

DAUPHIN BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

June 6, 2023

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

COUNCIL

Council President	Brian Cuddy
Council Vice-President	Kevin Musselman
Councilman Pro Tem	Jeffrey Thrush
Councilman	David Grbich
Councilman	George Bechtel
Councilwoman	Kathryn Burton (absent)
Councilman	Steve Harris (absent)
Jr. Council Member	Jocelyn Long
Mayor	Michael McKenna
Treasurer	Cindy Long
Administrator/Secretary	Linda Durgin

Public Comments

- Liz Rodda, President of the Dauphin-Middle Paxton Historical Society, thanked Council for allowing Troy Toland and Ryan Boyer to prepare the monument area for Armed Forces Day.

Acceptance of Minutes

A motion made by Councilman Grbich and seconded by Councilman Bechtel to accept the Minutes of the May 2, 2023 Borough Council Meeting was passed unanimously.

Dauphin Borough/Middle Paxton Township EMC Report

- Emergency Management Coordinator, Robert (Rusty) Rusbatch, informed Council that the School evacuation drill was completed and had a few issues. All went well with the county-wide drill. The EMC Deputy radio has been ordered.
- Because most of Pennsylvania is currently under a Red Flag Warning, a Borough-wide Burn Ban was proposed by Rusty and Mayor McKenna.
- As the Burn Ban is an emergency item that arose within 24 hours of the monthly Council Meeting, and per the Pennsylvania Sunshine Act, a motion to add this item to the Agenda was made by Councilman Grbich, seconded by Councilman Bechtel and passed unanimously.
- A motion was made by Councilman Pro Tem Thrush and seconded by Vice President Musselman to pass Resolution 2023-06, a 30 day Burn Ban which includes a \$50-\$1000 fine penalty per violation.

Joint Fire Commission Report

- A closing balance of \$202,108.17 was reported in the Fire Company's Mid Penn Bank money market account as of May 30th.
- The Fire Company's vehicle replacement fund accounts total \$263,235.55 as of April 30th. Year to date receipts from the Fire Company's annual newsletter and solicitation for funds total \$2,795.00.
- Bingo proceeds for the period of September 1st, 2022 through April 27th, 2023 totaled \$47,578.94. Bingo expenses were reported to be \$26,643.28, including new tables, license, supplies, mailers, cash prizes and a \$2,189.00 contribution to the Boy Scouts for their assistance, providing a new income of \$20,935.66.

Parks and Recreation Report

- Councilman Pro Tem Thrush informed Council that on May 31st, Parks and Recreation submitted a grant application to DCED for \$250,000.

Engineer's Report

- The Riverview Development team met with the Borough Committee today to review the Agreement markup from the solicitor. The Borough Committee met with the McNaughton Company (The Townes at Stoney Creek) last week to discuss a sewer connection at the intersection of Erie and Susquehanna Streets. A meeting is being coordinated with the PADEP.

- A lateral repair application was sent to the contractor hired by the owner of 309 Schuylkill Street. Inspections were coordinated with Troy Toland, however the permit requires close out.
- The Envirep Duplex Pump control panel and required electrical work was initiated. LHAI will coordinate this work with Troy Toland. The supplier submitted the shop drawings and we are reviewing these for markup approval.
- An estimate for the WWTP Air Supply Line repairs was received by Troy Toland for review.
- Zoning and demolition permits were issued for the demolition of 212 and 214 Erie Street.
- A Notice of Violation was issued regarding trash and weeds at 408 Claster Boulevard.

Solicitor's Report

- Solicitor Statler stated that a second certified Notice of Violation letter was sent to 225 Riverview Terrace regarding their Air BnB. The next step would be a Notice of Violation posted on the door.

Mayor's Report

- The Fire Company responded to 15 calls. There were 4 Duty Officer calls.
- The new Claster Boulevard sign is now in place.
- 5/02 – Received a call about individuals digging up the outfields. Made contact and found they were using metal detectors. They were asked to not dig up any of the fields.
- 5/08 – There was a DUI accident at Claster Boulevard and Peters Mountain Road which took out the street sign and damaged the park sign.
- 5/09 – There was a noise complaint at 401 High Street. No noise was heard upon visit.
- 5/12 - There was a tractor-trailer parked on the 400 block of Market Street. Made contact with the driver to move the truck.
- 5/13 – A pickup truck was parked on the sidewalk on the 200 block of Erie Street. Made contact with the driver to move the truck.
- 5/17 – Received a call about trash spilled at the park pavilion. Cleaned the trash up.
- 5/20 – A complaint was received regarding high grass at 420 Erie Street. Requested letter to be sent to the property owner. Grass has since been mowed. Still working on the red van.
- 5/28 – Discovered fireworks were being set off in the middle of the road in the 200 block of Erie Street and on the outside of Kennedy Field. Made contact at both locations and shut them down.
- 5/30 – There was a fully engulfed vehicle fire at Allegheny and Swatara Streets. Zion Lutheran Church received some heat damage to the building's siding. Troy Toland and Ryan Boyer took the loader to clean the debris off the road. The next morning, they used the street sweeper to further clean the street.

Sewer Delinquency / Rental Property Reports

- Trudy Koppenhaver stated that service cutoffs are allowed now. She clarified that from December through March they are not allowed because of inclement weather.

Treasurer's Report

- A motion to accept the May 2023 Treasurer's Report was made by Councilman Bechtel, seconded by Councilman Grbich and passed unanimously.

Unfinished Business

- Committee members met with Light-Heigel & Associates for an initial meeting for the Design Development Plan for the new Community building.
- Committee members had a meeting today with LDI. There was pushback on the tap fees. The committee made clear the Borough's intentions. It will now be up for negotiation until a recommendation is brought to Council for consideration.

New Business

- A motion to purchase three trash receptacles for the park was made by Councilman Grbich, seconded by Vice President Musselman and passed unanimously.
- A motion to accept Light-Heigel & Associates as Design Development Engineers was made by Councilman Bechtel, seconded by Vice President Musselman and passed unanimously.
- A motion to accept a proposal from 'Patch Management' for pot hole repairs was made by Councilman Bechtel, seconded by Councilman Pro Tem Thrush and passed unanimously.

Correspondence

None

Committee Reports

Administration – Cuddy, Bechtel, Grbich

- President Cuddy stated that the Borough is on track from a budget standpoint.

Public Works – Musselman, Thrush

- No Report

Community Affairs – Burton, Harris

- No Report

Junior Council Person – Jocelyn Long

- Junior Council Person Long informed Council that the cap sorting has been completed.
- The plaque will be mounted on the back of the brick monument at the park entrance.

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ADJOURNMENT FROM COUNCIL

The meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

Attest:

Approved:

Linda S. Durgin
Administrator/Secretary

Brian Cuddy
President, Borough Council