

REGULAR MEETING
BOROUGH COUNCIL
MALVERN BOROUGH

JUNE 19, 2007
7:00 P.M.

PRESIDING: Henry H. Briggs, President

INVOCATION: Gerard J. McGlone, Mayor

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

1. ROLL CALL:
 - Council President Briggs
 - Council Vice President VanSciver
 - Council Member Crawford
 - Council Member Edge
 - Council Member Lynch - ABSENT
 - Council Member Raymond - LATE
 - Council Member Smith
 - Mayor McGlone - ABSENT

2. PUBLIC FORUM:

Council President informed all present that copies of the agenda are available at the press desk. This is a Public Session of Council. Should any citizen/taxpayer wish to offer comments on any item on the agenda, now is the time to bring those comments before Council. Are there any citizens/taxpayers who wish to bring before Council any item not on the agenda?

- a. Bob Campanera, 518 Eaton Way (Hershey's Mill), West Chester – Mr. Campanera explained that he drove a school bus for Krapf Coaches and he was assigned to St. Patrick's School the last six months of this school year. Mr. Campanera reported that he is concerned about the situation at the school and has observed children running in front, between and behind the buses. Mr. Campanera felt this was a very unsafe condition for the children and is proposing the following plan, keeping in mind that St. Patrick's has not been very cooperative in doing their part in promoting children's safety. Mr. Campanera asked that Malvern Borough consider "Bus Parking Only from 7:45-8:05 am and 2:15-2:35 pm" signs be erected across from the Church on Channing Avenue so that the transfer buses can park at this location. This would alleviate the transfer buses, that stay for about 20 minutes, from parking in the lot and the other buses from squeezing into the lot with the children running everywhere. Parents could be encouraged to drop off their children in the Church parking lot adjacent to the Church and exit onto Roberts Lane. The children could cross at the crosswalk to the school. Mr. Campanera feels this would eliminate a lot of problems. St. Patrick's is used as an exchange for the three buses that take the children to other schools.

Chief McMahon reported that we looked at this situation last fall. When we eliminate parking, we are taking those spaces from people who ride the train.

Council Member Smith felt that if this was doable, we should consider doing it.

Council Vice-President VanSciver asked Mr. Campanera if he saw the situation improving if the Borough implemented his recommendations. Mr. Campanera responded that if the Borough did their part, St. Patrick's School would also have to do their part for it to work.

Council President Briggs referred the matter to the Chief. He felt this was something the Chief should look into over the summer and to have a plan in place by the next

school year. The Chief will contact Krapf Coaches. Council President Briggs feels that if everyone agrees this is a bad situation, Council should come up with a plan very soon.

b. David Bramwell, 203 Monument Avenue, reported that he has met with the Chief regarding traffic on Monument Avenue. There are seven children under the age of eleven in this block of Monument Avenue and Mr. Bramwell is curious to hear what has been studied and what is being considered.

Brandy Lovera, 147 Monument Avenue, reported that there is speeding on the street between the speed humps. She has seen a significant amount of people speeding during key hours of the day and motorists are using the road as a cut-through.

Mr. Bramwell reported that they have a problem with speed, volume at peak hours and commercial traffic and they have observed an increase in volume because of the development west of Malvern. They have seen a disregard for traffic laws and, with the construction on Route 202, traffic issues on Route 30, Paoli Pike and the streetscape project on W. King Street, he feels we actually pushed traffic onto Monument Avenue.

Jack Weikert, 137 Monument Avenue, reported that he has contacted the Police Department on several occasions regarding the traffic issues. On Saturdays and Sundays, there is additional traffic from the soccer moms and baseball games. He stated that if cost is an object, between the three of them, they could probably help with that. He stated that if he has to stand out by the street and ask people to slow down, he will.

Mrs. Lovera reported that motorists are slowing up to go over the hump and then are speeding up to make up the time. She also reported that there are no legitimate school zones around St. Patrick's School.

Mr. Bramwell stated that he doesn't even know why Borough Council has to debate the "No Parking" in front of St. Patrick's. If St. Patrick's does nothing, the Borough can say that they did their part. He feels that Borough Council must be sensitive to the residential issues. He reported that there are a lot of Do Not Enter signs in residential areas around the area. He feels that is the simple solution here. Do Not Enter from 7:00-9:00 am. Signs could be placed on Monument Avenue for eastbound traffic except for local traffic. No Right Turn signs could be placed on Monument at Crest, Malvern and Griffith so the traffic would be forced to travel on Paoli Pike. Mr. Bramwell stated that 12-15 UPS trucks go down Monument on a daily basis because they do not want to be on Paoli Pike, King Street or Route 30.

Council Member Smith stated that this was not a problem until they repaired the Route 352 Bridge. When they were repairing the bridge, motorists were forced to find alternate routes and they never went back.

Mrs. Lovera asked for a police presence on Monument Ave. Her biggest concern is stopping the speeding.

Council President Briggs reported that, according to state law, no speeding tickets can be issued until the motorist is traveling at 36 MPH.

Council Member Edge is concerned that the One Way Traffic Mon.-Fri. signs may not be enforceable.

Council Member Crawford stated that Council must also take into consideration that the Do Not Enter signs are an extreme posture and that Council must also consider where the motorists are going to go.

Mr. Bramwell responded that he does not care where they go.

Council President Briggs stated the quality of life here is a bigger issue. Council should look for another solution other than telling motorists they can't go up Monument Avenue. (Council Member Raymond arrived)

Mr. Bramwell responded that the volume is not doing anything for the business community or for safety.

Council President Briggs stated that he is comfortable saying that you come through town slowly, but he is not comfortable saying you can't come through Malvern.

Council Vice President VanSciver stated that John Meisel, also of Monument Avenue, has some good thoughts about traffic calming.

Council President Briggs asked that Mrs. Bramwell look at other traffic calming measures and report back to Council if other communities have implemented other ideas that work for calming traffic.

The following items will be considered regarding Monument Avenue:

- 1) Contact PennDOT for legal signs – the Do's and Don't's of various types of signs (Do Not Enter, Local Traffic Only)
- 2) Stop Signs everywhere?
- 3) Crosswalks – will look into crosswalks at Prospect and Monument and Warren at Roberts Lane. Mr. Weikert stated that he would be willing to store the crosswalk stanchions at his house and to put them up in the middle of the road and take them down each day.
- 4) Extend School Zone down Roberts Lane to Warren Avenue
- 5) Resources – other people have the same issues and we should look into those as well.

Council President Briggs stated that these items will be referred to the Police Committee and we should have something to report in August.

(Council Member Edge left the meeting for another engagement)

3. APPROVAL OF REPORTS:

A motion was made by Council Member Raymond, seconded by Council Member Crawford and unanimously carried by a vote of 5-0, to approve the Treasurer's Report, the Committee Reports for Finance and Administration, Public Safety, Public Works and the Chief of Police Report, the Code Enforcement Officer's Reports (Building Inspector's Report, Housing and Property Maintenance Report and Zoning Report), the Superintendent of Public Works Report and the Manager's Report for the month of May 2007 as submitted.

4. OTHER BUSINESS:

a. Zoning Ordinance Amendment – the Manager reported that amendments were needed to the Zoning Ordinance as identified in the handout. It was recommended that the proposed ordinance be referred to the Malvern Planning Commission for review and comment and to the Chester County Planning Commission for review and comment. The Manager recommended that the Malvern Planning Commission make a recommendation by the July

meeting of Council and that the Ordinance be published for adoption at the August meeting. Council concurred.

b. Malvern Fire Company Report – Council Member Smith reported that the Finance Committee reviewed a report on the Malvern Fire Company that was prepared by William Macaleer with contributions from Chick Devine. This Report is a result of a meeting in April concerning suggested changes that might occur in their financial management. A study was performed since that time and they came up with various recommendations. The Report will be submitted to Willistown Township for review and sent to the Malvern Fire Company with a letter outlining the recommendations that we would like to see implemented. We will request their feedback. Before the Report is disseminated widely, we would like to have the Malvern Fire Company give us their comments and a timetable of when and how the recommendations can be implemented. This will be going to Willistown Township in the next couple of days.

Mr. Macaleer is a Management Consultant and specializes in reorganizations. Mr. Devine is a C.P.A. and has worked with the Malvern Fire Company in the past.

5. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Council Member Raymond, seconded by Council Member Smith and unanimously carried by a vote of 5-0, to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra L. Kelley
Secretary/Manager