Egg Hunt, which was scheduled for Saturday April 12<sup>th</sup>, to Saturday April 19<sup>th</sup> due to inclement weather.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Sean Mundy, 109 West Maple Avenue, announced that the Barbara T. Ferraro Foundation will hold their annual 5K on November 8<sup>th</sup>. They will submit their event permit application for approval at the next meeting.

Bonnie Miles, 150 North Bellevue Avenue, said that there is a PennDOT grant available to address unsafe driving. It was implemented sometime in March through to the end of April, and PennDOT gave eighty-four citations. She suggested that it would be worthwhile for the Borough to pursue. President Culleton asked where the grant was implemented; Ms. Miles said it was in Newtown Borough.

**CONSENT AGENDA:** President Culleton listed the items on the consent agenda: the minutes for the March 12<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting, the Treasurer's Report, payment of the bills, event permits for the Langhorne Fire Department Coin Toss on April 19<sup>th</sup> and November 29<sup>th</sup> and Olde Langhorne Harvest Day on October 25<sup>th</sup>, and Mayors' Playground temporary sign applications for the 2025 Run for Woods and the following Langhorne Open Space events: spring flea market, fall flea market, Jazz-at-the-Farm, Swingin-at-the-farm, Bucks County Folk Song Society, and the Xmas Tree/Wreath sale.

**MOTION:** On motion of Vice President Horwatt, seconded by Councilperson Cumming, Council voted unanimously to approve the consent agenda.

**POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:** The intersection cameras upgraded with RDA funding are fully-functioning and have so far been very successful. Chief Godzieba gave the state police access to the camera to assist them in investigating incidents. Councilperson Cumming asked how long the data from the cameras is available; Chief Godzieba said it is kept for thirty days. Vice President Horwatt said that the Borough can

restrict truck traffic based on length and asked if the police have a way to track vehicles. Chief Godzieba said that they can, but the camera might not be able to track the license plate. He said that the camera system allows police to search for certain vehicles and Vice President Horwatt suggested using this to search for trucks that turn improperly. Chief Godzieba also spoke about the attempted break-ins on Station Avenue on March 20<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 a.m. The state police responded and the culprit was arrested a few days later at a homeless shelter in Pennel. Chief Godzieba explained that the state police respond to calls when he and his officers are not on duty, and 911 calls are dispatched to the state police during those hours. He also spoke about the hit-and-run on March 23<sup>rd</sup> on North Bellevue Avenue by the Maple Avenue intersection. He explained that a pedestrian was struck by a vehicle when he attempted to confront the driver. The vehicle was stolen in Middletown. The Middletown police department is investigating the stolen vehicle and working to identify the driver. He and President Culleton discussed the police report and then there was discussion about the traffic cameras. Chief Godzieba explained that the Bucks County Police Chiefs' Association has been funding license plate recognition cameras around the country and he has arranged for the Borough to receive a camera in 2025.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Peggy Malandra, 203 Station Avenue, said that there is a need for increased police protection in the Borough in light of the Station Avenue attempted robberies. She expressed dismay that the state police sent the culprit to the hospital the first time they responded instead of arresting him, and said that there need to be police working at night. Chief Godzieba explained that there are state police officers on duty at night who respond to the Borough. Ms. Malandra said she is willing to pay extra taxes so the Borough can hire additional officers. She then asked about the speed cushions, and Chief Godzieba explained that the Borough is waiting for the weather to improve to install them. He said that one set is going on Flowers Avenue. She asked if any will go on Winchester and Green; Chief Godzieba said that they are considering putting some on Green but Winchester is a state road so the Borough cannot put anything there. Ms. Malandra suggested police monitor Richardson and Bellevue to dissuade drivers from speeding. Vice President Horwatt said that Chief Godzieba has asked for another full-time officer to be in the budget.

#### **ENGINEER'S REPORT:**

**Country Club Lane & North Bellevue Avenue Paving & Sidewalk Project:** The Borough received seven bids for the paving and sidewalk project. Engineer George DiPersio presented two award scenarios. The lowest bid for the project base bid, for the milling and overlay paving of the two roadways with limited curbing and storm inlet repairs, was submitted by Bray Brothers of Fallsington, PA in the amount of \$51,315.03. There is also an add-on/alternate for the construction of a five-foot sidewalk along the west side of North Bellevue from the driveway apron of the Middletown Country Club to a new crosswalk with ADA compliant curb ramps that would extend toward Country Club Lane. The lowest bid including the add-on/alternate was submitted by the Richard T. Barrett Paving Company of Trenton, NJ in the amount of \$77,465.50. President Culleton noted that the Borough has an RDA grant of \$75,000 for the project, and if the Borough elects to award the contract for the base bid and alternate, they could cover some of the remaining cost with liquid fuels money. Councilperson Haldeman said that Asphalt Services, who have done a great deal of work for the Borough, did not submit a bid as they were not aware the project had been put on PennBid. Mr. DiPersio said that the bids were advertised in the newspaper, and the PennBid information was included in that advertisement. He cautioned that if Council were to re-bid, it would restart the advertising process and delay the work. Councilperson Haldeman felt that Asphalt Services should have an opportunity to submit a bid. President Culleton was concerned it would show favoritism to re-open the bids, and Councilperson Harris said it would be unfair to the other bidders. There was more discussion of the pricing and whether to re-bid. Mr. DiPersio said that CKS had

reached out to one of the Richard T. Barrett Company's references, who spoke of them favorably. There was further discussion and Mr. DiPersio asked that Council let him know about any concerns about the timing of the work. Vice President Horwatt said it should be done after the Memorial Day Parade.

**MOTION:** Councilperson Haldeman made a motion to re-bid the contract for the Country Club Lane paving project. The motion died for lack of a second.

**MOTION:** On motion of Councilperson Marfia, seconded by Vice President Horwatt, Council voted unanimously to accepted the bid from Richard T. Barrett Paving Company for the base bid and add-on for \$77,465.50.

**MS4 Project:** Mr. DiPersio said that CKS' calculations indicate that just doing work on the vegetated swale along the Langhorne Swim Club's driveway would not meet the Department of Environmental Protection's sediment reduction requirement. He advised that the Borough proceed with the partial retrofit of the existing basin at the rear of the United Methodist Church. Vice President Horwatt asked if debris removal from the Methodist Church basin counts toward sediment reduction, and Mr. DiPersio said it does not. He said that the PA DCED Watershed Restoration and Protection Program (WRPP) Grant will be applied for to fund the project. Penn's Trail Environmental investigated the area and confirmed that there are no wetlands, so the location of the work does not have to be restricted. Council agreed that CKS can move forward; Vice President Horwatt noted that the WRPP Grant is due May 31<sup>st</sup>, and Mr. DiPersio said that CKS can now provide price estimates and pursue letters of support. He said that CKS will put together a price estimate for the meeting and Council will need a resolution authorizing the application. Then there was discussion about who has to pay for the debris removal from the basin; Vice President Horwatt said it is the Borough's responsibility.

#### **PLANNING COMMISSION:**

**Updated Zoning Map:** President Culleton explained that the proposed ordinance is not changing anything about the Borough's current zoning. It is just adopting a new zoning map showing the amendments that have already been made to the Zoning Ordinance. The map also shows clarifications made to the boundaries of the historic district. Solicitor Truelove said that the ordinance was properly advertised and Hill Wallack has a proof of filing, an affidavit of publication in the Bucks County Courier Times, an affidavit of posting signed by Clerk Tenaglia and pictures confirming that he posted the required notices throughout the Borough. Letters were also sent to the affected individuals and an affidavit of mailing attesting to that fact was signed by Stacey Powell, paralegal to Solicitor Barbara Kirk.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Tracey Boyd, 249 East Richardson Avenue, asked if the streets on Cherry Street and Flowers Avenue are zoned Professional Services or Residential. She pointed out that it is a historic area, but the boundaries of the historic district do not include the streets, just the homes. She expressed concern about the high volume of truck traffic that comes through those streets and felt that if they were in the Professional Services district, the traffic would be worse. Mr. DiPersio said that the streets are split: as demonstrated by the map, the west side of Cherry Street is R2 Residential and the east side is Professional Services. Ms. Boyd said that the area should be given extra consideration regarding traffic because of its historic nature. She suggested that a traffic study be done; Mr. DiPersio said no traffic study was conducted because the underlying zoning districts were not modified. There was more discussion about the Professional Services district and Vice President Horwatt said that the Borough likely has a strong argument to reduce truck traffic in the historic district and will be pursuing this next year. She and Ms. Boyd spoke about where to put traffic cushions.

Wendy Teat, whose mother Eula Teat lived across from the Heckman School at 202 Cherry Street, asked if there was a way to keep trucks from driving through historic Langhorne using GPS. Councilperson Cumming said that truck drivers would have to pay for more advanced GPS and sometimes they do not.

President Culleton reiterated that the Professional Services district has not changed in decades and the historic district boundaries have been preserved, and the issue of the zoning map is not the main reason for people's traffic concerns. Ms. Boyd said that residents of Flowers Avenue and Cherry Street would like documents detailing their historic community entered into the record (see Exhibit A, which is attached to the official record of these minutes available in the Borough Office). She continued to express concern about Flowers and Cherry becoming zoned differently, and President Culleton said that this is not happening and the zoning map just visually clarifies the current zoning. She said that Council has been working to protect that area of the Borough by making the permitted density in the Professional Services district more restrictive.

Nora Liberti, 130 West Richardson Avenue, asked how the proposed zoning map is different. President Culleton explained that it shows the TND Overlay District, or Traditional Neighborhood Development, which provides developers with an additional option for developing a certain portion of the Professional Services district in service of encouraging developers to make any development look like a traditional neighborhood. Ms. Liberti then asked if the historic district is being changed. Solicitor Truelove said that the historic district is not being diminished.

**MOTION:** On motion of Councilperson Cumming, seconded by Councilperson Zielinski, Council voted unanimously to approve ORDINANCE NO. 2025-05: AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF LANGHORNE, BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, ADOPTING AN UPDATED ZONING MAP FOR THE BOROUGH TO INCLUDE TND OVERLAY DISTRICT AND TO CLARIFY THE BOUNDARIES OF THE BOROUGH'S HISTORIC DISTRICT, TO REPEAL INCONSISTENT PROVISIONS, AND TO ESTABLISH SEVERABILITY AND EFFECTIVE DATE.

**Proposal to Amend Comprehensive Plan:** Planning Commission Chair Paul Schneider said that they are still waiting on the Municipal Assistance Program (MAP) grant funding to update the Zoning Ordinance. Planning Commission also discussed updating the Borough's Comprehensive Plan at their March meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup>, as it has not been updated in eleven years. Mr. Schneider said the goal would be to update the Comprehensive Plan to take into account the changes of the past eleven years and to address the Borough's future challenges. He reached out to Bucks County Planning Commission, who provided an estimate for the project of \$15,000 to \$30,000, but the Borough can reduce the cost of BCPC's involvement by having the Borough PC take over some of the work.

**TND-II Update:** Mr. Schneider said that the process of crafting the TND-II district will likely not be done by the end of the year as previously anticipated. PC has concerns about access to the parcels east of Pine Street zoned Professional Services and they want to ensure that they do not exacerbate existing traffic safety concerns. PC has asked BCPC for sketch ideas for their April meeting and are looking at possibilities for alternative access.

**TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS:** President Culleton said that PennDOT is asking the Borough for a response tomorrow regarding their proposed improvements to the Green Street crosswalk, because these improvements would be implemented as part of the repaving of Maple Avenue that is currently underway. The Ad Hoc Traffic Study Committee discussed PennDOT's response to their mitigation request and while some items need further discussion, they are hoping to give

PennDOT a response as soon as possible. President Culleton presented the committee's recommendations:

- Approve an amount not to exceed \$8,000 for a traffic engineering study to be performed, and paperwork to be filed, requesting PennDOT to restrict truck traffic on Maple Avenue and Pine Street.
- Immediately communicate to PennDOT the Borough's approval of its plan to upgrade the crosswalk at Green Street and Maple Avenue with delineators and "Ped Xing" striping. In addition, the traffic advisory committee is requesting the following as per the Borough Engineer's suggestions:
  - Painted Yield line ahead of each crosswalk on Maple Avenue
  - Pedestrian Crossing signs and arrows at the crosswalk in both directions on Maple Avenue
  - Ask PennDOT to confirm that travel lane width and proximity of delineators to the edge of the travel lane are optimal for avoiding collisions and allowing large vehicles to turn onto/from Green Street.
- Apply for a BCRDA grant in September to add flashing pole beacons and push-button activation at crosswalk in both directions on Maple Avenue.
- Regarding PennDOT's two recently proposed options for enhanced crosswalks and road alterations on Pine Street at both Flowers Avenue and East Richardson Avenue:
  - Inform PennDOT that the Borough does not support installation of the median strips on Pine Street and additional time is needed to consider alternatives. President Culleton said that PennDOT sent the Borough two options for Pine Street and requested feedback. They both involve a median strip down the middle of Pine Street. PennDOT is also proposing to install a crosswalk at Richardson as well as Flowers. The Ad Hoc Traffic Study Committee is requesting time to consider alternatives to the median strips.
- Hold a meeting of the Ad Hoc Traffic Study Committee on Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, with an invitation for public participation and the participation of the Borough Engineer if possible, to discuss all available options for crosswalks and roadway changes on South Pine Street, with a recommendation to Council to follow.
- Inform PennDOT of the Borough's preference for a 5' wide concrete sidewalk, rather than PennDOT's proposed asphalt side path, on the east side of Pine Street south of Flowers Avenue. PennDOT asks that we confirm our understanding that maintenance of the path/sidewalk will not be PennDOT's responsibility.

**TRAFFIC ENGINEERING STUDY:** SAFE Engineering estimated it would cost \$7,000 to conduct the traffic engineering study required by PennDOT to restrict truck traffic on Maple Avenue and Pine Street. No other proposals were received. There was more discussion of the paperwork and the cost.

**MOTION:** On motion of Vice President Horwatt, seconded by Councilperson Cumming, Council voted unanimously to approve SAFE Engineering, not to exceed \$8,000, to complete the required PennDOT paperwork to restrict truck traffic.

**SPEED LIMIT REDUCTION ORDINANCE:** Solicitor Truelove confirmed that the ordinance was duly advertised and is appropriate for consideration tonight.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Tim Damiani, 313 North Bellevue Avenue, said that speeding is still an issue on Bellevue with people coming off of Winchester. He expressed concern that other streets, specifically Bellevue, could potentially face more speeding due to the speed limit reduction on Pine and Maple. Mr. Damiani suggested that the Bellevue and Winchester intersection could be a three-way stop. He said that he had spoken to Chief Godzieba about putting up electronic speed limit signs on Bellevue going toward Maple but nothing has been done. He also spoke with Senator Farry's office, and was told that speed bumps can be put on state roads with approval from PennDOT. President Culleton said that the Borough has included in their list of mitigation requests to PennDOT either a three-way stop at Bellevue and Winchester or a speed table or speed hump.

Teresa Newman, 117 Flowers Avenue, said that no one will pay attention to the speed limit unless it is enforced. She cautioned that speed bumps will not change how people drive.

Steve Van Schoyck, 148 West Marshall Avenue, said that there was a restriction on the flow of trucks through the Siefert property on Green Street requiring Siefert vehicles to go down Maple instead of West Marshall. Vice President Horwatt said that there is a new owner and he may have to be reminded of the restriction.

Deb Tyl, 197 West Marshall Avenue, said that there has been a population explosion on Wells Avenue and Green Street and there are now 26 children under the age of five living there. She expressed concern for their safety as they get older, as West Marshall Avenue is not a safe street to play on.

Larry Zetterberg, 129 West Marshall Avenue, warned of future developments increasing traffic and traffic issues.

Carol Zetterberg, 129 West Marshall Avenue, thanked Borough Council for their many-pronged approach to traffic safety and willingness to consider different solutions.

Wanda Search, 221 South Bellevue Avenue, said that speed bumps work to slow down traffic but advised that they need to be big enough.

Gene Sonn, 320 Station Avenue, asked why the speed limit on Pine and Maple was reduced to 30 mph instead of 25 mph. President Culleton said that PennDOT would not have accepted a 25-mph speed limit. Vice President Horwatt said that PennDOT is trying to standardize the speed limit on the portions of all state highways that go through boroughs to 30 mph.

**MOTION:** On motion of Councilperson Harris, seconded by Councilperson Marfia, Council voted unanimously to approve Ordinance No. 2025-03: AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF LANGHORNE, BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, FOR REDUCING THE SPEED LIMIT ON PINE STREET (ALSO KNOWN AS STATE ROUTE 413) AND MAPLE AVENUE (ALSO KNOWN AS STATE ROUTE 213) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REGULATIONS PROMULGATED BY PA. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, PROVIDING PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

President Culleton said that the ordinance must now be sent to PennDOT, who will figure out where the new speed limit signs should be. Vice President Horwatt said that PennDOT will have a Virtual Public

Meeting about the RC3 Project on Wednesday the 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. She said that members of the public can make comment after the presentation and the Borough will post the link to the meeting. President Culleton asked if Council is in favor of PennDOT's plan to upgrade the crosswalk at Green Street and would like for PennDOT to provide the Borough with pedestrian crossing signage. Councilperson Haldeman asked what will be sent to PennDOT; Vice President Horwatt said that the Borough will send two letters, one regarding Green Street and another about the signage. There was further discussion and Council decided that a letter regarding Green Street should be sent tomorrow.

#### **BOARD, COMMITTEE & COMMISSION REPORTS:**

**Communications Team:** The Communications Team met and discussed website and Constant Contact communications. President Culleton thanked the office staff for improving the Borough communications.

**Historic Architectural Review Board:** The following HARB applications were approved:

- 144 & 146 West Richardson Avenue: demolition of fire-damaged dwellings
- 148 East Marshall Avenue: demolition of shed in rear of property

Vice President Horwatt noted that the building inspector approved the demolition of 144 & 146 West Richardson Avenue before they went before HARB. Councilperson Marfia said that HARB was notified that they had to have a public meeting to approve the demolition work, so HARB had to schedule a special meeting on March 24<sup>th</sup>. Councilperson Marfia also noted that HARB was alerted that the property at 232 North Pine Street had renovations done to the porch without approval from HARB. Clerk Tenaglia said that he spoke with the property owner about re-submitting an application that includes all the work that was completed for review by HARB at their next meeting.

**MOTION:** On motion of Vice President Horwatt, seconded by Councilperson Zielinski, Council voted 6-1 to approve the HARB report. President Culleton, Vice President Horwatt, and Councilpersons Marfia, Haldeman, Zielinski, and Harris voted in favor. Councilperson Cumming voted against.

**Heritage Farm/Langhorne Open Space:** L.O.S.I. President Pat Carr said that the farm clean-up day, which was planned for this Saturday, has been postponed due to inclement weather. The proposed rain date is the next day from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Spring Flea Market is scheduled for April 26<sup>th</sup>, the annual Jazz-at-the-Farm concert will be held Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m., and the adult Swing Band group will perform at the farm on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Mr. Carr also informed Council that L.O.S.I. had a landscaping company come in to remove excess mulch and install river rocks around the base of the bushes facing the driveway to keep mulch from flowing into the driveway when it rains. The total cost of the work was \$1,000; Mr. Carr asked if they could split the cost with the Borough, to be paid from the farm rental account. Council did not object. He also announced that the Heritage Farm caretakers have a newborn daughter. Carol Zetterberg said that the artists for Artists-on-the-Farm will be moving into their studios. She also said that there are a lot of downed trees at the Catawissa Nature Preserve and they are looking into whether they should be removed. After some discussion about the fallen trees, Mr. Carr said that he was contacted about taking out a dead tree at the southwest corner of the farm property. He is not certain it is on farm property, and approached Kevin Transue and one of the farm volunteers to determine whether it is or not. If it is, he recommended having the tree taken down; Transue estimates that it would cost \$1,000.

**Shade Tree Commission:** President Culleton said that the Shade Tree Commission will begin reviewing the original 1954 Shade Tree Ordinance, which is still in effect. Shade Tree Commission will present a proposal to Council within the next year.

**Building & Zoning Inspections:** Councilperson Marfia said that the zoning report is not specific enough. Vice President Horwatt said that it should list addresses for permits. Councilpersons Marfia and Cumming expressed a desire to meet with the zoning officer. Manager Zimmerman said that he can come to a Council Meeting or stop by the office to meet with a small group of Councilmembers. She had been trying to schedule a meeting with him and the building inspector to discuss procedures. After discussion, the Manager and Council decided to schedule a meeting on Thursday the 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. between the building inspector and zoning officer and Councilpersons Marfia, Cumming, and Haldeman.

**MANAGER'S REPORT:** Manager Zimmerman submitted a written report to Council. She offered to further discuss the demolition of 144 & 146 West Richardson Avenue and how it was processed. Councilperson Haldeman said that HARB should not have to approve demolition of buildings that have been damaged and deemed unsafe by the Fire Marshall. He objected to how the owners were delayed by having to get HARB approval. Manager Zimmerman said that the contractor for the properties had submitted a permit application which was approved by the building inspector, but the building inspector informed the office that the work also had to go before HARB. Councilperson Haldeman felt that the office staff should have exercised their own judgment. Manager Zimmerman said they felt more comfortable following the letter of the law and the guidance of the building inspector and solicitor. Councilperson Harris warned that it could lead to mistakes if Manager Zimmerman can decide which rules to follow or ignore. There was also discussion of a proposed amendment to Appendix A of the Zoning Ordinance, which governs the historic district, to permit exceptions for emergency demolition.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Betsy Carr, 240 North Green Street, asked if the proposed amendment to Appendix A of the Zoning Ordinance refers specifically to fire-damaged buildings. Manager Zimmerman said that the proposed amendment she drafted defines emergency as including but not limited to natural disasters, fire, flood, or vandalism causing substantial damage. Ms. Carr expressed concern that the amendment could be abused if it is left too open to interpretation. Manager Zimmerman clarified that the proposed amendment has not yet been reviewed by the solicitor. Solicitor Truelove said that the amendment would have to go through zoning because HARB is impacted, which will give further opportunity for review. President Culleton noted that the amendment has also been sent to HARB and the Planning Commission. Mr. Carr then asked about the fencing at the Middletown Country Club on the Borough side. Manager Zimmerman said that she spoke to someone from the Country Club who would pass her information to the appropriate person, but she has not heard back.

**RENTAL OWNER REGISTRATION, USE AND OCCUPANCY, AND FIRE INSPECTION ORDINANCES:** Council tabled this discussion to the April 24<sup>th</sup> Work Session.

**TRANSUE ESTIMATE FOR DEBRIS REMOVAL:** Transue gave an estimate of \$1,500 for cleaning up bamboo and additional debris behind the Methodist Church by the basin. There are also some dead trees on the side of the property that it would cost an additional \$500 to remove. After further discussion, Council decided to have Transue clean up both areas.

**MOTION:** On motion of Councilperson Zielinski, seconded by Councilperson Marfia, Council voted unanimously to approve the expenditure of \$2,000 for Transue to remove debris at the Methodist Church, to be paid out of Liquid Fuels.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Kevin Paton, 53 Country Club Lane, informed Council that the Country Club Lane street sign does not have a cross sign for Bellevue Avenue. Vice President Horwatt said that a sign could be included in the Country Club Lane paving and sidewalk project.

Councilperson Harris asked if there is anything that can be done about people riding Go-Karts in the Borough, as he almost hit a Go-Kart driver while pulling out of his driveway on Hulmeville Avenue. Solicitor Truelove said that they are not allowed on public thoroughfares and it is up to the police to enforce this. Chief Godzieba advised against having officers chase kids driving ATVs and Go-Karts because it increases the risk of accidents. Borough police have tried to follow drivers in the past to find out where they're coming from, and while they sometimes go places the police vehicles can't follow, Chief Godzieba said that this is the safest option for enforcement. Manager Zimmerman suggested reminding people on social media that Go-Karts and ATVs are not street legal. There was further discussion of these vehicles being driven in the Borough.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION & ADJOURNMENT:** On motion of Councilperson Cumming, seconded by Councilperson Harris, Council voted unanimously to enter Executive Session at 9:40 p.m. to discuss legal and personnel matters and to adjourn out of Executive Session. The Executive Session ended at 9:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Zimmerman, Borough Manager / Secretary

**Next Council Meeting: May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.**