

# DAUPHIN BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**August 3, 2021**

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

## COUNCIL

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

## Acceptance of Minutes

A motion made by Vice-President Cuddy and seconded by Councilman Bechtel to accept the Minutes of the July 6, 2021 Borough Council Meeting was passed unanimously.

## Public Comments

- Council Vice-President Cuddy, on behalf of the Middle Paxton Lions Club, thanked residents, volunteers, Council and Borough staff for their assistance at the carnival.
- Paula Zankel, President and Ryan Evans, Board Member of the Clark's Creek Watershed Association spoke about the purpose of their organization and explained that the proposed warehouse, being closer to Dauphin Borough than Middle Paxton Township, would disproportionately affect the Borough.

- David Rakocy, a resident of River Road, questioned whether the Borough's current sewer system could handle the increase in use by the proposed new apartment/townhouse community. Attorney Zei responded that DEP has already determined that the sewer treatment plant does have that capacity.
- Megs Brunner spoke about how she picks up trash along Industrial Road and that the situation needs to be addressed.

### **Dauphin Borough/Middle Paxton Township EMC Report**

- Mayor McKenna stated there were 21 calls in the month of July which included fire calls and false alarms.

### **Parks and Recreation Report**

No Report

### **Engineer's Report**

- Keith Heigel, of Light-Heigel & Associates, stated he is working with the Borough Treasurer to close out the DCNR grant.
- In response to a question as to why there is a strip of grass between the new park sidewalk and the concrete apron in front of the Middle Paxton Lions Club's kitchen, Mr. Heigel stated that it was installed that way because of ADA requirements regarding water permeability.
- Casey Deller of KCI Technologies, requested a 90 day extension for the Blinbury subdivision. Part of the referenced property is in both Dauphin Borough and Middle Paxton Township. He stated that he would not be appearing at Middle Paxton Township until September. Attorney Zei suggested having a meeting in October as there is an election in November. A motion to allow the extension was made by Councilwoman Burton but with the lack of a second the motion died. After some discussion, another motion was made by Councilman Bechtel, seconded by Councilman Musselman and passed unanimously. A meeting will be held before the Council meeting on October 5, 2021.

### **Solicitor's Report**

- Attorney Zei spoke about the recent changes to the Sunshine Act (Act 65 of 2021). He stated that the Agenda for Council Meetings must be posted on our website at least 24 hours beforehand.

## **Treasurer's Report**

- A motion to accept the July 6, 2021 Treasurer's Report was made by Councilman Bechtel, seconded by Vice-President Cuddy and passed unanimously.

## **Mayor's Report**

- There is an abandoned vehicle on Schuylkill Avenue which is not registered to anyone. Neither the State Police nor local towing companies are assisting with the problem of abandoned vehicles.
- There was shattered, tempered glass along Mountain View Lane and Charles Road that needed cleaned up.
- Borough was unable to get vehicles out of the garage because of residents parking there during the carnival. The Mayor has plans to block off that parking area in the future.

## **Unfinished Business**

- Attorney Zei stated there are six properties on High Street whose property lines are either unclear or extend to include High Street, with two properties extending to Erie Street. A determination cannot be made at this time therefore mowing provided by the Borough will continue.

## **New Business**

- Councilman Bechtel stated that Matt Smith will provide the Borough with repair estimates.
- A discussion was held regarding whether the Borough should install a speed hump at the park grounds entrance. Engineer Heigel will get estimates.

## **Correspondence**

None

## **Committee Reports**

**Administration – Cuddy, Bechtel**

- The Administration Committee met with the Borough’s insurance agent. The Borough’s premium has increased by \$1100. The Borough received a dividend check for \$2400.
- The Committee is also considering acquiring new sewer billing software, possibly allowing for electronic payments.

**Public Works – Musselman, Thrush**

- A resident stated that Paxton Alley is in bad shape. The Committee will investigate.

**Community Affairs – Harris, Burton**

- Acquiring a toddler swing for the playground was discussed, as well as bench placement recommendations.

**Junior Council Person – Jocelyn Long**

- Junior Council Person Long has made thank you posters and would like more signatures. She is working on VA Flags.

**ADJOURNMENT FROM COUNCIL**

The meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- An Executive Session regarding Personnel began at 8:20 p.m. and ended at 8:45 p.m.

Attest:

Approved:

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Linda Durgin  
Administrator/Secretary

Dave Grbich  
President, Borough Council