



Meeting Minutes – 1 City Hall Place, Coatesville, PA
Council Chambers
Monday, August 8, 2022

Council Present: President Lavender-Norris; Vice President Carmen Green, Councilwomen Charrisse Allen, Councilwoman C. Arvilla Hunt, and Councilman Donald Folks
Council Absent: Councilwoman Khadijah Al Amin, Councilman Edward Simpson
Staff Present: James Logan, City Manager; Charles Huston, Assistant City Manager; Robert Jefferson, Solicitor; Richard Troutman, Finance Department; Lieutenant Rodger Ollis, Police Department; Ruthann Mowday, Recording Secretary

An Executive Session was held earlier this evening to discuss personnel, real estate and legal matters.

Approved Minutes

Vice President Green made a motion to approve the July 11, 2022 meeting minutes; Ms. Allen seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Approval of Accounts Payables

Vice President Green made a motion to approve the accounts payables; Mr. Folks seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Presentations

1. Heritage Properties/DEPG

There was no presentation at this time. Rescheduled for August 22, 2022.

2. ALS/EMS Services

For those of you who don't know me, my name is John Sly. I'm the president of Western Fire Company located in Allentown. I've been fortunate to be a volunteer in this community for 29 years now, served as the fire chief of Western Fire Company, I'm certain that most of the people in the room will share some of my frustration with the debacle we've endured with Tower Health and closing of the Brandywine Hospital. And now the latest news of the closing of the paramedic service in our community. The news of the hospital closure-- we were given about two to three months' notice at the end of last year that would occur January 31, which gave a lot of people time to prepare at the beginning of this year and how we were going to adapt to that. The local EMS services throughout COVID here have obviously endured quite a bit of strain. You probably read some of the newspaper articles pressing the concern we have in getting EMS providers, EMTs, paramedics. But we were of course told at the time that when they closed the hospital, the paramedic service would be here for time to come. And here we are on June 3, we got notification that they were leaving, and we were given 90 days until they vacate our area. I think to move north of 322 so they can focus on serving the Reading Hospital and where all their money is going. So unfortunately, as we dealt with a corporate healthcare equity here, the mighty dollar comes before the public or the citizens.

I'm going to back up a little bit here and tell you that in 2017, just before Tower Health took over Brandywine Hospitals, it was owned by Community Health Systems out of Tennessee. Our annual service has been providing service in this community since 1999 and we were a little bit concerned at that time having seen the hospital shut down, the trauma facility shut down, maternity shut down, shut down the helicopter service. So one day, when are they going to shut down these paramedics? And here we are; the time has come. So back in 2017, our fire company took it upon ourselves to apply for a federal grant to obtain paramedic equipment and paramedic training with the forethought

that eventually this day would come and we would try to be ahead of the curve. We were very fortunate. We were awarded \$400,000 grant to buy that equipment. Sounds great, up until today when we're now the only paramedic service between Borough of Downingtown and the Borough of Strasburg in Lancaster County, 181 square miles of territory. So, we were always supported by Medic 93 at Brandywine and they absorbed a lot of these municipalities, 19 of them to be exact, in this county. Westwood has primary protection of Valley Township, East Fallowfield Township, Westtown, West Brandywine, and Wallace. And we have another 61 square mile service area that we protect, over 30,000 people. We do so by means of three advanced life support ambulances, and we want them to be 24 hours a day under normal circumstances. But when this news came on June 3, we're now going from 61 square miles to 181 square miles, and upwards of 180,000 people. It's an undertaking that we weren't prepared to do, and it's an undertaking that we weren't prepared to accept. Unfortunately, we're in the eye of the hurricane, as I've said. We're right in the middle of where all this area has been Medic 93 for so many years. And to give a brief history for those who aren't aware of how this happened, when Medic 93 was established in 1983, the hospital system funded that. And they funded it because they wanted to funnel the patients into the hospital. So the guy would drive around in the paramedic car and he would say, "I'm John. I'm from Brandywine Hospital. Let us take you up the hill and we'll get you taken care of." The hospital lost money through that for many, many years. But they were okay with that because they were going to get you in their hospital, and then the big bucks came in. Well, at some point, up in Reading, Tower Health said, we're not going to pay that anymore moving we need to get you some other form. So, they just said, "See you later. We'll abandon this community the way they have the hospitals and everything else." So it falls on us. And here we are, the volunteer fire company. And I say we're volunteer, we do have 46 paid emergency medical technicians and paramedics, but we work with Washington Hose Company in City, Guided heart in Parkesburg All of our agencies are trying to do our best to work amongst one another. The problem is in this area right now, today we're the only ones that have that capability. My understanding is the Washington Hose Company's working diligently to try to get that in place, certainly not their fault. But here we are in the middle of a pandemic still and we can't get cardiac monitor. They don't make them because there's a chip shortage. We can't get vehicles. So even if we have enough vehicles to put paramedics in and drive around, we don't have the equipment. And it's a real mess to try to put this together in less than what we're down to 22 days. But we started out with 78 days. So over the last 37 days, I've had an opportunity to meet with each of the 19 municipalities minus 3 that are not going to affect us. So West [inaudible] is going to be close to [inaudible] town, so we're hopeful that they'll be able to sustain that service. But I have had the opportunity to speak with Mr. Logan. I met with the South Coatesville borough today as a matter of fact the finance committee and I met with their council last week. I'm going to meet with them again tomorrow. Met with Valley Township. Met with Parkesburg borough, West Caln township, Caln township. Met with our existing municipalities and the municipalities of adjoining Chester County and Lancaster County along with Christiana borough, and Atglen borough. And unfortunately, I have to come deliver the bad news that we're in a bad spot the same as you are. I can preface all this and say that the situation we're in right now is no one in this room's fault. That'd be me or the council or any member of the city here.

The blame was up on top of that hill and they left us. I'm not going to belabor the point obviously how I feel about that because I've got 22 days to try to fix this problem. We put together a proposal for each of our municipalities. It's based on a mileage. We understand that this is the middle of the year that no one had to change the budget for this, ourselves included. Had they told us when they were closing the hospital, when they announced that back in October, all the municipalities had plenty of time to put this in their budget and figure out how they could fund this. Certainly not

something you want to fund, but it's one thing if we knew it was going to happen. Unfortunately, we're left with a little bit of time. So, in fairness to the rest of the audience members and those who are on the agenda later, your presentation in here has a number of things, a background history of our service, which I don't need to tell you about how we have come to be formed over the last 75 years, but it does outline a few different types of paramedic service. In Downingtown or Valley Township, we run a system called a mobile intensive care unit, which is a MICU. What that is EMT on board an ambulance with a paramedic. The paramedics on the ambulance and they drive around together and they go to calls. In the City of Coatesville, Borough of South Coatesville, Medic 93 from Brandywine would drive around in a car. You probably saw them driving around in the SUVs and they would follow the ambulance to the call. So, it's a different system. It's called the chase system. There is no way right now that we could possibly get an advanced life support service up and running in 22 days. But we are going to get a chase system up and running. Through the support of so far 10 municipalities who've committed the funding, we're going to make this work and we're going to make it happen by September 1. You've seen most likely in the newspaper and I'm sure many state articles the crisis in EMS, and this was on the front page of the Daily Local not that a lot of people read the Daily Local anymore. But it was \$4 on Sunday and I think the paper was this is what we agree now. So this was on the front page last week. And this was about a meeting we had in Parkesburg where a lot of municipalities were in attendance, a lot of ambulance services were in attendance. And we talked about the crisis facing the communities here and the lack of personnel we have. Our fire company prides itself in our municipal relations. Obviously, this is my first time presenting to council on this topic. We're not a service provider for the city of Coatesville, and [members?] didn't perceive that would be something that we'd be having to deal with. You have your fire department. You have your local ambulance service here. And we work well together. And that's fine. The unfortunate part is now we're kind of being thrust into this as a neighboring agency. Some study numbers here that I received from Tower Health in the county, last year, 2021, Medic 93 responded to Coatesville City 1,190 times for advanced life support calls. 707 of those times, they came from on top of the hill at the hospital. 463 times they came from the station at the Washington Hose Company. 20 times they came from Parkesburg. And in those same times, Westwood, with an ambulance either at West Caln or Wagontown Fire Station on Valley Road, which is Valley Township or in the West Caln Township building, we also responded to the city 263 times. So, we're here almost once a day. That's with them being here. We're not going to have them here now. So, we're looking at going to upwards of about 1,500 times you're going to see a paramedic from our agency into the city. That is a 452% increase in calls. Obviously, that translates to a significant increase in our costs.

On the next page, if you would look at the image of the county. It's a map. And that's Chester County. And you'll see some shaded highlighted areas. The dark blue areas you see there, that's what Westwood currently covers. That's where we already protect. The red and the yellow areas which extend into Lancaster County are these additional municipalities that Chester County free serves up till September 1. So when you take those shaded areas, it's approximately 20% of the entire county, all supposed to be handled by our little old fire company down on Valley Road. And it's a lot. It's a lot for us to have to undertake. It's quite a shock for us to have to undertake. And it's unfortunate because we can't possibly do that without having additional staff, additional paramedic units, additional equipment, additional vehicles, most of which we are having a hard time even obtaining, even if we wanted to. West Caln Township donated us a former police vehicle last month. It's a 2017 pickup truck. You'll probably be seeing a lot of it here soon. It's currently being outfitted and equipped. It's got to be inspected by the Department of Health. And we expect to use that vehicle to come into the city, as well one of our other vehicles that's currently on Valley Road. We're scheduled

to meet with Caln Township as well as the other ambulance services here in the area on Wednesday. We're anticipating an opportunity to have them support this as well and hopefully find a location suitable to the city and Caln where we can service this community as we do all the others. We don't want to have the paramedic service coming from West Brandywine all the way to Coatesville or Parkesburg all the way to Coatesville. It's going to be too much time. It was a lot easier-- I can tell you, I did spend a good number of my years volunteering here at the Washington Hose Company back in the '90s. And when things were really bad, we had a trauma center up there, and we just floored it as fast as we could up the hill. We don't have that luxury anymore. So long transport times. If someone's having a heart attack here in the city, we have to go to Chester County Hospital. We have to go to Paoli Hospital. And it's going to take time to get them there. And having that paramedic on board that ambulance is all that much more important. We carry cardiac monitors. We carry drugs. We're like a mobile intensive care here again, and a mobile ER right in the back of that ambulance. And so how does it work? The paramedic will come in our vehicle, essentially we'll be calling Washington Hose Company or whichever of those ambulance services is here, we jump out. We carry our gear, our drones, our equipment, we jump on board. And then off we go to the hospital. That's in a perfect world. When I was meeting with South Coatesville this afternoon at their finance meeting as they're trying to amend their budget to pay for this, it was a three-month-old child choking in Avondale. The closest paramedic came from Valley. Fortunately, another unit was able to quickly turn around and take the call, and canceled us. But we were already on the road to Paoli. That's the closest vehicle at the time. Three-month-old. On Memorial Day, there was a six-year-old drowning in Salisbury Township up by Harris. The closest ambulance came from West Brandywine and the closest paramedic came from downtown. That's today, with our youth. Can you imagine what's going to happen September 1 if we don't have these additional units? It's going to be a problem. So, I'm not here to offer scare tactics, I'm not here to strongarm anybody, but I have to be clear, I have to be transparent with all of our elected officials in that you're responsible for the residents, and we're responsible to provide the service if you would like us to do that.

On your next page, just briefly, I'll run some costs and why it's so darn expensive to provide this. The cardiac monitor I mentioned, that's required by the Department of Health. We have to have that with paramedic must have that piece of equipment. That we are currently on backorder. We ordered two of them last January through a grant. We still do not have-- it costs about \$38,000. We have portable ventilators, orisoscopes, advanced life support equipment, tourniquets. Got another \$5,000, \$6,000. Drones, that's \$12,000. Cardiac compression devices, if someone's having a heart attack, if you're doing CPR on the patients, it's about \$15,000. That's before we even buy the stretcher for the ambulance, which is another \$20,000. I'm sure you can recognize, like anything else in our local economy, costs are going up. The vehicle itself, as I said, we got one donated, and we're going to try and find and get another one. The new one's going to cost \$80,000. The paramedic itself, \$70,000 before benefits, before insurance. And that's about an eight-hour shift, working 40 hours a week. Problem is, we can't work 8 hours a day, so multiply that by three. So just to make this chase hard, up and running in 22 days, we're going to have about a \$258 000 bill slotted. I recognize that coming here and asking you for \$258,000 I'd be escorted out of the room. And I wouldn't expect you not to. However, if we can get all the communities, the municipalities to support it equitably, and fund it fairly based on the service demand, and the same assess value, and the same formula, then we can come up with this \$258, 000 very quickly. And as I mentioned, and I'll tell you how many meetings we have been to in the last three weeks. I just picked up today a check \$65 000. The part of South Coatesville, their share is \$15, 000. Atglen Borough is already funding us with \$13,000, Salisbury County is funding us with \$20,000. Each relative township is providing us with \$24,000 in addition to the \$66,000 it provides for human services to us. Valley Township supports us quite well,

\$129,000 from them this year. We are providing annual and paramedic services there, so it's obviously a little bit more money. West Caln Township, just \$100,000, West Brandywine, \$600 000, and Wallace County, \$600 000. So, we do get a good amount of support from our municipalities. You'll see in one of these pages is the breakdown. To run two vehicles] is about 24 hours a day, about \$1.1 million. We are able to recouped some of those costs. Medicare, Medicaid, insurance, private pay. We get about 64% of our money back every time we go out on a call. So we lose 36%. And that's the whole reason why they took those medics and said see you later, you're losing \$0.36 on the dollar every time you go out. 24% of our funds do come from these and that's how, as I mentioned, we're pretty clear and transparent on our finances. I'm certainly happy to provide this. Logan, I think I've already sent some stuff to him. We receive third-party audits each year. We prepare budgets each year. We provide financial reports each year. Valley Council actually has a quarterly financial review for all council services and we are part of that all the time. So when it comes to finances, we're very concerned and make sure that our money is being spent wisely because we know that it's coming from communities that can't afford always to spend extra money. But at this point, we don't really have an option where we have absolutely no way of protecting these 100,000 people in 22 days without this funding. And in fairness, all of our communities got away with it. Just like being free for free. And we were lucky for that. We were lucky the hospital paid for it. They never had to do that, but they did. Unfortunately, the way they went out just made it all that much worse. So I'm here tonight to share these thoughts with you to the council. I'll share with you our ask and obviously I understand it's a lot to digest. I haven't had an opportunity to meet with all these municipalities in one night. Because obviously, certainly municipalities same on, there's one more [inaudible] meets tonight as well. But Coatesville City is based on a taxable assessment of a quarter million. Coatesville City's assessment, according to the county tax for 2023 is 262,010,138, that is on taxable properties.

Non-taxable properties are not included in, unfortunately, you have churches, you have government services, you have nonprofits, they're not paying any kind of taxes currently, but we still have to provide services to those areas. If someone has a heart attack in the church, God forbid, we're going, they're not providing the tax stuff, but we can only base it on the tax assessment. That's the fair way to do it, as we've done in our municipalities. So it works out, the city of Coatesville to \$65,502 for a year. A lot of money. No matter who you are, it's a lot of money. But you can't put anyone's price in this community for the price at \$65,000. In 2020 population, we base that and we do the math. It's worked out for 0.40 per resident per month. That's what it comes out to be. We break it down that way. Obviously, nobody's going to sit here and say, "Well, if I'm having a heart attack, I won't pay 0.40, 0.50." But you guys are in a tough spot and has a week because we have to come here within 22 days to figure this out. And one of the concerns I impressed upon South Coatesville today, they'd say, we'd like to put this on our agenda for the 23rd. We have to schedule people to be ready on duty on September 1st. So, we're just over three weeks away from that. We can't schedule people without the ability to know that we can pay the bills to pay them because we can't pay their salary in three weeks. So, we've taken out a loan, a line of credit with the bank to get us to that point so that we know we have to buy five pieces of equipment, but we know that this guy is going to be paying us within the next 30 or 60 days. We can pay that loan back and we can be physically responsible and cost efficient in that, but we can't simply just go out and say we're going to take a loan and we'll just ride free until we can hope that everything comes together. So again, it's a bad situation for you. Obviously not the most popular guy in the room to come deliver this news, but an important service that the city needs to have available for your residence. Looking forward, I would hope that either the Washington Hose Company or the city itself can find the ability down the road to fund for your own service and then that way we can sort of take the burden constraint off of one particular agency,

ourselves, namely. You're still going to see our paramedics from Downingtown coming here. It's just going to happen. There is no doubt. If you have a scanner or you listen to anything or you look at the apps online, there's four or five calls at the same time. Then there's no calls for five hours and then there's four or five more at the same time. There're no calls for five hours. So, you're still going to need all these other agencies coming in here. You have companies that have come in here for many years in East Side, Westwood's coming on the West Side and vice versa. It happens all day long. The mutual aid system is great. It's put in place so that when one community is straining the other one helps out and we each walk each other's hands. But if one community is paying for all the services for another community, the system doesn't work. And obviously, I'm sure you know many of your colleagues and constituents in the neighboring townships and I know you talked to them quite a bit. And I assure you that they have impressed upon me to make sure that if they're paying their fair share, that everyone's paying their fair share. And I don't get all the blame in the mail, so. I want to answer questions that you might have. I know it's a lot to swallow in a short amount of time and I wish that I was getting more than 90-day notice to make this happen. But I had some time to speak with Mr. Logan and he felt it was best that I came and speak tonight so you have an understanding and I can answer as many questions as possible.

Vice President Green explained you're going to run into the same kind of problem with us. The next Council meeting is not until the 21st and-- So you're in that same predicament also. Mr. Sly stated Understood. I guess, I got to start somewhere, right? Recognize that you may not be able to vote or act tonight. If I can get a good indication of your intentions. Looks like the majority of council's here so unless somebody changes their mind, at least I have a good understanding of your intentions. And again, that line of credit that we're taking out the bank can get us over the home because even if you vote in two weeks, it's probably not going to have Mr. Logan run downstairs and write a check. We understand that there is a process that you have to pay your bills and all that but our problem is we have to pay our bills too. And in order to line people up and have state ready, we have to have a commitment. We have to have an understanding what's going to happen. It's a fair point, well taken, and hopefully, you understand our side. So, we need to either vote on this like you're saying, and review our budget. We have our Finance Director, Rich Troutman and Mr. Logan, because, see, if they can work anything out of it. But again, the consensus makes the decision. Mrs. Hunt stated it's without a doubt that we absolutely need the service. So we're willing to do what we have to do. I, for one, am in support of-- let me say that. I can't just say were going to do it until there is a consensus. Mr. Logan explained in addition to that, I know that we have Washington Hose Company here. They will be [inaudible] and not to [inaudible] any competition or anything, they do certain [inaudible] as well. And I think they are preparing a proposal. I'm hoping that you'll be here on the 22nd. Mr. Thornton explained well, maybe I can help, John, a little bit on this is that, yes, we will be ALS certified. We want to do it in less than John's number. We need to get that number. So we're going to have to rely on Westwood, which would make the most sense for the ALS portion till the end of the year. That has been the commitment we're making because I can't get the equipment John says. I'm spending \$140,000 right now to get us ready to go intermediate and then the ALS service. So in speaking with John on Sunday, his proposal is already set out to go through - correct me if I'm wrong - till January. President Lavender Norris asked so the \$65,000 on this piece is basically a six month, is that correct? Mr. Sly replied yeah, it would be the same amount next year. The problem is this year we have so many startup costs. We have cost this year that we won't have next year. We have to buy additional vehicles or buy additional equipment. We won't have those next year. So, they've kind of factored into our formula. And I think for speaking with [inaudible], that would be maybe the best intention for us is to provide the city with a temporary contract that might get you through X amount of months until they're ready to go. Again, we're not working in competition with them by any

means, but until he's ready. It is a long process. It took us almost two years. I hope he doesn't like what I'm going to say but it took us almost two years.

President Lavender Norris asked if we pay the 65,000, that's going to service us for one year, right? Mr. Sly stated that is going to service you till the end of this year. Come the end of the year, Washington Hose would be able to provide service. And we'll go back to servicing the other Municipalities but still assisting in Coatesville when needed. So in your situation, we were able to do that because you have them working towards that. So again, whether we give you 65,000 and we divide that quarterly and say, well, this is the amount for the next quarter and this is the amount for the next quarter, and then if they come along can take over, then we walk away. President Lavender Norris stated I'm just saying, the cost is \$65,000 a year, and you're wanting us to pay 65,000 again in January, that makes no sense to me. Mr. Sly stated understood, the problem is the starting cost for us because come September 1, I have to have another cardiac monitor. I have to have another vehicle. I have to have all this equipment in place. And unfortunately, I can't say, well, I only need a quarter of a cardiac monitor because we're going to serve for a quarter of the year. Vice President Green stated if we're going to pay the annual fee, and we didn't do another contract with them when it's time we're not even sure. We just got them saying that ALS is going to probably take longer. He's saying it will be by the end of the year. Mr. Thornton stated we do a lot of drill this week with the county Department of Health. So as far as the intermediate service, which will take maybe only 60% of that away as far as we are hoping to have that up by September 1st. The service that's most critical is the cardiac as far as pharmacology and the paramedics, and EHR level. I can't get enough like both between the drugs and the requirements. I'm doing the same thing as him. I'm spending \$80,000 on two monitors alone and I finally got something to get us through just for Licensure. So either one of us is doing the same thing. Vice President Green asked have you tried contacting the State? Mr. Sly replied yes, and they have absolutely nothing to do with Mr. Williams that I just spoke with when we were up at the hospital and the house bill, provisional money that is specifically allocated for this in the state and I've talked to everybody else I could within the county. There's nothing that says here's a brand or a formula at the state level. Even the County money is going towards this whole Open Space concept. it's a matter of us instead of open space, you know what I'm saying. But we don't have that power to say please make \$2 million out of this budget, give this to life savings instead of the preservation of land. Your point is very good and I had a meeting with Commissioner Moskowitz the other day. County's rescue plan grant applications were due on June 1st. But on June 3rd, that's when they emailed us and I said had I known this was, you can bet your bottom dollar that we would have applied. Vice President Green stated that's why I didn't say the county. I was talking about the state because we have [inaudible] committee, we have a couple of our representatives and senators who I'm talking about money that's separate from the rescue money that the county is given to work including. I'm talking about the rescue money that they have a couple of billion dollars still sitting there that's not allocated for anything right now, that this is an emergency situation. There's a few of them that were very, very upset about the situation with the hospital. Maybe they need to be reached out to. Mr. Sly explained all three of us were there at the press conference with Senator Williams in reference to the closures and now the Medic program. It's just a matter of-- it's going to take so long to get the funds. No one can just write us a check and say here we go. I wish it was that easy for the surplus, but we can't tap into those dollars even from the senate's side. I think your point is well taken and Mr. Logan that would be something that if the city, so much to say having funded this way that you would go after that money and say, look you can bring that money back because that is money that we didn't allocate for this, but the bureaucracy and how much time it's going to take for those funds to get allocated at the state or federal level isn't going to happen in 22 days.

3. Letter of Recognition

President Lavender Norris read a Special Recognition letter for Ms. Stacy Yosko. Coatesville City Council recognizes Miss Stacy Yosko as she celebrates 30 years of dedicated employment. She's been a Coatesville resident her entire life, graduated from Coatesville High School, attended Brandywine Nursing School, and has been an active community member supporting the Brandywine Y and Coatesville High School swim teams for decades. She spent her entire nursing career taking care of seniors from our local community at Harrison House. Her dedication and leadership exemplify the pride of Coatesville. Congratulations to a Coatesville treasure, Miss Stacy.

Discussion Items

1. Minutes

There was no discussion on minutes at this time.

2. Consider changing No Parking to No Parking with Tow Away Zones

Mr. Logan explained there's been a number of calls that you can see. There are a number of complaints that we have no parking sign. But a lot of them do not have Towing on the signs on the pole, it seems. And we are beginning to see more and more frequency of traffic trailers parking on the street overnight in no parking spaces but no one is home. Our police department, they're additional tickets. Some go paid. Some go ignored. But these zones, most of them or a lot of them are on Lincoln Highway as well. And all of them, we try to post no parking there. There are some residential homes as well as businesses. And it's just starting to happen more and more. But this is just kind of a work [inaudible] members that we are getting calls in areas that request to consider that there is no parking and towing. There is the added zone, zone park. Lieutenant Ollis stated we don't typically tow for a parking violation unless it's clearly a hazard. If you want to consider the capability of our contract with companies, we have five currently approved. Towing a car is one thing, hauling the rig is another, but that would not be too much of an issue. I know there is one or two of the five that have that capability just as we operate on a rotation so there may be some violated [inaudible]. Yeah. So, we've had a couple of bigger rigs along west Lincoln Highway. They have been ticketed, but certainly, a sign that says tow and service agreed with tow. Whatever the size if it's been towed, we're able to enforce. That's what we're here for.

Citizens Hearings – Regular Action Items Only (3 Minutes)

There were no citizens comments at this time.

Vice President Green made a motion to citizens hearings on action items only; Ms. Allen seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Regular Action Items

1. Receive and consider a motion to approve an Ordinance for second reading and adoption entering into a lease with Proudfoot Investments XX, LLC, for the property located at 300 East Lincoln Highway, Coatesville, County of Chester, UPI No. 16-5-258, for the purpose of operating a parking lot, for a one-year term, with automatic annual renewal, with an annual rental payment of one dollar, and the initial payment paid in advance at the execution of the lease agreement.

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Mr. Jefferson provide a little description about this. This is a lease as it's outlined just for the operation of a parking lot. You previously leased this property that the RDA-- it was sold to Proudfoot by the RDA. So, it's now owned by Proudfoot Investments. Essentially, this is a lease where it's hopeful that there will be development in future, and we will be exiting this lease very quickly. However, real estate has to be entered into by the city charter and the ordinance, like you said, Mark. So we had the first introduction July 11 of 2022. For the charter, we then advertise it in the newspaper, which we did. And this is the second reading, so this is where Council can officially adopt the ordinance and tie to the lease the last time, so. This is the official adoption, and per the charter, we're going to have to move this in, just saying the city adopted this ordinance if you so choose to tonight. But that is what you are looking for.

2. Receive and consider DCED MTF submission

Mr. Folks made a motion to approve a Resolution authorizing official action relating to receiving a Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant for the Multimodal Parking Facility at the new commuter Train Station; Ms. Allen seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Logan explained this is just a Resolution for another grant application that concerns is getting ready to submit. This is for the Multimodal Transportation Fund, MTF, grant of \$2.5 million that's indicated on the resolution. This will be submitted to the Commonwealth Financial Authority, and it's to be used for the construction of a multimodal parking facility which is the Train Station parking lot that will complement the train station. So, we're continuing to move forward with our grant applications to improve our [calendar?] staff. Right now, we're at approximately \$1.5 million. We continue to work with staff and ECON Partners. That's pretty much it.

3. Receive and consider a motion to approve a contract with Enterprise Fleet Management Systems Inc. to assist with management of City vehicles including, but not limited to, acquisition, consulting, data management, repair and warranty management, administrative support and disposition under the Pennsylvania government approved Sourcewell program.

Mrs. Hut made a motion to approve a contract with Enterprise Fleet Management Systems Inc. to assist with management of City vehicles including, but not limited to, acquisition, consulting, data management, repair and warranty management, administrative support and disposition under the Pennsylvania government approved Sourcewell program; Vice President Green seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Troutman explained this gives the city access to professional fleet management services for basic vehicles owned by the city and used by the city through the Pennsylvania government Sourcewell program, which is a variation of CoStars. The program projected to save over \$500,000 over the next 10 years. Are there any questions? Mr. Jefferson stated we received potential amendments this afternoon. I did have an opportunity to review them because I was already on the road to get ready to come here. How will those amendments be accepted by the City? How will those amendments work? Mr. Troutman replied I believe your question was essentially how does this motion get effectuated? And the answer would be based on council vote then Mr. Logan and myself would make sure that the legal paperwork is in order and satisfactory to all.

Mr. Folks made a motion to close action items; Vice President Green seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Reports

1. Solicitor

Mr. Jefferson announced he have provided a more detailed attorney-client privilege report to council. Since council's last meeting, I provided and continued to provide legal advice to the city regarding any development matters. My office has worked on certain legal matters. I reviewed, analyzed, and provided feedback on certain contractual matters; I continued to work with DC regarding restricted companies; I drafted correspondence regarding a storm water matter; I worked on a new litigation matter. I attended a meeting regarding a land use matter; and I communicated with outside legal counsel regarding pending litigation matters.

2. City Manager

Mr. Logan announced many of you probably, or at least hopefully, you read the recent newsletter that we sent out last week. In that newsletter, there were a number of items that basically things that have happened in the city. If you didn't get the newsletter, I'll read you a few. Not the entirety, but just the headline. The City of Coatesville receive an award approximately \$9 million for the National--excuse me, National Sports and Event Center. That is the project on the Flats. The \$9 million came to us in state funding. That is to support the development of what is called the National Sports and Event Center, or NSEC, here in Coatesville, working with the IDG Development Group. That particular project, if you look outside on the easels, that's a 245-square-foot project. Again, situated on the Flats, which is probably 24, 25 acres property there. I think and, Colleen Terry, I don't know if, Richard, you know, but I think the \$9 million BIOS grant was the largest BIOS grant that the municipality has ever received, and I think it might have been the largest in the state. So congratulations, folks. Special thanks to Senator Comitta, Representative Williams, our county commissioners, the IEG development group and the Economic Development Council all serving as departments to make this grant happen for the City of Coatesville.

Moving on, the Sounds of Summer series kicked off last Friday evening in spite of the rain. This is a four-part series. We have these concerts outdoor in Abdala Park every other week. Just jazz music, a little bit of R&B. It's great to come out. I'm looking over at councilwoman Hunt and President Lavender Norris because a lot of people are expecting food in two weeks so you guys. But it's a wonderful event. It's our way of saying thank you to the community, it's our way of celebrating the summer. And school will be starting soon, so it's our way of wishing the kids that return back to school a great school year for them. If I can, I just want to give a shout-out to some of the sponsors of this event, these individual, companies, and individual supporters. They also supported Unity Day, which was held July 9th in Gateway Park. And those sponsors include PA American Water; Trulieve; Gawthrop Greenwood; Goldberg, Goldberg and Maloney; OIC of Coatesville, CBIZ, the Alliance for Health Equity; Pennoni; African American Alliance; Carroll Engineering; the National Iron and Steel Heritage Museum; DiMatteo Financial Group, LTL Consultants, and Barsz, Gowie, Amon and Holtz]. So thank you all, sponsors and supporters of this community, for your support.

The next item I have, of course, is the big one, September 17th. That is our 6th annual Coatesville Vintage Grand Prix. For those of you who have never been to our Vintage Grand Prix, it's a wonderful event. It's a three-day event, now. It starts on September 15th for the preview party. Tickets are available; go to our website, coatesvillegrandprix.com. But it's more designed to showcase the city. And right now, as many of you know, we are experiencing a revitalization, a renaissance, where things are happening in the community. We have a number of not only corporate supporters, but also just individuals that are doing some great things. A lot of you are in this room. Some of you are doing things behind the scenes that we're not even aware of to make the city better, and we appreciate that. So the Grand Prix is just a nice way of getting people out looking at some

vintage cars from 1942 to 1975 ranging from Mustangs to Dodge to Ferraris, and they also have vintage motorcycles, too. It takes place right here in town. We shut it down 2.2 square miles. Some people love it and some people don't. But it's all in good spirit. And so we think that those who do have challenges with it for six years-- or this will be the sixth year. I think they kind of planned for it. So we were very excited to have a number of folks involved with that. We will have food vendors out this year. We are continuing to look for food vendors. So if you know of any food trucks or companies that would be interested in vending for that day. And we get approximately 5,000 spectators throughout the day. And it's just as I said [inaudible], Thursday night is the preview party. Friday night is cruise in. It is a very informal cruise in night. So if you have a vintage car, you want to roll out of the garage and just cruise up and down Lincoln Highway. That's the night before. That's September 16th. And September 17th is the main event starting at 8:30 in the morning. And we end that day at 4:00. And this year, we have two wonderful sponsors. We have Jeff DiAmbrosio sponsoring our beer garden. Thanks to them. And the Marriott also is our official hotel sponsor for the Grand Prix this year. So I'm very excited about these two groups that are stepping forward to support the City of Coatesville. So I'll just end with that. And again, thanks to all of our sponsors, they are listed on the Coatesville Grand Prix website. Our sponsorship director Lisa Thomas, she's making sure that everyone gets their proper recognition. But again, go to that website, take a look at it, and if you're interested in becoming a sponsor, we still have plenty of opportunities for you. Let's see.

The last item I have is kind of sad news, and she's not here tonight. But for the next two or three weeks, I'm sure she's going to be getting a lot of recognition and a lot of emails of farewell. But in the newsletter, I did send a special farewell to Ms. Vanessa Briggs. Vanessa is the CEO and president of the Alliance for Health Equity. And she has been there for over five years, pioneering just new initiatives in the City of Coatesville. If you're not familiar with the Alliance for Healthy Equity, they were formerly known as the Brandywine Health Foundation, and I had a relationship with them. But Vanessa and their new team, they've just been kind of trailblazing in the philanthropic space. They fund more than 60 or 75 organizations throughout the city of Coatesville in the region. I think they just recently posted their annual report, and you can see where their money is allocated with integrations that they did. They partnered with other organizations like our United Way, nonprofit organizations like CYI, CYWA, 2nd Century Alliance. I mean, the list goes on and on, and Vanessa has been a tremendous and instrumental vessel to create these relationships. So, Vanessa, if you're listening-- you're probably not. You're probably having dinner and wine. But if you are listening, thank you for everything that you've done and brought to the city of Coatesville. We appreciate you. We're going to miss you, and we wish you the best of luck on your new adventure.

3. Assistant City Manager

Mr. Huston announced tonight, it's not real long. James obviously hit some big highlights. We have a lot of small things going on. For most of people watching or people in and to refer to the city calendar on our website, coatesville.org, and see exactly what's going on. I'd also check out some of the Facebook pages that are interesting. We've got probably half a dozen privately, or send me privately, run Facebook pages and postings. Like I just learned today, that Looker Books is getting ready to open in the old Army Navy store. So that's been very interesting to have a bookstore in Coatesville. We'll see how that goes. But tune into some of the things going on from a calendar standpoint and also from our Facebook page, the city's Facebook page, and also some of the open community pages that are out there for Coatesville. From a medical standpoint, COVID last month in June and July, both had 3000 cases, so steady in Chester County. That's a good thing. We still need to keep an eye on it. It is up from May, but we have steadied down. The new virus is going around

right now. I have not found any detail for Chester County specifically for that new virus. So right now, just kind of pay attention what's happening in the news. And it just seems there's always a virus of the month, or virus of the quarter, but pay close attention to some of those things.

Mr. Logan stated I'm sorry, there are two other items that I should have sent to you today that I forgot. One is the parking study. A couple of months ago, I shared with everyone that the-- the RDA had contracted with an independent firm to conduct a parking study. No, not a problem. And then the other thing, the other item I should say is the Economic Impact Study. And that's the study where based on the train station that's being constructed, they wanted to know what are some of the assets in the community, as well as what the impact of the train station is going to have on the City of Coatesville. From that preliminary report, and this is something that [inaudible] and I originally all talked about, they have now discovered 41 administrators working with them. And these are initiatives that range from the train station here in the community, the youth center, or I should say the community center. So, to have 41 initiatives going on in the city, the restaurant, downtown activity, the plaques, we have new investors that are coming into the community, buying property, renovating the property, and really uplifting the community, that says a lot for the community. So, I just hope we can continue to support them and hopefully ride out this year.

4. Police Department

Lieutenant Ollis stated the Chief had provided a more complete statistical document there. He asked that I share a few highlights for the month of July. First off, we want to thank the DAs office for the 17,000 plus stipend to supplement our camera system. So that is good news. It helps detect, deter, investigate. It also gives a sense of security for those that are in the area. So, we're going to be adding some cameras. So, we thank them for their generosity. In July, through Chesapeake Police radio, we had 1,833 calls tracked by call takers and dispatchers. It's a little down from June, which was 2,029 for our station log, which carries information volume that would not make it to the 911 center. 3,011 entries, a little down from June, which was 3,021. Also, in July, we had six Narcan saves, 13 car seat installs provided by a certified car seat technician at no cost to those requesting them. It's a partnership with PA-TIP and Chester County, we write the grant, we get the seats provided for those-- the variety anti-graffiti initiatives, Corporal Antonucci continues to do a fine job with the Youth Aid Panel. Those that aren't familiar with that, that's an opportunity for a young person who has made a poor choice to go through a panel of residents. And if they complete their tasks, own their mistake, then they will not be charged, which is great. People make mistakes. Corporal Antonucci is doing a fine job with that. We have five chaplains. We called out three of them at different times throughout July. One was for a DOA, another was for a house fire. And we had a couple of chaplains here at the last meeting when Officer Lutte took his full-time oath of office. We certainly appreciate our chaplains, and all that they do for us. We had Coffee with the Chief at the Coatesville Youth Initiative on July 6th. We thank them for hosting us. And it's always great to get together with community members and those representing local organizations. One of our officers facilitated an active shooter presentation, New Life in Christ Fellowship on the 14th. We had officers in the hot seat. That was a popular thing because those in the city hall were looking out the window, watching us seated outside by our parking lot with about two dozen summer camp participants because of the youth initiative. Great opportunity for them to just ask whatever they want to ask and we could give honest responses from the heart. For a while, we were doing officer-- or what we call drive-bys for birthday parties. Now, we're getting asked to stop by. So, we had some officers stop by, yeah, rather than-- a nine-year-old that wants to be a police officer one day who was having a police-themed birthday party. Some of you may have seen it on our social media. We highlighted that. But it's always nice to be invited to a party, we did a safety awareness training presentation for MCHC that

aren't familiar with that organization they're a center for community health. They help mothers and children. And they do a lot of home visits. They wanted to talk about some of their challenges and get some practices, so they enjoyed that. They got to pepper spray me and it was a good time. It wasn't really pepper spray. I did shut the eyes, it's never pleasant even if it's a water pistol. President Lavender Norris asked when the next Coffee with the Chief is? Lieutenant Ollis replied it's always the first Wednesday of the month, 8:30 in the morning. I know that we're having it in October at the CYWA, the first Wednesday. And I know that because I was very excited. We haven't had one there yet, so Lyla was gracious enough to make sure that they can host September. I'm not sure, so look for it on our social media for an answer relatively soon. It's always the first Wednesday, begins at 8:30 and it travels to different locations so we can impact every neighborhood.

Mr. Logan said I just wanted to approach the medical numbers. Council members, if you look at pages 5 and 13, and on 15, you will notice that there are items called the event type that are medical. There are 34 medical calls that are just listed here in the month for our police department. And the police department gets medical calls and takes them off the street. Now, all of these calls, they vary in different types of-- whether it's abdominal pains, there's one that's cardiac arrest. Lieutenant, can you tell us how this impacts the police department and you guys that are taking medical calls? Lieutenant Ollis replied Well, for as long as I've been a police officer, we respond to medical calls as well, because it's not always what it appears to be, for one. We are made aware for traffic reasons, assistance, often we're there first. So we got the impact of not having what we used to have is time. I look back to a situation that we had with one of our own officers not that long ago, and we were able to get to Brandywine in a matter of 10 minutes. That extra 20 minutes could have been the difference getting to another provider. I don't know if that answered your question.

Citizens Hearings Non-Agenda Items Only (3 Minutes)

Peter Di Maio

Mr. DiMaio thanked Council for what they're doing for the city. I know it's been hard I can't tell you how proud I am. So, thank you. The Board of Trustees for the Library. You may know Regina's brother, Francis Pilotti, his sister. So, our board is splitting ourselves up. Regina and I have Coatesville board members. [inaudible] some information I can [inaudible] but also, the other day, just to let you know, we're getting about 7 to 750 people a month coming to the library; 50% are from Coatesville and all the other municipalities that are there, we're having increase in circulation on our computer usage and our summer program numbers have gone through the roof. In fact, we had [going to take off, we had people actually come to them this time. So we're excited about it and we just got filmed. Recently, we are now the second largest library in the county. We are now number two. We have a brand-new board. We have a great board. So anyway, thank you for your support which you have given us and you continue to give. Just to let you know, we are going to invite the municipalities for a get together. We were going to just have Coatesville in August. But the other municipality kind of wanted their dibs too. So this took on a life of its own. So we had to not do August. It's going to wind up in October and we will be sending out all your invitations. So you'll see brochures periodically and the others are going to the other municipalities. So just a connection, if you ever have any questions, we'll keep you updated periodically here. But thank you for your support, thank you for your doing for the city and I love you all. So thank you.

Ajené Livingston

Mr. Livingston announced there are some items that I would like to bring to your attention in terms of what we have coming up. So-- Let's start with our focusing on some smaller projects, like our benches and things of that nature around the park. And the community. So we're going to ask your permission to paint a few of our benches, give them some life. We're going to start with Friendship Park. There's two benches in there

that are old, wooden benches that are chipped up and stuff. We're going to sand that, paint that. So that's one initiative. If you look towards the center of your page, you'll see Shakespeare in the Park. Somebody had this crazy idea to launch a county-wide Shakespeare in the Park initiative, where we'll have a production and that will go to all of the parks we've been in the county. And it would start here in our very own Coatesville. So, we're not quite ready for that yet. We really want to start the conversations, but we have an opportunity to sort of laterally coattail productions, our Revival production, and the Hub for Arts and Culture, which we are introducing A Midsummer Night's Dream. And we are going to have a production, our first production will be here at Ash Park. And then we're going to go to Downtown, and then we're going to go to Kennett. And with that, we're going to start the conversation for hopefully to launch it next year. And I've got to tell you, right, this [inaudible] to us, the city, with Parks and Recreation, to develop a better relationship within our network of parks and our community dwelling in Chester County. So that's that. So if you go above one, to Park and City Presentation, Palmer Park, we did all the mutual work, but we're still working with natural lands and master gardeners 17 to add some flowers and some shrubbery. We have to replace the rain garden that was washed away last year with Hurricane Ida, but also we have some beautiful planter boxes that we need to fill. So, we're working with them to have the community be a part of this process and everything from selecting the plants all the way up to sustaining and maintaining the plants going forth. So that's the part of the beautification. And then another part of beautification is a part of the Second Century. We are going a little bit north to Jeanne Treadwell Park to do some deep cleaning, pressure washing, sanitizing, and some graffiti removing. We're getting our local residents to contribute to the process of it. So that's the other part of the beautification.

William Robinson

Mr. Robinson stated I live on Elm Street After 40 years, I'm sick of this going on. They put a tree on property butting Elm Street Bridge, and the Bridge trees are 40 feet tall, eight inches thick, and it's pulling the power lines off of my property. I own the property, pay taxes, and, I mean, it's just a mess up there now. I can't even go in my backyard or my front yard because there's roots, limbs running around crazy and the sidewalks on the bridge is falling into my yard and when it hits grandkids, who am I supposed to talk to about this? And I have plenty of complaints, plenty of these, and ain't nobody showed up, yet. I even talked to you, too. You came here. I remember. I seen you there, but nobody has done a thing. I mean, who do I talk to? Who owns the bridge? No, just the bridge alone is a mess. I mean, I got a lot of animals that live up there, groundhogs, skunks, raccoons, you name it, it's on the bridge. Stray cats. I can't even go on my front porch at 7 o'clock when all the stuff comes off the bridge and comes on my porch, all right? So I got grandkids there and they play outside. Even Ricky Campbell even called me today about that because I called him Council asked Mr. Robinson to call Mr. Logan, City Manager. And between Mr. Logan and Mr. Houston, they'll drill down to the point of ownership for you and see what's going on.

Vice President Green made a motion to citizens hearings on non-agenda items; Ms. Allen seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Special Events - - Sounds of Summer Music Series - Coatesville Invitational Vintage Grand Prix

Council Comments

Mr. Folks said yeah, it's funny that you said something from five years when I came home. When they removed the poles, they leave a little piece of pole hanging on the wire from the old pole. They put a new pool. And Verizon and phone companies was supposed to come back and do it. Well, it's five years, and the truck did it today. And the first thing I thought about was city council. When people want things done immediately like me, but it took them five years to do that. And I was pleased when they did it, but it took them five years. But after they Fixed it. I was happy. That's what it takes in this city. It's not going to take

tomorrow. It's going to take a while to clean this mess up. So, what I'm saying is everybody wants it done-- Yeah. And I thought the same thing, but as I looked and learned-- I can remember when I first met Mr. Logan right over here before he even got hired. And I look at the city today, what this man has done. Now when I'm riding up and down Lincoln Highway, I see movement. I smile. To the entrepreneurs, especially African Americans, Spanish, Mexicans, it's your time to get on board now with downtown because it's going to be too late if you wait. This town is going to explode, so you better get on board now. There's people out there. Sue Springsteen, Mr. Logan, our downtown manager, Amber Little. See them because I'm telling you, this town is ready to explode, and I want you on board. Thank you for having me and thank you for coming out tonight. Have a good night.

Mrs. Hunt thanked everyone for coming and sharing this evening with us. Thank you for your input, especially to the EMT and the firehouses with the challenges that you're facing to try and provide for us, our residents to make sure and certain that we have proper emergency care, so I appreciate everything that you are doing and that then hopefully, we'll be able to work together to make sure we do our part to help with transitions for that. Last year, we were talking about rebranding of the city and about different areas meaningful for our residents, and I was approached, I received a phone call. Someone asked me about dedicating a street in honor of Dr. Atkinson, and he was one of the first Black doctors in our area and to the Clement Atkinson Memorial Hospital, and that building still stands. It's now a shelter on Chestnut Street. And so, when they approached me, during conversation, I said if we did that, I could see us possibly dedicating the street, so I can ask that we look into the near future that we dedicate the Street to Mr. Atkinson. I want to thank Council again, and again to our staff, thank you so much for all that you do.

Ms. Allen thanked everyone for coming. Get home safely and see you next time.

Vice President Green added it would be wonderful to do that, because there's so many people who worked in the hospital, were treated in that hospital. I was in that hospital as a little girl, and as a doctor of color, we always do so much for the community. Mr. Robinson's situation, it's a shame sometimes we're not going to the right people for not having the right attention put to our situation. But I think that now that you directed it to our city manager, we could at least find out who the owner of the property is. But I just don't want you to get discouraged, because when we do find out the owner, especially if you find out the owner is PennDOT or Amtrak. And so I do know that Mr. Logan would give it his full attention. I Thank you, sir Mr. Sly, for your presentation. To us, this has been a concern of everyone up here, a concern of the community. We're really praying that we get a hospital soon. We're really praying that we either get an emergency room soon or something. But then in the interim, we have to do what we have to do. So, I thank you for your presentation, and I know each one of us will take our time to think this through, and we have a right to protect ourselves. Getting to the hospital, it's a long time to get there, even getting to Westchester, it's 20 minutes, 25 minutes' drive. And to just go there without the help of trained EMS or life support. I thank you for your presentation, and I'm grateful to Washington Hose that you guys are thinking to get whatever certifications and things that you need. But I really think that we need to put this ball in the court of our State officials, because the fact that you have to come up with so much money and where this money is coming from, someone has to help. The notification of the hospital I think that they do well before we all knew that this hospital was closing. So, I kind of blame them a little bit, you know what I mean, for not coming forward in enough time to some type of arrangement and better shift in a better situation than we are right now. So, again, I do thank you for coming out. But aside from that, the Sounds of Summer started this Friday, and they were awesome and I'm looking forward to next weekend. The only thing that I ask is one of y'all has to come and prepare for food. [Both of you will cook?]. But yeah, the Sounds of Summer started and it was amazing. The people came out and some of our residents were looking forward, they couldn't wait. I got I don't know how many phone calls, as a matter of fact, one lady, she came down. And she says, "Am I going to see you tonight? I'm

excited." I was like, "We have to go see." Sounds of Summer got started, and I'm just excited that we are in a position that we are providing our residents with the entertainment and the recreation that is free of charge. All you have to do is come out and enjoy the week. I thank you all for coming out tonight and I hope that you all have safe trips home.

President Lavender Norris thanked everyone for coming out. I was saying earlier when Mr. Sly was talking, that I was just saying all things work together for the good. And I'm thinking with regard to how different municipalities have the opportunity to come together on one important issue, and it isn't selfish, it isn't what I can get for mine. It's for the betterment of everybody. And I thank you for persevering today. Mr. Thornton, I thank you for going through your training and presenting yourself once everything is in order, because it is going to take more than just Westwood and Coatesville. So, I'm grateful that you gentlemen have begun moving your process, and we'll do our due diligence to ensure that everybody has an opportunity to the proper health care, emergency attention. It's necessary, while Green Line-- no, Tower Power didn't find it necessary. We did, we did. And we believe our residents matter. So, yes, we're here for you still. Like Ms. Green was saying about the Sounds of Summer, it's such an exciting time and it's an opportunity for community to come together. If there's one universal sound that draws everybody, it's music. It goes beyond your culture, your status, your financial set, it goes beyond all that. Music is music to everyone. And because it's set forth, I see now that Caln Township has a Sounds of Summer band. Valley Township has a Sounds of Summer. Music, it's music. That us, harmonized together. Everybody, we can do this. No, I'm not going to say it again. I'm saying we are doing this. It's happening, and the more we come together I'm sorry. It's I went to a revival. It was me, three cities, Get me together affect whoever's [inaudible] me and we together can affect the city. How awesome is that? How much does it cost you to smile at someone during bad times? Billy, you back there are mad about your yard. He's having issues with his yard. I have compassion. I understand. I fuss and grumble too. And it's not my property, but I grumble about another one. However, I thank God I have a property to go home to. I don't know what people's situations are. We have to look out for one another. We have to do it. And when we get to the point where we can esteem one another a little more highly than ourselves, we're on to something. We're on to something. So I thank you all for coming out. I encourage you to take your time and look at the City's website. We have a lot of boards and commissions with vacancies. We need you. Just come on and be a part. Thank you. Thank you. Thank you. God bless you and please have a blessed evening.

Adjournment

Mrs. Hunt made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Mr. Folks seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

This meeting will be conducted live and zoom