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The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Rob Cleland with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Mayor Becker, John Abbott, Rob Cleland, John Engel, Eileen McDonald, Melissa Shafer, Dean Ibrahim, and Pat DiGangi were present.

Announcements

- The meeting will be recorded.
- Rob Cleland stated that Marilyn Jacobson and Tracey Bowen were absent due to family vacations and both were excused.

Changes, Additions, Deletions to Agenda

- Action Item # 5 has been added.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

- None

Consent Agenda

John Engel made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the June 14, 2011 Council Meeting, with disbursements from the general fund of \$138,303.93 for the month of June. The motion was seconded by Eileen McDonald and carried unanimously. The financial report will be filed for audit.

Special Items

- Ted Dorand, External Affairs Manager for PECO in Bucks County, made a symbolic presentation of a check for \$10,000 representing the award of a PECO Green Region Grant. He offered congratulations on the efforts undertaken by the Borough regarding open space preservation and the development of parks.

Council Committee Reports

Mayor's Report

Mayor Marilyn Becker

- Mayor Becker and Chief Campbell presented Officer Jon Cousin with a MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving) recognition award for his exemplary DUI enforcement. Officer Cousin set a department record. He was also presented with a citation from Congressman Mike Fitzpatrick. The Chalfont Police Department also received a recognition award from MADD. Chief Campbell stated that every Chalfont Officer stopped at least one DUI this year, for a total of 71 arrests, indicative of the problem that exists.

Staff Reports

Written reports from the Borough Engineer, Borough Solicitor, Police, Public Works, Zoning Officer, and Fire Company were included in Council's packet. Draft minutes from the June HARB meeting were also included.

Manager's Report

Melissa Shafer

1. The Borough is participating with Doylestown Township, Doylestown Borough, New Britain Borough and New Britain Township in the DVRPC Regional Trails Program. Doylestown

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Township has submitted an expression of interest for a trail connection, which would be in several phases, which would connect these municipalities.

2. Included in Council's Packet were several surrounding communities' resolutions requesting small projects under 1000 square feet be exempt from the DEP required stormwater ordinance. Ms. Shafer brought those resolutions to the council's attention to see if they had an interest in participating with them or offering comment. Council discussion ensued with unanimous support of the Borough's recently passed ordinance.

Borough Engineer

Pat DiGangi – Offered an update to his report. The Twin Streams Park Trail Project construction is underway. Part of the trail has been paved and footings for the pedestrian bridge will soon be poured.

ACTION ITEMS

1. **Eileen McDonald made a motion to approve a Certificate of Appropriateness for 150 N Main carriage house foundation repair. Seconded by John Engel, the motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote of those present.**
2. **Eileen McDonald made a motion to approve the 2011 Road Project Change Order, with a second by John Engel.** The original bid award was based on the project going forward in conjunction with the Lindenfield Homeowners Association which now will not be included. Due to the substantial change to the contract, unit cost adjustments had to be made per PennDOT regulations. Mr. DiGangi recommended that the borough approve the changes as the adjusted price is lower than what can be expected if the contract would be cancelled and rebid. **After Council discussion, the motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote of those present.**
3. **Eileen McDonald made a motion to approve application for an Automated Red Light Enforcement Grant (Round Two) for an additional \$100,000 for the Butler Avenue/ Bristol Road railroad crossing. The motion was seconded by John Abbott and approved by unanimous roll call vote of those present.** There are no matching funds required.
4. **John Engel made a motion to approve the Manager's Maternity Leave and Future Work Schedule, with a second by Eileen McDonald.** Council discussion ensued with some changes to the wording regarding Council's ability to terminate the agreement by majority decision if the arrangement is no longer acceptable, and the manager's ability to decide to return to a five day work week. **With all in favor, the motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote.**
5. **Eileen McDonald made a motion to approve Resolution 2011-05 authorizing Manager, Melissa Shafer, to sign the ARLE Funding Agreements on behalf of the Borough. The motion was seconded by John Abbott and approved by unanimous roll call vote.**

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

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CORRESPONDENCE

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming meetings were announced.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Next Ordinance number: 399

Next Resolution number: 2011-06

Respectfully Submitted,



Barbara Qualteria
Borough Secretary