DAUPHIN BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

April 5, 2022

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
Councilman	David Grbich
Councilman	George Bechtel
Councilwoman	Trudy Koppenhaver
Councilwoman	Kathryn Burton
Jr. Council Member	Jocelyn Long
Mayor	Michael McKenna
Treasurer	Cindy Long
Administrator/Secretary	Linda Durgin

Acceptance of Minutes

A motion made by Councilman Bechtel and seconded by Councilman Grbich to accept the Minutes of the March 8, 2022 Borough Council Meeting was passed unanimously.

Public Comments

None

Dauphin Borough/Middle Paxton Township EMC Report

None

Joint Fire Commission Report

- Vice President Musselman stated that the Dauphin-Middle Paxton Fire Company met on March 28, 2022.
- He informed Council that a closing balance of $201,160.44 was reported in the Fire Company's Mid-Penn money market account as of February 28th. It was also reported that income from the fire company's 2021 annual newsletter and solicitation to the Dauphin-Middle Paxton community now totals $27,428. The township's Mid Penn Bank Fire Company Vehicle Replacement Fund account totals $196,316.11 as of February 28th.
- The Fire Company submitted a DCNR grant application totaling $5,070 to obtain 1" fire hose and nozzles for Attack 38, rakes, Streamlights for helmets and radio harness chest packs. These would require a 50% match from the Fire Company upon award. Two back pack leaf blowers from DCNR were received at no cost to the Fire Company.
- FEMA grant funds in the amount of $117,990 were received as reimbursement for the Fire Company's purchase of 18 self-contained breathing apparatus with spare cylinders.

Parks and Recreation Report

- Councilman Pro Tem Thrush informed Council that Parks & Recreation received three bids. They will be meeting in two weeks to review them.
- The grant application was submitted.
- Photos were taken of the graffiti at the ball field.

Engineer's Report

- The revised Hillside Subdivision was resubmitted for signatures and recording. The revised plan complies with the conditional approval except for Note #26 on Sheet #1. When Note #26 coincides with the conditional approval the plan can be signed and recorded.
- A virtual meeting was held with both parties. An agreement for review of McNaughton's sewer proposal was received by the solicitor. An escrow account to reimburse the Borough was established.
- The LDI Development received PADEP planning approval in May 2021 and received NPDES approval in March 2022.

- The McNaughton Developers submitted a Right-to-Know request for sewer information regarding manhole and main locations. The requested information was provided to the Right-to-Know officer for release.
- The asphalt trail had indentations from the metal electric pole. PPL temporarily addressed this repair. PPL was asked to provide a permanent repair when the weather is suitable.
- The Old Schoolhouse demolition project was awarded to Farhat Excavating, LLC. All submitted documents were reviewed and approved by the solicitor and engineer. Farhat is giving DEP the required 10-day notice. The contractor anticipates a Notice to Proceed on April 12, 2022 to meet the date for completion of May 22, 2002
- Dauphin Borough's American Rescue Plan Funding of approximately $83,840.04, or 75% of the Borough's operating budget, will be processed through DCED.
- A motion to accept the Engineer's report was made by Councilwoman Burton, seconded by Councilman Thrush and passed unanimously.

Mayor's Report

- Mayor McKenna stated that there have been complaints about kids throwing rocks at the Old Schoolhouse. The Mayor reviewed the Borough's security cameras, identified the kids and has spoken to their parents.

Solicitor's Report

- Solicitor Cassidy stated that a meeting was held on March 14th to brief both developers and bring them up to speed on the sewer situation.
- LDI is requesting a meeting with the Borough.

Treasurer's Report

- A motion to accept the March 8, 2022 Treasurer's Report was made by Councilman Grbich, seconded by Councilman Bechtel and passed unanimously.

Unfinished Business

- Regarding the status of the Borough's insurance, Vice President Musselman spoke to the Appraiser who shared that finding comparable properties to the Old Schoolhouse is difficult.
- Farhat Excavating, LLC has been given a demolition deadline of May 22nd or damages will be assessed. There'll be no Notice to Proceed until after the Pre-construction Meeting.
- No funds will be needed for the demolition until June.
- Mayor McKenna stated that no one is allowed onto the Old Schoolhouse property to salvage anything as it is too dangerous.
- Borough Council has decided that contracting with the Humane Society would not solve the current stray cat problem.

New Business

None

Correspondence

None

Committee Reports

Administration – Cuddy, Bechtel, Grbich
- Councilman Grbich stated that Keystone Collects informed the Borough that earned income tax revenues for the first quarter of 2022 are up 3-5%; delinquent tax collections are up 7%.

Public Works – Musselman, Thrush
- The large, dead tree at the Gazebo park is scheduled to be cut down. Residents on that street have received hand-delivered letters requesting their vehicles be removed on that day.
- The road patches on High Street are deteriorating and need repair. The railroad ties meant to shore up the bank are sliding down.

Community Affairs – Koppenhaver, Burton
- Regarding Hillside, Councilwoman Burton stated that there's an embankment that needs to be repaired, along with a fence on top of the retaining wall. In addition, the storm drains are clogged.
Junior Council Person – Jocelyn Long
- Junior Council Person Long informed Council that she created clear signage to post on the containers used for her recycling projects.

ADJOURNMENT FROM COUNCIL

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Educational session on sewer capabilities.

Attest: Approved:

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Linda S. Durgin   Brian Cuddy
Administrator/Secretary   President, Borough Council