DAUPHIN BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

July 7, 2026

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

COUNCIL

Council President	Brian Cuddy
Council Vice-President	George Bechtel
Councilman Pro Tem	Steve Harris
Councilman	David Grbich
Councilman	Christopher Smith
Councilwoman	Kathryn Burton
Councilman	Travis Rosmus **(Late Arrival)**
Jr. Council Member	Jocelyn Long
Mayor	Michael McKenna
Treasurer/Acting Secretary	Cindy Long

Public Comments

- Ryan Evans thanked Borough Council on behalf of the Dauphin Middle Paxton Historical Society for their contribution toward the America 250 celebration and the two councilmembers who volunteered on the committee. The event was successful with a great turnout despite the rain. The Historical Society hopes to see attendance at the Heritage Day event in the fall.
- April and John Moore of 405 Hemlock Circle discussed damage caused to their fence by their neighbor's landscape company. This has been ongoing for five years now. The gentleman is unapproachable and there is continued damage occurring. The matter has been brought to the attention of Council, and the Moore's wanted to have their concerns documented in meeting minutes.
  Solicitor Statler explained that property damage is subject to a property damage claim with the Magisterial District Judge. An estimate would need to be obtained for repair or replacement of the fence. Statler will look at the ordinance; however, the Borough is limited for reaction. Borough Council only has authority to act for public nuisance. Private nuisance concerns must be handled through the Magisterial District Court.
- Cheryl Cuddy presented plans for the Holiday Tree Lighting Ceremony. The committee has expanded and would like to also expand the event. The committee is proposing that the ceremony be held on the first Saturday of December, rather than the first Friday from 3:00-6:00p.m. They would like to use all of Market Square and the gazebo to include music, Santa, a

holiday craft fair, a silent auction, ornament sales, etc. The committee is requesting that the streets surrounding Market Square be closed except for Allegheny Street. Trudy will provide Cheryl with a community event form to complete for Council.

Acceptance of Minutes

- A motion made by Councilman Grbich, seconded by Councilman Harris, to accept the Minutes of the June 2, 2026, Borough Council Meeting was passed unanimously.

Dauphin Borough/Middle Paxton Township EMC Report

- It was a busy month with the storms that came through. There was one street that was closed that Troy and Ryan assisted with clearing to reopen.

Joint Fire Commission Report

- Kevin Musselman reported that there are continuing efforts to raise funds for the new engine. The fire company also bought two new chainsaws as the ones they had were beyond repair.

Parks and Recreation Report

- Ron Hull stated that as the Park Board proceeds with their DCNR grant, a deed restriction needs to be placed on the property to include Memorial Park.
  Solicitor Statler asked to have Nicole from the Park Board reach out to him so he can look over everything.
- The Park Board is requesting assistance with cleanup of the tennis courts and the road alongside the tennis courts.
  Council President Cuddy said that the Borough can work with the Park Board to put a plan together.
- AEDs were donated to the park, so the Park Board will be giving one to the Lions Club to place in the new building.

Engineer's Report

- There is sewer work on Allegheny Street. A pre-construction meeting was held with PennDOT. The construction crew will keep access to the gas station and Hardees open and will open the roadway as needed for emergency access.
- The service station will be submitting application to connect to the wastewater system.
- Farhat provided bonds for High Street paving project. The schedule for the project will be provided as soon as possible.
- DEP asked for a Corrective Action Plan update. An extension was requested beyond the original July 17 deadline to include data from new project that was completed on High Street.

- Regarding the Notice of Violation regarding the rental property from a previous meeting, the owner has a contractor and appears to be moving at a satisfactory level. Light-Heigel will continue to monitor the situation.
- The additional Notice of Violation for 511 High Street was also sent. The Borough is actively seeking to address the tree that appears to be hazardous.
- Joe Bergette, a company contractor, is working with church to install athletic field. Light-Heigel is following up with the request to obtain additional details for the athletic field prior to taking any further action.

Solicitor's Report

- The Notice of Violation was sent to 511 High Street on June 19 to remove a boat stored on Borough property. The time given to the resident to remove the boat has lapsed. At this time Council needs to determine how they would like to pursue further action. Under the ordinance, the Borough can assess storage costs; however the boat can be considered abandoned and with reasonable notice, the Borough can provide notification that if the boat is not moved within 30 days, it will be considered abandoned and the Borough will take action to remove it.

Mayor's Report

- Mayor McKenna announced that he resigned as Deputy Chief of the Fire Department. His physical health is impairing his ability to perform the tasks of the job. Additionally, effective after the August 4, 2026 Council meeting, he will be resigning as Mayor. He will be placing his resignation in writing for Council to approve at the August meeting.
- He will continue to serve as Emergency Management Coordinator until replacement is trained.

Sewer Delinquency / Rental Property Reports

- No comments.

Treasurer's Report

- A motion to accept the June 2026 Treasurer's Report was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Harris, and passed unanimously.

Unfinished Business

- Community Building: The new Community Building kitchen was used during the America 250 celebration. The building has not yet been formally turned over to the Borough. Final Grade is working on punch list items and will need a final inspection.
- Speed Controls: Solicitor Statler reported that the Borough speed controls will not impact the State Liquid Fuels.
  A motion to spend no more than $8,000 on the purchase and placement of speed controls in the preapproved locations was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Grbich, and passed unanimously.

- Pricing/quotes for High Street Vegetation Control: Brennan Kae of 604 Erie Street completed an initial ecological assessment and put together a proposal for Council's consideration for alternative action for the vegetation on the High Street wall. The proposal was provided to Cindy, who will forward it to Council for review.
- Dave Ertel suggested that the ends of the street where the ground slopes down are still able to be addressed and should be to avoid any visibility concerns.

New Business

- A motion to allow the Historical Society to use the Borough grounds for Heritage Day was made by Councilwoman Burton, seconded by Councilman Rosmus, and passed unanimously.
- Megan Nicole Doncov Wanda-Eze requested to use the band stand for a dance recital. Trudy will send Ms. Doncov Wanda-Eze the Community Use form to be reviewed by Council. The event must comply with the Borough requirements with concern to profit being generated from the event. At this time a Community Event form will need to be submitted for formal consideration. Trudy will send her the form.

Correspondence

- None.

Committee Reports

Administration – Cuddy, Bechtel, Grbich

- The Borough is in line with the budget at this time. There were no administrative matters discussed.

Public Works – Rosmus, Smith

- Councilman Smith wanted to thank Ryan for cleaning up the Borough building for the meeting with Waste Management.

Community Affairs – Burton, Harris

- Speed controls were addressed under Unfinished Business. Nothing additional to report.

Junior Council Person – Jocelyn Long

- Junior Council Person Long requested Council to submit any information or requests for the Fall/Winter newsletter by the August meeting.
- Junior Council Person Long is recommending ordering the plaque for the new building through Skelly's. This will be added to the August agenda to be voted on.

ADJOURNMENT FROM COUNCIL

The public meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- None

Attest:

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Cynthia Long
Acting Secretary

Approved:

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Brian Cuddy
President, Borough Council