

# **DAUPHIN BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**January 5, 2021**

Council meeting came to order at 7:01 p.m.

## **COUNCIL**

Council President	David Grbich
Council Vice-President	Brian Cuddy
Councilman	Kevin Musselman
Councilman	Jeffrey Thrush
Councilman	George Bechtel
Councilman	Steve Harris
Mayor	Michael McKenna
Treasurer	Cindy Long
Administrator/Secretary	Linda Durgin

## **ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES**

A motion by Council Vice-President Cuddy and seconded by Councilman Musselman to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2020 Borough Council Meeting, as presented, passed unanimously.

## **NEW COUNCILMAN**

The Oath of Office was administered to Mr. Steven Harris by Mayor McKenna. Councilman Harris will serve out the remainder of Councilwoman Peck's term.

## **Open Comments from Dauphin Borough Residents**

None

**Bob Rusbatch, EMC Coordinator for Middle Paxton Township/ Dauphin Borough**

None

## **Jeff Thrush - Parks and Recreation**

Councilman Thrush and Treasurer Long are in discussion regarding the Borough Treasurer keeping records of the Park Authority's financials for audit purposes.

## **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

- The DCIB close out documents are being finalized. Additional projects were reviewed and will not be pursued at this time.
- Light-Heigel will work with Treasurer Long for collection of Blinbury fees.
- The \$1000 set aside for plantings and grass will be held until Spring.
- Engineer suggested holding off on the Borough building inspections until 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2021. Motion to delay the inspections was made by Vice-President Cuddy, seconded by Kevin Musselman and passed unanimously.
- The Borough is in its second year of a five year waiver for PADEP.
- Suez has not responded on the WWTP and collection system purchase. Light-Heigel continues to support Troy Toland as needed with the WWTP operation.

## **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

- Regarding 608 Erie Street, Solicitor Zei has not received a reply from the Zeider's estate. He recommends placing a sewer lien on the property.
- A motion to adopt Resolution 2021-01, vacating the late Councilman Harner's seat, was made by Vice-President Cuddy, seconded by Councilman Musselman and passed unanimously.
- A motion to adopt Resolution 2021-02, memorializing the late Councilman Harner, was made by Councilman Musselman, seconded by Councilman Thrush and passed unanimously.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

- A motion to accept the November 2020 Treasurer's Report was made by Council Vice-President Cuddy, seconded by Councilman Thrush and passed. Councilman Harris abstained.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

- Mayor McKenna stated that there were lights flickering at 608 Erie Street so PPL cut power to the house. The house walls appear to be on the verge of collapse. Solicitor Zei will contact President Grbich tomorrow to discuss.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- Purchase and installation of security cameras is still in discussion.
- Council recommends removing a resident's request to place a 'Children at Play' sign from the Agenda as there has been no response from the resident.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- Ms. Katie Burton has made application to fill the Borough's current council vacancy. The position would cover the remainder of Councilman Harner's term. Councilman Bechtel made a motion to accept Ms. Burton's request, seconded by Vice-President Cuddy and passed unanimously.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

- Council received a 2022-2025 Tax Collector Compensation Memo. After acquiring additional information, a discussion will take place at the February 2021 Council Meeting.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Administration - Brian Cuddy, Jeff Thrush, Dave Grbich**

- A local family has placed a food pantry cupboard in the gazebo. A motion to authorize and recognize this effort was made by Vice-President Cuddy, seconded by Councilman Musselman and passed unanimously.
- Vice-President Cuddy, President Grbich and Councilman Thrush will begin holding regular Administration meetings the last Tuesday of the month at 6:00 pm.
- Met with an insurance appraiser who toured the Borough buildings and playground and park equipment. Report to follow.
- During last month's Executive Session, extending vacation days for Mr. Toland and Mr. Boyer was discussed. Motion to carry over five (5) vacation days into 2021 was made by Vice-President Cuddy, seconded by Councilman Bechtel and passed unanimously.

### **Public Works - Kevin Musselman, Dave Grbich**

- Council recognized Mr. Toland and Mr. Boyer for their hard work, especially during our last snow storm.
- A motion to place a plaque memorializing the late Councilman Harner was made by Councilman Musselman, seconded by Councilman Thrush and passed unanimously.

### **Community Affairs - George Bechtel, Steve Harris, Dave Grbich**

- None

**Junior Council Person – Jocelyn Long**

- Council Person Long stated that she is approaching the halfway mark on accumulating plastic and has received 220 pounds. This plastic is for a Trex program that manufactures recycled park benches.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None

**ADJOURNMENT FROM COUNCIL**

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Attest:

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Linda Durgin  
Administrator/Secretary

Approved:

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Dave Grbich  
President, Borough Council