DAUPHIN BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

June 3, 2025

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

COUNCIL

Council President	Brian Cuddy
Council Vice-President	Kevin Musselman
Councilman Pro Tem	George Bechtel
Councilman	David Grbich
Councilman	Christopher Smith
Councilwoman	Kathryn Burton
Councilman	Steve Harris
Jr. Council Member	Jocelyn Long
Mayor	Michael McKenna
Treasurer/Acting Secretary	Cindy Long

Public Comments

- Josh Rissinger owns property at the corner of Claster Blvd and Charles Rd. He is looking to develop or sell and has a few questions: (a) Where is the entrance of the property, (b) Does the sidewalk and curbing need to be extended, (c) Is there public hook up for sewer, water, and gas? Engineer Heigel obtained Mr. Rissinger's contact information to discuss questions and provide answers.

Acceptance of Minutes

- A motion made by Councilman Bechtel and seconded by Councilwoman Burton to accept the Minutes of the May 6, 2025 Borough Council Meeting was passed unanimously.

Dauphin Borough/Middle Paxton Township EMC Report

- The scheduled school evacuation drill took place on May 27, 2025, as planned and went well. The kids made it from the school to the fire house in approximately 16 minutes.
- During the recent storms, six roads were closed throughout Middle Paxton Township with numerous downed trees and wires. Nothing was closed within the Borough.

- There will be a project on 22/322 coming soon. Mayor McKenna filled out the required forms and listed himself as the Emergency Contact. Mayor McKenna does not have specific details of the project yet and will provide additional information when it is available. There is a meeting scheduled Thursday, June 12th at 1:00 regarding this project. George Bechtel and Julie Seeds (Middle Paxton Township) will be in attendance.

Joint Fire Commission Report

- Councilman Musselman reported that there were 28 calls last month.
- More details will be coming regarding pricing and information on new engines. There will be a meeting soon to discuss pricing and financing options.

Parks and Recreation Report

- None

Engineer's Report

- Keith Heigel reported that the LDI project is moving forward slowly. There has not been any further information from McNaughton at this time.
- DEP is reviewing the stabilization of Stoney bank and guide rails and will likely have something to sign next month.
- The electricity was down on Saturday at the sewer plant due to the storms. The generator kicked on and operated well.
- Councilman Bechtel reported that resident at 201 Erie Street was previously contacted regarding sump pump drainage going directly onto Stoney Creek Road. The resident had installed a T; however, the water is still going onto the roadway. This will be a problem in the winter.
- Councilman Bechtel also reported water running down Hillside Road by the apartments and flowing onto lower Erie Street. Troy and Ryan will be sent to look at it but may be reaching out to Keith if needed.
- The High Street sewer project is looking to go out to bid in July.

Solicitor's Report

- No report. Solicitor Statler was not present.

Mayor's Report

- There were 14 Duty Officer calls and 28 other calls last month.

- On May 27, 2025, an individual drove through the light posts on Allegheny Street. Alcohol was not involved in the accident. It was a 26-year-old from Dover. Mayor McKenna has a copy of the police report. The poles are PP&L poles, but Council would like to put our property insurance on notice.
- Mayor is waiting to receive the permit for the fireworks for the carnival.
- It was brought to the attention of Council that the carnival is scheduled to begin on July 8, 2025 which is also the same date as the July Council meeting. The Borough grounds and building will be in use by the Lions Club.

  A motion to add an item to New Business to discuss changing the July Council meeting date due to the carnival was made by Councilwoman Burton, seconded by Councilman Grbich and passed unanimously.

Sewer Delinquency / Rental Property Reports

- No questions.

Treasurer's Report

- A motion to accept the May 2025 Treasurer's Report was made by Councilman Grbich, seconded by Councilman Smith and passed unanimously.

Unfinished Business

- The Community Building Committee met immediately preceding the Council meeting. As stated in the May meeting, the insurance company is looking for a resolution to the claim by October 2025. We are looking to complete Phase I / Part I of the community building in a scaled down version to meet insurance requirements to close out the claim and look further into expansion of the building in later phases.
- Ron Hull, representing the Park Board, requested assistance from the Borough for a few items at the May meeting. Some of the items have been addressed.
- The flag and light fixture were replaced before Memorial Day along with the Veterans banners.
- Resident Dave Ertel discussed the invasive species of weeds throughout the park and inquired what the Borough planned to do about it. Invasive plant species spread out of control and do not offer any ecological benefit to the eco-system. Council President Cuddy asked for assistance in the aid of cleaning out and/or treating (by chemical means) the invasive species. Mr. Ertel will investigate options for treatment and notify Council.

New Business

- A motion to change the July Council meeting date from July 8, 2025 to July 1, 2025 due to the carnival was made by Councilman Bechtel, seconded by Councilman Grbich and passed unanimously.
- The updated meeting date will be advertised as required.

Correspondence

- A complaint was sent to Council regarding gravel washing over to Paxton Alley. Councilman Smith will speak to Troy and Ryan to go over the area with the street sweeper and monitor the situation it to determine the source.
- On-going problem with vehicles out of inspection parked on Market Street. A resident has contacted the State Police; however, the State Police will not do anything. Mayor McKenna has attempted previously to have the State Police involved and towing companies involved, but has not had any success.

Committee Reports

Administration – Cuddy, Bechtel, Grbich

- The Borough remains on track with the budget.
- The Administration, Finance & Personnel committee is on hold with respect to the personnel vacancy.

Public Works – Musselman, Smith

- Troy and Ryan took care of the gate and diama-tex at the park. They are currently busy mowing.
- Mr. Rehab completed the lining for the sewer pipe between manholes 124 and 125.

Community Affairs – Burton, Harris

- Councilwoman Burton continues to encourage residents to report any dog complaints. Apart from increasing fines, there is concern about how enforcement actions would be handled without local police presence.

Junior Council Person – Jocelyn Long

- No report.

ADJOURNMENT FROM COUNCIL

The public meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

- None

Attest:

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Cynthia Long
Acting Secretary

Approved:

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Brian Cuddy
President, Borough Council