

Council Meeting
March 10, 2009
Chancellor Center

The regular semi-monthly meeting of Newtown Borough Council was called to order at 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday, March 10, 2009, by President Mark Craig. Mr. Craig asked those in attendance to join him in a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Councillors Craig, Jaslow, O'Malley, Sellers, Walker and Woldorf; Mayor O'Brien; Solicitor Donald Williams and Engineer John Genovesi of Gilmore & Associates, Inc.

Mayor's Report –

- **The Police Report for February 2009**

Mayor O'Brien presented the February 2009 Police Report. He acknowledged thank you letters from the Middletown Township Police Department, the Department of the Treasury and the Upper Makefield Police Department for Newtown Borough police assistance related to various activities.

Special Events Reminder

- Arbor Day – April 22, 2009 (Rain date April 27, 2009) 10 A.M – Noon
The event will be held at The Brian S. Gregg Memorial Park adjacent to the Chancellor Center
- Newtown Lions Club 5K Run – June 20, 2009
- Memorial Day Parade – May 25, 2009
- Bucks County Firemen's Parade – June 13, 2009

Public to be Heard

Mr. Craig explained that the Council Rock Newtown Athletic Association has a 5-year lease for use of Pickering Field that runs through July 31, 2009. Prior to renewing the lease, the Association asked to make some changes to the agreement, which included a request for expansion of the snack shack, installation of a paver patio and expansion of the playing season into the Fall. Residents then came forward to give their opinions on the proposed plans.

Greg Lewis, 118 Liberty Street, voiced support for Fall baseball at Pickering Field, as well as for the Spring/Summer ballgames. Pickering is an available field for kids who want to play and he feels that there is strong community support for baseball there, as shown by the petition that he circulated within a three to four block radius of the field. He noted that of the 60+ people he spoke to only three people would not sign the petition, so he is very confident that there is strong support. Mr. Lewis feels that "... Little League teaches the kids that if you remember the ELM principles...Effort, Learning and Mistakes...they will be winners both in life, as well as in baseball." He asked that Council give strong consideration to the League's requests when they return with their revised proposal.

Cara Godwin, 129 Liberty Street, understands that there are two sides of the issue, but she likes the status quo. She would not like to see the shack expanded but would like to maintain the integrity of the Borough, which she feels would be changed with increased traffic from people coming to eat at the shack if it was enlarged.

Paul Salvatore, 148 N. Elm Avenue, attended the work session when the Pickering Field discussion was begun. Mr. Salvatore was bothered by the comment "...many of the kids who play on that field do not even live in the Borough." He and his daughter walk to Roberts Ridge Park in the Township and no one ever chases him out because he lives in the Borough...kids are kids and they should be able to play wherever they want. Mr. Salvatore pointed out that within a block of the field is the Brian S. Gregg Memorial Park, where residents and kids may play.

Michele Amazeen, 115 E. Washington Avenue, wanted to provide a newcomer's perspective. Pickering Field was a selling point to bring her family to Newtown. Sometimes she feels we lose sight of the gems that we have right in front of us and she urged Council to consider the continued use of Pickering Field.

Patty Lovi, 151 N. State Street, asked about holding another meeting to discuss the issue with more input from a larger group of individuals.

When Jim Hanahan, 212 N. Chancellor Street, bought his home, he liked the idea of having games across the street and thought about the inherent problems associated with the proximity. Before moving in, Mr. Hanahan checked the webpage schedule for playing times and after living through a complete season, he feels that there is much more baseball than he would have expected. He is unable to use the field with his children as often as anticipated and he had hoped the field would be used more for community events. Mr. Hanahan would like Council to consider not allowing additional playing time at the field.

Frank Brassell, 538 Penn Street, expressed his support for the use of Pickering Field. He feels that the Borough is better suited having organized, parent watched activities rather than pick-up games or simply "hanging out." Extending the season is only going to help the youth.

Katie DeThomas, 210 N. Chancellor Street, is new to the street and wished to echo the sentiments of Mr. Hanahan. The DeThomas' moved to Newtown because of the field, with visions of not only watching the games from their porch, but also visions having their friends over on the weekends and using the field for pick-up games or horseshoes. Ms. DeThomas does not wish to see baseball discontinued, but would like to be able to use the field.

Betsy King, a lifelong resident of Newtown who lived across from the field for many years, was happy to see organized activities at the field. She feels that it is an integral part of Newtown Borough and she would hate to see anything prevent that from continuing. It is a great opportunity for kids to play and it encourages team camaraderie. Ms. King encouraged Council to continue to support the baseball field for the expanded season.

Bob Carroll said that he and his wife were attracted to Newtown because of its sense of community and the energy of the town center. Although a resident of Newtown Township, he is raising two children and he anticipates participating in baseball activities, as well as watching the games with his family.

Dan Knott has lived at 206 N. Chancellor Street for 22 years and he wants to show his support for baseball at Pickering Field, however he feels that there has been a great deal of misleading, inaccurate gossip floating around town, ultimately affecting the ability to make fair and accurate decisions. Most of his neighbors have

been involved through their children playing at the field and Mr. Knott has played and coached at the field. The community uses the field when the season is over and he would not like to see the season extended.

Chris Leveque, 208 N. Chancellor Street, lives directly across from the field. No one wants to see baseball stop, but at the same time, it is like his front yard and it is different during the baseball season. If there was baseball all summer, 7 days a week, it would change his life. He feels that the more organized and scheduled games there are will have a negative impact on his life. With no driveway in which to park, it is stressful and if the season is longer, it would be worse. There are many people organized on either side of the issue and he feels Council needs to consider those individuals who are more directly impacted.

Bob Musto, 118 S. Congress Street, has been a resident for 16 years and he does coach in the program and is Little League Commissioner this year. The agreement states use of the field from sun up to sundown, but in the summer when the children are out of school, there are no scheduled activities before 5 P.M., so the field is available to anyone wishing to use it and Mr. Musto wanted to make that clear. He feels that Fall ball is a great idea and since a lot of kids do not play Pop Warner football, they want to play Fall ball. In Newtown that means sending them to another district since Newtown Borough does not currently have the opportunity for Fall play. The League totally respects what is happening with the community as a whole and they are willing to work together and want to give back as well.

Charlie Knott, resident of 206 N. Chancellor Street, would like to see the season stay as it currently is, ending in July, and leaving the rest of the summer for the community. He did, however, comment that the League had been asked if they would consider not playing on Sundays and they declined. Mr. Knott feels that organized baseball 7 days a week is not fair to the community or the neighbors when there are other fields, not bordering homes, available. All they are asking for is a couple of months at the end of the scheduled baseball season for the rest of the community to use the field said Mr. Knott.

Kristine Sawaya, 142 N. Elm Avenue, just wants to remind everyone that Pickering Field is not their own personal property. There are other areas like Roberts Ridge Park, Goodnoe Elementary, Tyler and Core Creek Parks, so many places that people can go for activities. Ms. Sawaya also commented that families from the community go to watch these games, even if not participating in them.

Judy Musto agreed that there are two sides to the story, however she read from the will of Russell Pickering, which stated that he was leaving the property, now known as Pickering Field, to be used as an athletic field and playground as it has been used in the past. Ms. Musto said that perhaps Mr. Pickering thought that neighbors might want to view the field as an extension of their front yard, but it should be there for the whole community. The Borough should really want to promote the activity of young boys playing baseball and "...should not want to take something so wholesome, so all American, so apple pie away from them." What is really being asked for is the ability to play Fall ball, which includes 4 weekends in September and 4 weekends in October. Ms. Musto encouraged Council to consider the fact that it is a ball field, which was Mr. Pickering's intent.

Mr. O'Malley wanted to be sure that the public is apprised of any upcoming meetings and discussions on the issue of Pickering Field, so that they can participate in those discussions.

Traffic Committee Presentation

Mr. Craig explained that Council was given a preview in December of the Traffic Committee's activities and the Committee would now like to present those ideas to Council and the community. The Mayor and the Police Chief will review the recommendations and make suggestions as to how best to incorporate those recommendations and the Committee will return to a Council Work Session for further discussion. Mr. O'Malley introduced Traffic Committee members Jon Guy, Jennifer Pennington and Amy Lustig and noted that one of the top issues for the Planning Commission in 1999 was traffic in Newtown Borough. In 2007, while working on the updated Comprehensive Plan, the Planning Commission again found traffic to be the number one issue. The Ad Hoc Traffic Committee was formed and the presentation tonight includes short and long term recommendations to address their mission statement "... to improve the quality of life in Newtown Borough for the residents and visitors by assuring the ability to safely walk and drive throughout the Borough via a consistent and comprehensive approach to pedestrian and vehicular circulation." After the Committee's Power Point presentation six recommendations were offered to Council for consideration: to install 12 additional stop signs, to build an alternate yield at State and Edgeboro, to place 14 additional pedestrian sentinels, to prepare a study for crosswalk design standardization, to prepare a study for gateway design and implementation and to establish a Safe Streets Day and campaign. Mr. Craig thanked the Committee for their hard work and suggested that Council address the Committee's recommendations after input from the Borough Engineer and the Chief of Police. Mr. O'Malley suggested looking at their top two suggestions and working down the list. In answer to Mr. Walker's question about the \$30,000 Smart Transportation Grant, Mr. O'Malley responded that the application was submitted in December and he anticipates hearing sometime this spring.

President's Report – Mark A. Craig

President Craig wanted to establish a review schedule for the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Craig asked the Solicitor for clarification of the Municipalities Planning Code requirements for approving the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Williams said that if Borough Council decides to amend the Comprehensive Plan it would be done by Resolution following a public hearing. The process is started by the Planning Commission with assistance of a consultant and after the plan amendment is prepared, the Planning Commission holds a public hearing to receive comments. After the public hearing, the Comprehensive Plan is forwarded to contiguous municipalities, the Bucks County Planning Commission and the school district for a 45-day review period. The Council then holds a public hearing to enact the plan amendment. Typically, there is interaction throughout the process between the Planning Commission and Borough Council, but Borough Council has not been involved in this particular process. Mr. Craig spoke with Director Lynn Bush of the Bucks County Planning Commission who said that the plan should be given to Borough Council for review and comment, after which the document is presented to the public. Mr. Craig further commented that Ms. Bush said it would be premature to hold a public meeting before Council has discussed it. The 45-day review period is to receive the response from the three previously mentioned entities. Council then holds another public hearing before adoption. From Planning Commission Chairman Woldorf's perspective, the Commission's intent was that Council should receive copies of the Comprehensive Plan to review concurrent with the public review period. During the 45-day review period, the Planning Commission would like to hold a hearing and after that hearing to receive comment from Council and the surrounding municipalities. Mr. Jaslow wanted to know how the public was to review the plan if they did not receive copies prior to the hearing. Mr. Jaslow feels the first order of business should be to make the document available for public review and then schedule a hearing after that time. Mr. Walker asked that a schedule for review be prepared and Mr. Woldorf will provide that schedule. Mr. Jaslow asked, if before the Planning Commission holds its public hearing, it might be feasible for the Planning Commission and Council to review the document together and Mr. Williams said that approach makes sense. Mr. Sellers suggested that

Council review the plan and bring forward any concerns they might have, rather than reviewing the entire document with the Planning Commission, which would eliminate extra meetings. Mr. Walker commented that this document is the future of the Borough and of the surrounding communities and Council must take the time to review it correctly no matter how long that takes. Ms. Woldorf suggested that Council skim through the document between now and the April work session and members could indicate what their general areas of concern might be. Mr. Woldorf could then attend the work session to shed some light on those specific areas.

Mr. Craig reminded the public that the T-Mobile Conditional Use Hearing will be held on March 26, 2009, at 5:30 P.M. at the Chancellor Center. The hearing will be completed that night.

In response to a newspaper article on bail out money for police departments in Bucks County, Mr. Craig clarified that the funds were allocated based on community size and the crime rate.

The Newtown Corporation liaison role will be assumed by President Craig, as Mr. Sellers no longer wishes to continue. Both the Newtown Corporation and the Newtown Creek Coalition reports will be presented by the liaison.

Correspondence

Lynn Bush, Director of Bucks County Planning Commission, sent a letter to Mr. Craig with her observations on the pros and cons of possibly rejoining the Newtown Area Jointure. The letter will be distributed to Council.

A letter and check for \$500 was received from First National Bank towards the Arbor Day expenses.

Public to be Heard

Breanne Cook, representing the 325th Anniversary Committee, presented Council with both an opportunity and a challenge. A yearbook is being produced for the 325th Anniversary which features the residences, organizations and institutions of Newtown in addition to Newtown history. Pre-orders of the book are being taken at a discounted rate of \$30 and there is an opportunity to be featured in the book by purchasing ad space to commemorate a family or business involvement in Newtown history. The 325th Committee would like to offer a challenge to see all Council members participate by including their families or businesses in the yearbook with an ad.

Ms. Joanne Bintliffe-Ritchie, a newly appointed member of the Newtown Township Traffic Committee addressed Council noting that she looks forward to working together with the Borough on shared issues related to traffic concerns and to find solutions for both communities.

Bill Heinemann, 35 N. Chancellor Street, thanked the Traffic Committee for its presentation and felt that many of their recommendations were consistent with goals set forth in the Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Heinemann asked about future planning for street work and how does the Borough insure that they address the traffic calming issues ahead of time so that they do not find themselves several years later trying to put in traffic calming measures. Mr. Craig stated that the Traffic Committee was established with the understanding that there would be a Joint Traffic Committee with the Township and their suggestions could be incorporated into future plans for street rebuilding and upgrades.

John Burke, 301 S. Norwood Avenue, thanked the Traffic Committee for a fantastic job with their presentation. Mr. Burke has lived on the corner of Norwood and Lafayette, the site of a proposed stop sign, and he feels that a stop sign there is a necessity, as he has seen many near misses at the intersection.

Paul Salvatore, 148 N. Elm Avenue, announced that the annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held at Pickering Field on April 4, 2009, at 9 A.M. Mr. Salvatore thanked the Traffic Committee for their presentation, and as a member of the Long Term Parking Committee, he appreciates the need to work with the Township to address joint issues.

Eric Johnson asked if the public would be able to purchase copies of the Comprehensive Plan for review prior to the public meeting. Mr. Craig said there would be copies available.

Charles Swartz announced that Newtown's 325th Anniversary Committee is planning a Restaurant Week which will be held from April 19-23, 2009. Ten restaurants will participate by preparing a special menu for \$25, with \$5 being donated to the 325th Committee. The participating restaurants will be listed on the website, with links to the special menus.

Certificates of Appropriateness

- ❖ A motion was duly made by Councillor Jaslow, seconded by Councillor Woldorf, and carried unanimously, to follow the recommendation of the Historic Architectural Review Board and direct President of Council to sign the following Certificates of Appropriateness, thereby approving the historical appropriateness of the application, with final approval by the Code Enforcement Officer.

COA 2009-004-H Applicant: Joey Festa, 13 N. State Street, Capelli

The applicant was seeking a Certificate of Appropriateness for the installation of a new hanging sign to replace that of the former owner, noting that the sign will be no thicker than 2" with a black border and edge.

COA 2009-005-H Applicant: Glenn Blakely, 18 S. State Street, Isaac Newton Restaurant

The applicant was seeking a Certificate of Appropriateness for the installation of awnings, one of which will contain a lettered sign, on the rear of the building near the parking lot, noting that the material will match the existing awnings and the logo will be placed on a solid color front panel of the lower awning.

COA 2009-006-H Resident Cathy Triverio, 117 N. Chancellor Street

The applicant was seeking a Certificate of Appropriateness for the installation of an AC unit to be located at the rear corner of the residence and screened with evergreen shrubbery.

After explanation and discussion about the proposed message center sign, the following motion was made.

- ❖ A motion was duly made by Councillor Jaslow, seconded by Councillor Woldorf, and carried unanimously, to follow the recommendation of the Historic Architectural Review Board and deny COA 2009-003-H, because the proposed message center sign was made of plastic.

COA 2009-003-H Applicant: Rand Jaslow for Newtown Borough, 23 N. State Street, Newtown Borough Hall

The applicant was seeking a Certificate of Appropriateness for the installation of a message center wall-mounted sign at the entrance to Borough Hall.

Engineers Report – John Genovesi, Gilmore & Associates, Inc.

General Projects Update

Mr. Genovesi is drafting a letter to the property owners regarding the Quad I and Quad II sidewalks that have not had the repairs completed.

Mr. Genovesi presented Council with a \$39,000 grant application for police video cameras. The application was not discussed at the work session because the possibility of grant money to fund the project came up after that meeting and the deadline for submittal is March 20, 2009. Work on this project began in the summer of 2008. Mr. Walker explained that Doylestown Borough had installed security cameras last spring. The Council Rock School District has a comprehensive school security system with excess capacity and they had indicated that the Borough might be able to access it for their purposes. Discussions were held with the school district but because of costs that needed further investigation, the project was put on hold during the summer. The Borough Engineer has been involved with the grant application preparation and expended 24 hours for that purpose prior to this meeting. Mr. Walker acknowledged that Council had not authorized the expenditure of that time and that he had directed that work by the engineer on his own. The project would include cameras at the main intersections and parks and it would allow the police officers to view the town in their patrol cars. Ms. Woldorf has no recollection of a previous discussion on security cameras and with nine video cameras planned for installation she wondered if Council had considered whether the residents are interested in being videoed. Ms. Woldorf is actually very disturbed by this proposal and receiving it at the 11th hour as she feels something as serious as this deserves public input. Ms. Woldorf is not aware that the Borough has a serious crime problem and she does not think Newtown needs the security cameras. Mayor O'Brien commented that we, the public, are always on camera. Mr. O'Malley asked if the proposal would reduce the need for an officer and he is aware of the Doylestown cameras, which had a very public alignment to installing video cameras. The residents banded together to push the installation, which was in conjunction with the Community Watch Program to address an identified need in their parks. Mr. Sellers feels that there is a philosophical difference in the approach to why this project is needed. The narrative for the grant references "9-11" and Mr. Sellers commented that although communities have addressed security issues differently since that time, he suggested that some of the decisions have not been acceptable to some individuals. Mayor O'Brien said that the pursuit of security cameras was precipitated by vandalism and graffiti at Linton Memorial Park, but Ms. Woldorf feels that cameras for graffiti is overkill and she does not see it as a deterrent. Mr. Jaslow disagrees, as he installed cameras at his business and it has definitely been a deterrent in the workplace. A motion was made by

Councillor Walker and seconded by Councillor Jaslow to apply for a Department of Community and Economic Development grant for a Police Video Camera project, later amended to add pending review by Council and the public before accepting the funds. After continued discussion, Mr. Walker withdrew his motion being sensitive to Ms. Woldorf's and Mr. Seller's comments, but noting that he will continue to work on the project.

Presentation of Minutes

- ❖ A motion was duly made by Councillor Sellers, seconded by Councillor Walker, and carried unanimously, to approve the Council Minutes for the January 13, 2009, meeting.
- ❖ A motion was duly made by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor O'Malley, and carried unanimously, to approve the Work Session Minutes for the February 4, 2009, meeting as amended: change "...the Douris letter..." to read "...the letter from Mr. Douris..."

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget & Finance – Robert Walker

Consolidated Report

- ❖ A motion was duly made by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Jaslow, and carried unanimously, to accept, subject to audit, the consolidated expenditure report for the month of February 2009, totaling \$115,762.39.

Mr. Craig explained to the public, that Council discussed the issue of police coverage event fees at the March work session. The question had been raised about why some events were charged fees and others were not. During the discussion it was decided to enlist the help of volunteer fire police who are trained in traffic control to assist with various events and reduce the amount of police coverage required.

- ❖ A motion was duly made by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor O'Malley, and carried unanimously, to waive police coverage fees for the Memorial Day Parade, the First Fourth Parade, the Halloween Parade, the Holiday Parade and the Chanukah Parade, and using volunteer fire police to assist at parades to reduce the amount of police coverage required.

Long Term Parking – Gerard O'Malley

The topic of residential parking permits was discussed again, but it was decided that the issue was limited in scope and very few residents were directly affected, so the issue was tabled.

Mr. O'Malley said the Committee discussed the Stockburger site on South State Street as a possible location for employee parking and the Committee is looking at the possibility. Committee member Paul Blancato circulated an informal business survey to the business community which give the Committee input.

The Committee discussed additional signage for the municipal parking lot at State and Penn Street. A larger sign could be placed to make the public more aware of the parking lot behind Ten Centre.

The Engineer concluded that “no left turn” out of the municipal parking lot would double the number of vehicles turning into the State Street area.

Personnel Committee – Julia Woldorf

- ❖ A motion was duly made by Councillor Woldorf, seconded by Councillor Sellers, and carried unanimously, to appoint Christine Wall, 525 E. Centre Avenue, to the *Environmental Advisory Council* for a 3-year term through December 31, 2011.

Regarding appointment of a Vacancy Board Chairperson, Ms. Woldorf noted that she had received only one letter of interest from Ms. Leonard. Mr. Jaslow asked if the Vacancy Board Chairperson had been contacted about his reappointment, as was the process, and Ms. Woldorf responded that she had not contacted Mr. Johnson. Mr. Craig stated that he had spoken with him. Ms. Woldorf will follow the process next year and will ask about reappointment and request submission of a response to an essay question.

- ❖ A motion was duly made by Councillor Woldorf, seconded by Councillor Sellers, and carried unanimously, to appoint Mary Jane Leonard, 446 E. Centre Avenue, as the chairperson for the *Vacancy Board*, for a 1-year term through December 31, 2009.

Police Committee – Robert Walker

The Cody software system was installed and three officers have taken the police database information system training.

Streets, Lights & Properties – Robert Walker

Mr. Walker reported that it has been a tough winter and if anyone has particular road concerns, they should report that information. Gilmore & Associates will be evaluating the Borough streets to make a determination regarding repair work that might be required, such as crack sealing.

Zoning Report – Rand Jaslow

Mr. Jaslow reported that 26 permits and 4 HARB applications were processed in February by the Zoning Officer.

The Zoning Hearing Board meeting on the Glazier property on South State Street has been continued to March 31, 2009, at 7 P.M. The proposal is to build a 3-story residential structure on the rear of the property at 31 S. State Street. Ms. Woldorf asked if the application had changed since the original application was submitted. The Solicitor was sent to oppose the application, but she questioned whether the reason for opposing might have changed with the amending of the application.

Mr. Walker asked the status of the Thomas Fischer project on N. State Street and Greene Streets. Mr. Jaslow answered that there has been no change.

Solicitor's Report – Donald Williams

- ❖ A motion was duly made by Councillor Woldorf, seconded by Councillor Jaslow, and carried unanimously, to authorize the Solicitor to advertise an ordinance to repeal Chapter 5 of the Code of the Borough of Newtown entitled “Beautification and Revitalization.”
- ❖ A motion was duly made by Councillor Woldorf, seconded by Councillor Sellers, and carried with Councillor Jaslow voting nay, to authorize the Solicitor to advertise an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to permit a wall type sign for use as a menu board by restaurants only.

Ms. Woldorf asked if an update had been received from the Special Counsel regarding the matter of Mr. Douris, to which he answered no.

Old Business

Ms. Woldorf announced that the Historic District Work Group will meet March 30, 2009, at 7:30 P.M. in Borough Hall to look at possible expansion of the Historic District.

Mr. Walker asked Council for input regarding response to Michael Molloy's ongoing communication about ADA compliance with handicapped curb ramps. A great deal of engineering time has been invested in attempting to respond to Mr. Molloy's concerns, but Mr. Walker noted that we turn to the state for guidance on handicapped accessibility rules because of continuing changes in the ADA requirements. Unfortunately, Mr. Molloy is unhappy with that approach and Mr. Walker does not want him or members of Council to feel that he is being ignored. Mr. Jaslow noted that Engineer Genovesi has offered to meet with Mr. Molloy on his own time to explain what has been done and what needs to be done. Ms. Woldorf understands that over the years the standards for ramps have changed and will continue to change, but she also conveyed to Mr. Molloy that there are many configurations of ramps in town, even some considered to be standard, that are not that good. Ms. Woldorf feels the Engineer should develop a long-term plan that will demonstrate when the ramps at the various intersections are to be upgraded. Mr. Walker agreed but Mr. Molloy is suggesting that Council should not be following PennDot standards, but following Federal guidelines and Council needs to decide which position they wish or need to take with respect to adhering to the guidelines. Mr. Walker has asked Mr. Genovesi to advise Council about ADA rules at the next work session.

New Business

- ❖ A motion was duly made by Councillor Sellers, seconded by Councillor Jaslow, and carried unanimously, to authorize the engineer to advise on development issues related to TP #28-004-002, 28-004-005-001 and 28-004-005-002, at a cost not to exceed \$750.

Mr. Sellers referenced the *Bucks County Courier Times* article regarding Open Space acquisition. The Comprehensive Plan notes that the Borough should have 15 acres of Open Space, but it only has 5 acres and Mr. Sellers suggested that Council should look for parcels to acquire.

In noting the closure of the Stockburger businesses on S. State Street and Sycamore Street, Mr. Sellers suggested that it might be appropriate to recognize Mr. Stockburgers contribution to the community for the past 50 years. Mr. Walker noted that the service center remains open.

Public to be Heard

Bill Heinemann, 35 N. Chancellor Street, had some comments regarding the surveillance cameras and suggested that if there is a perceived need for the cameras, perhaps an Ad Hoc Safety Committee should be formed, similar to the Ad Hoc Traffic Committee, to look at possible recommendations. Mr. Heinemann noted that in the survey taken prior to the Comprehensive Plan, businesses ranked crime at the bottom of the list of concerns and residents noted police protection as important, but not related specifically to crime. Mr. Walker reminded Mr. Heinemann that there is a Police Committee, who is responsible for making recommendations related to safety. Mr. Heinemann still feels that the process should involve an Ad Hoc committee to look at the issues.

Warren Woldorf, Chairman of the Newtown Borough Planning Commission, wanted to confirm that he should contact the Bucks County Planning Commission and request that they not distribute Comprehensive Plan draft copies to the Council Rock School District superintendent and Newtown Township, and President Craig agreed. Mr. Woldorf stated that he would prepare a draft schedule for review of the proposed Comprehensive Plan.

Resident Sally Thompson voiced concern about the agenda process. She asked who has input into the preparation of the agenda, when is it prepared and is it possible to have a more detailed agenda posted to the website 48 hours in advance? Mr. Craig explained that the agenda process begins the week prior to the Work Session, with all Council members providing ideas, additional items added after the Work Session with the final agenda being sent on the Friday prior to the Tuesday Council meeting. The agenda is sent to the webmaster on Friday for posting and the Secretary places it on the Borough's PEG channel.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia M. Scull
Borough Secretary

IN ATTENDANCE

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| Warren Woldorf | 440 Washington Avenue |
| Jim McAuliffe | 545 E. Centre Avenue |
| Peter Ciferri | The Advance |
| Patti Lovi | 151 N. State Street |
| Diana Bowen | The Herald |
| Mary Alice & PhilHagan | Washington Avenue |
| Paul Salvatore | 148 N. Elm Avenue |
| John Burke | 301 S. Norwood Avenue |
| Diane LeBas | 104 Penn Street |
| Bill Heinemann | 35 N. Chancellor Street |
| Betsy King | 242 S. Chancellor Street |

Michele Amazeen	115 E. Washington Ave.
Jon Guy	110 S. Congress St.
Breanne Cook	420 Taylor Ave.
Kris Sawaya	172 N. Elm Ave.
Amy Lustig	407 Edgeboro Dr.
Eric Johnson	242 S. State St.
Jennifer Pennington	524 Penn St.
Isabel Godwin	144 Liberty St.
Russ & Arlene Waddell	410 Edgeboro Dr.
Greg & Heath Lewis	118 Liberty St.
Glen & Susan Bannon	204 Penn St.
Rick Raymond	120 N. Chancellor St.
Bob, Judy & Olivia Musto	118 S. Congress St.
Mike Gumino	5 Harding Ct.
Frank Brassell	538 Penn St.
Joey Festa	13 N. State St.
Mary Jane & John Leonard	446 E. Centre Ave.
Joe Michelin	20 N. Lincoln Ave.
Margaret Danese	528 Centre Ave.
Tom Dillione	409 Edgeboro Dr.
Cara Godwin	129 Liberty St.
Michael Byrne	122 Liberty St.
Dan Knott	206 N. Chancellor St.
Jim Hanahan	212 N. Chancellor St.
Katie DeThomas	210 N. Chancellor St.
Matthew DiBertolo	13 N. State St.
Karen Quigley	424 Edgeboro Dr.
Bob Harrell	102 Sequoia Dr.
Elizabeth Hilderley	501 E. Washington Ave.
Trevor Knott	206 N. Chancellor St.
Wayne Heacock	194 N. Chancellor St.
Cathy Triverio	117 N. Chancellor St.
Nancy Terry	423 E. Washington Ave.
Chris Leveque	N. Chancellor St.