Langhorne Borough Council Meeting

August 12, 2026

A Langhorne Borough Council Meeting was held at Council Chambers on Wednesday, August 12, 2026. President Horwatt called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and invited those in attendance to pledge allegiance to the Flag.

IN ATTENDANCE: President Kathleen Horwatt; Vice President Scott Haldeman; Councilpersons Paul Schneider, Kate Transue, Tim Harris, and Sean Mundy; Mayor Barry Truchil; Police Chief Kevin Burns; Solicitor Barbara Kirk; Manager Mary Zimmerman

ABSENT: Treasurer Ellyn Schoen; Clerk Gabe Tenaglia

ANNOUNCEMENTS: President Horwatt said that the 150th anniversary Red, White & Blue Dinner went very well and thanked Manager Zimmerman and Clerk Tenaglia for their efforts.

President Horwatt welcomed Zachary Mitchell of ARRO Consulting, the new Borough Engineer.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Kimberly and Michael Monachello, 217 Station Avenue, expressed concerns about the consistency, fairness, and equal enforcement of building and zoning permitting requirements. Mrs. Monachello stated that their rear neighbor at 224 South Bellevue Avenue was issued a roofing permit in June 2025 despite the application not including any contractor information or the cost of the project. Construction did not begin until April 2026, stopped, and then was resumed in July 2026. She asked if an extension was granted to allow construction to begin more than 180 days after the permit was issued, and whether the permit remained valid under the applicable Uniform Construction Code (UCC) regulations. She said that when she and her husband raised concerns about the work to the Borough, they were told that the Borough could not compel their neighbor to cease work because they had a permit.

She then shared her and her husband's experience with permitting through the Borough, including a permit for which they were charged double permit fees for a project despite having sought confirmation of the scope of work with the Borough beforehand. She noted that at the June 2025 Council Meeting, her neighbor at 224 South Bellevue Avenue, Anthony Marfia, who at the time was a member of Council, received a refund as a private citizen for a permit for which he was charged double permit fees for starting work before the permit was submitted. According to Mrs. Monachello, it was noted at the meeting that the Borough has not charged other residents double permit fees for the same scenario. Mrs. Monachello asked what the Borough's standard is for charging a second permit fee, and why she and her husband were charged twice for permit fees when other residents were not in similar scenarios.

Mrs. Monachello then gave another example of inconsistent enforcement, this one relating to the playset on their property. In late spring of 2024, they were considering purchasing a playset and contacted the Borough to ask if any ordinances required that a playset be a specific distance from the property line. She said that the Borough stated, in writing, that there were no ordinances specifically regulating the placement of playsets. On the day it was delivered in August 2024, she said that they received an email from the Borough less than six hours later, containing photographs taken over their fence by a neighbor, stating that the playset had to be six feet from the property line. She said this was a direct contradiction of the information the Borough previously provided, and only after Mrs. Monachello

provided the Borough with its own written response was the issue escalated to the zoning officer and resolved.

Mrs. Monachello asked that Council provide clarity on the Borough's standards for complete permit applications, charging of fees, validity of permits, and enforcement, and whether those standards are being applied consistently to every resident. President Horwatt asked Solicitor Kirk to address the Monachellos' concerns, and Solicitor Kirk said that she will have to review their property files and their permit applications. She stated that the Monachellos submitted a Right To Know Request to the Borough for information on Mr. Marfia's roofing permit, and the requested documentation was provided to the extent available under the law. Mrs. Monachello said that the only information filled out on the roof permit application for 224 South Bellevue Avenue was the property owner's name and contact information. It did not include any contractor information or cost of work. Mr. Monachello said that they are now pursuing legal action regarding the issue with the roof work at 224 South Bellevue Avenue, but lack information about the contractor. Mrs. Monachello added that the contractor for the roof work is refusing to provide their business information or license number, and that as a result of the work, hundreds of nails were left on their children's playset and surrounding turf, preventing them from parking in their driveway. Their children still cannot play safely in the backyard. She alleged that the Marfias waited until they went on vacation to have the contractors return to continue the work after a two-month pause, as the Monachellos have not permitted the contractor to access the back of their property. There was further discussion of the Monachellos' encounters with the contractor, and Mrs. Monachello said that this work never should have been approved as the permit application was incomplete. The Monachellos alleged a pattern of harassment by the Marfias through complaints to the Borough. Solicitor Kirk said that the Borough is obligated to respond to complaints or face accusations of selective enforcement. The Monachellos raised further issues about their treatment by the Marfias and the condition of their property at 224 South Bellevue Avenue. President Horwatt thanked them for bringing their concerns to Council's attention.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Truchil announced that he and Chief Burns will begin holding two-hour office hours in September for Borough residents to ask questions and share concerns. These hours will be staggered each month to accommodate residents with different availabilities. Office hours will be announced exclusively on Savvy Citizen. Councilperson Schneider said that this should be included in the Borough's September newsletter. Mayor Truchil asked when the newsletter goes out, and Manager Zimmerman said that it goes out on the first of the month. Mayor Truchil said they will decide on September office hours next week.

There have been complaints about drivers exceeding the speed limit on North Bellevue Avenue, and to address the issue the police observed traffic on North Bellevue via camera on three different occasions. Chief Burns found that drivers average 27-28 miles per hour. Mayor Truchil noted that Pennsylvania is the only state that does not allow local police to use radar, and a driver has to be going ten miles over the speed limit to be in violation. He reported that Officer Hansell watched traffic on North Bellevue last Friday during rush hour, and the maximum speed recorded was 38 miles per hour. Fifty-five out of ninety-five vehicles were over the speed limit, but of these, only nine were driving at speeds exceeding thirty miles per hour. On Sunday August 8th, Sergeant Phelan timed fifty cars, and the average speed was 26 miles per hour. Since the fastest recorded time was 34 miles per hour, high speeds were not skewing the average and no driver during the observed period would have received a citation. Mayor Truchil noted that there were fifty citations given to drivers in the Borough last year, while this year there have thus far been sixty citations issued. The police department's observations show that there is some speeding, but not within the range that would lead to tickets. Mayor Truchil said that one way to slow

traffic would be to put a stop sign on Winchester Avenue westbound at the corner of Bellevue Avenue to stop drivers before turning onto Bellevue.

A resident at 154 North Bellevue Avenue called Mayor Truchil early Friday evening to inform him that the storm felled a tree in front of his home. The tree narrowly missed wires hanging across the street and was blocking all of North Bellevue Avenue. Mayor Truchil called Chief Burns who contacted Kevin Transue, and Kevin and Ethan Transue cleared the tree within an hour and a half.

Representative Brian Fitzpatrick recently sent his monthly newsletter to constituents, and among the issues discussed was his role in protecting the Edgely riverfront community in Bristol Township by working with the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission, the Federal Highway Commission, and other agencies to address and mitigate effects of the proposed Delaware River Turnpike Bridge expansion. Mayor Truchil praised the Representative's involvement and suggested that the Borough could ask him to intervene on the Borough's behalf to address perceived threats to the community.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT: President Horwatt noted that traffic citations were up, with 31 having been issued in a single month. She asked where in the Borough these traffic safety violations are occurring. Chief Burns said they are all over the Borough, with many on Pine Street. He said that the police department has a car equipped with a license plate reader to detect expired registrations and insurances, and Seargeant Phelan is often parked on Pine Street to identify violators with the license plate reader. Chief Burns said that this sometimes prevents other crimes as some violators may be wanted for other offenses, and the Borough police can assist in having them apprehended. He noted that his predecessor John Godzieba had started a project to install a license plate reader, called a VIPR, at Pine and Maple. While other police departments in the area use them, the Borough does not. These cameras are useful for Silver and Amber Alerts, as they alert officers when a car is put into the system. Installing a VIPR on Pine and Maple would allow officers to be notified when a vehicle identified in a Silver or Amber Alert passes through the street. The camera is free for the first three years, after which a licensing fee is charged. If the Borough does not want to fund the camera at that time, they can withdraw from the program. The licensing fee is $7,400 a year. Currently, the Borough pays $8,600 a year for licensing fees for their traffic cameras. Chief Burns said that the plan is for the VIPR to be installed in early 2027, which would give the Borough until 2031 to decide whether to keep the camera.

Chief Burns has been in contact with PennDOT regarding the installation of a stop sign at East Winchester and North Bellevue Avenues. He spoke with Don Centofante, PennDOT Traffic Studies Supervisor, who informed him that a traffic study is required to install a stop sign. Mr. Centofante asked Chief Burns to gather information on traffic accidents on North Bellevue for the traffic study, but PennDOT will perform the actual study as the Borough lacks the necessary equipment. Chief Burns explained that there are three classifications of traffic accidents in Pennsylvania: reportable, which are accidents involving injuries or towing, non-reportable, which are accidents not involving injuries or towing, and unclassified, which are accidents that the police never responded to. In the last three years, there have been three non-reportable accidents and no reportable accidents on North Bellevue Avenue. President Horwatt asked if PennDOT will count accidents that took place further down on Bellevue. Chief Burns said that he just looked at North Bellevue, and some of the non-reportable accidents were collisions of mirrors, which cannot be attributed to speeding. Councilperson Transue mentioned an incident in which a neighbor's truck was damaged by a vehicle, and Chief Burns said that if the truck is not damaged to the point that it cannot be driven, it is a non-reportable accident. Solicitor Kirk asked if signage saying "slow down" would be useful to give the appearance that someone is watching, and Chief Burns said that he has an unmarked police vehicle parked at Bellevue, which some residents have stated

makes them slow down. Councilperson Schneider asked how often the vehicle will be moved, and Chief Burns said that he will move it after a week or two and put it back if needed. He noted that drivers eventually catch on that the vehicle is not occupied. He also clarified that the VIPR cameras are not Flock cameras. Mayor Truchil brought up privacy concerns surrounding Flock cameras, and asked if the VIPR camera is triggered by license plates. Chief Burns explained that Pennsylvania has strict regulations about registration and driver's license information, and that information is processed in a system called JNET. If an officer runs someone's driver's license they have to attach a case or citation number to ensure the information is being gathered for legitimate reasons. JNET audits the police department to determine why a license plate was run. Councilperson Schneider asked if traffic counts will be repeated during the school year, noting that there is a lot of after school speeding and early morning speeding on North Bellevue. Chief Burns said that they can be.

CONSENT AGENDA: The items on the consent agenda are as follows: the minutes for the July 8th Council Meeting and payment of the bills, along with the following event and sign permit applications:

- LOSI America 250 event – Marbleheaders Reenactment at the Revolutionary War Cemetery on September 26th, 7:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- Heritage Farm Cub Scout Pack 19/American Legion Post 148 sleepover game night September 19th – September 20th
- American Legion 5K Run November 7th, 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. and temporary sign permit
- Dickens Night, December 4th, 5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. with consumption of wine and/or beer
- Temporary sign permit for Dickens Night
- Temporary sign permit for American Legion 5K Run
- Temporary sign permit for Blocktoberfest, held at Our Lady of Grace Church in Penndel

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Schneider, seconded by Councilperson Transue, Council voted 6-0 to approve the July 8 Council Meeting minutes and payment of the bills.

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Mundy, seconded by Councilperson Schneider, Council voted 6-0 to approve all event and sign permits.

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Schneider, seconded by Councilperson Mundy, Council voted 6-0 to approve the July Treasurer's Report.

President Horwatt said that Council may need an additional signer for checks and recommended Councilperson Mundy. Council did not object.

ENGINEER'S REPORT: Engineer Zachary Mitchell announced that the Maple Avenue and Green Street crosswalk application was resubmitted to PennDOT and his office expects to hear back in thirty days. They will get the project out to bid as soon as possible, and hope to award the bid at the September 24th Council Work Session and finish construction before Halloween. President Horwatt noted that the extra PECO utility pole at the intersection has to be taken out before October 24th, which is Olde Langhorne Harvest Day. Mr. Mitchell then said that his office issued a review letter for the project to repair the depression at 110 East Maple Avenue. There has also been correspondence with Erin Development about the Heckman project but it does not appear they will be submitting any time soon. President Horwatt asked if Mr. Mitchell's input is needed to submit the applications for the Borough's 2027 Bucks County Redevelopment Authority (RDA) grants, noting that the grant resolutions will have to be

approved at the September Council Meeting, as Manager Zimmerman will be away later in September. Manager Zimmerman said that she and Mr. Mitchell can meet next week to walk the fire station driveway, which the Borough is considering submitting an RDA grant application to repair.
RC3 UPDATE: At the RC3 Project Update online meeting on August 5th, Borough attendees could not ask questions or make comments. President Horwatt asked Councilperson Schneider if other municipalities had the same problem. He said that they did, and noted that the Borough has reached out to PennDOT but has not heard back. President Horwatt felt that the RC3 Project manager Sibty Hasan was too quick to move past the question period. Manager Zimmerman contacted PennDOT about scheduling another meeting to take questions, but nothing has been scheduled thus far. She suggested that if Councilmembers have written questions, they could let PennDOT know to make it easier to schedule another meeting. Mayor Truchil and Councilperson Schneider expressed concern that this would give PennDOT the opportunity to give rehearsed answers. Councilperson Schneider expressed disappointment that Senator Frank Farry and Representative Joe Hogan wrote to PennDOT asking for service roads that don't connect to US 1, which he said does not address the needs of the community. He felt that this request led PennDOT to assume that service roads with no connections were desired. He also noted that the cloverleaf interchange remains in place. President Horwatt recommended that Council take the position that they will not accept the signalized interchange in the Borough. Councilperson Schneider said that roundabouts are needed in place of the signalized intersection. President Horwatt said that this should be made clear in a resolution to be approved by Council next month. There was further discussion and Langhorne Manor resident Carol Ann Aicher, in attendance via Zoom, said that she had contacted PennDOT through Rep. Fitzpatrick's office with several questions, one of which was about the increase in cost of the RC3 Project from $208.7 million to $334.5 million. She was told that the increase is related to the description of the project outside the scope of the RC3 Project, and the cost of the RC3 Project itself has not significantly increased. PennDOT did not provide an explanation of why the cost increased by over $100 million and did not address any of her questions. Solicitor Kirk asked who will draft the resolution, and President Horwatt said that she and Councilperson Schneider will work on it.

LANGHORNE COMMUNITY MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION WAIVER REQUEST: The Langhorne Community Memorial Association submitted a request to waive permit fees in the amount of $274.00 for the installation of a handicap accessible ramp at the rear of the Richardson House.

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Mundy, seconded by Councilperson Transue, Council voted 6-0 to approve the waiver of permit fees for the Richardson House ramp.

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH REFUND REIMBURSEMENT REQUEST: The St. James Episcopal Church submitted a request to reimburse permit fees for the remodeling of the bathroom of their education building. The amount to be refunded is $875.00.

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Schneider, seconded by Vice President Haldeman, Council voted 6-0 to approve the reimbursement of permit fees for the St. James Episcopal Church bathroom remodel.

STREET SWEEPING: President Horwatt said she has asked Manager Zimmerman to get an estimate from PennDOT for street sweeping. She said that the frequent storms are causing problems with the storm drains, and while the Environmental Advisory Council has several members who volunteer to clean storm drains, the drains on Route 413 cannot be cleaned by residents. Manager Zimmerman asked if she wants both PennDOT and Middletown Township to do quarterly street sweeping, and President Horwatt indicated that PennDOT should be reminded that they should be doing street sweeping for free and a

price should be acquired from Middletown. She said that the Maple Square drain is also in poor condition and the new owner should be contacted. Manager Zimmerman said that the Borough's attorney Keith Bidlingmeier is contacting Maple Square regarding Erin Development's proposed Heckman project, which will open the door for further discussions.

TRASH BILL LIENS: Solicitor Kirk said that Council must pass a resolution to authorize filing municipal liens, and advised that the resolution should state that the amount to be charged will include attorney's fees, administrative costs, and filing costs in addition to the fee owed. The Borough cannot collect those additional charges if they are not included in the resolution. A resolution has been prepared for Council's consideration that would authorize those additional costs to be included in the lien. There was discussion of including interest fees in the resolution, and President Horwatt said that Treasurer Schoen advised against it.

MOTION: On motion of Vice President Haldeman, seconded by Councilperson Transue, Council voted 6-0 to approve Resolution 2026-09: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF LANGHORNE, BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AUTHORIZING FILING OF MUNICIPAL CLAIMS AND LIENS FOR DELINQUENT SOLID WASTE CHARGES, AND ADOPTING A SCHEDULE OF ATTORNEY'S FEES, ADMINISTRATIVE FEES, AND COLLECTION COSTS TO BE ADDED TO MUNICIPAL CLAIMS AND LIENS FOR DELINQUENT SOLID WASTE CHARGES PURSUANT TO THE PENNSYLVANIA MUNICIPAL CLAIMS AND TAX LIENS ACT (53 P.S. § 7101 ET SEQ.).

BOARD, COMMITTEE & COMMISSION REPORTS:

Planning Commission: Councilperson Schneider gave an update on what was discussed at the last Planning Commission meeting. Planner Luke Rosanova and the Bucks County Planning Commission began the zoning rewrite process, funded by the Borough's Municipal Assistance Program (MAP) grant, that will take place over the next two years. A group has been assembled to undertake the zoning rewrite, including Manager Zimmerman, Zoning Officer Rich O'Brien, President Horwatt, members of Planning Commission, Engineer Zachary Mitchell, and Solicitor Kirk. The zoning rewrite group will meet at Planning Commission meetings, but are also looking for another date to hold separate meetings. Planning Commission also continues to work on a Light Industrial ordinance for the Light Industrial Zoning District between the railroad tracks. They have accelerated their efforts due to concerns about the proliferation of data centers. Councilperson Schneider said that they will likely have the ordinance prepared for Council's review within the next two to three months. Solicitor Kirk said that Morgan Pace, an Associate of Hill Wallack, had worked for the city of Philadelphia doing environmental work and is very knowledgeable of the issues surrounding data centers. She recommended that Planning Commission touch base with her when the Light Industrial ordinance is prepared, as she may be able to advise on environmental regulations that can restrict data centers. Planning Commission also voted to recommend that Council formally express opposition to PA Senate Bill 1346, which would create statewide rules for accessory dwelling units (ADUs). President Horwatt asked Councilperson Schneider to draft a formal expression of opposition for discussion at the next Council Meeting.

Communications Team: Manager Zimmerman said that the Communications Team has been very focused on updating the monthly newsletters. Councilperson Schneider said that they have also been discussing the residential rental registration process and how to get more residents to download Savvy Citizen, the Borough's texting notification service app. Manager Zimmerman said that inserts were added into last month's trash bills for Savvy Citizen and the residential rental registration process, but they were not as effective as had been hoped. Councilperson Schneider has suggested a contest

involving working with local businesses to give prizes to those who join Savvy Citizen. The Communications Team is working on the details. Councilperson Transue asked if Savvy Citizen has been advertised at the summer concerts, and Manager Zimmerman said that there are signs at the park.

Environmental Advisory Council: President Horwatt announced that the Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) is meeting on September 1st. They are looking into grant funding for the installation of electric vehicle charging ports in the Borough. She spoke about the need for more volunteers to clean storm drains in the Borough, and said that the Borough's storm drains were prepared for the recent storm because residents cleaned them. She thanked the residents who cleaned the storm drains and said that more assistance is needed.

Historic Architectural Review Board: HARB met on August 5th and reviewed the following applications:

- 153 North Bellevue Avenue, repair and replace existing street facing false window having plywood with substitute materials. Add backing, composite board, black hardware, paint concrete lintel. Approval recommended
- 100 West Maple Avenue/Langhorne Hotel, change the existing louvered wood shutters on 2nd and 3rd floor with solid panel composite shutters, all painted black. New shutters will match existing 1st floor street level. Add composite corbels along roof soffit to add character and sconce style lighting along street elevations, commercial style lighting with soft color bulbs. Approval recommended
- 330 South Bellevue Avenue/St. James Episcopal Church, roof replacement with Slateline shingles on tenant house, flat roof over porch to be white TPO material, repair damaged gutters. Approval recommended
- 129 East Richardson Avenue, replace vinyl siding on sides of home with HardiPlank, color to be off white to match front. Approval recommended
- 106 South Bellevue Avenue/El Limon, planter design with planter top over metal cladding along the base. Planter design not considered at the meeting. Also proposed were lights to be installed on top of the brick columns at the parking lot entrance and exterior lights along the perimeter of the building. Approval recommended for light fixtures on columns as long as solar charging fixtures are small and unobtrusive; lights on the perimeter of building were tabled for future discussion.
- 113 National Avenue, solar panels on side and rear roof elevations. Denial recommended as panels would be visible from the street.

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Mundy, seconded by Councilperson Schneider, Council voted 6-0 to approve and adopt the recommendations as set forth in the HARB report from their meeting of August 5th, 2026.

President Horwatt noted that the application for roof-mounted solar panels at 113 National Avenue was denied, and that HARB told the applicant he could appeal to Council. She said that solar panels are not permitted in the front of the house. Councilperson Schneider noted that the Borough does have houses with solar panels in the front. Mayor Truchil asked if they are in the historic district, and Councilperson Schneider said there are, citing a house with solar panels on East Marshall Avenue. There was further discussion of solar panels in the historic district and Mayor Truchil said they should be looked into.

Councilperson Schneider then noted that to appeal a HARB ruling the applicant must go to the Zoning Hearing Board, as HARB's establishing legislation is part of the Zoning Ordinance. Solicitor Kirk said that Council could choose not to accept HARB's recommendation, but if there is an appeal it has to go before the Zoning Hearing Board.

Heritage Farm/Langhorne Open Space: Pat Carr, President of Langhorne Open Space, asked about the bamboo at Catawissa, and Solicitor Kirk said that there is a preliminary injunction hearing scheduled for Monday, August 17th in order to gain compliance with respect to the Borough's acceptance of New Jersey bamboo as the bamboo remediation contractor. Mr. Carr then said that LOSI is considering a new HVAC system for the farmhouse. They currently have a single-zone system where the heat is provided by an oil-powered furnace. When LOSI has meetings on the first floor during the winter, they uncover the vents, which are usually covered so the caretakers only pay for the heating on the second floor where they reside, and it raises the temperature on the second floor into the nineties. The caretakers have some window-mounted air conditioning units, which Mr. Carr said is not a good look for a historic building. LOSI is currently considering a plan to create two separate heating zones; they have received two different quotes from two different vendors. The second floor would have a heat pump system covering both heat and air conditioning while the first floor would continue to be heated by furnace but the ducting would be reconfigured so it only heats the first floor. They would also add an air condition unit for the first floor. The companies approached were Good Air Conditioning and Heating and ECI Comfort, and the quotes LOSI has received range between $28,000 and $43,000. Mr. Carr requested that Council vote to approve the expense in September. He said that the work would be funded by the farm rental account and contributions from LOSI, and said that Treasurer Schoen informed him that there about $34,000 in the farm rental account. President Horwatt said the exact number is $35,400. Mr. Carr asked to split the cost with the Borough to avoid depleting the account, and said he will have more information by the September meeting. Solicitor Kirk noted that if the cost is $13,200 or more, they will have to get three quotes, and if the cost is $24,500 or more, it will exceed the bidding threshold and bids will be required. Vice President Haldeman said that when he renovated his front house, he got a quote from Good of $34,000 but found another HVAC company who did the work for $18,000. He said he will share the contact information for the other HVAC company. Mr. Carr said they will try to keep the cost under the bid threshold.

Human Relations Commission: No report.

Recreation Board: Councilperson Mundy said that the Recreation Board is preparing for the annual Pet Fair on August 29th. He and Rec Board member Adam Zielinski ordered new Tot Swings to replace the existing swings which are in poor condition.

Shade Tree Commission: No report.

Zoning/Building Inspection: Council received the Zoning/Building Inspection report. There was no discussion.

MANAGER'S REPORT: Manager Zimmerman will be attending the August 17th preliminary injunction hearing for the bamboo at Catawissa and 205 West Watson Avenue. She informed Council that she worked with the police to get the license plate numbers of two vehicles that took down the pedestrian signal pole for the crosswalk at Pine Street and Maple Avenue, in front of the Exxon gas station. The Borough has already received checks for $1,400 from the parties at fault for the cost of repairs. Manager Zimmerman also reported that the process of bamboo mitigation at 412 North Pine Street has been very

productive, and the owner and two neighbors have been working together to remove a large section of bamboo. Vice President Haldeman asked Manager Zimmerman to share with him the information she has on Crown Castle, LLC. She said she has not heard anything from them about their proposed small cell wireless facility in front of Brothers Pizza since roughly six months ago. President Horwatt then addressed the unused PECO utility pole at the Maple Avenue and Green Street intersection that has to be removed, stating that the Borough should find out who the third utility provider with wires on that pole is as the Borough is entitled to a fee for wires in the right of way.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Solicitor Kirk reminded Council that Councilperson Cumming submitted his resignation as of July 8th, 2026. The Borough Code requires that Council accept that resignation no later than 45 days after it has been tendered, so it must be accepted by August 21st. President Horwatt said that Council should accept it today and Solicitor Kirk pointed out that it is not on the agenda. She said that a motion to amend the agenda is necessary and the amended agenda will have to be posted.

MOTION: On motion of Vice President Haldeman, seconded by Councilperson Schneider, Council voted 6-0 to amend the agenda to accept Councilperson Cumming's resignation.

MOTION: On motion of Vice President Haldeman, seconded by Councilperson Schneider, Council voted 6-0 to accept the resignation of Councilperson Cumming.

Councilperson Mundy asked if there is an announcement to fill the vacancy. President Horwatt said that one has been written and Manager Zimmerman said it is scheduled to go out tomorrow. President Horwatt asked if Council should interview applicants, and Solicitor Kirk said that Council has thirty days from today to fill the vacancy, so they will have to be ready to accept an applicant at the September Council Meeting. President Schneider asked Councilperson Mundy how he applied for the Council vacancy in 2024, and he said that the applicants presented their letters of interest at a Council Meeting, after which Council voted to accept an applicant. Solicitor Kirk recommended having applicants attend the August Work Session if Council would like to conduct interviews. After further discussion, Council decided to appoint someone to fill the vacancy on Council at the August Work Session. Solicitor Kirk said that the Work Session agenda should then include presentations of applicants to fill the vacancy and a motion to appoint one of them. President Horwatt said that the announcement of the vacancy scheduled to go out tomorrow will have to be adjusted.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Council entered into Executive Session at 8:33 p.m. to discuss legal matters. Council returned to public session at 8:50 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: On motion of Vice President Haldeman, seconded by Councilperson Mundy, Council voted 6-0 to adjourn at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Zimmerman, Borough Manager / Secretary

Next Council Meeting: September 9th, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.