

DAUPHIN BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

December 7, 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 November 3, 2021 Borough Council Meeting was passed unanimously.

Public Comments

- Liz Rodda, the Dauphin-Middle Paxton Historical Society President, wanted input on the feasibility of storing Historical Society items in C-Cans on Dauphin Borough property. President Grbich responded that Council will permit these containers to be stored, however Council needs to know the size of the C-Cans before assigning a location.

Dauphin Borough/Middle Paxton Township EMC Report

None

Joint Fire Commission Report

- Councilman Musselman stated that the commission met on November 30, 2021 and purchased needed bingo equipment. The commission would like more chairs and tables and is storing Lions Club items.
- The Borough will receive ten portable and rolling radios through grant funds.

Parks and Recreation Report

- Councilman Thrush informed Council that there will be no further meetings of Parks and Recreation this year.

Engineer's Report

- Keith Heigel, Borough Engineer stated that the Hillside Subdivision was not resubmitted for signatures.
- The SBR's air line was temporarily repaired. Mike Keffer is asking to review the options for a long term repair.
- Suez Water has not responded on the WWTP and collection system purchase. No response was received regarding the WWTP.
- President Grbich and Mr. Heigel met the DCNR representative for the close-out of the Park. The following was observed:
 - 1.) The asphalt trail along Rt. 22/322 had indentations from the metal electric pole that was lying there. PPL was contacted and are addressing this repair.
 - 2.) The plastic bubble window on the playground was cracked. MRC is shipping a replacement.
- The required payroll form was submitted to DCNR. The affidavit of completeness and the release of liens is the last document awaiting the contractor's completion.
- DCNR reminded applicants that American Rescue Plan Funds are now eligible for park and recreation and a matching grant request would "go further" with Phase II.

Solicitor's Report

- Attorney Statler informed Council that 608 Erie Street settled on November 22, 2021. He recommends giving the new owner some time to do repairs and renovations.

Mayor's Report

- Mayor McKenna stated that the fire at the church on the corner of Erie and Church Streets began in the basement area. The homeowner was injured. The fire was not connected to the Historical Society building fire.

- The Historical Society building is showing signs of deterioration. It is unsafe as it has structural damage. The Mayor is requesting demolition of the building and securing the area with a fence. Engineer Heigel will get quotes on the fencing. Attorney Statler recommended prioritizing the fence installation. No written bids are necessary due to the fencing being an emergency item so telephonic bids should be sufficient. He will pass relevant information to Council as soon as possible.

- A motion to authorize Engineer Heigel to look into bids for fencing, demolition and debris removal was made by Vice-President Cuddy, seconded by Councilman Musselman and passed unanimously.

- Vice-President Cuddy asked Councilman Musselman for his input on the future of the Historical Society building. Councilman Musselman stated that the Borough has two options regarding insurance. The first option would be to provide a builder's contract to rebuild to the insurance company within 180 days off the fire loss. This option has two additional endorsements, one for payment of the demolition and one for bringing the property up to code. The second option is to accept payment in the amount of the appraised value of the building. Action was tabled until the next meeting to give council time to review and assess these options.

Treasurer's Report

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

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Unfinished Business

- A motion to adopt the 2022 Dauphin Borough Budget was made by Vice-President Cuddy, seconded by Councilman Bechtel and passed unanimously.

New Business

- A motion to adopt Resolution 2021-09, setting the 2022 Tax Rate, was made by Vice-President Cuddy, seconded by Councilman Bechtel and passed unanimously.
- A motion to approve Pension Plan changes was made by Vice-President Cuddy, seconded by Councilman Bechtel and passed unanimously.

Correspondence

None

Committee Reports

Administration – Cuddy, Bechtel

- Vice-President Cuddy stated that the committee will be conducting employee performance reviews now that the budget has passed.

Public Works – Musselman, Thrush

- Security cameras have been installed. Councilman Musselman, Councilman Thrush and Mayor McKenna have the related security app installed on their phones.
- Councilman Thrush will provide pricing for installing outside lighting.

Community Affairs – Harris, Burton

- None

Junior Council Person – Jocelyn Long

- Junior Council Person Long stated that 1000 pounds is what is needed to complete the bottle cap program and that the Borough has reached 10 percent so far. She is also considering restarting the Trex Benches program next May.

ADJOURNMENT FROM COUNCIL

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

Attest:

Approved:

Linda Durgin
Administrator/Secretary

Dave Grbich
President, Borough Council