

March 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, Mark D. Double, 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, Lieutenant Mike Cummings, Director of Finance Caroline Leiter, Borough Solicitor Charles T. McIlhinney, Karyn Witkowski of Gilmore and Associates, and Code Enforcement Officer/Fire Marshal David Cell.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1.) Presentation of Plaques

- Peg Prizer Shade Tree Commission - 11 Years

Mayor Libby White, on behalf of Borough Council, presented a plaque to Ms. Peg Prizer recognizing her volunteer time on the Shade Tree Commission. Ms. Prizer thanked the Mayor and Borough Council.

2.) Commendation

- Officer Jeremy Duff

Mayor Libby White presented Mr. Jeremy Duff with a Commendation recognizing his outstanding actions by apprehending a career criminal wanted for burglary. Officer Duff thanked the Mayor and Borough Council.

Lt. Cummings said Officer Duff, before coming here, was a member of the Philadelphia Police Department for two (2) years and has been with the Borough for one (1) year. He has just completed his one (1) year probation so this is a nice touch.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1.) February 27, 2006 Council Meeting

Upon motion (Ansinn-Clipner) to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2006 Council Meeting all Council Members were in favor.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION - Mr. White

Mr. White said there is no formal report but at the meeting in the early part of the month they sat as the Police Pension Fund monitors. He is happy to report that the 4th quarter response interest was 1.92% and for the year it was 5.79%. Given the conservative nature of the investments, that was an excellent response.

WATER - Mr. Bull - no report

COMMUNITY AND GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS - Ms. Clipner

1.) Fire Marshal's Report - February 2006

- **Doylestown Fire Co. No. 1 Report - February 2006**
- **Central Bucks Ambulance and Rescue Unit Report**

2.) Code Enforcement Report - February 2006

Ms. Clipner said Council has a copy of the above reports and they are available to anyone that would like to see them. She has not seen any of the reports from last year but it seems as though the Code Enforcement Officers are out there doing some good work. It seems to be a very active department.

3.) Doylestown Farmers' Market License Agreement Renewal, Buckingham Civic Association

Ms. Clipner said the Buckingham Civic Association came before the committee to renew their license for the Doylestown Farmers' Market this Summer. There was one (1) merchant (a florist) who objected to the selling of flowers at the Farmers' Market and came to the meeting to discuss that issue. The Buckingham Civic Association agreed to limit the number of flower sellers to grandfather what was already there. That matter was resolved.

Upon motion (Clipner-White) to renew the License Agreement with the Buckingham Civic Association for the Doylestown Farmers' Market all Council Members were in favor.

4.) Landscape Maintenance Bid Award

Ms. Clipner said Gilmore and Associates received the above bids on March 13, 2006. The low bidder was Jukus Landscaping of Pipersville, PA at a cost of \$10,326. The Borough did budget \$17,500 for this project. There will be an inspection performed and conceivably the remaining amount of that money will be put toward replacement of dead plants and needed in-fill plants so potentially there will be some changes.

Upon motion (Clipner-Ansinn) to award the bid to Jukus Landscaping of Pipersville, PA at the price of \$10,326 conditioned upon compliance with the Bid Specifications all Council Members were in favor.

5.) Report of Buckingham Township Airport Ad Hoc Committee Concerning Runway Safety at Doylestown Airport

Ms. Clipner said Mr. Davis gave us a report on a letter he received from the Bucks County Airport Authority informing us that the Buckingham Township Airport Ad Hoc Committee had made some recommendations to the Township as to the issues that are going on at the airport as far as lengthening the runway and closing Stony Lane. One of the recommendations that was made in that Ad Hoc Committee Report, which was accepted by the Buckingham Township Supervisors, calls for the shifting of the existing runway 100' West toward Doylestown Borough which in effect would shift the traffic from Buckingham to a much more congested area of Doylestown Borough. The committee asked Mr. Davis to send the Airport Authority a letter indicating that we would be opposed to any such shift.

Upon motion (Clipner-Ansinn) to approve the letter to the Bucks County Airport Authority opposing any such shift discussion followed.

Mr. Double said, if anything, he thinks the letter should be more pronounced, to have our point perfectly clear, that we are not going to be put in a situation where we can, at any point, be in favor of anything that would cause the runway to become closer to the Borough. The Airport Authority has indicated that is not their preference and they don't believe that is the proper way to handle the safety issue. If we can possibly make the letter stronger, I think we should.

In response to Mr. Thome's question as to what direct participation, if any, the Borough has played in this process, Mr. Davis said the Borough has not taken a position in this matter. We have been kept apprized by the Airport Authority but they have not asked us to take a position. What we are doing with this letter is weighing in on one item contained in Buckingham Township's Ad Hoc Airport Committee's Report which was provided to us by the Airport Authority as a courtesy. The Airport Authority has been quite diligent about keeping us informed on these issues. The Airport Authority makes it very clear in their correspondence that they are not seriously considering this particular recommendation of the Ad Hoc Report. The Airport Authority provided us with a copy of Buckingham's Ad Hoc Report as a courtesy which we had not received directly.

Upon motion (Clipner-Ansinn) to authorize Mr. Davis to send a "punched up" version of his letter to the Bucks County Airport Authority all Council Members were in favor.

PUBLIC SAFETY - Mr. Hoffman

1.) Hiring of Part Time Police Officers

Mr. Hoffman said the Public Safety Committee met in Executive Session before the Council Meeting this evening to interview two (2) candidates; Matthew Sinback and Darren Lingo.

Upon motion (Hoffman-Ansinn) to approve the hiring of the two (2) Part Time Police Officers; Matthew Sinback and Darren Lingo, subject to their completion/passing of a psychological and physical examination, all Council Members were in favor.

2.) Consideration of Ordinance #2006 - 1; Amending the Police Pension Plan to Create a Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP) and a Non-intervening Military Leave Buyback Benefit

Mr. Hoffman asked Mr. Davis to give the essence of this ordinance. Mr. Davis said the ordinance is to officially adopt two (2) improvements/changes to the Borough's Police Pension Plan. One is called a Deferred Retirement Option Plan which exists in any number of municipalities in the Commonwealth. It allows a police officer to retire for purposes of his pension while continuing to work for up to four (4) years. The second benefit is a buyback of Military Service time that does not occur while an officer is an employee of the Borough. For instance; two (2) years service in the military before an officer was employed could be counted toward his pension calculation if the officer were essentially to buy those years by reimbursing the plan for the amount that an actuary would determine was necessary.

Upon motion (Hoffman-White) to adopt Ordinance #2006 - 1 amending the Police Pension Plan to create a Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP) and a Non-intervening Military Leave buyback benefit Ms. Bond asked, regarding the DROP Plan, if an officer elects to get in this program, is he required to adhere to all of the physical requirements as one who is not in the plan? Mr. Davis said yes, you still have to fulfill all of the physical requirements of a Doylestown Borough Police Officer.

With no other questions/comments, Mr. Thome called for a vote on the motion. All Council Members were in favor of the motion.

3.) Authorization to Advertise Ordinance to Prohibit Parking on Both Sides of Maple Avenue at the Crosswalk at Maple Lane Between the Hours of 8:00a.m. and 9:00a.m. and 3:00p.m. and 4:00p.m.

Mr. Hoffman said this is in response to some concerns they have had with pick-up and drop-off of the students at basically a crossing area.

Upon motion (Hoffman-Douple) to authorize the advertisement of an ordinance to

prohibit parking on both sides of Maple Avenue at the crosswalk at Maple Lane between the hours of 8:00a.m. and 9:00a.m. and 3:00p.m. and 4:00p.m. discussion followed.

In response to Mr. White, Mr. McIlhinney said under the existing ordinance the way it was framed, heretofore, was to relate only to "No Parking". In this case, there has been an expansion of that to include "No Stopping, Standing, or Parking" in the locations referred to in items six (6) through nine (9) in this ordinance.

Mr. Ansinn said the committee is still discussing and considering other mechanisms to perhaps slow people down there.

Mr. Gary Peluso, a resident of Maple Avenue, said when the Borough put the strips in the street to measure speed, people driving from Route 313 would see them and slow down. Therefore, he does not think they were very beneficial.

Mr. White said at the meeting back in February there were two other proposals that were suggested by the residents and he would like an update on those. One was a Crossing Guard and the other was a Yellow Warning Light. Mr. Davis said they are both still on the table.

With no other questions/comments Mr. Thome said there was a motion and a second on the table and called for a vote. All Council Members were in favor of the motion.

RECREATION, SHADE TREE AND PROPERTY - Ms. Corr

1.) **Consideration of Ordinance #2006 - 2; Creating Youth Member of the Park and Recreation Board**

Ms. Corr said the Park and Recreation Board and the Recreation, ShadeTree, and Property Committee believe this position will be a valuable addition to the Board and bring important insights.

Upon motion (Corr-Hoffman) to adopt Ordinance #2006 - 2 creating a volunteer

position for a Youth Member of the Park and Recreation Board discussion followed.

Mr. Double said the last sentence under §313 talks about the member shall “be enrolled in and actively attending an accredited high school”. His concern is that those who are home schooled are still left out of this process. Mr. Hoffman suggested they say “an accredited high school program”. That was agreed upon.

In response to Mr. Thome, Mr. Davis said this would be a voting member. The person would be a full member. From time to time there were youth liaisons but the Board felt by making the person a full voting member it would convey the message that this was an important position. The liaison position tended to not have a lot of staying power. The observation was that the person did not feel fully engaged and this was meant to rectify that.

Ms. Corr and Mr. Hoffman said they would amend their first and second motion to read “an accredited high school program”.

With no other questions/comments Mr. Thome called for a vote on the amended motion. All Council Members were in favor.

STREETS - Mr. Ansinn - no report

PUBLIC SAFETY - Mr. Hoffman

At this time Mayor Libby White swore in the two (2) Part Time Police Officers Matthew Sinback and Darren Lingo who were hired as Part-Time Police Officers earlier in the meeting.

ZONING AND PLANNING - Mr. Double

1.) Historic and Architectural Review Board Report

Mr. Double said there have been two (2) Historic & Architectural Review Board (HARB) sessions since our last session and therefore two (2) reports for recommendation and approval from the HARB. Five (5) of the applications deal with new business signs

conforming with Borough Ordinances.

1. 86 West State Street - Cyber Stop, LLC
2. 86 West State - Courtyard Cafe & Catering
3. 30 South Main Street - J Carroll Molloy Realtor
4. 30 North Pine Street - Huna Mua Wellness Center
5. 15 West Court Street - Lisa Richards Salon

The other items recommended by the HARB are:

1. 16 West State Street - I-Wear Retail Store - the Board is seeking approvals and recommendations to replace the existing awning and window signs with new vinyl lettering conforming with Borough Ordinances.
2. 33 North Franklin Street - Kathleen Burns - seeking approvals and recommendations to construct a new residential addition and remove the existing 1 car garage. The addition to be constructed with hardi-plank siding, grand manor shingles, painted gutters, and new porch railings.
3. 83 South Hamilton Street - Doylestown Floribunda - seeking approval for a new 32"x 48" business sign.
4. 10 South Clinton Street - The Landmark Building - seeking approval and recommendation to construct a new "marquee" business sign at the corner of the building. This new sign will be constructed with a field stone material and will not have a directory sign attached to it. This sign is proposed to only contain the words "The Landmark Building".
5. 22 North Main Street - Bucks County Coffee Co. - is also seeking approvals for a new business sign and awnings above the business entrances conforming with Borough Ordinances.
6. 88 North Hamilton Street - Pam Pifer - is seeking a recommendation and approval for the replacement of the existing roof. This application is recommended for approval with the condition that the roof that is visible from Hamilton Street is replaced with a slate line shingle
7. 147 West Oakland Avenue - Earl Arrowood - is seeking approval for the construction of a new wrap around porch in the same style and location as the original 1800's porch.
8. 131 East Oakland Avenue - Jane Rawes - is seeking approval to replace the existing second floor windows with new wood simulated divided light windows.
9. 158 East Ashland Street - Stephen McQuillen - is seeking an amendment to a previously approved Certificate of Appropriateness. The applicant removed first floor

bearing walls of the original structure without prior HARB approval. The project was issued a Stop Work Order and has been inactive pending a HARB re-review. The amended plan will consist of the same architectural features as originally proposed but the building will be 20" higher than the original design. The walls that were removed, although not "Historically Contributing to the District", were supposed to be saved, and their removal constitutes a violation of Historic District Policy and the conditions of the original Certificate of Appropriateness.

Because of this incident, the applicant has agreed to add historic details to the design including true divided light windows, copper ½ round gutters/down spouts on the front facade, and cast iron brackets for the wood shutters. The applicant also agreed to make a donation to the Borough equal to the cost of purchasing and installing a typical Historic Street Light, with the location to be at the discretion of the Borough Engineer. Because the exterior design will be essentially unchanged from what was originally approved, the Board is recommending approval conditional on Zoning Department approval of the building and Council's approval.

Upon motion (Douple-Bond) to approve the applications, as stated above, discussion followed.

In response to Mr. Hoffman's question as to if there were any fines/costs associated with Mr. Stephen McQuillen of 158 East Ashland Street? Mr. White said all of the items in the second paragraph pertaining to 158 East Ashland Street are a result of the HARB trying to place some consequences on this man's actions. Mr. Thome said no there were no fines/costs. Mr. Hoffman asked if the consequences are significant enough so to deter someone else from doing this? Mr. Davis said they looked at the whole range of options available and it was our feeling, as staff, and conveyed to the HARB that the best means to proceed was to address this on a HARB level rather than a \$300.00 fine for a violation of a Demolition Permit that was fairly innocuous. Mr. Hoffman said his concern is that, yes, the addition of the gutters and the shutters are a cost to the builder but they are also a benefit directly to that property.

Mr. Ehlinger said the question is what violation of the Borough Codes and Ordinances did the builder commit that would constitute the issuing of a summary citation with the District Justice? He did have a Demolition Permit, yet he just exceeded the scope

of that permit. It wasn't as clear cut a case as I like to go before a Judge and prosecute a case. We like to win when we go before the Judge. In this case, because the violation was one that exceeded the scope, and not necessarily an outright violation of one of our codes, we felt that going back to the HARB and dealing with the issues that do impact the Historic District and extracting the appropriate compensation from the developer was the best avenue to take. The fines are the maximum fines, and it has been my experience, that the local Judge realizes that the applicant had made numerous concessions and may not be inclined to issue the maximum penalty. The builder's reputation has been damaged in Doylestown Borough, he had significant carrying costs on that project for forty-five (45) days while he was stopped, and these improvements are probably going to cost him more than \$10,000.

Mr. White said his regret is, as he watched this building get demolished, that he didn't jump in sooner when the front wall came down. Then he realized this little house was essentially gone. What irritated him was, when we campaigned for the Historic District, especially in the 1st Ward, we promised people that small houses would remain and now this small house is gone. Although what is going to be built there will look fine, it is one more little house that we don't have anymore. He thinks they did convey to the builder that he can't do this kind of thing. He asks the HARB, the Planning Commission, and the Zoning Committee of Council to be aware that there is a great public concern about where we are going in this town in terms of the size of the houses.

With no other questions/comments Mr. Thome said there was a motion on the table and a second and called for a vote. All Council Members were in favor of the motion.

2.) Consideration of Ordinance #2006 - 3; Amending the Zoning Ordinance Concerning Provisions for Parking in the Central Commercial District

Mr. Douple said the Borough's recent prosperity has led to a high demand for rental

space for retail and restaurant uses in the Central Commercial District. This demand has resulted in property owners seeking to expand the use of basements and storage areas of their buildings as “leaseable” space. The Zoning Ordinance contains a provision that allows parking requirements to be reduced or waived with only a Special Exception granted from the Zoning Hearing Board. Because the legal burden is very low to receive a Special Exception, controlling these intensifications of uses has become increasingly difficult for the Borough’s Zoning Administrators. This unchecked expansion of existing uses into basements and second floors, and other storage areas will, over time, cause the overcrowding of the Central Business District. The proposed ordinance removes the Special Exception parking waiver. It requires any new or expanded uses to park their proposed use according to the requirements of the ordinance and eliminates any reduction in parking by Special Exception. Reductions in parking will only be permitted if a Variance is granted by the Zoning Hearing Board. The requirements for a Variance are much more stringent than those for a Special Exception. Off-lot parking is still permitted by Special Exception if the off-lot parking is located no farther than 300 feet from the proposed use, and numerous other conditions are met.

Upon motion (Douple-Ansinn) to adopt Ordinance #2006 - 3 amending the Zoning Ordinance concerning provisions for parking in the Central Commercial District discussion followed.

In response to a question from Mr. Ansinn, Mr. Ehlinger said what Council is doing legislatively is giving the Zoning Hearing Board clear guidance as to what standard they should apply when an applicant comes before them. You are making it very clear that it is to be the Variance standard which is unique physical circumstances and an unnecessary hardship as opposed to a Special Exception which is a permitted Use.

With no other questions/comments Mr. Thome said this ordinance has been

advertised and there was a motion on the table and a second and called for a vote. All Council Members were in favor of the motion.

ENGINEER'S REPORT - no report

SOLICITOR'S REPORT - no report

ZONING HEARING BOARD REPORT - Mr. Ehlinger

Mr. Ehlinger said the Zoning Hearing Board held a Hearing on Wednesday March 15, 2006 to consider the following application:

1. Robert Kear, 155 East Oakland Avenue, is requesting Variances from Sections 502, 511, and 524.2 of the Zoning Ordinance to reduce the minimum front yard setback, and floor area ratio, as part of a plan to construct a condominium development.

Mr. Ehlinger said the Board will render a decision at their next scheduled meeting in April.

At the March 15, 2006 Hearing the Board also rendered the following decision:

1. Ilex Investments, also known as Chambers Restaurant, was appealing an Enforcement Notice issued by the Zoning Officer relating to non-compliance with a previous condition of a Zoning Hearing Board approval.

Mr. Ehlinger said the Zoning Hearing Board upheld and affirmed the Zoning Officer's Enforcement Notice

PERSONNEL - Mr. Thome

1.) Appointment to Various Boards/Commissions

Mr. Thome said on February 28th and 29th the Personnel Committee interviewed applicants to fill vacancies on various Boards/Commissions. As a result of these interviews, the committee is recommending the following appointments. Mr. Thome said he did want to say that they had many, many more applicants than positions and they always appreciate the fact that our citizens are willing to donate their time.

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Board/Commission</u>	<u>Term Expiring</u>
Hugh (Drew) Clymer	Historic & Architectural Review Board	12/31/08
Laura M. Morocco	Park & Recreation Board	12/31/06
Christopher May	Shade Tree Commission	12/31/07
Robert A. Mancini	Civil Service Commission	12/31/09
James A. Foster	Fanny Chapman Pool Board	12/31/06
Mary Ellen Oniskey	Fanny Chapman Pool Board	12/31/08

Mr. Thome said he did want to mention that the Fanny Chapman Pool Board recommendations are also recommended by the Fanny Chapman Pool Board. We do have

some positions open on the Revitalization Board but we are in the process of some additional interviews so that will wait for our next Council Meeting in three (3) weeks.

Upon motion (Thome-White) to appoint the applicants to the respective Boards for the terms listed above Ms. Clipner said she was impressed by the resumes. It is really gratifying to see the caliber of person coming out to serve on our committees. Mr. Double said he wanted to reiterate what Mr. Thome said. The people that unfortunately we did not have slots for had just as impressive resumes as those who we were able to find positions for.

With no other questions/comments Mr. Thome called for a vote on the motion. All Council Members were in favor of the motion.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Libby White gave a report on the Police Activities for the month of February 2006.

Mayor White said she would defer to Lt. Cummings who will speak to his involvement in the Town Watch, the surveillance cameras, and so forth.

Lt. Cummings said the Town Watch process is going very well. They are interviewing tomorrow and Thursday many of the people who applied for the position. We are also going to be at the "Underage Drinking" Town Hall Meeting at Lenape Middle School tomorrow to hand out the information and applications for the Town Watch. Hopefully, that will be up and running within weeks.

With regard to the surveillance cameras, we made application to PECO because we are going to run our cable on the PECO poles. That is slowing us down because it will take them two (2) to three (3) weeks to make a survey to make sure they can put the lines on the poles. That may put us a little later than our hopeful starting date of, April 1st. There is no charge to use the PECO poles.

In response to a question from Mr. White, Lt. Cummings said they have about forty (40) applicants for the Town Watch. With the Ads in the paper they are still getting new applicants. They are getting people from throughout the community not just from

Doylestown Borough showing an interest. Mr. Ansinn said he would like to add that at the Town Watch informational meeting Lt. Cummings conducted he did an excellent job with regard to laying out specifically the expectations for the volunteers.

In response to Ms. Bond, Lt. Cummings said he and the Chief will do a fifteen (15) minute interview with candidates for the Town Watch and then a basic criminal history.

In response to a question from Ms. Clipner, Lt. Cummings said most candidates for the Town Watch are willing to work at least four (4) hours, some people are willing to work eight hours. It was interesting. He put out a questionnaire asking specifically how many days a month, what particular days, and the hours. A lot of people were saying six (6) days a month.

Mayor Libby White said they have gotten some informal feedback. The young people are taking this pretty seriously. They are talking a lot about the warning letters coming home to parents. She thinks it is really having the impact that we desire of warning the kids that this is for real and it is going to make a difference. She also wants to add that tomorrow night there is a very important Town Hall Meeting on underage drinking which Lt. Cummings and I are both attending. We also will be signing up, possibly, more members for the Town Watch.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1.) Request for Modification of the Conditions Imposed Upon Approval of Intermunicipal Transfer of Liquor License; Huang's Inc.

Mr. McIlhinney said prior to the Council Meeting last month there was a 6:00p.m. Public Hearing held at a special meeting to discuss/hear the application of Huang's Inc. It was to modify some of the conditions that were originally imposed by Council on the approval of the transfer of their Liquor License from the location in Buckingham Township to the current location opposite the Doylestown Shopping Center. At that Hearing President John Thome, Vice President Lou White, Councilmen Det Ansinn, Darrin Hoffman, Lori Clipner, and Melissa Bond were present and conducted the Public Hearing. At that

time also they rendered a Decision and directed the Solicitor to reduce that Decision to the written Decision which is what is before Council this evening. A motion would be in order to approve this written Decision. He would, however, ask that the Council Members who were not present at the Public Hearing abstain because this was a Hearing quasi judicial in nature that is to say dealing with the Findings of Fact in matters of credibility.

Upon motion (White-Clipner) to approve the written Decision modifying the conditions imposed upon approval of the intermunicipal transfer of Huang's Inc. Liquor License voting for the motion were: President John Thome, Vice President Lou White, Council Members Det Ansinn, Darrin Hoffman, Lori Clipner, and Melissa Bond. Abstaining were Council Members David Bull, Jennifer Corr, and Mark Douple.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Patricia Gessner, a resident of the Borough, said she is concerned about shade trees on the rental dwelling properties in the Borough - Doylestown Meadows, Mercer, and Oak Terrace. There are a number of trees that have been damaged/destroyed and she sees no effort to replace them. She wonders if the Shade Tree Commission could help out. Mr. Ehlinger said existing properties are not treated as strictly as new developers are with trees destroyed by development. The Shade Commission has jurisdiction to review Tree Removal Permits and often negotiates replacement trees. In the Doylestown Meadows case, they did come back with some additional landscaping. In some places, as with many property owners, a rental property is treated the same for the purposes of property rights and tree removals as an owner occupied. The Borough can not compel you to plant trees on an existing property. We can restrict and hopefully talk you out of removing significant trees. We can negotiate and cooperatively get some replacement trees. We do not have the ability to compel a private property owner to plant new trees back unless it was part of the original Land Development Approval for the project. For instance; if there were trees that were stipulated as part of the development thirty (30) years ago or twenty (20) years ago when the places were built, we can require them to be maintained and put back. You mentioned three (3) developments. The Doylestown Meadows Apartments did go before

the Shade Tree Commission and they did work with the Shade Tree Commission on removing those Pine Trees that were along State Street. They were infected with several different blights and insects and the Shade Tree Commission's Arborist recommended they be removed because they were diseased and infected.

In response to a question from Mr. Double, Mr. Ehlinger said staff could go out to Oak Terrace and Mercer Park to see what happened to those trees. If they were removed illegally, or without permits, we do have leverage to make them replace the trees. We do have significant leverage with rental properties and complexes because of our frequent interactions with the Code Enforcement Department and those facilities as far as inspections.

Mr. Thome said he did want to mention that the new appointment to the Shade Tree Commission tonight, a gentleman by the name of Christopher May, has an incredible resume. He has worked at Longwood Gardens and the list goes on and on for years and years so he will be an incredible addition.

A resident of the Borough said she attended the Public Safety meeting with her son who now lives in California and he was impressed at what gets done at the bottom level. She wanted to thank Council for a positive experience. Mr. Thome said he thinks that is one thing that is maybe unappreciated by the public. A lot of work gets done at the committee level by not only Council but some volunteer Boards and others. A lot of people spend a lot of time for the good of the Borough.

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 February 28, 2006.

Beginning Balance as of January 31, 2006	\$732,588.40
Total Revenues (General/Water)	\$510,263.93
Total Expenditures (General/Water)	(\$452,210.22)
Ending Balance as of December 31, 2005	\$790,642.11

Vouchers Payable (General/Water)	\$ 80,166.67
Fanny Chapman Pool Invoices	\$ 2,173.44
Road Tax Invoices	\$ 23.50
Transfer to Buck County Water/Sewer Authority	\$174,386.04

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion (Douple-Clipner) to adjourn the March 27, 2006 Council Meeting all Council Members were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

John H. Davis
Borough Manager