

**BOROUGH OF GREEN TREE
COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 2, 2023**

Call to Order / Moment of Silence / Pledge of Allegiance

Green Tree Borough Council met on Monday, October 2, 2023 at 7:30 pm in the Sycamore Room of the Green Tree Municipal Center, 10 West Manilla Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15220. Mr. Tintori noted that the Borough Manager had a flight delay and would not be attending tonight's meeting.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Edward Schenck, Mayor
Arthur Tintori, President
Shannon Barron
Rino Lindsey
Ron Panza
David Rea
James Turocy

Also Present:

Kate Diersen, Esq., Borough Solicitor
Kim Beck, Stenographer

Absent:

Craig Romanovich

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

September 11, 2023

Motion:

Mr. Romanovich made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lindsey, to approve the September 11, 2023 minutes as presented.

Motion carried 5-0-1 with an abstention from Mr. Rea as he had not attended this meeting.

HEARING OF THE CITIZENS

Cheryl Bakin – Planning Commission Chair, 884 Greentree Road

- A.** Ms. Bakin complimented Council and the members of the Octoberfest committee for a fine job at this year's Octoberfest event. She lives directly across the street from the park, so she has a front row seat to the fireworks every year. Ms. Bakin suggested that the Borough consider making Octoberfest a two-day festival again in 2024. She said that all the surrounding communities have two-day festivals. Having a two-day festival would allow for more community members and members from other local communities to be involved in the festivities.
- B.** Ms. Bakin, as Chair of the Planning Commission, announced that the Planning Commission is planning on holding a public meeting to discuss the revisions to the Comprehensive Plan during their November meeting on Wednesday, November 15 at 7:00 pm. The Planning Commission is requesting that the meeting be advertised at the November Council meeting, as well as on the website. Ms. Bakin is also requesting that the Borough publicize the meeting through an email blast. The revised draft of the Comprehensive Plan will be posted on the website prior to the meeting for the public to review.

Don Gaupp – Green Tree Volunteer Fire Chief

- A.** The Green Tree Volunteer Fire Company went in on a grant for self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) with other local fire departments last year. The Fire Company was awarded a grant of approximately \$128,000. Unfortunately, this grant money will only cover around two-thirds of the SCBA

needed for the vehicles. The Borough worked with the Fire Company to purchase the additional SCBA equipment. Mr. Gaupp thanked the Borough for helping them purchase the equipment and for understanding that this equipment is important for the protection of the volunteers and the community.

Aldo Colautti – 143 Sheldon Avenue

Mr. Colautti stated that he was coming before Council concerning the repeated water main breaks that have occurred along Sheldon Avenue. He said he believes there have been four of them in the last month or so. Mr. Colautti believes that they are becoming a health and safety issue. He said that he understands that the Borough is not in charge of the water line maintenance and repair but felt that the Mayor and Borough Council should be aware of the ongoing issue. Mr. Colautti reported the water outage to the Borough office and Pennsylvania American Water this morning, and water was restored within three or four hours.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Rea gave the following statement:

“As member of Green Tree Borough Council, we have sworn to fulfill our duties faithfully and impartially to the best of our abilities in accordance with the laws and ordinances governing our community. The residents and taxpayers of Green Tree have entrusted us with the responsibility of overseeing all municipal matters, including personnel affairs. In instances where we must deliberate on individual employee matters, we convene in a specialized session known as an ‘Executive Session’.

Section 401 of the Borough’s Charter states: ‘Special meetings may be called by the President of Council and must be called upon written request of at least three members thereof. Members shall have at least twenty-four hours’ notice of such special meetings. The notice shall state whether it is for general or special purposes, and if it is for special purposes, the notice shall contain a statement of the nature of the business to be considered’.

Those special purposes, according to Section 403 in the Charter include, among others, matters pertaining to elected or appointed officials and individual employees.

In Section 310, the Borough’s Charter states: ‘No individual member of Council shall have any authority whatsoever under the Charter unless such authority is specifically delegated by the Charter or by the Council acting as a body.’

So, in summary, Executive Sessions must be called by the President of Council when at least three members of Council request it, and he or she does not have the authority to deny the request based on his opinion. Here is why this is so important.

A substantial personnel matter surfaced in late July, early August that I brought up for discussion. After many emails, Council decided to hold an executive session to discuss the matter. In an email on September 1, the Borough Manager stated that she would bring all relevant information to the Executive Session. The Executive Session was held on September 11, 43 days after the issue was brought into question, and we ended up not having all the relevant information as promised specifically a detailed report needed to make informed decisions, even though that report could be generated easily. The meeting was rushed, and I was out of town on business attending virtually. There was no consideration of my in-person availability even though I originated the issue. The meeting resulted in Council deciding not to engage external legal counsel to investigate the matter, even though our Solicitor recommended doing so previously in an email to Council. However, during that meeting, we never ruled out the possibility of conducting an internal assessment, particularly given the absence of important relevant information.

On Friday September 15, the important relevant information supporting the original concerns was provided to Council by the Borough Manager, the same data that was supposed to be reviewed at the September 11 meeting. Based on what was contained in the report, I immediately requested an Executive Session to be scheduled on Monday September 18 to discuss the personnel matter, and that only members of Council

be present. That was 17 days ago. To illustrate the gravity of this matter, when we vote on the payroll account this evening, I will vote 'no' due to what I perceive as inconsistencies in the payroll account based on what is included in the important report.

My request for an Executive Session followed the Charter. Mr. Panza, Mr. Lindsey, and myself all agreed to the need of the meeting via email, and I included a statement of the nature of business to be considered. Mr. Romanovich also replied indicating that he was not available on the 18. Recall that Section 401 of the Borough's Charter states that 'Special meetings may be called by the President of Council and must be called upon the written request of at least three members thereof.'

Emails and phone calls asking Council President Tintori when the meeting was to be scheduled occurred several times in the past 17 days. His first reply to my request was on September 19, asking for the agenda and reason for urgency even though my request was included in the chain of emails regarding the matter. He asked again on September 21. Both times I referenced personnel issues. Also, on September 21, he asked me to be transparent and provide a reason why I did not invite the Borough Manager or Solicitor, to which I responded, 'I will absolutely share the reason when we meet. After we meet without the manager, I will ask for another meeting that includes her.' Nothing in the Charter states that the Borough Manager or Solicitor need to be present at an Executive Session.

On September 24 Mr. Tintori sent an email stating, 'Sorry for the delay in scheduling this meeting. The Borough Solicitor, Kate is out of town this week. I will get back in touch with her today to determine when she is available. I will send out a notice to make sure everyone on Council can attend.' That was seven days ago and recall that this is a personnel issue. The Borough Solicitor does not advise us on personnel issues; we have a labor attorney for that. I also made it clear that her presence was not required.

This morning I found an email from Mr. Tintori that he sent last night informing us of an Executive Session after tonight's meeting. He did not include a purpose for the meeting and indicated that he believed only Mr. Romanovich to be unavailable. I never received an email from Mr. Tintori asking about my availability. Leading up to this, over the past 17 days, Mr. Tintori, as Council President, never asked for anyone's availability to meet, even though he promised to do so in his September 25 email. Little if any effort has been made to schedule the Executive Session to discuss the serious personnel issue. I can only assume that the Council President inherently disagrees with the issue and is abusing his authority to delay the meeting. I also find it interesting that he scheduled an Executive Session for after tonight's public meeting, not before. I also do not know if the meeting he scheduled tonight is for the serious personnel issue.

Art, this is not personal. Everything that I stated is fact and can be supported by email correspondence. We have an obligation to the taxpayers of Green Tree. Sitting back and ignoring this matter is negligent and not meeting the performance expectations the residents of Green Tree have for us and you as Council President. You have been a friend and a colleague so it pains me to proceed with this, but I swore an oath and in my right mind I cannot sit back and sweep this under the rug. You must be held accountable for not following the Borough Charter, especially on a matter of this magnitude.

If you had been more responsive, Council could have obtained the necessary information and clarity regarding the personnel issue before the payroll account vote. Even scheduling the meeting before tonight's public meeting, although considerably delayed, would have been a more acceptable course of action.

Therefore, I am formally requesting your immediate resignation from the position of Council President due to negligence of your duties."

Motion:

Mr. Rea made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lindsey, to remove Mr. Tintori as Council President for neglect of duty in failing to schedule the Executive Session, as mandated by the Borough Charter.

Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Barron	No
Mr. Lindsey	Yes

Mr. Panza	No
Mr. Rea	Yes
Mr. Turocy	No
Mr. Tintori	No

Motion fails, 2-4.

Mr. Panza explained that he voted no because the Charter states that the Council President needs a written request. He said that he would interpret “written request” to mean that an official letter would need to be written and that an email would not be sufficient. Ms. Diersen confirmed that an email would be considered a “written request” and that the request would not need to be in the form of an official letter.

Ms. Diersen noted that the Charter states that a special meeting can be requested, and that the President must give at least 24 hours’ notice before holding the meeting. It does not specifically state the timing for when the requested meeting needs to occur. She stated that she believes the President also has discretion to decide who should be in attendance at that meeting. Mr. Tintori chose to delay the discussed meeting until Ms. Diersen could be present. Tonight was the soonest Ms. Diersen was available to be present.

A. Finance and General Policy – Mr. Turocy

1. Motion:

Mr. Turocy made a motion, seconded by Ms. Barron, to ratify the actions of the Borough Manager in paying the September 2023 invoices from the General Fund totaling \$61,926.87; Farmers Market totaling \$758.50; Fire Department Apparatus totaling \$36,000.00; Payroll Account totaling \$207,766.67; Educational Service Agency totaling \$5,400.81; and Credit Card August 2023 totaling \$10,031.58.

Mr. Rea asked if he could vote “no” just for the payroll account. Ms. Diersen stated that he could request a roll call vote, and when it was his turn to vote he could explain that he was voting yes for every portion of the motion except for payroll. Ms. Diersen suggested that Council make an amended motion and vote for each portion of the September 2023 invoices separately for tonight’s meeting.

Mr. Lindsey noted that the motion refers to the “Fire Department Apparatus Fund”. He explained that this payment had nothing to do with apparatus but was used to purchase the SCBA bottles that Mr. Gaupp discussed during the Hearing of the Citizens. Money that had not been used in 2022 was moved over to the apparatus fund at the end of last year because the Fire Company knew that the purchase of SCBA bottles was necessary.

Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Barron	Abstain
Mr. Lindsey	Abstain
Mr. Panza	Abstain
Mr. Rea	No
Mr. Turocy	Yes
Mr. Tintori	Yes

Motion passes, 2-1-3.

Mr. Rea stated that he voted “no” specifically for one employee of the Borough.

Ms. Barron stated that she abstained because Council was voting to pay her husband on this bill.

Mr. Lindsey stated that he abstained because of the reasons brought up by Mr. Rea earlier in the meeting regarding the payroll account.

Mr. Panza stated that he abstained because he did not feel this was a proper motion for the situation. He said that he feels Council should amend the motion to approve the payroll account with the exception of one payment. Ms. Diersen said that she would recommend against naming an individual person as it is a personnel matter that should remain in Executive Session.

After a discussion, Ms. Diersen stated that if the majority agreed to reconsider the motion, the motion could come back on the floor as though the original motion had not taken place.

Motion:

Mr. Panza made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lindsey, to reconsider the motion that approved ratifying the actions of the Borough Manager in paying the September 2023 invoices from the General Fund totaling \$61,926.87; Farmers Market totaling \$758.50; Fire Department Apparatus totaling \$36,000.00; Payroll Account totaling \$207,766.67; Educational Service Agency totaling \$5,400.81; and Credit Card August 2023 totaling \$10,031.58.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Turocy	No
Ms. Barron	No
Mr. Lindsey	Yes
Mr. Panza	Yes
Mr. Rea	Yes
Mr. Tintori	No
Mayor Schenck	Yes

Motion passes, 4-3, with Mayor Schenck as the tiebreaker vote.

Motion:

Mr. Turocy made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lindsey, to ratify the actions of the Borough Manager in paying the September 2023 invoices from the General Fund totaling \$61,926.87.

Motion carried 5-0-1 with an abstention from Ms. Barron

Motion:

Mr. Turocy made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lindsey, to ratify the actions of the Borough Manager in paying the September 2023 invoices from the Farmers Market totaling \$758.50.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion:

Mr. Turocy made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lindsey, to ratify the actions of the Borough Manager in paying the September 2023 invoices from the Fire Department Apparatus totaling \$36,000.00.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion:

Mr. Turocy made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lindsey, to ratify the actions of the Borough Manager in paying the September 2023 invoices from the Payroll Account totaling \$207,766.67.

Mr. Panza asked if the payroll account could be broken down to exclude one item. Ms. Diersen said that she did not know of a way to do that without keeping the personnel matter private. She advised Council not to pull out any individuals from the payroll account at this time.

Mr. Panza asked if voting “no” on this motion would withhold payments for payroll. Mr. Rea stated that he could not vote “yes” to pay someone when he believes there is an inconsistency in the data presented.

Motion passed 3-2-1, with “no” votes from Mr. Panza and Mr. Rea, and an abstention from Mr. Lindsey.

Motion:

Mr. Turocy made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lindsey, to ratify the actions of the Borough Manager in paying the September 2023 invoices from the Educational Service Agency totaling \$5,400.81.

Motion carried unanimously.

Motion:

Mr. Turocy made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lindsey, to ratify the actions of the Borough Manager in paying the September 2023 invoices from the Credit Card August 2023 totaling \$10,031.58.

Motion carried unanimously.

2. Motion:

Mr. Turocy made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lindsey, to approve payment of the October 2023 invoices from the General Fund totaling \$229,271.33; Storm Sewer totaling \$2,010.73; Sanitary Sewer Maintenance Fund totaling \$21,905.50; Capital Projects totaling \$758.81; and Bond Fund totaling \$232.06.

B. Public Facilities – Ms. Barron

1. Resolution #1332

Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County (RAAC) Gaming Economic Development Tourism Fund (GEDTF) Grant

Motion:

Ms. Barron made a motion, seconded by Mr. Rea, to adopt Resolution #1332, designating the Borough Manager to perform the required duties between the Borough of Green Tree and the RAAC in execution and filing of an application for funds with the RAAC in the amount of \$150,000 to be used for the Green Tree Fire Hall Vestibule and Walkways Project.

Ms. Barron explained that when the Borough reconstructs the vestibule at the Carlisle Social Hall, they will need to make both the vestibule and the walkways leading up to it ADA compliant. This grant would cover most of the cost associated with bringing the building up to ADA compliance. Mr. Lindsey asked if this had been taken into consideration when it was put into the budget. Ms. Barron stated that she believed the cost was more than the Borough had originally anticipated.

Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Barron	Yes
Mr. Lindsey	Yes
Mr. Panza	Yes

Mr. Rea	Yes
Mr. Turocy	Yes
Mr. Tintori	Yes

Motion carried unanimously.

C. Public Safety – Mr. Lindsey

1. Civil Service Commission Sergeant's Promotional Exam

Motion:

Mr. Lindsey made a motion, seconded by Ms. Barron, to authorize the Civil Service Commission to conduct a Sergeant's promotional exam in accordance with Article X of the Civil Service Rules and Regulations.

Motion carried unanimously.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- A.** Mayor Schenck thanked the seventeen residents in the audience for attending tonight's Council meeting.
- B.** The Green Tree Garden Club had their annual luncheon on September 14. This luncheon was mainly for Borough employees as a thank you for their help throughout the year. Mayor Schenck and Mr. Tintori both attend this luncheon.
- C.** Mayor Schenck participated in the Borough's annual Octoberfest this year. He thanked the Octoberfest Committee for a great day. The Green Tree Borough Police Department had a booth at the event.
- D.** The Civil Service Commission met on September 19 to set a timeline for advertising and testing for new officers. Mayor Schenck is hoping to get enough good candidates so that Council can select two new members for the Police Department.
- E.** Mayor Schenck held open office hours on Saturday, September 23. Two members of the community attended this event. There were no major concerns, but a lot of good suggestions.
- F.** The Public Safety committee met on September 26 to discuss police matters and the Civil Service Commission. There was also discussion about designating a Chief of Police once new officers are hired.
- G.** Mayor Schenck attended a Mayor's meeting in Homestead. The 25 mayors in attendance exchanged thoughts and ideas.
- H.** Keystone Oaks is holding their Homecoming parade on Friday, October 6.
- I.** Mayor Schenck stated that the Green Tree Police Officers have been doing a tremendous job. In September, they had three mental health issues in the Borough and the officers were able to deal with them kindly. They have also been handling domestic disturbances and traffic stops.
- J.** Mayor Schenck stated that sometimes conversations are not pretty during Council meetings. He hopes that Council can avoid this in the future. He asked for Executive Sessions to be called sooner rather than later. Council needs to get some of these issues resolved behind closed doors, with or without the Borough Manager and Borough Solicitor. Mayor Schenck noted that members of Council may have different opinions and discussions may get heated, but he hopes that most of this can be worked out in private in the future.

COMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS**A. Finance and General Policy – Mr. Turocy**

1. Mr. Turocy had nothing to report at this time.

B. Infrastructure – Mr. Romanovich

1. Mr. Rea stated that the Infrastructure committee had recently discussed the Trumbull bridge. They have been informed that it is about a year behind schedule due to Transportation Infrastructure Program funding. He said that the Borough Manager has assured Council that the bridge is safe for travel and periodic safety inspections are performed.

C. Planning and Zoning – Mr. Rea

1. Mr. Rea stated that the Planning Commission in having a public meeting for the Comprehensive Plan on Wednesday, November 15. He said that he agrees with Ms. Bakin that the meeting should be advertised, preferably in the form of an email blast if a special exemption can be made. Mr. Rea stated that this is a very important meeting that really guides the future of our Borough in terms of planning.
2. Mr. Rea asked Ms. Diersen if the committee meetings should be open to the public since they do not pertain to appointed officials, individual employees, collective bargaining matters and land acquisition, or investigation and settlement of suits and claims, which are all discussed during private Executive Sessions. Ms. Diersen stated that the committees can meet behind closed doors if the meetings are for informational purposes and not deliberation.
3. Mr. Rea noted that Council had discussed the potential for holding workshop meetings at a previous Council meeting. He asked if there was any interest in moving forward with these meetings. Mr. Rea said that it would be a duty of the Council President to put these workshop meetings together and get them on a schedule. Mr. Tintori stated that if someone wanted to suggest a format or agenda for these workshop meetings then Council could consider putting them on the schedule. Ms. Barron said that when it was discussed the last time, it felt like more guidance was needed. To hold public workshop meetings, an agenda would need to be published. These meetings should be very focused on one or two specific topics.

Ms. Diersen suggested that Council should pick the day they want to hold the workshop meetings. They should use the rest of 2023 to figure out what the agendas for the workshop meetings should look like. The workshop meetings for 2024 could be included in the advertisement for the regular Council meetings.

Mr. Rea stated that he believes it is apparent after tonight's meeting that this Council needs to communicate more and hold more sessions for discussion.

Motion:

Mr. Rea made a motion, seconded by Ms. Barron, to request that the Borough Manager put together a proposal based on best practices of other communities that have working sessions and present that proposal to Council.

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Mr. Rea stated that he believes it is important for Council to continually take a pulse on the employees of the Borough in terms of their job satisfaction, morale, and level of engagement. He feels it is important for the employees to have an option to provide feedback.

Motion:

Mr. Rea made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lindsey, to authorize Council to engage with a third-party consultant to conduct an employee survey and focus group that reports directly to Council, not a specific committee or the Borough Manager.

Mr. Turocy stated that he believed it would be hard to vote on this motion because it is so broad.

Ms. Barron said that she has some questions regarding this process but is not sure her questions could be answered immediately. She stated that any time she has been involved in something like there, there has been a specific purpose with goals and intentions. Mr. Rea said that the goal would be to ensure that Council is giving Borough employees the best employee experience possible and that they have a voice that can be communicated in an anonymous and confidential manner. Council would not be able to determine an action plan until after the feedback has been received. If Council approves the motion, the next step would be to find an external third-party consultant to conduct this initiative.

Mr. Tintori stated that he is in favor of possibly doing this but is not in favor of hiring someone until Council has a firm grip on what they would be hired to do. He said he believes there should be further discussion before hiring anyone.

Roll Call Vote:

Ms. Barron	Yes
Mr. Lindsey	Yes
Mr. Panza	No
Mr. Rea	Yes
Mr. Turocy	No
Mr. Tintori	No
Mayor Schenck	Yes

Motion carried 4-3, with Mayor Schenck as the tiebreaker vote.

After a discussion, Council agreed to create a sub-committee to seek out providers and present their proposals to Council. Ms. Barron, Mr. Panza, and Mr. Rea volunteered to serve on this committee.

- Mr. Rea noted that in an email, the Borough Manager stated that the peer reviews would be presented to the Finance committee with a final wrap-up and discussion with action items. He said that he believed this information should be discussed at a public workshop meeting.

Mr. Panza stated that he thought the email was specifically referring to the one peer review with respect to the audit. Mr. Rea re-read the email and said that he understood it to mean that all three peer reviews were being discussed. He asked for clarification on why the Borough Manager would have said that. Ms. Barron said the Council would not be able to get clarification on this tonight as the Manager was not present. Mr. Turocy, the Finance committee chair, stated that he believed that the meeting was to review the peer review with respect to the auditor's report.

Motion:

Mr. Rea made a motion, seconded by Mr. Panza, to request that when it comes time to discuss peer reviews, all three peer reviews be discussed in a workshop meeting that is open to the public.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Lindsey noted that part of some of the peer review discussions will involve personnel matters. These personnel matters will need to be separated from the public meeting and discussed at an Executive Session.

- Mr. Rea stated that according to the Borough's Code, the Planning Commission may contract for professional planning services, which he believes could mean their own solicitor. He said that the Planning Commission would like to consider its own special counsel. Mr. Turocy asked when this had been discussed, as he did not recall it being discussed during a Planning and Zoning committee meeting. Mr. Rea said that this matter had recently been brought to his attention by the Chair of the Planning Commission.

Mr. Rea said that he would like to get clarification from Ms. Diersen on whether the professional planning services would include specific counsel for the Planning Commission. Ms. Diersen said

that she believed the Planning Commission could have separate counsel, but her understanding of that provision is that it was referring to engaging a planner. Some municipalities choose to use a third party when doing their Comprehensive Plan. She said that she believes the language in this provision is specifically authorizing that. Ms. Diersen said that it does not specifically state that the Planning Commission needs to hire the same solicitor as Council. Mr. Rea said that he will bring this information to the Planning and Zoning committee for discussion.

7. Mr. Rea noted that in the Borough Manager's latest update email to Council, she had referred to the app that the Borough intends to use to push out information, and that this would require residents to download the app. He said he thought he had read that the app could push out emails to residents as well and asked for clarification. Mr. Rea stated that he appreciated having the email blast because it was a quick and easy way to learn about what events were happening in the Borough. He agrees that enrollment in some of the Recreation programs might have decreased recently as a result of not having the easy access to information.

Ms. Barron said that she had done some research on the company and determined that the app can also send emails to residents. Residents will be able to choose which categories of information they are interested in receiving updates about, such as road paving or recreation updates.

D. Public Facilities and Equipment – Ms. Barron

1. The Public Facilities and Equipment committee met last week to discuss needs related to the Borough's parks and public property. The committee is looking to draw up a three-to-five-year plan with the Borough Manager to ensure that improvements are made to the various parks. The committee will also be reviewing the trail development plan that was enacted in 2017 for the nature center. They will be working with the Borough Manager to establish a forestry management plan for the nature center that will begin in 2024.
2. Ms. Barron, the Library Director, and the Borough Manager met with the Historical Society recently to discuss assistance that was requested by the society. At this meeting, they laid out some considerations that were researched by the Library Director and Borough Manager that could help the Historical Society continue to grow their work over the next several years. The Historical Society will be reviewing these options to determine how they would like to consider moving forward.
3. The Green Tree Public Library will be hosting their annual book sale October 12 through October 15. The last day for book donations will be Saturday, October 7. If any residents are looking for volunteer hours, the Library would love to have them help at the event.
4. The Borough Manager recently met with the Green Tree Garden Club and the Light Company to discuss some smaller projects that the Garden Club is interested in pursuing over the next several years.
5. During the Public Facilities and Equipment committee meeting, they briefly discussed the potential for pool renovations and reconstruction. The Borough Manager has scheduled a meeting with the aquatic architect that was originally hired to do the preliminary design work. They will be discussing the best path forward for moving forward with pool renovations. Ms. Barron explained that the Borough has borrowed \$1 million for this project that is on the bond for the Trumbull Bridge project. Once the Borough Manager has a revised timeline for the bridge project, they will have a better understanding of how much money the Borough will have to put into possible pool renovations.

Mr. Panza asked if this was the same aquatic designer that said four years ago that the pool would not last more than two years without major repair. Ms. Barron explained that she was not on Council four years ago, so she did not have that information. Mr. Panza said he would ask the Borough Manager.

6. The Borough owns a field at Green Tree Park that is primarily used by Point Park University, who pays the Borough for field usage each year. Point Park University will be submitting a proposal to the Borough for field renovations. These renovations will be funded by the University, not the Borough.

E. Public Safety/Public Safety Equipment – Mr. Lindsey

1. The Civil Service Commission approved a schedule and appointed exam administrators for the police hiring when they met on September 19. The physical agility and written tests are scheduled for November 28. Interested applicants will have approximately four weeks to complete their applications for consideration.
2. The Public Safety committee met recently to discuss several topics, including a memo from the acting Police Chief for the potential purchase of new body worn cameras and storage capacity. It was brought to Mr. Lindsey's attention shortly after their meeting that they would miss out on a \$10,000 discount if the Borough did not act quickly. The Borough Manager and Finance Director were both out of the office so Mr. Tintori was able to sign off on the proposal. This is a five-year package that will include new body-worn cameras as well as unlimited cloud storage. The cost of this five-year package is approximately \$65,000. However, with the \$10,000 discount and a \$20,000 credit that will be coming back from the County, the total cost for the Borough will end up being around \$35,000. The Borough will not owe any money until year three based on these discounts. It will not need to be a budget item for 2024 or 2025. Mr. Lindsey was assured by the Motorola representative that this order could be cancelled if the majority of Council did not want to move forward with the proposal.

Ms. Barron stated that the cloud storage would be expensive due to the fact that there are a lot of files that would need to be kept by the Police Department for a very long time which will take up a lot of storage space. Mr. Lindsey noted that the files are currently stored in a server located in the police office. If there were any major power failure or lightning strike, all this footage could be lost. Cloud storage would be a much safer option for storing these important files. Mayor Schenck explained that for every incident, there would be at least four videos; one video from each officer's body worn camera and one from each vehicle. Having multiple recordings for every incident requires a large amount of storage space.

Mr. Tintori noted that this proposal would need to be ratified by Council. Mr. Lindsey explained that since the Borough would not need to pay any money out of pocket for two years, Council could take a little more time to look at the agreement before voting on this at a future Council meeting.

F. Recreation Programming and Community Welfare – Mr. Panza

1. The Octoberfest committee will be meeting on Thursday, October 5 for their wrap-up. After this meeting, Mr. Panza will be able to give Council a summary of the final numbers.
2. The Farmers Market will be happening every Thursday through the end of October. After the Farmers Market is completed for the year, Mr. Panza is hoping to get a summary from the Recreation committee that he can present to Council.
3. The Green Tree Borough Deer Task Force met on September 25 to discuss the deer population problem in the Borough. They decided to pursue looking into some type of controlled harvest. Once Mr. Panza has more information, he will present it to Council for review and discussion.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – Mr. Tintori

- A. The Borough held their annual electronics recycling event in September, where more than 219 people brought in items for recycling. These items can be expensive to recycle on your own, so it is good to see so many residents taking advantage of this yearly event.

MANAGER'S REPORT – Ms. Miller

- A. In Ms. Miller's absence there was no Manager's Report this evening.

ADJOURNMENT

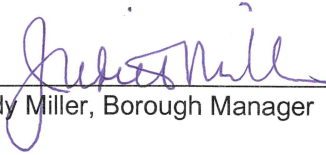
Motion:

Mr. Panza made a motion, seconded by Mr. Lindsey, to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 pm.

Motion carried unanimously.



Arthur Tintori, President



Judy Miller, Borough Manager