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The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Marilyn Jacobson in the absence of Council President, Rob Cleland, and Vice President, John Abbott.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Mayor Becker, Abigail Corson, John Engel, Marilyn Jacobson, Bill Kuder, Eileen McDonald, Melissa Shafer, Betsy Tomlinson (for Dean Ibrahim), Dan Jenkins, and Patrick DiGangi were present.

Announcements:

The meeting will be recorded.

In the absence of three council members, Ms. Jacobson stated that according to the Borough Charter, four votes are needed to take any action.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

Robert Showalter commented on the DVRPC Butler Avenue Revitalization Studies.

Consent Agenda

Eileen McDonald made a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the February 9, 2010 Council Meeting, with disbursements from the general fund of \$ 133,883.61 for the month of February. The motion was seconded by John Engel, and carried by a vote of four to zero. The financial report will be filed for audit.

Special Items

Eileen McDonald made a motion to approve Resolution 2010-06 recognizing former Fire Police Captain, David Yates. The motion was seconded by John Engel and carried by a vote of four to zero.

Council Committee Reports

Mayor's Report

- Mayor Becker read a letter from a resident commending the borough on snow clean up. She also announced that Alma Funk, a long time community volunteer, passed away recently.

Parks Committee

Eileen McDonald reported

- The Parks calendar will be finalized soon.
- The Bucks County Open Space Board voted to recommend our application for the Municipal Open Space Improvement Grant to the County Commissioners.
- Ms. McDonald commended the Girl Scouts from Troop 21867 for speaking in favor of sidewalks at the February meeting.
- Thanks to a volunteer from Los Serapes for being a guest reader at Story Time.

Streets Committee

- Marilyn Jacobson reported that the Lindenfield Bridge construction should begin in mid-April, with completion scheduled for end of July.

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- Marilyn Jacobson – Fund raising has begun: 129 runners have signed up so far. Honorary race starters will be Deanne and Mike Smith, long time borough residents and teachers and contributors in the community.

Property Public Facilities

- **John Engel made a motion to approve the disconnection of the twelve redundant street lights recommended by Public Works for cost savings, with concurrence by the Police Chief that this will not affect public safety. The motion was seconded by Bill Kuder and carried by a vote of four to zero.**

Teen Action Committee

- Abigail Corson made a presentation of the Facebook page currently being administered by the committee and the Borough Manager.

Staff Reports

Police Facility Committee

- Melissa Shafer stated that after investigating options, the committee believes the best option would be to locate the police facility at the public works building. Three options were presented for council review. Price estimates will be sought and financing is being explored.

Manager's Report

- The 2006 Fire Inspection Ordinance was reviewed and recommendations for revision and updating were presented to council. The suggestions for revision would include reference to the updated Uniform Construction Code and provisions for enforcement, penalties, and appeals. Bill Kuder moved to direct the preparation of a revised Ordinance to be presented at the April Council meeting for the first reading. The motion was seconded by Eileen McDonald. After Council discussion, the motion carried by a vote of four to zero.

Engineer's Report

- Pat DiGangi and John Schmidt from the Sewer Authority met with Mr. Mayhew regarding the intended Fairview Park trail bordering Mr. Mayhew's property. Mr. Mayhew is expected to follow up with a specific request based on that meeting.
- A preconstruction meeting has taken place for the Lindenfield Fairview Bridge and Trail project with PennDOT and the contractor. Project will begin shortly.

ACTION ITEMS

- 1. Bill Kuder made a motion approve Resolution 2010-07, endorsing the DVRPC Butler Avenue Revitalization Strategies Plan. The motion was seconded by Eileen McDonald and, after discussion, carried by a vote of four to zero.**
- 2. Eileen McDonald made a motion to approve the policy for the Chalfont Borough Youth Committee Facebook Page. The motion was seconded by Bill Kuder. After Council discussion, the motion carried by a vote of four to zero.**
- 3. John Engel made a motion to award the Train Station Roof Replacement Project to La Porta Brothers Contracting of Warminster, PA, as the lowest responsible bidder. The existing**

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trim materials will removed and securely stored for re-placement. The motion was seconded by Bill Kuder and after council discussion, the motion carried by a vote of four to zero.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Upcoming meetings were announced.

Council moved to executive session at 7:45 p.m. to discuss a personnel matter. Council reconvened in the public forum and adjourned the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

Next Ordinance number: 393

Next Resolution number: 2010-08

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara Qualteria
Borough Secretary