

DAUPHIN BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

January 3, 2023

Council meeting came to order at 7:04 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
Jr. Council Member	Jocelyn Long
Mayor	Michael McKenna
Treasurer	Cindy Long
Administrator/Secretary	Linda Durgin

Public Comments

None

Acceptance of Minutes

A motion made by Councilman Bechtel and seconded by Councilman Grbich to accept the Minutes of the December 6, 2022 Borough Council Meeting was passed unanimously.

Dauphin Borough/Middle Paxton Township EMC Report

- Council was informed that Robert Rusbatch is retiring and Ryan Boyer is the new Fire Department Chief.

Joint Fire Commission Report

- There was no December meeting. The Commission will meet next at the end of January.

Parks and Recreation Report

No Report. A public meeting for the Master Plan will be held on February 13.

Engineer's Report

- The Stop Sign Study for the intersection of Charles, Riverview and Mountainview is being finalized and a report will be completed next month for review.
- River Road directional signs were requested and will be reviewed by the Community Affairs Committee.
- The PennVest meeting with LDI was held November 21, 2022. Sanitary Sewer plans are still being reviewed.
- The High Street sewer replacement grant application has been submitted. Awards are anticipated in mid-2023.
- The Borough received an insurance company check for the broken guard rail however it cannot be repaired until after the first quarter of 2023. An electrician has completed his work on the bridge.

Solicitor's Report

- Solicitor Statler informed Council that Statements of Financial Interest forms are due by May 1st.
- Councilmen Grbich, Thrush and Harris are up for reelection in 2023.
- Regarding the potential of reducing the size of council, Solicitor Statler stated that with a resident count of less than 3000 council can be reduced to 5 or 3 members. A petition would need to be addressed to the Court and to the Bureau of Elections. The Court would then order a referendum. One petition is allowed every five years. President Cuddy stated that the reason for considering reducing the size of Council is the inherent difficulty in finding people interested in serving.

Mayor's Report

- The Fire Company responded to 16 calls in December. There were 8 Duty Officer Calls.
- There were no issues reported for New Year's Eve.
- The Allegheny Street bridge panel was replaced.
- December 14th - attended the Lion's Club Christmas party.
- December 15th - attended Middle Paxton's Christmas party.
- Received email from a resident stating that the pavilion trash can was full. The crew handled it.
- December 18th - I received a text from 401 High Street at 1:30 am for a noise complaint. I went to the residence and did not hear anything. I made contact with the complainant and advised her that this is a landlord issue and that a letter was sent to him. I advised her to call PSP if she feels it is needed. The resident advised that she has called PSP and they gave her the same answer I did.
- December 25th - I received a complaint for a sidewalk apron being plowed over at Riverview and Tall Trees and that it is a bus stop and should not be plowed over. This same complaint was made last year. My solution is that when after that street has been plowed, I will clear the apron.
- December 26th - Ryan received a call that he relayed to me about water flowing through the walls at 212 Erie Street coming from 214 Erie Street. I went to investigate and found that the water was coming from the second floor at 214 and that the first floor is vacant. The property owner of 214 was about an hour away so we were able to gain access to 214 and shut down the waterline coming into the building.

Treasurer's Report

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

Unfinished Business

- A grant was submitted regarding funding for an architect for the Old Schoolhouse rebuild. Hoping to hear in March of 2023.
- There is nothing to report regarding LDI as the ball is in their court.
- There is no update on conveyance of Memorial Park to the Park Authority.

New Business

- A motion to adopt the Act 57 Ordinance 2023-01 was made by Councilman Bechtel, seconded by Vice President Musselman and passed unanimously.
- A motion to advertise the Short Term Rental Ordinance was made by Councilman Bechtel, seconded by Councilman Harris and passed unanimously.
- A motion to place the Ford F-250 Truck for sale was made by Councilman Bechtel, seconded by Councilman Grbich and passed unanimously.

Correspondence

- The Dauphin - Middle Paxton Historical Society informed Council about Armed Services Day on May 20, 2023.

Committee Reports

Administration – Cuddy, Bechtel, Grbich

- There was no monthly meeting.
- President Cuddy met with staff to discuss raises. He will meet with Vice President Musselman about performance reviews in January.

Public Works – Musselman, Thrush

- Committee will look into signage for the Borough.

Community Affairs – Burton

- No Report

Junior Council Person – Jocelyn Long

- Junior Council Person Long provided updates on acquiring the Borough plaques.

ADJOURNMENT FROM COUNCIL

The meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

Attest:

Approved:

Linda S. Durgin
Administrator/Secretary

Brian Cuddy
President, Borough Council