

February 27, 2006
7:00p.m.

The regular meeting of the Doylestown Borough Council was held on the above date at the above time in Council Chambers with the following members present: President John ("Chip") Thome, Vice President Lou White, Council Members Darrin M. Hoffman, Detlev Ansinn, Jr., Melissa Bond, David Bull, Lori Clipner, and Jennifer Corr, Also present were: Mayor Libby White, Borough Manager John H. Davis, Assistant Borough Manager/Zoning & Planning Director Philip Ehlinger, Lt. Mike Cummings, Director of Finance Caroline Leiter, Borough Solicitor Charles T. McIlhinney, Borough Engineer Robert G. Solarz, and Code Enforcement Officer/Fire Marshal David Cell. Absent were Councilman Mark D. Double who was in the hospital and Chief James Donnelly who had knee replacement surgery.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1.) Presentation of Plaques

- Jonathan Rudolph Revitalization Board - 12 Years

Mayor Libby White presented a plaque to Ms. Janine Rudolph who was at the meeting representing her father-in-law Jonathan Rudolph. The Mayor asked her to extend Borough Council's appreciation to John for his volunteer time on the Board. Ms. Rudolph thanked Borough Council on behalf of her father-in-law.

2.) Commendations

- Paramedic Joe Hayes
- EMT AJ Campbell
- EMT Tom Mitchell
- EMT Everal Walker

Mr. Dave Cell said Mr. Walker was present but the others were out on an emergency call. Mayor Libby White read the Official Commendation recognizing the outstanding actions of the Paramedic and the EMTs with regard to the resuscitation of a

heart attack victim at the Heritage Towers. Part of the Commendation read that; if not for the concise assessment and proper care administered by the Paramedic and EMTs, the resident of Heritage Towers would not have had the second chance on life that he did.

Mr. Walker accepted his Commendation and the Chief and Deputy of the Central Bucks Ambulance and Rescue Unit accepted it for Paramedic Joe Hayes, EMT AJ Campbell, and EMT Tom Mitchell.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1.) January 23, 2006 Council Meeting

In response to Mr. Thome asking for a motion to approve the above minutes, Mr. White said there was one (1) correction. It is at the bottom of page 918 - "part-time" should read overtime.

Upon motion (White-Clipner) to approve the minutes of the January 23, 2006 Council Meeting with the above correction all Council Members present were in favor.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION - Mr. White - no report

WATER - Mr. Bull

Mr. Bull said they had their first Water Committee Meeting on Monday, the 6th, this month. We talked about a couple of quick things. We are trying to get together a meter replacement schedule. With regard to the Well communication system review and upgrade plans, we are trying to get our arms around the cost of that and how it is going to proceed. We discussed the e-coli testing incident at the Linden Elementary School in January. Basically, what we wanted to establish was how our communications went and any lessons learned. Some of the erroneous test results were one of the two key items that came out of the discussion. Since then, we have had some discussion with Quality Control Labs, who are our testing agency, and got a commitment from them to make sure they are going to make some changes internally so this does not happen. All our

communications channels went well with the school officials, the health department, and Borough residents. He thinks Mr. Davis and his staff did a commendable job on that incident. We had a meeting with DEP, Borough members, and a representative from Representative McIlhinney's office on February 7, 2006 regarding the contamination section of 300 North Broad Street to get a project status as to where we are with the cleanup of that site.

COMMUNITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS - Ms. Clipner

- 1.) **Fire Marshal's Report - January 2006**
 - **Doylestown Fire Co. No. 1 Report - January 2006**
 - **Central Bucks Ambulance and Rescue Unit Report**

- 2.) **Code Enforcement Report - January 2006**

Ms. Clipner said for the sake of expediency she just wanted everyone to know that the Fire Marshal's Report for January 2006, consisting of the Doylestown Fire Company No. 1 Report and the Central Bucks Ambulance and Rescue Unit Report, as well as the Code Enforcement Report of Doylestown Borough for January 2006, are available to the public. Because of the long agenda for the evening she said she would not go over all of those figures.

Mr. Hoffman noted that thanks to the Code Enforcement Department the number of alarms for the fire company has gone down considerably.

- 3.) **Authorization to Advertise Landscape Maintenance Bid**

Ms. Clipner said the committee is recommending that Council authorize the advertising of this bid. It is for the landscape maintenance of planted areas in parks, parking lots, and traffic islands in the Borough.

Upon motion (Clipner-Hoffman) to authorize the advertisement of the Landscape Maintenance Bid in response to Mr. Hoffman, Mr. Solarz said there is a schedule with the

description and summary of work with the documents so each area has its own scope of work. Mr. Davis said the Doylestown Historical Society Park specifically is getting a fairly large make-over due to all the damage that we had there. That is the one area where we are spending a lot to replace dead material and actually add new material. There is also another area at Starbucks Parking Lot and Kenny's Parking Lot. Because of these areas we added another \$2,000 to our bid estimates this year. Also, once the low bidder is brought on board, there is a walk through in the Spring. Other dead materials that we don't know about right now, whether under snow or become victims of the latter part of the Winter, are identified and typically a change order is prepared by Council for those additional items.

Mr. White said regarding the downtown situation we did learn at the committee meeting that a large portion of this landscaping is going to have to go to restoration of shrubbery at the Historic Park which is a sad situation to say the least.

Mr. Thome said there has been a motion and a second and he called for a vote. All Council Members present were in favor of the motion.

ZONING AND PLANNING - Mr. Douple

1.) Historic and Architectural Review Board Report

In the absence of Mr. Douple, Mr. Bull gave the report. He said at its regular monthly meeting, the Borough of Doylestown Historical & Architectural Review Board (HARB) recommended the following.

1. 47 West State Street - Rick Skidmore - The applicant presented before the Board seeking approvals for new business signs conforming with Borough Ordinances. This application is recommended to be approved as submitted.
2. 192 East State Street - Henry Holkey - The applicant presented before the Board seeking approvals and recommendations to replace the existing lap siding with new siding of the same material and color. This application is recommended to be approved as submitted.

- 3.) 94 North Hamilton Street - Chris and Margie Cowan - The applicant presented before the Board seeking approvals and recommendations to replace the existing second floor windows and front door. The new windows and door will be of the same style as originally constructed on the residence. This application is recommended to be approved as submitted.
- 4.) 45 West Court Street - Marc Edelson - The applicant presented before the Board seeking approvals and recommendations to replace the existing tar roof and dormer windows with new in kind materials. The slate roof will be replaced with a composite slate-like material of the same style and color. This application is recommended to be approved as submitted.
- 5.) 64 South Hamilton Street - Lenape Valley Foundation - The applicant presented before the Board seeking approvals and recommendations to replace the existing roof with a new asphalt shingle roof. This application is recommended to be approved with the condition that the new roofing material match the adjacent dwelling in style and color.

Upon motion (Bull-Ansinn) to approve the applications, as stated above, all Council Members present were in favor.

2.) Land Development Waivers/Site Development Plan Approval:

A. Bucks County Bank - Reconstruction of Former Pizza Hut, 200 South Main Street, into Bank

In response to Mr. Bull's question, there were representatives in the audience for this application. They were: Mr. William Goldman representing the applicant, Mr. Chris Chandor representing the bank, and Mr. George Donovan the architect.

Mr. Bull said the Zoning & Planning Committee reviewed the application for Land Development Waiver and Site Development Plan Approval for the proposed reconstruction of the former Pizza Hut Building at 200 S. Main Street into a retail bank branch for Bucks County Bank. The project previously received a recommendation for approval from the Borough Planning Commission. The Zoning & Planning Committee is recommending that Council waive Land Development and grant Site Development Plan approval provisional on the applicant's agreement and compliance with the following conditions:

1. That the applicant resolve any outstanding issues in the Borough Engineer's review letter dated January 17, 2006, and any subsequent letters, to the satisfaction of staff.
2. That the applicant resolve any outstanding issues in the Borough Water Engineer's (CKS) Letter of January 13, 2006.
3. That the applicant comply with the Shade Tree Commission memo of January 20, 2006 and provide additional parking lot buffering as recommended.
4. That the applicant install three (3) typical Borough Historic Streetlights and poles along Clinton Street at locations determined by the Borough Engineer.

Mr. Chandor said there is not room for three Historic Streetlights along Clinton Street. He asked if the Borough would want them installed at locations other than on their own property or merely pay the bill for this? Mr. Ehlinger said the Borough will accept a cash contribution in lieu of the actual installation and we can have them located and installed. The typical cost per light is \$4,000. That was acceptable to the applicant.

5. That the internal parking lot fixtures be the typical Borough Historic Streetlights, but that the poles may be approved equivalents.
6. That the building's exterior design shall be as submitted on the attached renderings, and that the final Design Plans be submitted to the Borough Zoning & Planning Director for review prior to application for Building Permits.
7. That the applicant provide evidence, in form and substance satisfactory to the Borough Solicitor, that the subject development will be served by adequate sewer service from the Bucks County Water & Sewer Authority as required by Chapter 18, Part 7, Section 701 of the Code of Ordinances of the Borough of Doylestown. Sewer permits shall be provided at the time of Building Permit Application.
8. That the applicant enter into the usual Land Development Waiver Agreement in form and substance satisfactory to the Borough Solicitor.
9. That in all respects the project comply with the laws and regulations of the Borough, County, and Commonwealth.

The applicant agreed to the above conditions.

Upon motion (Bull-Bond) to grant a Land Development Waiver and Site Plan Approval with the above conditions all Council Members present were in favor.

B. Additions to Linden Elementary

In response to Mr. Bull's question, Mr. Ken Rodemer, Assistant Director of Operations for the Central Bucks School District, said he was present to represent the applicant and also present was Mr. Frank M. Monti, P.E. with the firm Faridy Veisz Fraytak.

Mr. Bull said The Zoning & Planning Committee reviewed the application for Land Development Waiver and Site Development Plan Approval for several small building additions at Linden Elementary School. These additions will not result in any more classroom space or additional employees. The project previously received a recommendation for approval from the Borough Planning Commission. The Zoning & Planning Committee is recommending that Council waive Land Development and grant Site Development Plan approval provisional on the applicant's agreement and compliance with the following conditions:

1. That the applicant resolve any outstanding issues in the Borough Engineer's review letter dated January 17, 2006, and any subsequent letters, to the satisfaction of staff.
2. That tree protection fencing be deployed around all trees adjacent to the construction area.
3. That the applicant enter into the usual Land Development Waiver Agreement in form and substance satisfactory to the Borough Solicitor.
4. That in all respects the project comply with the laws and regulations of the Borough, County, and Commonwealth.

In response to Mr. Thome, the representatives of the applicant said they were in agreement with the conditions.

Upon motion (Bull-Ansinn) to grant a Land Development Waiver and Site Development Plan Approval with the above conditions all Council Members present were in favor.

PUBLIC SAFETY - Mr. Hoffman

1.) Plan for Addressing Disruptive Behavior and Vandalism in the Town Center

Mr. Hoffman said the Public Safety Committee held a Town Meeting at Lenape Middle School on February 8, 2006 to discuss the above plan. As a result, the committee is recommending to Council three elements of the plan. They are the education, enforcement, and Town Watch items. There seemed to be unanimous support for these items at the meeting.

Upon motion (Hoffman-White) to approve and implement the education, enforcement, and Town Watch elements of the Plan discussion followed.

Mr. Ansinn said these three items are the enforcement aspects; with regard to enforcing ordinances, education; which includes notification letters to parents, and the Town Watch component. These are pieces that, from feedback at the Town Meeting, were received positively both from residents and the retail merchant's community.

In response to Ms. Heather Walton, Lt. Cummings said the Town Watch would be put together on the lines of the National Town Watch Association and the program would not be any different than what is being used everywhere else in the United States. Basically, citizens would have communication with the radio room, they would be the eyes and ears of the Police Department. If they see something, they are to contact the radio room and have an officer dispatched to whatever is going on. They will receive training. They will be looking for things that are indicative of crime or of disruptive behavior.

In response to Mr. Bull's question, Lt. Cummings said at the present time there is a list of about twenty-five (25) names for the Town Watch. There would have to be some type of screening of the volunteers before we put them through the training.

In response to Mr. White, Lt. Cummings said the coordinator of the Town Watch

Volunteers would have to be someone who is dedicated to this project. They will be responsible for scheduling the volunteers, making sure they show up for their appointed times, making sure that new volunteers get the proper training, and be able to work with the Police Department in carrying out this project.

Mr. Ventresca, who was in the audience, was told that the ordinance, with regard to congregating in parking lots, refers to a quantity of five (5) people and it does not apply to public sidewalks. Mr. Ventresca said on Friday evening he was walking through town and a few times the sidewalks were blocked. He just stood there and said excuse me and did not even get recognized. You have to walk in the street to get around them. Lt. Cummings said there is a section in the Crimes Code which is a State Statute that deals with blocking public passageways. That is part of the stricter enforcement that we are talking about. Mr. Thome said to Mr. Ventresca that there are a couple of Criminal Statutes of a summary nature that could be applicable to certain situations such as disorderly conduct. One of the education aspects of the Plan is to make sure that situations like you are describing are consistently enforced by our entire department. Therefore, the education goes two ways. One is out to the public and the youth describing and educating as to behavioral expectations. The second is to our Police Department so that we have consistent enforcement.

Mr. Bull said there were a lot of suggestions that came out of the Town Meeting. These are a couple of steps to start improving the situation. By no means does it alleviate the situation but it is a small step toward it.

Ms. Nancy McHale asked what the intent of consistent enforcement is? One of her concerns is that there is not consistent enforcement. If there are four (4) or five (5) young people standing and blocking the sidewalk it is enforced. If it is three mothers with strollers nobody says anything. She said blocking the sidewalk is blocking the sidewalk

and refusal to move is refusal to move. She feels that is an important thing to keep in mind because that is one of the reasons that young people feel harassed.

Ms. Vicki Barrella thanked Borough Council for the Town Meeting. She said she thought it was great and was widely attended. She thinks what Council has brought up tonight are the three (3) best parts of the Plan. She said she was told that the wide brick area at Hamilton Street, all the way up to the curb, is considered the parking lot even though it is a sidewalk and is included in the Parking Lot Ordinance. Mr. Davis said they cannot enforce it as such. They have confined the Parking Lot Ordinance to the interior of the parking lot and made a distinction between the contiguous sidewalks.

Mr. Ernie Giancola said he actually saw Police Officers within ten feet (10') of a large crowd of nineteen (19) people blocking the sidewalk. Why wouldn't the officers ask them to move along? He has also had a number of his tenants tell him they have decided not to go into town to patronize the retail places because they feel intimidated by this. If a Police Officer was there and did nothing then, why should I believe they are going to do something in the future? Mr. Thome said last year, when the problem escalated in town, we did increase the walking police force but with specific instructions not to start issuing citations recklessly. We had hoped that would work and it did not. The comments that there has not been a consistency is absolutely correct. With the adoption of these new measures we are going to address that. We are hopefully going to enforce the laws that are on the books in a consistent manner. Our desire is that after the first couple of \$300.00 citations the word will get around to the offenders and it will stop.

With regard to Mr. Giancola's concern for the cost to the taxpayer because of the vandalism to public property, Mr. Davis said where the Borough is able to get restitution, when we have apprehended a culprit, we are aggressive. We do make every effort to make sure that the taxpayers money is returned. Obviously, we are only successful where we can make an arrest.

Mayor Libby White said she would like to stress that Council encourages the citizens to report every incident of any kind of vandalism, trespassing, etc. We encourage you to call in each time something happens and report it when it starts.

Mr. Tom Frank, owner of a business and a resident, thanked Council for taking a very serious approach to a very difficult problem. It is long overdue. He thinks rather than the police in cars it is extremely important to have police on the street walking or on bikes for the business community as well as the residents. With regard to the blocking of sidewalks, kids are doing what kids do. We need leadership out in the town helping people move along and letting them know when they have stayed too long in a certain location.

Ms. Lisa Crawford said she feels that at State and Hamilton Streets the situation has been created that opens up that area for people to slow down, transition, have a drink of water, look at the town clock, and sit on the bench. When does slowing down, lingering, and enjoying the corner become obstructing the pedestrian way? Ms. Clipner said when you can't get past someone without walking into the street that is when it becomes obstructing. Ms. Crawford said the invitation has been put out there for people to congregate at that corner and that is something Council needs to look at. She thinks the Borough has to recognize that they have given the invitation. Maybe you have to look at the corner and see how it is constructed. Mr. Bull said that is one of the points that several people mentioned during the Town Meeting. What can we look at effectively in that given area. Obviously, that is a very big problem area for congestion.

Mr. Hoffman said he thinks they want to focus on the motion on the table. There are a lot of issues with regard to this whole Plan that need to be discussed and there will be another opportunity on March 8, 2006 for discussion. In front of us now are specifically the three items mentioned in the motion.

Mr. Thome said there is a motion and a second on the floor to approve and implement the education, enforcement, and Town Watch elements of the Plan and he called for a vote. All Council Members present were in favor of the motion.

Mr. Hoffman said the other two (2) items discussed at the meeting on February 8, 2006 were the video surveillance cameras, specifically at the three (3) problem locations, and a curfew. The committee is passing along the video surveillance camera question to the full Council for their input and at this time they are tabling the curfew discussion.

Upon motion (White-Clipner) to purchase surveillance cameras for the three (3) locations outlined in Chief Donnelly's Plan discussion followed.

Mr. Hoffman said the three (3) locations for the cameras are: the Doylestown Society Historic Society Public Park, the Plaza West Parking Lot which most people know is at the corner of State and Hamilton Streets, and the Wood Street Lot which is behind the Wachovia Building. He said the reaction at the February 8, 2006 meeting to the issue of surveillance cameras was mixed. It was not as unanimous as the first three (3) items.

Lt. Cummings, in reply to Mr. White, spoke about two of the specs for a camera available from one of the vendors. Mr. Davis said Chief Donnelly and Lt. Cummings have talked to many vendors and we do have one that we have honed in on. Depending on what Council does tonight, we could finalize that proposal and discuss it with the Public Safety Committee.

Mr. Hoffman said, more so than an officer sitting in a room watching all these cameras, the main benefit will be that, if there is an incident, they can go back and look at the tapes and try to find out who caused the incident if, in fact, there was not an officer there at the time. It can be used as evidence in prosecuting vandalism or other criminal activity. Mr. Thome said we do not anticipate anyone viewing these films. It will be used only after the fact to go back and determine perpetrators. Lt. Cummings said he has been

told that he is the person that will be viewing the tapes. The intention is that, if something occurs, they will be able to go back and view a block of time to see if they can identify the person who committed an act of vandalism, or an assault on someone, etc.

Ms. Clipner said she thinks the cameras directly address the cost issue associated with the vandalism with the hope that this would do away with the necessity of going over to the parks every morning and having to fix things, and having to replace things, and trying to repair the damage that was done to the tune of quite a lot of money just for the one year. She thinks that once the word is out about the cameras that is going to be a deterrent. Mr. Davis said the cost of the cameras is roughly equivalent to the physical damage and the cost to repairing those three (3) areas.

Mr. Ansinn said his concern is regarding the investment in the cameras and the technical costs without the opportunity to see how effective the cameras are in use/ practice or is it just going to move the problems to other areas of the town. He does feel we need to pursue the camera option but he also believes that in the long run if we have a very successful Town Watch Program that will provide greater coverage and discreet coverage for the cameras. We do need to do something now because we do not have a Town Watch Program but he wants to make sure that what is done does not end up costing residents a great deal of money without a lot of direct benefit. Mr. Davis said the proposals they have looked at have fallen within roughly \$20,000. Mr. Davis said that the cameras are not a substitute for the patrols. When we talk about the enforcement, the foot patrols, citations, and the Town Watch, the patrols also apply to the three (3) areas where the cameras will be as well.

Mr. Bull said he agrees with Mr. Ansinn that the cameras will eventually be a deterrent but his concern is that we have the flexibility of not casting the location in stone. The back area of the Historic Park is designed for people to congregate out of the way so

the cameras are warranted. If we put a camera back there and still get vandalism, what is Phase II? Is it a fencing opportunity to restrict that area? He wants to make sure that flexibility is there. If we have the proposals in hand at the next Public Safety Committee Meeting, we can make a determination as to the best approach at that time. Mr. Davis said they do want to be able to redeploy/relocate the surveillance cameras if need be. Mr. Bull said in the area of the Wood Street Lot, while it is in a residential area and is under some vandalism issues, it does not have a light currently. In the past, the local residents were reluctant about a light. If we reinitiate that sort of thing at a more cost effective approach, or a motion sensing scenario, and take that to the residents, we could see if that would be an applicable option in that area. Again, the flexibility is the key. Mr. Thome said he is assuming that the motion on the table includes that flexibility.

Mr. Davis said, as he understands the motion on the floor, we are approving the purchase of the cameras for the three areas mentioned specifically. The intent is to bring the background work that the police have done on the technology, along with a recommendation, to the Public Safety Committee and based upon that go ahead and order the cameras. He would not anticipate bringing all the technology back to the full Council next month unless that is what Council would prefer to see. Mr. Davis said right now we have a \$20,000 budget number that we would intend to stay with. If we were to exceed that, we would make that proposal to Council. His thought is to have a work session at the Public Safety Meeting and if Council was specifically interested in the technology aspect they could attend at that time and we would not lose an entire month. If we wait until the next full Council meeting to decide upon the specific technology, we will not have the cameras deployed by Spring time.

Mr. Hoffman said Council has to keep in mind that this is a budgeted item. Although Council has an interest in this, it is in the Chief's and Mayor's domain in terms of

the specific technology and not to micro-manage that piece of it. He said from his perspective on the Public Safety Committee he does not want to second guess the Mayor or the Chief or anyone else in terms of what is going to be the best implementation of that technology other than to say we agree with it or we don't agree with it and here are the locations where we would like to start implementing it. He thinks that is where the motion is. It was not his intention to go through a detailed review of the technology at the next Public Safety Meeting. Mr. Davis said there will be a recommendation from the Police Department. They will make a proposal, within the budget parameters, as to what they feel is the best proposal after discussions with their consultants. Lt. Cummings will also be available if anyone wants to ask him anything about the proposals we have received. It was not our intent to have a choice made by a full session of Council amongst a variety of proposals.

Ms. Lisa Crawford, a Borough resident, said she was not in favor of the surveillance cameras and outlined her questions/concerns. In response, Mayor Libby White said she had talked to the Chief about some of the same questions Ms. Crawford had. Who will be watching the tapes and what permission will they get to watch them. As Lt. Cummings has said, no one is going to be sitting there watching them as they unfold. There is a time-frame as to when the tapes will be destroyed. Mr. Ansinn said to Ms. Crawford that when you talk about the surveillance tapes, many of these types of devices use hard drives and have specific retention rules.

Mr. Hoffman said the motion on the table this evening is to recommend the purchase of the surveillance cameras. He said at the Public Safety Committee we set policy for the Police Department. We don't want to get involved in the minute details in terms of the implementation of that policy. We have professionals; the Chief, Lt. Cummings, and the Mayor who are really in charge of implementing that policy. We need to look at that distinction and ask where does our responsibility end and their's begin.

In response to Ms. Crawford, Mr. Davis said there will be a policy document covering the use of the surveillance cameras and the public will have access to it. It will be completed before the cameras are installed.

In response to Ms. Crawford's comment that Council is not willing to slow down, Mr. Thome said it has been suggested by others also that Council is in a hurry in this process. He would like to point out that they have not been in a hurry. He thinks all Council will agree that they have taken their time. We have been dealing with this issue for nine (9) months. He is satisfied personally that the majority of the residents and business owners of this community think perhaps they are moving too slow. He is satisfied that they have been deliberative in their process and they will continue to be just as they are in traffic calming issues that they study and restudy and they will continue to study this issue for example. Mr. Thome said he does not want the public left with the thought that Council has not been deliberative in this process.

Mr. Tom Frank said he thinks Council has been far too slow. He thinks the courage Council has shown to address this issue is commendable. He knows that there are a lot of people present this evening that have been present for many meetings and invested a significant amount of time. He thinks they would all agree that a large majority of this group, residents and business people, agree that perhaps the surveillance cameras should be put in place. Putting the cameras in public parks may not be in our best interest though. The people visiting our town saying they are not coming back are not in our parks for the most part. They are in the public streets. The reason they are not coming back is a safety issue. He would say put up dummy cameras, put up ten (10) cameras and no one would know which ones are filming. That should discourage a lot of unwanted activity in this town that is prevalent seven days a week. His hope is that Council will have the courage to vote for this controversial motion.

A Borough resident said we are talking about no surveillance cameras when all the banks have them, most of the retail stores have them, the hospitals have them, - why not? He agrees with Mr. Frank about ten (10) cameras and no one will know which is filming. Council has my support.

Ms. Crawford said she did not want Council to think she meant they weren't working on this problem. She did not mean that across the board. She did not mean Council was rushing into everything. Her focus was on the surveillance cameras because the Borough has never had it before.

Ms. Joan Doyle, a Borough resident, said she agrees with Mr. Frank and many of the comments that have been made about the surveillance problem. However, it is not clear to her what Council is about to vote on. She would like to know if the surveillance cameras are moveable? Is there an installation cost? She thinks the idea of dummy cameras is an excellent idea. Is it possible that once the people who are congregating in the areas designated for the surveillance cameras begin to understand that they are under surveillance, and we will have expended \$20,000, they, who ever they are, will congregate in other places and then you will want more cameras to survey those locations. She thinks they need to be very clear on what Council is voting on and what they are going to do if the surveillance cameras do not achieve what we hope they will achieve.

Ms. Heather Walton said she thinks the cameras, in combination with the education, in combination with the Town Watch, in combination with enforcement is going to grow and improve our situation and we won't need to order more cameras. The whole package is going to improve our situation.

Mr. Davis said anything electronic can be moved from one location to another. There is a question of relative cost depending on the system that we will go through. His

concept of what they are doing is giving the Borough Staff the approval to purchase cameras with a budget of \$20,000 and that Lt. Cummings and Chief Donnelly will be at the Public Safety Meeting next month (within two (2) weeks) to run through their preferred proposal, answer the technological questions, answer questions about other proposals if need be, and with the Public Safety Committee's concurrence then go and actually order the cameras. It is our feeling that once the cameras are installed in Historic Society Park in particular and Wood Street Lot to some extent, because of the nature of those two areas (secluded, off the beaten path, not always evident on a foot patrol), the cameras will likely be needed there in perpetuity. Again, anything can be moved. Mr. Hoffman said although there may be other locations, people saying the cameras should be here or there, these are three (3) locations in the Downtown area that are publicly owned and two (2) of them are closed after dark. There may be other areas that could be discussed at a later time. This is to hopefully stop the vandalism and if it doesn't stop provide a record of vandalism that has occurred in those areas.

Mr. Thome said there has been a call for the "question" meaning we should vote. Mr. Thome said with Mr. Davis' explanation of what the meaning of this vote is, he calls for the "question". All Council members present were in favor.

Mr. Hoffman said the committee will meet again on March 8, 2006 and will be looking at some of the specific technology as well as hopefully the policy around it. Additionally, we will be continuing the discussion on the curfew. We have had a lot of feedback on that and encourage people to come out to the meeting and we continue to urge people to sign up for the Town Watch.

RECREATION, SHADE TREE AND PROPERTY - Ms. Corr

- 1.) Authorization to Advertise Ordinance Creating Youth Member of the Park and Recreation Board**

Ms. Corr said this ordinance adds a new “Youth” Member to the Park and Recreation Board. The position would have a two (2) year term and be open to Borough residents under the age of eighteen (18). The position would have the full duties and power of a Park and Recreation Board Member. The Park and Recreation Board and the Recreation, ShadeTree, and Property Committee believe the position would be a valuable addition to the Board and bring important insights.

Upon motion (Corr-Hoffman) to authorize the advertisement of an ordinance to add a new Youth Member to the Park and Recreation Board discussion followed.

In response to a questions from Mr. Ansinn, Mr. Davis said the minimum age for the new Youth Member is fifteen (15). Mr. Davis said he wanted to bring to the attention of Council one item that he and the Solicitor discussed. In the proposed ordinance at the bottom of page one, the last sentence, “In addition, the student member so appointed shall at all times be a resident of the Borough of Doylestown and be enrolled in and actively attending an accredited high school within the Central Bucks School District.” That may be interpreted to exclude private schools. Mr. McIlhinney said it would exclude areas outside the Central Bucks School District. Mr. Hoffman said then if someone were a student at Germantown Academy he would be excluded. Mr. McIlhinney said that was correct.

Mr. White asked Mr. McIlhinney if they could just strike the last few words beginning with “---- within the Central Bucks School District”, and just end the sentence with “accredited high school?” Mr. McIlhinney said they could. Mr. White said he would amend the motion as such. Mr. Hoffman said he would second it.

Mr. Thome said he would call for a vote on the amended motion. All Council Members present were in favor of the motion.

2.) **Delaware Valley College Partnership Dissolution Agreement:
Downtown Flower Program**

Ms. Corr said this agreement provides for the continuation of our partnership with Delaware Valley College through 2006 but dissolves this partnership after that time. The Dissolution Agreement was requested by Del Val. As you know, the Borough budgeted \$20,000 in 2006 as a capital contribution to the construction of a private greenhouse in which space will be reserved under a long term agreement to allow for the continuation of the Downtown Flower Program for the foreseeable future. This greenhouse space will be available in time for the 2007 Program. The Recreation, ShadeTree, and Property Committee is recommending that Council approve the agreement.

Upon motion (Corr-White) to approve the Dissolution Agreement with Delaware Valley College which provides for the continuation of our partnership with Del Val through 2006 but dissolves this partnership after that time discussion followed.

In response to Mr. Hoffman, Mr. Davis said the essence of this agreement is that we are both walking away from this with a handshake. The college has provided the space to us. They have fulfilled their obligations in terms of amortizing our original contribution, in terms of manpower. We are going to move our separate ways.

Mr. Thome said a motion is on the floor and a second and called for a vote. All Council Members present were in favor of the motion.

STREETS - Mr. Ansinn

Mr. Ansinn said he and Mr. Davis reviewed the Community Development Block Grant Program in particular the area on Atkinson Drive for resurfacing. We also reviewed the Hometown Streets and Safe Routes to School which includes sidewalk updates and enhancements including handicap curb areas. The meeting time for the Streets Committee Meeting has been changed to 6:30p.m.

ENGINEER'S REPORT - no report

SOLICITOR'S REPORT - no report

ZONING HEARING BOARD REPORT - Mr. Ehlinger

Mr. Davis said he would give the Zoning Hearing Board Report for Mr. Ehlinger because he had to leave early. The Zoning Hearing Board held a Hearing on Wednesday February 15, 2006 to consider two (2) applications.

1. Ilex Investments, the applicants concerning the subject property, 7 & 19 North Main Street. They are appealing an Enforcement Notice issued by the Zoning Officer relative to non-compliance with exhibit plans of the previous Zoning approval.
2. Stephen Capozzi, applicant concerning the subject property, the Amber Inn, 209 Shewell Avenue. He is appealing their Permit Denial concerning the expansion of the bar/restaurant into the second floor, and is requesting a Special Exception and a Variance to permit that expansion.

Mr. Davis said the Board also rendered two decisions.

1. David Gumper, owner of 30 East Swamp Road, was granted a Special Exception and Variances to convert a nonconforming house structure to office and retail use. A Variance to permit parking in the front yard setback, and a Variance to permit retail use within the Office Zoning District.
2. Stephen Capozzi, with regard to the Amber Inn, was appealing their Permit Denial concerning the expansion of the bar/restaurant. That was denied.

PERSONNEL - Mr. Thome

Mr. Thome said there are openings on several of the boards/commissions. There are twenty (20) or twenty-five (25) applicants applying for various positions. We will be conducting interviews tomorrow and the next evening. We look forward to interviewing people who want to volunteer to serve on our boards/commissions.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Libby White gave a report of the Police Activity for the month of January 2006.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Gene Brown of East Court Street said he checked the Borough Website to see what was on the agenda and it was blank. Also he found that most of the information on

there was from last year. Mr. Davis said they actually spent the beginning of the year having the Website turned over to another service provider which was just finished yesterday. That explains the downtime and it is also going to allow us to in-house add those things. Previously we did it through someone else.

There was a comment made by a woman in the audience about the Revitalization Program on Pine Street. She said the sidewalks are a real hazard getting in and out of the library. Mr. Davis said the Borough Engineer would go down there first thing tomorrow morning to check it out.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Ms. Leiter

Mr. Davis said he was standing in for Ms. Leiter who is attending the Fanny Chapman Pool Board meeting in the Conference Room. The report is for the period ending January 31, 2006.

Beginning Balance as of December 31, 2005	\$905,231.97
Total Revenues (General/Water)	\$293,476.80
Total Expenditures (General/Water)	(\$466,120.37)
Ending Balance as of January 31, 2006	\$732,588.40
Vouchers Payable (General/Water)	\$114,572.08
Fanny Chapman Pool Invoices	\$ 60,847.95
Road Tax Invoices	\$ 51.23
Transfer to Buck County Water/Sewer Authority	\$220,938.33

Upon motion (White-Clipner) to approve the expenditures all Council Members present were in favor.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- 1.) **Personnel**
- 2.) **Real Estate**

Mr. Thome said Council will go into an Executive Session regarding Personnel and Real Estate. Mr. Davis said the Personnel matters include a contract extension for the

Borough's Federation of Police and an adjustment to the AFSCME Contract. The Real Estate matter is the acquisition of real estate.

Upon returning from Executive Session three (3) motions were made:

Upon motion (White-Corr) to approve a four (4) year Labor Contract extension with the Doylestown Borough F.O.P. and to authorize the advertisement of ordinances amending the Borough's Police Pension Plan to create a D.R.O.P. Program and a Non-intervening Military Leave Buyback Benefit all Council Members present were in favor.

Upon motion (Ansinn-Bull) to amend the current Labor Agreement with AFSCME Local 1598 to increase the hourly compensation for the Deputy Code Enforcement Officer to \$21.27 per hour effective March 1, 2006 all Council Members present were in favor.

Upon motion (Clipner-Ansinn) to approve the Agreement of Sale between the Borough of Doylestown and the Commonwealth of PA for the former National Guard Armory at a price of \$344,000 all Council Members present were in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion (White-Hoffman) to adjourn the February 27, 2006 Council Meeting all Council Members were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

John H. Davis
Borough Manager

