

DAUPHIN BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

February 2, 2021

Council meeting came to order at 7:01 p.m.

COUNCIL

Council President	David Grbich (absent)
Council Vice-President	Brian Cuddy
Councilman	Kevin Musselman
Councilman	Jeffrey Thrush
Councilman	George Bechtel
Councilman	Steven Harris
Mayor	Michael McKenna
Treasurer	Cindy Long
Administrator/Secretary	Linda Durgin

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

A motion by Councilman Musselman and seconded by Councilman Bechtel to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2021 Borough Council Meeting, as presented, passed unanimously.

NEW COUNCILWOMAN

The Oath of Office was administered to Kathryn Burton by Mayor McKenna. Councilwoman Burton will serve out the remainder of Councilman Harner's term.

Open Comments from Dauphin Borough Residents

None

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

None

Jeff Thrush - Parks and Recreation

- Councilman Thrush met with the Girl Scout Troup. They will be posting fitness signs.
- The park applied for a gaming grant, needs to do a feasibility study.
- Councilman Thrush will be speaking to the engineer about the Suez water leak at the park.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

- Light-Heigel received set of Final Subdivision Plans and cul-de-sac detail. A review letter was released, however a revised submission was not received. The applicant, Mr. Blinebury, requested a 90 day extension. Councilman Bechtel asked if a 90 day extension was common practice. Mr. Heigel responded that it is common. Motion to accept the extension was made by Councilman Musselman, seconded by Councilman Thrush, and passed unanimously.
- The DCIB close out documents are being finalized, including the State Liquid Fuels account.
- LHA continues to support Troy Toland, as needed, with the WWTP operation. Suez has not responded on the WWTP and collection system purchase. No response from the Capital Regional Water Authority was received regarding the WWTP.
- The second set of benches on the concrete pad should be delivered soon. They will be set by the borough employees. The borough is holding \$1,000 (Park Project) until the shrubs can be evaluated in the spring.
- The next DCNR grant rounds are due mid-April for the Park Phase II project.
- PADEP issued a waiver of the MS4 permit for five years.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- Regarding 608 Erie Street, Solicitor Zei spoke to the attorney for the estate. The executor will sell the house ASAP. One of the two children has not yet signed off on wanting to go into the house. An Auction will be held in March and Attorney Zei will keep council apprised. Councilman Bechtel asked if the borough is liable if the building collapses. Attorney Zei replied that it's private property therefore there is no liability to the borough. Mayor McKenna asked if the heirs are aware of the danger of entering the house. Attorney Zei is doubtful that anyone else will be going in.
- Councilman Harris can run for a two-year term on this year's ballot. Councilwoman Burton will complete the remainder of the late Councilman Harner's term.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- A motion to accept the January 2021 Treasurer's Report was made by Councilman Thrush, seconded by Councilman Musselman and passed unanimously.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- The pool parking lot is the responsibility of the Park Authority and it needs to be kept plowed because it is Life Lion's landing zone.
- There was an abandoned vehicle from West Virginia which has been towed away.
- Mayor McKenna stated that Troy Toland and Ryan Boyer did an outstanding job clearing snow off the streets. Council Vice-President Cuddy thanked residents for helping to move vehicles and objects from the streets.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

NEW BUSINESS

- A motion to keep the Borough Tax Collector salary the same in 2021 was made by Councilman Thrush, seconded by Councilman Musselman and passed unanimously.
- A motion was made by Councilman Thrush, seconded by Councilman Bechtel and passed unanimously, to adopt Resolution 2021-03, appointing Steven Harris to fill a vacancy on Council.
- A motion was made by Councilman Musselman, seconded by Councilman Bechtel and passed unanimously, to adopt Resolution 2021-04, appointing Kathryn Burton to fill a vacancy on Council.
- Discussion on the Vulture Management Proposal is tabled until the March Council meeting.
- Nominations for the position of Council Pro Tempore will be accepted in March.
- Councilman Thrush made a motion to have Administrator/Secretary Linda Durgin become the new Right-To-Know contact, with President Grbich as back up. Motion was seconded by Councilman Bechtel and passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administration - Brian Cuddy, Jeff Thrush, Dave Grbich

- Vice-President Cuddy and Councilman Thrush held their first monthly Administration meeting in January. The next meeting will take place on February 16, 2021.

Public Works - Kevin Musselman, Dave Grbich

- Middle Paxton Township has asked for our employees to cut the grass at the park. Councilman Musselman stated that The Park Association has bought a mower and will leave it at the park for our employees to use. Councilman Musselman thinks perhaps a formal memorandum for working together and a feasibility study for the township and borough to merge is a solution.

Community Affairs - George Bechtel, Steve Harris

- The committee tabled the January Meeting. A February meeting will discuss speeding and vulture issues.

Junior Council Person – Jocelyn Long

- Council Person Long stated that there are two months left to accumulate plastic, which has a current weight of 344 pounds. This plastic is for a Trex program that manufactures recycled park benches.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

ADJOURNMENT FROM COUNCIL

The meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Attest:

Approved:

Linda Durgin
Administrator/Secretary

Dave Grbich
President, Borough Council