

Langhorne Borough Council Meeting
October 8, 2025

A Langhorne Borough Council Meeting was held at Council Chambers on Wednesday, October 8, 2025. President Culleton called the meeting 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, Bob Cumming, Anthony Marfia, and Adam Zielinski; Mayor Joe Taylor; Chief Kevin Burns; Solicitor Barbara Kirk; Treasurer Ellyn Schoen; Manager Mary Zimmerman; Clerk Gabe Tenaglia

ABSENT: Councilperson Tim Harris

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Vice President Horwatt said that PennDOT is holding a virtual public meeting on October 22nd to discuss the U.S. 1 Section RC3 Project.

SWEARING-IN OF CHIEF KEVIN BURNS: President Culleton spoke about Chief Burns' law enforcement experience and his qualifications to serve as the new Langhorne Borough Chief of Police. Then Mayor Taylor conducted Chief Burns' swearing-in and had him repeat the Oath of Office.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT: Chief Burns emailed his report to Council. He thanked Mayor Taylor, Council, and Chief Emeritus John Godzieba for their confidence in him and promised to lead the Langhorne Borough Police Department with integrity, transparency, and a strong ethic of community policing.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Taylor thanked Chief Emeritus Godzieba and his wife for his years of service to the Borough, and congratulated Chief Burns on his new role.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Don Minnick, Commander of the American Legion Jesse W. Soby Post, announced that November 1st is the annual Veterans Day 5K Run. He also announced that on Veterans Day the Soby Post will have a meet-and-greet at 9:00 a.m. and a ceremony at 10:00 a.m. at which a bench recently installed outside the Post will be dedicated to John Muffler, a soldier who was killed in action.

CONSENT AGENDA: President Culleton listed the items on the consent agenda: the minutes for the September 10th Council Meeting and September 25th Work Session, the August and September Treasurer's Reports, payment of the bills, and a temporary sign permit application at the Mayors' Playground for the American Legion Auxiliary's hat, scarf, and glove collection on Olde Langhorne Harvest Day on October 25th.

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Zielinski, seconded by Councilperson Cumming, Council voted 6-0 to approve the consent agenda.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

National Avenue Inlet Replacement: Engineer George DiPersio said that repair work was requested at National Avenue, as there is an inlet that needs replacement and one across the street that would also benefit from replacement. CKS secured three quotes from different contractors, and the lowest bidder is G&B Construction. Their quote for repairing one inlet is \$15,460 and the quote for both is \$23,460.

There was discussion of how the Borough would fund the work, and it was suggested that liquid fuels funds be used. Mr. DiPersio said that the Borough would have to specify which components of the project were being paid for by liquid fuels, as those funds cannot be used for the sidewalk work necessitated by the replacement. \$20,260 could be paid with liquid fuels, and \$3,200 would have to be paid from another source. Councilperson Cumming asked about the cause of the inlet deterioration, and Mr. DiPersio said that the brick is failing due to age and water damage, causing the roadway to collapse. There was more discussion of the bids. Mr. DiPersio said that CKS will coordinate with Manager Zimmerman to schedule the work with G&B Construction.

MOTION: On motion of Vice President Horwatt, seconded by Councilperson Marfia, Council voted 6-0 to accept the bid submitted by G&B Construction to replace both inlets for \$23,460, with \$20,260 to be paid from liquid fuels and \$3,200 to be paid from sidewalks fund in the general fund.

MS4 Sediment Reduction Project: Mr. DiPersio said that the design for the MS4 Sediment Reduction Project needs to be finalized soon. As the work is entirely within the limits of Middletown Township, a permit from Middletown is required for the partial retrofit of the Langhorne United Methodist Church basin. There is a \$4,000 fee for a non-residential grading permit. Mr. DiPersio suggested that the Borough submit for the permit before the end of the year in case Middletown's fee schedule changes and the permit fee rises. Solicitor Kirk suggested asking for a waiver of the fee on the basis of the partial retrofit being a municipal project that would benefit Middletown as well as the Borough. There was discussion of the permit timeline, and Solicitor Kirk added that Middletown received the proposed intergovernmental agreement regarding the MS4 credits from the basin and sent it back with minimal changes, and she has determined that their revisions are acceptable. Manager Zimmerman said that she spoke with Middletown's Assistant Manager and heard that the intergovernmental agreement was going to come before their board of supervisors at their October 6th meeting. Mr. DiPersio said that the Borough should continue to keep the Methodist Church informed of the project, and informed Council that the project also encroaches on a third parcel owned by Woods Services. He recommended that they be notified as a courtesy. Solicitor Kirk suggested Mr. DiPersio reach out to them directly.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION: Solicitor Kirk informed Mr. DiPersio that the Deed of Consolidation for the Mayors' Playground parcels was recorded and she will pick up the original for the Borough's files. Mr. DiPersio updated Council on the status of the Department of Community and Economic Development Local Share Account (LSA) Statewide grant the Borough had applied for to fund construction of a community building at the playground. There was supposed to be a meeting in September to determine the grant awards, but it has been pushed to November. Vice President Horwatt thanked Mary Stover of CKS for assisting the Environmental Advisory Committee with the MS4 report.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Pat Carr, 240 North Green Street, said that oral arguments are being held next week regarding the Erin Development Heckman property project appeal. Solicitor Kirk said that the oral argument is just a restatement of what was written in the legal brief. Mr. Carr also said that the attorney for Langhorne Open Space has not been notified of updates in the proceedings for months. President Culleton said that the Borough can reach out to him. Solicitor Kirk suggested that their attorney make sure his entry of appearance is filed with the court.

HARB:

Reconsideration of Application for 145 East Richardson Avenue: RJ Runowski, 145 East Richardson Avenue, said that a HARB application for work on his home has been applied for, and he has received

cease and desist letters from the Borough. He spoke to the issues that HARB had identified in their review of the application, clarifying that the soffits are Hardiboard, the Trex decking is an approved material, and there is no vinyl at the property. He said that the HARB-approved materials were very expensive. Manager Zimmerman asked about the coil and capping of the windows. Joe Kontz, Mr. Runowski's contractor, said that the coil around the windows is Azek trim. President Culleton said that the HARB application, which Mr. Kontz submitted on Mr. Runowski's behalf, was denied or tabled by HARB because they needed more information about some of the materials. The smooth coil window capping listed in the application was not an approved material, and HARB had asked that Mr. Kontz provide more information to show that all materials being used would be appropriate for the historic district. President Culleton said that the standard procedure would be for Mr. Kontz to come back before HARB to clarify the materials, and if they were compliant the application would have been approved and a Certificate of Appropriateness would have been issued. Instead, Mr. Kontz began construction without HARB approval, hence the stop work order being issued. Mr. Runowski said that he has been inconvenienced financially by having to delay the work. President Culleton invited HARB Chair Amy Mladjen to speak to whether the materials are compliant. Ms. Mladjen said that they appear to be, but there are some materials that have not been replaced yet. She said that as it is now, the work would be approved by HARB provided the material for the window shutters is clarified. Mr. Runowski said that they will replace the existing vinyl shutters with shutters of the same material. Ms. Mladjen advised that vinyl is not an approved material. Solicitor Kirk said that there are three options: Mr. Runowski can comply with HARB's recommendation according to the HARB ordinance; he can request a variance from the Zoning Hearing Board for the use of vinyl materials; or he can not comply and face fines after being issued a notice of violation. Councilperson Haldeman argued that the work should be approved because the replacement is being done with the same material. President Culleton asked Ms. Mladjen if HARB would typically permit in-kind replacement with vinyl, and she said that HARB would not. Mr. Runowski objected, citing existing vinyl materials used at other properties in the area. Mr. Kontz complained about the lack of communication from the Borough and HARB and argued that the Borough is discriminating against him and the Runowskis. President Culleton said that they are in this situation because Mr. Kontz did the work without HARB approval, and since the shutters remain an issue, the matter has to go back before HARB.

Danette Runowski, 145 East Richardson Avenue, said that it doesn't make sense to put up the old, worn-down vinyl shutters when all the other materials will be new. Councilperson Haldeman made a motion to approve the HARB application for 145 East Richardson Avenue. The motion failed for lack of a second. Councilperson Cumming said that in light of the expense to homeowners of using HARB-approved materials, a funding mechanism should be established to provide financial support to homeowners in the historic district. Regarding the application for 145 East Richardson Avenue, Solicitor Kirk suggested approving the materials with the exception of the shutters pending resolution between HARB and the homeowner. Ms. Mladjen approved of this suggestion.

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Cumming, seconded by Councilperson Haldeman, Council voted 6-0 to approve the materials for the 145 East Richardson project with the exception of the shutters pending resolution or appeal.

Then there was discussion of how to resolve the outstanding issue of the shutters. President Culleton said that the issue of the shutters comes back before HARB, or the Runowskis can file an appeal to the Zoning Hearing Board. Solicitor Kirk said that they can request a waiver of the filing fee. Mr. Kontz then spoke about the work he has done in the Borough and voiced complaints with how HARB, Council, the Borough's building inspector, and the Borough office staff have treated him. He again alleged that he

has experienced discrimination at the hands of the Borough.

PROPOSED 2026 BUDGET: Manager Zimmerman went to print out a copy of the proposed 2026 budget. In the meantime, Council began discussing the next item on the agenda.

TEXTMYGOV: Borough staff and President Culleton had a video call with a representative from TextMyGov, a company that uses smart texting technology to allow residents to notify and be notified by their local government, and they provided a proposal for their services. Vice President Horwatt expressed concern about the cost of the proposal and felt that many people would be unwilling to provide their contact information to the government. Clerk Tenaglia explained that the office's initial interest in TextMyGov was as a way to send emergency notifications to residents, but their services would also be useful in other cases, and it would allow the office to notify residents more widely and quickly than posting on the Borough's website and social media. Councilperson Cumming said that it is not worth the expense, and Councilperson Marfia said that not everyone will choose to sign up for notifications. President Culleton said that the cost would be \$2,500 a year with a one-time startup cost of \$1,500 in the first year. She agreed that it would not be cost-effective just to use for emergency notifications, but felt that it would be valuable for other issues of which residents should be notified. She said that the representative she and the office staff spoke with explained that TextMyGov already has access to 40-60% of Borough residents' contact information, but everyone would have the opportunity to opt out. Councilpersons Haldeman and Zielinski felt that the price was prohibitive. There was not enough support among Council to accept the proposal at the price listed.

PROPOSED 2026 BUDGET: Manager Zimmerman returned with a copy of the proposed 2026 budget. Councilperson Haldeman noted that the earned income tax (EIT) is still at 1%. He suggested that the Borough try to save money because they will lose half of the EIT money when the Neshaminy School District adopts their own EIT. President Culleton said that \$400,000 was budgeted for the EIT for 2025, and the Borough has already received over \$467,000 as of the end of the third quarter. The budget committee is suggesting increasing the amount budgeted for the EIT for 2026 to no more than \$500,000. Councilperson Haldeman advised that the Borough budget conservatively. He explained that the Borough currently has a \$231,600 surplus, but if \$250,000 is removed from the budget in the future by the Neshaminy School District EIT, they will be left with a \$19,000 deficit. Treasurer Schoen said that if the Neshaminy School District approved an EIT next year, it would not take effect until 2027. Councilperson Haldeman asked what the Borough has in savings and proposed that the \$231,600 surplus be deposited into the Borough's savings. Treasurer Schoen said that the Borough has \$1,700,000 in savings. Councilperson Haldeman said that the budget committee has not yet received a police budget. President Culleton said that the police budget for next year is estimated at \$400,000 and Chief Burns has been asked to submit the budget in the beginning of November. She noted that the \$231,600 surplus referenced by Councilperson Haldeman will shrink as more budget items are finalized. There was more discussion of the budget and Councilperson Haldeman noted that the Penndel-Middletown Emergency Squad (PMES) had requested \$8,000. He had asked Treasurer Schoen to review PMES' finances and said that they appear financially healthy. President Culleton said that the \$8,000 request is based on the \$5.00 per capita the PMES is requesting from all the municipalities they serve.

PMES Director Andrew Schifferli thanked Council for their contribution last year, and pointed out that while the Borough has historically contributed \$1,300 annually, this year PMES has only received \$367.04 from the Borough. He said that Middletown Township funds PMES at \$5.32 per person, and PMES is asking smaller municipalities such as Langhorne Borough, Langhorne Manor, Penndel, and Hulmeville to do the same. This would come out to \$8,740.76 for the Borough. He spoke more about the

services PMES provides and PMES' process of requesting funding from other local municipalities. Then Council discussed whether to fund PMES. Vice President Horwatt moved to fund the Penn-del-Middletown Emergency Squad in the amount of \$8,000, and the motion failed for lack of second.

MOTION: Councilperson Zielinski, seconded by Vice President Horwatt, made a motion to fund the Penn-del-Middletown Emergency Squad in the amount of \$5,000. The vote was 3-3 and therefore, the motion failed. President Culleton, Vice President Horwatt, and Councilperson Zielinski voted in favor. Councilpersons Cumming, Haldeman, and Marfia voted against.

President Culleton then asked about budgeting for bamboo remediation at Catawissa. There is an \$18,000 estimate for the work; Manager Zimmerman explained that the best way to remove the bamboo is to cut off the stalks and dig out the root system, and spoke about the typical process for disposing of the stalks. Councilperson Haldeman said that the Borough could remediate the bamboo and pursue reimbursement from the owner of 205 West Watson Avenue, where the bamboo originated, but was not personally in support of the idea. He said that the issue will worsen if the Borough does not address it in some way. Pat Carr, President of LOSI, said that he spoke with the president of New Jersey Bamboo Landscaping LLC, who provided the estimate, and was told that the \$18,000 remediation is only part of the job. There is also a cut path between Catawissa and 205 West Watson Avenue, and remediation at this cut path would cost nearly \$4,000. New Jersey Bamboo would then monitor the area over the course of the next two years, free of charge. Councilperson Haldeman asked if the estimate includes 205 West Watson Avenue, and Mr. Carr said that a complete removal at the front section of 205 West Watson would cost an additional \$12,500 - \$14,000. He said that the Borough should not have to absorb the cost of remediation and there was more discussion of pursuing payment or reimbursement from the owner of 205 West Watson Avenue. President Culleton advised against delaying the remediation, and Mr. Carr said that the president of New Jersey Bamboo had advised that bamboo is dormant in the winter, making it a better time to remediate. President Culleton said that Council needs to decide whether the remediation will be done this year or budgeted for 2026, and Council discussed where the money could come from. President Culleton said that the proposed budget for 2026 does not have to be ready for advertising until November, so the Borough has a month to decide how to pay for the bamboo remediation.

NEW BOARD & COMMISSION MEMBERS: The Communications Team put together an advertisement seeking three new members of the Human Relations Commission (HRC) and a new member for the Shade Tree Commission. President Culleton asked that anyone who wants to join one of the commissions send a letter of interest to Manager Zimmerman by the end of the month. Councilperson Zielinski said that the Recreation Board is also seeking new members. President Culleton said that there is an ordinance on the agenda to increase the number of Recreation Board members from five to nine, as permitted by the Pennsylvania Borough Code.

MOTION: On motion of Vice President Horwatt, seconded by Councilperson Zielinski, Council voted 6-0 to advertise Ordinance No. 2025-10: AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF LANGHORNE, BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING SECTION 113 OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES REGARDING CREATION AND MEMBERSHIP IN THE BOROUGH'S RECREATION BOARD AS ORIGINALLY ESTABLISHED BY ORDINANCE NO. 199 OF 1968, AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

SESQUICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION COMMITTEE: The Communications Team had discussed forming a planning committee for the Borough's 150th anniversary next year, and an invitation was sent by the Borough office to the Borough's boards, commissions, and major organizations and institutions.

President Culleton said that once the Borough has received the names of all those volunteering to be a part of the planning committee by the end of October, they will schedule a meeting of the committee. Clerk Tenaglia listed those who have volunteered thus far. Vice President Horwatt asked what the proposed budget is for the 150th anniversary celebration, and Treasurer Schoen said that it is \$6,000.

JUNIOR COUNCIL PERSON RESOLUTION: President Culleton said that once the resolution establishing the position of Junior Council Person has been approved, Council can appoint someone in November. They have already received one application. Once appointed, the Junior Council Person will serve for the remainder of the school year.

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Marfia, seconded by Councilperson Zielinski, Council voted 6-0 to approve Resolution No. 2025-30: A RESOLUTION OF LANGHORNE BOROUGH COUNCIL AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION OF A JUNIOR COUNCIL MEMBER IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF BOROUGH'S JUNIOR COUNCIL PERSON PROGRAM.

BEE BERGVALL & CO. ENGAGEMENT LETTER: President Culleton said that approving the engagement letter will engage Bee, Bergvall & Company, P.C. as the Borough's auditor for the next three years. The fee to audit the 2025 Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) report is \$11,025; the 2026 fee is \$11,475; the 2027 fee is \$11,925.

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Haldeman, seconded by Councilperson Cumming, Council voted 6-0 to approve the Bee, Bergvall and Company, P.C. LHB 2025, 2026, 2027 DCED Engagement Letter.

ROUTE 413 STORMWATER INLET IMPROVEMENTS & NEW PEDESTRIAN CROSSING PROJECT AUDIT: Manager Zimmerman said that an audit is required for the 2024 Route 413 Stormwater Inlet Improvements & New Pedestrian Crossing Project, which was funded through Bucks County Redevelopment Authority (RDA) grant funding, because the RDA requires an audit for any project over \$100,000. Bee, Bergvall & Company have given an estimate of \$2,500 to \$5,000 depending on how long it takes to complete the audit.

MOTION: On motion of Vice President Horwatt, seconded by Councilperson Cumming, Council voted 6-0 to approve the Bee, Bergvall and Company, P.C. fee of \$2,500 to \$5,000 based on the time required to perform the mandatory RDA Project Audit for the Route 413 Stormwater Inlet Improvements & New Pedestrian Crossing Project.

BOARD, COMMITTEE & COMMISSION REPORTS:

Communications Team: The Communications Team met on September 29th and discussed the TextMyGov proposal, board & commission openings, and the Borough's 150th anniversary celebration.

Environmental Advisory Committee: Vice President Horwatt said that the Rain Barrel Workshop on September 20th went very well and asked for more volunteers to clean storm drains.

Heritage Farm/Langhorne Open Space: Pat Carr, President of Langhorne Open Space, said that the October 4th Flea Market was successful, and the swing band concert is planned for Sunday, but it may be postponed due to rain. The Christmas Tree sale will be in November. Councilperson Cumming suggested that Mr. Carr notify Chief Burns of the swing concert in case the ice cream truck that disrupted the concert back in May returns.

Recreation Board: Vice President Horwatt said that the Mayors' Playground was vandalized, but some high school students fixed the damaged equipment. She then informed Council that a homeless family who had been removed from the Langhorne Library has moved into the playground, and there is another family in the woods at the Middletown Country Club golf course. Vice President Horwatt asked that anyone who sees either family notify her, as she knows who to contact.

Shade Tree Commission: The Shade Tree Commission met on October 6th. New Shade Tree Chair Barry Hitchen is taking over the responsibilities of former Shade Tree Chair Chris Blaydon, including the removal of trees from Borough properties, and President Culleton asked that Mr. Hitchen be informed of tree removals on Borough properties going forward. She is transferring the Tree City USA account to Shade Tree member Dan Kopp, who will apply for 2025 Tree City USA status. Shade Tree may have a small fall planting of two or three trees in November, but it has not been confirmed. They also discussed possibly merging the Arbor Day and 150th anniversary celebration. President Culleton then announced that Shade Tree would like to pass a new Shade Tree Ordinance to replace the original 1954 Shade Tree Ordinance. A new ordinance was written in 2019 but never approved, and Shade Tree will be making adjustments to this draft and hold a special meeting to determine what to present to Council. Vice President Horwatt asked about replacing the tree by the Langhorne Hotel that was hit by a truck last month. She said that the driver should be charged for the cost of removing the stump and replacing it with a new tree. Councilperson Haldeman said that the Borough can't force someone to replant a tree. Vice President Horwatt said it was a street tree and therefore the Borough's responsibility. There was more discussion, and Manager Zimmerman offered to contact the owner of the Langhorne Hotel to ask that they contact their insurance company about getting a tree to replace the one that fell.

Zoning/Building Inspection: Vice President Horwatt said that the zoning report does not adequately state what the zoning officer is doing. There was discussion about some of the items on the zoning report. Councilperson Cumming suggested that the zoning report be more like the engineer's report, and Solicitor Kirk said that it should be organized by property instead of by date. Council was more satisfied with the building inspector's report. Councilperson Marfia said that he is more interested in the work that the zoning officer and building inspector have done than the dates on which they did it.

MANAGER'S REPORT: Manager Zimmerman submitted her written report to Council for review. She informed them that the aprons at the fire station and the entrance to their parking lot on Richardson Avenue are damaged, and their parking lot itself has four depressions from the weight of the fire trucks. She met with Mr. DiPersio and Mayor Taylor on-site to discuss and was encouraged to begin looking into cost estimates for the apron repairs and to reach out to Asphalt Services about sealing cracks in the parking lot. Asphalt Services has also submitted a price quote for pothole repairs on East Marshall Avenue, so she will reach out to them about both projects. Regarding the pothole repair, Manager Zimmerman said that she reached out to four companies and only two responded with price quotes. Vice President Horwatt voiced support for approving the quote submitted by Asphalt Services, and President Culleton pointed out that their quote is higher than that submitted by the other company. Manager Zimmerman explained that the lower quote is for a quick repair, and the quote submitted by Asphalt Services is for more thorough filling of the potholes.

MOTION: On motion of Vice President Horwatt, seconded by Councilperson Cumming, Council voted 6-0 to approve Asphalt Services to perform pothole repairs on East Marshall Avenue not to exceed \$2,200.

Councilperson Haldeman asked who will pay for the work at the fire station parking lot. Vice President Horwatt suggested applying for an RDA grant, and Manager Zimmerman said that the fire department

would like to repair the aprons before winter. She said that Mr. DiPersio also pointed out six sections of sidewalk that are four inches below the curb line. He recommended levelling them out and widening the radius of the apron so the fire trucks are not driving over the curb. Manager Zimmerman proposed timing the work in the back parking lot with repairs to the front. There was further discussion of the damage at the fire station parking lot and then Manager Zimmerman informed Council of a rotted Maple tree at the Mayors' Playground. She sent out a bid requests for removal. The low bid came with no insurance, and another bid was received by Transue Tree Service. She was asked to look at a rotted section of the tree, which has another rotted section and one that is dead. She asked that the three sections be taken down and a flat one left, as the roots may be intertwined with those of another tree behind it. The other tree appears in good health save for a dead limb that the homeowner has requested that the Borough remove.

MOTION: On motion of Vice President Horwatt, seconded by Councilperson Zielinski, Council voted 6-0 to approve Transue Tree Service in the amount of \$2,350 to remove the Maple tree at the Mayors' Playground and remove the dead limb of the tree behind it.

LEAF PICKUP: LS Land Construction LLC submitted the sole bid for leaf pickup. The price per pickup is \$5,500 for the first pickup and \$3,500 for additional pickup. Vice President Horwatt said that she will provide disclosure forms to Manager Zimmerman.

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Haldeman, seconded by Councilperson Marfia, Council voted 5-0 to approve the leaf pickup bid submitted by LS Land Construction LLC. President Culleton and Councilpersons Cumming, Haldeman, Marfia, and Zielinski voted in favor. Vice President Horwatt abstained.

SNOW REMOVAL: LS Land Construction LLC submitted the sole bid for snow removal as well. The hourly cost for plowing and salting the streets is \$125 an hour, with an estimated four hours to plow with two inches of snow and nine hours for five inches. The estimated amount of time to salt and shovel Borough properties is four hours for two inches of snow and seven hours for five inches.

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Cumming, seconded by Councilperson Zielinski, Council voted 5-0 to approve the snow removal bid submitted by LS Land Construction LLC. President Culleton and Councilpersons Cumming, Haldeman, Marfia, and Zielinski voted in favor. Vice President Horwatt abstained.

RE-ENGAGING THE SERVICES OF JOE FIOCCO OF SAFE HIGHWAY ENGINEERING LLC: Vice President Horwatt said that the Borough should have SAFE Engineering analyze the data from PennDOT that was provided to PennDel Borough. The data appears to show that the U.S. 1 Section RC3 Project will increase left turns at Pine Street and Maple Avenue by 236%. Vice President Horwatt also recommended that SAFE Engineering respond to PennDOT and spoke about the October 22nd virtual public meeting on the RC3 Project. Clerk Tenaglia said that PennDOT has shared a link to the meeting that he has posted to the Borough's website and Facebook page. Councilperson Cumming said that he is in favor of re-engaging Joe Fiocco of SAFE Engineering because no one on Council has traffic engineering expertise. Councilpersons Haldeman and Zielinski felt that the expense was not warranted. Vice President Horwatt argued that the Borough needs to inform residents of the consequences of the RC3 Project. President Culleton asked about Vice President Horwatt's proposed \$800 amount and Vice President Horwatt said that she came up with it herself. Mr. Fiocco has not yet provided a cost estimate.

Carol Zetterberg, 129 West Marshall Avenue, said that there have been two meetings in September to inform the public about the RC3 Project. These meetings have garnered significant public interest. She said that support for opposing the RC3 Project is growing in neighboring municipalities.

Pat Carr, 240 North Green Street, seconded that there is growing public interest in the RC3 Project. He argued that spending \$800 to have SAFE Engineering assess the left turn data is a worthwhile investment.

MOTION: On motion of Councilperson Cumming, seconded by Vice President Horwatt, Council voted 4-2 to re-engage Joe Fiocco of SAFE Engineering for a cost not to exceed \$800. President Culleton, Vice President Horwatt, and Councilpersons Cumming and Marfia voted in favor. Councilpersons Haldeman and Zielinski voted against.

PUBLIC COMMENT: PMES Director Andrew Schifferli thanked the members of Council who supported funding for PMES. He said that the core service model of services provided by ambulances loses money, and the reason PMES is not operating at a deficit is due to grants and fundraising efforts. He said that PMES' funding request is less than 1% of the Borough's budget and pointed out that while the Borough is spending close to \$200 per person on police services, they are only spending 63 cents per person on PMES despite having double the personnel and half a million dollars in vehicle costs for ambulances that are ready to respond at all hours. Director Schifferli invited those who were not in support of funding PMES to reach out with any questions.

ADJOURNMENT: On motion of Councilperson Cumming, seconded by Councilperson Marfia, Council voted 6-0 to adjourn at 9:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Zimmerman, Borough Manager / Secretary

Next Council Meeting: November 12th, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.