

**Pennington Borough Council Work Session  
Work Session Meeting – May 27, 2025**

Mayor Davy called the Work Session Meeting of the Borough Council to order at 7:00 pm. The meeting was held via Zoom. Borough Clerk Betty Sterling called the roll with Council Members Angarone, Chandler, Marciante, Rubenstein, and Stern. Mr. Valenza arrived at 8:06 pm during the Abey Drive discussion.

Also present were Borough Clerk Betty Sterling, Borough Attorney Walter Bliss, Borough Administrator GP Caminiti, Chief Financial Officer Sandra Webb, Public Works Superintendent Rick Smith and Pennington Police OIC Sergeant Daryl Burroughs.

Mayor Davy announced that notice of this meeting was provided to the Hopewell Valley News, Trenton Times, and Trentonian and was posted on the bulletin board at Borough Hall and on the Borough web-site according to the regulations of the Open Public Meetings Act.

**Open to the Public**

Mayor Davy read the following statement.

The meeting is now open to the public for comments. In an effort to provide everyone interested an opportunity to address his or her comments to the Governing Body, a public comment time limit has been instituted for each speaker. **Please raise your hand and when the Borough Administrator acknowledges you state your name and address for the record. Please limit comments to the Governing Body to a maximum of 2 minutes.**

There were no comments from the public.

**WORK SESSION DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**Ingleside & Burd Street Traffic** - Mayor Davy introduced George Fallat, Consulting Engineer for Mercer County who providing an update on discussions regarding a traffic signal at Route 31 and Ingleside Avenue. Mr. Fallat stated that ideas and recommendations are being considered but the County Executive will speak with Hopewell Township and Pennington Borough before any recommendations are implemented. Mr. Fallat stated that one of the ideas is to close Ingleside to through traffic. Mayor Davy stated that one of the considerations was to close Ingleside from the driveway for the gas station to the intersection at Burd Street but the portion of the road would be vacated. Mr. Fallat stated that the idea is that some of the traffic would be eliminated but it won't stop people from using Ingleside to access Main Street. Mr. Fallat stated that the hope is that if this is implemented it will deter traffic. Council Members offered their comments and questions regarding a traffic light at Route 31 and Ingleside Avenue. Mayor Davy stated that he will be holding a meeting with the residents of the Borough so that they will know exactly what is happening.

Mayor Davy offered that if anyone in attendance would like to comment or ask questions, he would entertain them now. Mr. David Hunt stated that he remembers a study that was done when there was consideration for a CVS at this intersection and information in that study could be helpful. Mayor Davy stated that the State of NJ has decided already to install a light at this intersection and the conversation now is regarding traffic on Borough streets. Mayor Davy stated that is why he is trying to get ahead of the traffic impact before the light is installed.

**Abey Drive Road Project** – Mayor Davy asked if the Borough Engineer was in attendance and Mr. Caminiti stated the he was prepared to speak on this topic. Mayor Davy stated that the Borough has received a Municipal Aid Grant for road work on Abey Drive, Mallard and Queens and the Borough Engineer is recommending submitting an application for a grant to supplement that funding with additional funding to address drainage issues in the area. Ms. Stern stated that the deadline to apply is July 1<sup>st</sup> so this will be on the agenda for the regular meeting. Ms. Stern stated that this work will not solve the drainage problem because of higher and lower locations but it might help with the problem. Ms. Stern briefly explained that the scope of the work could be extended beyond the scope of the road project, but she is not sure what is being included in the grant application. Borough Engineer, Brandon Fetzer gave a brief overview of the scope of the proposed grant application. Mayor Davy asked if we are ready to schedule a neighborhood meeting and Mr. Fetzer said he would be prepared to discuss both the road project and the drainage work at a meeting with residents. Mr. Valenza stated that he should not be part of these conversations as his property is directly affected by this work and he will recuse himself from further discussions.

**Bond Ordinance – County Mill & Overlay Project** – Mayor Davy stated that we have asked for assistance from Mercer County for milling and overlay of Railroad Place, Broemel Place, West Curlis and Green Street. Mayor Davy stated that we be putting forth a Bond Ordinance to fund the asphalt for the paving at the June meeting.

**Cancel June 30<sup>th</sup> Work Session** – Mayor Davy stated that we are cancelling the June 30<sup>th</sup> work session but there will be a Special Joint Meeting of Borough Council and the Planning Board on June 25<sup>th</sup>. The Planning Board will hold a public hearing and adopt the plan and the Council will adopt a resolution to

endorse the Housing Element and Fair Share Plan in time for the June 30<sup>th</sup> deadline. Mayor Davy stated that he will invite Jim Kyle to the June 2<sup>nd</sup> Council Meeting to give a high-level overview of the plan.

Mrs. Sterling stated that Cheryl Kastrenevos of Vision Zero was in attendance to discuss the Route 31 and Delaware intersection. Ms. Kastrenevos reported that she has been communicating with the State regarding Route 31 and Delaware Avenue and the plan is to make the traffic light pedestrian only which means when a pedestrian pushes the button all traffic stops. Ms. Kastrenovos stated that in addition the right turn on red will be eliminated. Ms. Kastrenovos responded to questions from Council Members.

#### **REVIEW OF TENTATIVE COUNCIL REGULAR AGENDA**

Mayor Davy asked if Council Members had any comments or questions on the following items that will be on the Regular Agenda for the June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025 meeting. Mayor Davy briefly explained the Proclamations for Sergeant Burroughs and the Pennington Fire Company Auxiliary to be recognized at a special event next week, but it coincides with the Arboretum dedication so he will be reading the Proclamations at the June meeting. Mrs. Sterling explained the amendment for the Municipal Alliance resolution and the renewal of the liquor license which is due by June 30<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Caminiti reported on the Public Works Laborer appointment. Mr. Bliss stated that he is hopeful that we are finally ready to approve the sewer connection for 115 Lewis Brook Road.

Proclamation - Gun Violence

Proclamation - Sergeant Burroughs

Proclamation - Pennington Fire Company Auxiliary

Approval of Minutes

Resolution 2025-6.2 - Resolution Authorizing Payment of Bills

Resolution 2025-6.3 - Amend Resolution for Municipal Alliance

Resolution 2025-6.4 – Resolution Approving Renewal of Plenary Retail Consumption License #1103-330001-001 for 2025-2026

Resolution 2025-6.5 – Resolution Approving Raffle License RA:3.25 for Trenton Cyrus Foundation

Resolution 2025-6.6 – Public Works Laborer

Resolution 2025 - Authorizing Agreement With Jay C.S. Neary Concerning Sewer Connection for 115 Lewis Brook Road in Hopewell Township

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mayor Davy asked that anyone wishing to speak, please raise your hand so the Borough Clerk can acknowledge you, please state your name and address for the record and limit comments to the Governing Body to a maximum of 3 minutes. There were no comments from the public.

**AT, 8:42 PM, BE IT RESOLVED**, that Mayor and Council shall hereby convene in closed session for the purposes of discussing a subject or subjects permitted to be discussed in closed session by the Open Public Meetings Act, to wit:

Negotiations – Open Space Acquisition

Tax Appeal – Verizon

Tax Appeal Negotiation Update – Wells Fargo Property

Negotiations – Valley EMS

Personnel – Police

Council Member Rubenstein made a motion to convene in Closed Session, second by Council Member Angarone with all members present voting in favor.

At 8:42pm, Mr. Valenza made a motion to adjourn the meeting, second by Council Member Chandler with all members present voting in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Sterling  
Borough Clerk