

## REGULAR MEETING

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MALVERN BOROUGH  
1 East First Avenue  
Malvern, PA 19355

March 21, 2023  
7:30 PM

PRESIDING: Amy Finkbiner, Ph.D., President

INVOCATION: Zeyn B. Uzman, Mayor

### 1. ROLL CALL

#### PRESENT

Council President Finkbiner  
Council Vice-President Bones  
Council Member Laney  
Council Member Niemiec  
Council Member Phillips  
Council Member Riccetti  
Zeyn B. Uzman, Mayor

#### ABSENT:

### 2. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council President Finkbiner asked in accordance with Resolution No. 840 if any member of the audience was recording the meeting. Several people recorded the meeting.

Council President Finkbiner requested as a courtesy, if you are participating via ZOOM, please turn on your camera while speaking.

Council President Finkbiner announced that Borough Council met in executive session on March 21, 2023 prior to this evening's meeting to discuss matters related to collective bargaining.

Council President Finkbiner announced that the Parks & Recreation Committee is hosting the Egg Hunt event on Saturday, April 8, 2023 @ 11AM located at the Paoli Battlefield

### 3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Council Member Laney, seconded by Council Member Niemiec, carried by a vote of 7-0, to approve the agenda for the March 21, 2023 meeting as presented.

### 4. MINUTES & REPORTS

#### a. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Council Member Laney, seconded by Council Member Riccetti, and carried by a vote of 7-0, to approve the minutes from the Tuesday, March 7, 2023 regular meeting of Borough Council as presented.

b. APPROVAL OF REPORTS

A motion was made by Council Member Phillips, seconded by Council Member Niemiec, and carried by a vote of 7-0, to approve the Treasurer's Report, the Sub-Committee Reports for Finance and Administration, Public Safety, Public Works, the Chief of Police Report, the Code Enforcement Department Reports, the Superintendent of Public Works Report, the Assistant Manager's Report, and the Manager's Report for the month of February 2023, as submitted.

c. BOROUGH COUNCIL SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Finance & Administration Sub-Committee met on March 8, 2023 and discussed the following:

- Trash Bid for Years 2023 & 2024
- Collective Bargaining Agreement for the Malvern Borough Police
- DVHIT Health Insurance Programs – PPO versus HMO
- Memorial Parade & Spaghetti Dinner – Malvern Borough Insurance Rider

The Public Works Sub-Committee met on March 14, 2023 and discussed the following:

- Road Paving Program
- Old Lincoln Highway Infrastructure Improvement Project
- Jennings Lane Bid
- North Warren Avenue Streambank Stabilization Project
- Malvern Prep Trail
- Randolph Woods Nature Preserve Project – Phases I, IA, and 2
- Quann Park Basketball Court Lighting Request
- EV Charging Station Grant Opportunity through PennDot

Mrs. Jennifer Chomko commented on Quann Park and inquired about the recent improvements made to the Park.

The Public Safety Sub-Committee has not met since the last Borough Council meeting and is scheduled to meet on March 27, 2023.

5. SPECIAL BUSINESS

a. REGIONAL FIRE STUDY

Council President Finkbiner explained that East Whiteland and Charlestown Townships, including their Fire Companies, have invited Malvern Borough and Malvern Fire Company to participate in a Regional Fire Study. The Malvern Fire Company Board agreed and voted upon participating in this study at their Monday, March 13, 2023 board meeting.

Borough Council discussed this matter and is in support.

Mr. John Buckley commented and inquired if there was any cost for having the study completed.

Borough Manager Loomis clarified that there is not cost for the study to be completed.

A motion was made by Council Member Laney, seconded by Council Member Frederick, and carried by a vote of 7-0, to authorize a Regional Fire Study application submission to the Department of Community and

Economic Development in cooperation with East Whiteland and Charlestown Townships.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. TRASH BID FOR YEARS 2023 & 2024

Council President Finkbiner explained that the trash contract concludes with A.J. Blosenski as of June 30, 2023. New rates are anticipated to be substantially higher due to inflation. The Borough must solicit bids for a new provider and may specify multiple service options in order to compare pricing. Potential service options include reducing collection to one day per week, requiring residents to use bins provided by the trash company, and/or revering bulk trash pickup to twice per year. The Finance and Administration Sub-Committee met on March 8, 2023 suggesting obtaining a price for services as they currently exist, as well as service pick up for 1 day a week with trash bins provided by the trash company. The F&A Sub-Committee also suggested the initial contract be for 18 months in order to align the trash contract with the budget cycle.

Borough Council discussed the various bid options to be distributed.

Mr. Joe Rubino, Mrs. Jennifer Chomko, and Mr. John Buckley commented on the Borough's trash services.

Mr. Hugo Schmitt commented that Waste Connections bought A.J. Blosenski.

Mrs. Sid Baglini commented on composting program referencing Radnor Township.

A motion was made by Council Member Laney, seconded by Council Member Frederick, and carried by a vote of 7-0, to authorize the trash contract be bid for the same services currently offered, for the same services offered with uniform trash bins provided by the trash company, and collection once a week without uniform trash bins, having bulk pick up occur semi-annually. The initial contract term shall be 18 months, with one or two 12-month option periods.

a. ZONING HEARING BOARD

Council President Finkbiner explained that there are no new Zoning Hearing Board applications before the Zoning Hearing Board.

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. NATIONAL WILDLIFE FEDERATIONS'S MAYOR'S MONARCH PLEDGE

Mayor Uzman gave a presentation on the National Wildlife Federation's Mayor's Monarch pledge, a national coalition of mayors and heads of local and tribal governments recognized across the U.S. for their efforts to sustain the monarch butterfly population for generations to come. The Mayors' Monarch Pledge is currently accepting pledges until March 31, 2023. He explained that action items are required to be submitted to initiate the pledge.

Dr. Helise Bichefsky, DO is in support of the Mayor's Monarch Pledge.

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Mrs. Jennifer Chomko is in support of the Mayor's Monarch Pledge and offered to have the children partake in the project.

Mrs. Sid Baglini is in favor of the project and offered an informative background and education on butterflies regarding their benefit to the environment.

Mr. John Buckley commented on the food source for the butterflies and areas that would support such.

### 8. PUBLIC FORUM

Dr. Helise Bichefsky, DO invited the public to the Egg Hunt hosted by the Parks and Recreation Committee.

Mrs. Jennifer Chomko thanked the Borough for contacting St. Patrick's Church to address the dismissal safety issue. She requested that enclosures and/or different dog waste bins be placed on Second Avenue. The Borough Manager will look into this matter.

Borough Manager Loomis thanked Assistant Manager Badman for her time and effort in installing the new sound system that was used this evening.

Chief Marcelli thanked Gina Jones for her efforts in obtaining a \$20,000 document retention grant for the Malvern Borough Police Department.

### 9. ADJOURNMENT

All business having been discussed, a motion was made by Council Member Laney, seconded by Council Vice President Bones, and carried by a vote of 7-0, to adjourn the meeting at 9:12PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tiffany M. Loomis Borough  
Manager/Secretary