

DAUPHIN BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

April 4, 2023

Council meeting came to order at 7:02 p.m.

COUNCIL

Council President	Brian Cuddy
Council Vice-President	Kevin Musselman
Councilman Pro Tem	Jeffrey Thrush (absent)
Councilman	David Grbich
Councilman	George Bechtel
Councilwoman	Kathryn Burton
Councilman	Steve Harris
Jr. Council Member	Jocelyn Long
Mayor	Michael McKenna
Treasurer	Cindy Long (absent)
Administrator/Secretary	Linda Durgin

Public Comments

- Elizabeth West, of 212 Susquehanna Avenue, spoke to Council about a borough tree by her residence which is periodically dropping large branches. Her location is on a one-way street so it can be easily blocked by fallen branches. Elizabeth inquired as to whether, instead of the workers coming out when there is an issue, the Borough could just eliminate the tree altogether. Mayor McKenna stated that he will look into having the tree removed.

Acceptance of Minutes

A motion made by Councilman Bechtel and seconded by Councilman Harris to accept the Minutes of the March 7, 2023 Borough Council Meeting was passed unanimously.

Dauphin Borough/Middle Paxton Township EMC Report

- Emergency Management Coordinator, Robert (Rusty) Rusbatch, informed Council that there will be a Dauphin County Exercise on April 20, 2023, between 3:00 p.m. and 9:00 pm. These simulations will include two train derailments, a propane truck tank leak and removing hospital patients from an accident scene.
- Warnings about the emergency simulations will be administered by Dauphin County and, for scanner app users, there will be radio chatter about the event.
- On May 10, 2023, there will be an MPES Evacuation Drill at Middle Paxton elementary school at 1:00 p.m. Also on this date there will be a NIMS G-402 Class for elected officials in the evening, followed by dinner at 5:00 p.m.

Joint Fire Commission Report

- No Report. Next meeting will be on April 26, 2023.

Parks and Recreation Report

- No Report. Opening day will be on April 15, 2023 at noon.

Engineer's Report

- Troy Toland, Borough Roadmaster, is ordering a D3-1 sign for the River Road directional sign along Canal Street at Market Street.
- The NPDES Application is ready for signatures, application fee and submission. A motion to submit the NPDES Application was made by Councilman Bechtel, seconded by Councilman Harris and passed unanimously.
- The PADEP files search is completed and this information is to be used for any WWTP re-rating consideration.
- The 2022 Chapter 94 annual report was submitted to PADEP.
- DCNR asked again for additional information on all grant monies. Cindy Long and Keith Heigel met with DCNR for the update of needed documents. All information was then given to Treasurer Long to complete this close out.
- DCNR reminded the Borough that American Rescue Funds are now eligible for park and recreation and a matching grant would go farther with Phase II. The next round of grants is due this month.
- Mike Keffer is scheduling a committee meeting to discuss repairs on the WWTP Air Supply Lines. Councilman Bechtel inquired as to when the Air Supply Lines would be repaired. Keith Heigel stated it is probably next on the list. President Cuddy asked Keith to address this issue in his May report.
- The electric repair for the Allegheny Ramp claim is complete and we continue to wait for PPL to place the meter. Chemung will provide the guiderail repair later this year.

- A request for information on the possible demolition of 212 & 214 Erie Street to make parking for a coffee shop was discussed. Councilman Bechtel had questions about the potential tax revenue loss with such a move. It was determined that tax revenue is likely to remain static because of anticipated income for the coffee shop.

Solicitor's Report

- Solicitor Statler stated that he'll address comments later in the meeting.

Mayor's Report

- The Fire Company responded to 11 calls. There were 3 Duty Officer calls.
- Market Street vehicles update - All vehicles have been moved or are valid except one. Trying to make contact with the owner to handle this last one.
- Truck parking update - Made contact with the Asplundh site supervisor. The majority of the vehicles are now gone and I am working with him on the last few. Made contact with the semi owners and advised that the vehicles need to be moved. Advised all parties that 'no truck parking' signs will be placed in the area of the old weigh station semi-oval. Troy is in the process of getting them made.
- 3/24 - Regarding the trash at the park, a handful of single use diabetic needles were found near the playground area. Kids at the basketball court are leaving trash everywhere. I would like to look into getting a couple of permanent trash bins that get cemented into the ground. I've been advising kids that if this issue continues, the Borough might look at taking down the basketball hoops temporarily.
- 3/11 - There was a noise complaint at 401 High Street. Not able to go verify as I wasn't in the area.
- 3/18 – There was a DUI accident on Claster Boulevard, next to the UGO store. Two vehicles were involved. The DUI driver was detained and transported to Harrisburg Hospital to check for injuries. The passengers in the other vehicle, which included a baby, were fine. I was on scene until PSP and Life Team left.
- 3/28 – I attended the "State of the County" dinner.

Sewer Delinquency / Rental Property Reports

- No questions

Treasurer's Report

- A motion to accept the March 2023 Treasurer's Report was made by Councilman Bechtel, seconded by Councilman Grbich and passed unanimously.

Unfinished Business

- The Borough secured a grant for engineering design and development for a new building on the site of the Old Schoolhouse. The building committee and the borough are working with the budget.
- Regarding short term rentals, Keith Heigel stated that these are only permitted in the Conservation and Neighborhood/Commercial Zoning Districts.
- President Cuddy asked Solicitor Statler to write up a Notice of Violation form for short term rentals.

New Business

- A discussion was held regarding 402 Swatara Street. The resident would like to have a handicapped parking space. (The address of 402 Schuylkill Street was erroneously given before the council meeting.)
- A motion to accept Resolution 2023-04, which will allow transfer of funds to PLGIT to secure a better rate, was made by Councilman Bechtel, seconded by Councilwoman Burton and passed unanimously.

Correspondence

- None

Committee Reports

Administration – Cuddy, Bechtel, Grbich

- No report

Public Works – Musselman, Thrush

- Speed control devices still under discussion.

Community Affairs – Burton, Harris

- No Report

Junior Council Person – Jocelyn Long

- Council Person Long will be completing the recycling project after the end of her semester.

ADJOURNMENT FROM COUNCIL

The meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

Attest:

Approved:

Linda S. Durgin
Administrator/Secretary

Brian Cuddy
President, Borough Council