

DAUPHIN BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

June 2, 2026

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

COUNCIL

Council President	Brian Cuddy
Council Vice-President	George Bechtel (Not Present)
Councilman Pro Tem	Steve Harris
Councilman	David Grbich
Councilman	Christopher Smith
Councilwoman	Kathryn Burton (Not Present)
Councilman	Travis Rosmus
Jr. Council Member	Jocelyn Long
Mayor	Michael McKenna
Treasurer/Acting Secretary	Cindy Long

Public Comments

- Jen Book of 508 Erie Street inquired about the status of 511 High Street becoming more of a nuisance.

Council President Cuddy notified Mrs. Book that concerns were discussed during the May meeting. The Solicitor stated at the May meeting that additional Notice of Violation letters may be sent which could lead to additional fines and penalties. Council will follow up with the Solicitor to move forward.

Mrs. Book would like to see more action and would also like to discuss the large dead pine tree that is in front of the property. The tree poses a danger and is also near electric lines.

Megan Leader of 510 Erie Street is concerned about the safety surrounding the area of the tree and said that there would be catastrophic damage if the tree were to fall.

Hadin Sheaffer of 506 Erie Street agrees that catastrophic is an appropriate word to describe the damage that could occur if that tree were to fall. He stated the tree has no chance of survival.

Dave Book of 508 Erie Street would like to see the tree taken down as it will cause damage to the stone wall.

Council President Cuddy asked Mike Keffer, Engineer, for input regarding Council's ability to enforce the tree removal. Mike Keffer stated that if the tree is determined to be a hazard, Council may enforce action.

Acceptance of Minutes

- A motion made by Councilman Grbich, seconded by Councilman Harris, to accept the Minutes of the May 5, 2026, Borough Council Meeting was passed unanimously.

Dauphin Borough/Middle Paxton Township EMC Report

- The school evacuation drill took place on Thursday, May 28th. The drill took a little over 15 minutes, and everything went well.

Joint Fire Commission Report

- No report.

Parks and Recreation Report

- Ron Hull reported that Larry Kooney resigned and there is now a vacancy on the Park Board.
- The pool received a DCNR grant that requires matching funds, and the Gaming grant awarded to the Park Board can be used to meet that requirement.
- The Park Board is working on getting signs for no bikes allowed on the walking path.

Engineer's Report

- Bids for the paving of High Street were opened at the May meeting. The low bidder was Farhat in the amount of \$61,938. Upon Council approval, a contract is prepared to be signed. Council President Cuddy stated that the bids were reviewed with the Finance Committee and the Road Crew and will be voted upon under New Business.
- Previously, it was discussed that DEP was inquiring about the status of the I&I problems with the sewer plant. A letter has been circulated for review in response to DEP's inquiry and is due by June 20, 2026.
- The Rental Property codes were discussed in May and are currently under review by the Solicitor. Council will defer further discussion on this until the July meeting.
- The LDI connection between the properties is approximately 80% to 90% complete. The second part of the project is sewer system that sends the wastewater to the plant is in process. LDI was working with PennDOT for final approval, which was received, and they are now ready to move forward with that part of the project within the next two to three weeks. It is anticipated that part of the project will be completed in mid-July. LDI has asked for temporary pump approval from DEP. If approval for the temporary pumps is received, the apartments will be available for rent by August or September. The Borough will not have any responsibility for the temporary pumps; however, once the project is completed in full, the Borough will own the sewer system going forward.

Solicitor's Report

- Solicitor Statler was not present at the meeting.

Mayor's Report

- Fire Company had 3 Duty Officer calls and 12 company responses.
- Savvy Citizen was used 3 times throughout the month.
- Mayor McKenna received 3 parking complaints and 1 noise complaint.
- There continues to be concern regarding electronic bikes, but there has also been an increase in four wheelers and dirt bikes driving on the roads. Mayor McKenna spoke to the State Police to have a larger presence in the area.

Sewer Delinquency / Rental Property Reports

- No comments.

Treasurer's Report

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

Unfinished Business

- The outside of the community building continues to progress with grading and grass. The appliances are present. Water is in the process of being hooked up and the plan is still completion on June 15th with first day of use to be June 27th for the America 250 Celebration. Mayor McKenna inquired as to whether there has been an occupancy limit set for the building yet. Engineer Keffer believes the occupancy has been established but has not been posted anywhere yet.
- At this time Council has decided not to take any action regarding the Tax Collector salary and will plan to put it back on the agenda in January 2028.
- The speed calming measures were pending follow up from Solicitor Statler and State Liquid Fuels.

New Business

- The finance committee discussed the bid from Farhat for the paving of High Street and is recommending Council move forward with accepting the bid as placed by Farhat for the project.

A motion to accept Farhat as the low bidder in the amount of \$61,938 to complete the paving of High Street was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Harris, and passed unanimously.

Correspondence

- None.

Committee Reports

Administration – Cuddy, Bechtel, Grbich

- Nothing to report outside of the motion to approve the bid from Farhat.

Public Works – Rosmus, Smith

- Councilman Smith discussed the grass area on the stone wall on High Street. It is becoming overgrown and is difficult/dangerous for the Public Works employees to maintain. Councilman Smith is recommending that the grass and trees are removed and a heavy rubber barrier be put in place with river rock on top. Council President Cuddy asked Councilman Smith to get pricing for his suggestion to be discussed at the July meeting.

Community Affairs – Burton, Harris

- Councilman Harris is pending response from Solicitor Statler for the speed controls.
- There is no further information to report on the cat issue.
- The Seniors had the annual graduation parade and wanted to extend their thanks to the community and Councilman Harris wanted to point out what a nice gesture it is with the residents of Dauphin cheering on the seniors.

Junior Council Person – Jocelyn Long

- Junior Council Person Long has been looking into the costs of plaques for the new building. She has received two quotes and has reached out to a couple of other companies. This will be placed on the agenda for the July meeting for Council to vote on.

ADJOURNMENT FROM COUNCIL

The public meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- None

Attest:

Cynthia Long
Acting Secretary

Approved:

Brian Cuddy
President, Borough Council