

DAUPHIN BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

October 6, 2020

Council meeting came to order at 7:00 p.m.

COUNCIL

Council President	David Grbich
Council Vice-President	Brian Cuddy
Council Pro-Tem	Donald Harner (absent)
Councilman	Kevin Musselman
Councilman	Jeffrey Thrush (absent)
Councilwoman	Jennifer Peck (absent)
Councilman	George Bechtel
Mayor	Michael McKenna
Treasurer	Cindy Long
Administrator/Secretary	Linda Durgin

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion by Councilman Cuddy and seconded by Councilman Bechtel to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2020 Borough Council meeting as presented, passed unanimously.

Open Comments from Dauphin Borough Residents

- Chery Vieli of 308 Market Street stated she was driving around 30 mph when she hit a speed hump in the Borough and damaged her vehicle. She stated there were no signs nor painted lines to warn people. Ms. Vieli submitted a repair estimate from PMC Garage. Council President Grbich will discuss with our borough Solicitor and will have a response within the next month.

- Jim Fisher of 1751 Miller Road, Middle Paxton Township, commended council about the street repairs and the new park. He wished Councilman Harner well. Mr. Fisher has a concern about the bump-out on Allegheny and thinks it should be marked. Council President Grbich stated it's on the Roadmaster's to do list.

- Gerry Blinebury of 1714 Potato Valley Road, Middle Paxton Township, spoke regarding two projects. He stated that he wasn't aware that the former bank building zoning application was for non-conforming use. Light-Heigel Engineer, John Poff, said that it's required for the projected barber shop and office.

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

- Mayor McKenna gave a report for Emergency Management requesting tablets and laptop computers which are necessary for communication during emergencies. Councilman Cuddy stated that \$7450 was in last year's budget and will be carried forward.

George Bechtel-Parks and Recreation

No Report

ENGINEER'S REPORT

- Light-Heigel Engineer John Poff requested final payment of \$95,296.42 to Hempt Bros. He stated that the total cost of the project was \$679,513.27 and we saved \$35,000. Council President Grbich ask if the \$35,000 could be used for other things. Mr. Poff will find out and report back. A motion to pay Hempt Bros \$95,296.42 was made by Councilman Cuddy, seconded by Councilman Musselman and passed unanimously.
- Farhat is requesting payment of \$37,757.60. Engineer Poff stated that we are waiting for the final invoice from MRC. It requires approval with the deductions listed. There was a change order cost of \$600. Council President Grbich wants to retain \$2,000 for dying shrubs and grass. A motion to approve the change order was made by Councilman Musselman, seconded by Council President Grbich and passed unanimously. A motion to pay the new amount of \$35,757.60 was made by Councilman Cuddy, seconded by Council President Grbich and passed unanimously.

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SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- Regarding 608 Erie Street, Attorney Zei states there has been no recent communication which may be an issue because the personal representative appointed by the will may not be interested.
- A tax identification number has been opened for the Sewer Municipal Authority.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- A motion to accept the September Treasurer's Report was made by Councilman Thrush, seconded by Councilman Musselman and passed unanimously.
- After last month's meeting, \$6,000 was transferred from the Sewer Account to the General Account for the Grinder Pump Fund. This fund could pay for expired grinder pumps in the future.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Automated External Defibrillator (AED) updates are needed, along with batteries and sets of pads. Mayor suggested acquiring one for the office at this time. Council concurred, no motion was made.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Purchase and installation of security cameras is still in discussion.

NEW BUSINESS

- Council President Grbich was approached by a resident who wants a No Outlet traffic sign installed near Stony Creek Inn at the underpass. There are cars parking back there near a suspected home-based bar. The resident states that minors are being served. Attorney Zei said to notify the State Police. Mayor McKenna wants to place the sign and Attorney Zei will check to see if it would be considered a road change. Councilman Musselman will handle it.
- Brad Field of Dauphin/Middle Paxton Fire Company 1 requested a resolution extending Worker's Compensation to cover non-firefighting activities such as chicken barbecues. Council President Grbich suggested researching past resolutions to see if it has been addressed in the past.
- A motion to advertise a proposed Fireworks Ordinance was made by Councilman Bechtel, seconded by Councilman Musselman and passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration-Brian Cuddy, Jeff Thrush, Dave Grbich

- Councilman Cuddy put forth a motion to create a Sewer Billing/Rental Inspection Clerk and nominated Trudy Koppenhaver for the position as she has the experience. Borough Administrator/Secretary will learn the process and oversee the position. A motion to create the position was made by Councilman Cuddy, seconded by Councilman Bechtel and passed unanimously. A motion to fill this position with Trudy Koppenhaver was made by Councilman Cuddy, seconded by Councilman Bechtel and passed unanimously.

- Councilman Cuddy suggested having a minimized Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony. He will provide a proposal to that effect. A motion to pay \$1,000 to the Christmas Fund was made by Councilman Musselman, seconded by Councilman Bechtel and passed unanimously. Treasurer Long will cut the check.
- The Borough's insurance company has stated that the sewer plant is underinsured. They are requesting \$4608 more annually and \$2400 for another assessment. Council President Grbich will set up a meeting.
- Council President Grbich appointed John Windish Zoning Hearing Board for a three year term. Councilman Bechtel made a motion to accept the appointment, seconded by Councilman Cuddy and passed unanimously.

Public Works-Don Harner- Kevin Musselman- Dave Grbich

- No report

Community Affairs-Jennifer Peck-George Bechtel-Dave Grbich

- No report

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT FROM COUNCIL

The meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Attest:

Linda Durgin
Administrator/Secretary

Approved:

Dave Grbich
President, Borough Council