

DAUPHIN BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 5, 2024

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 (absent)
Councilman	Steve Harris
Jr. Council Member	Jocelyn Long
Mayor	Michael McKenna
Treasurer	Cindy Long
Administrator/Secretary	Linda Durgin

Public Comments

- Mark Morrison, of the Fish and Boat Commission informed Council about a grant program that is available for the design and engineering for a public non-motorized boat launch. It's available to both public entities and nonprofits. The grant would cover property acquisition, design, development, rehabilitation, boat ramps, parking areas and restrooms. The Applicant would provide a 50% match to the project's cost and be cash or in-kind. The grant cycle opens in September and closes in December. It is a reimbursable program for an amount of \$100,000 or less and approved by the Executive Director. An amount over \$100,000 goes to the Commission. River Rescue has questions as to whether their motorized boats would be allowed to use the launch, and a resident wanted to know if the Borough would have liability issues. The launch site must be open for a minimum of 25 years.
- Boy Scout Xander Klinger spoke about his Gazebo Beautification Project. Council confirmed that the electrical issues would require a permit. Xander stated that he is starting with the floor and he would get in touch with Mayor McKenna as the project moves forward.
- Nicole O'Gorman, with the Park Authority, informed Council that grant money has been received for the pool. The project would require \$850,000. The Park Authority will be eligible in the Spring for a DCNR Grant for more funds. She stated she'd appreciate a letter of support from the Borough.

- Resident Jeff Smith wanted to personally thank our Borough employees for their help with the snowstorm and other projects.
- Resident Carl Dixon, who lives on River Road in Middle Paxton Township, spoke about the mail situation due to the Post Office issuing a letter stating they would discontinue delivery if River Road wasn't repaired. Council President Cuddy informed Mr. Dixon that he had met with the Postmaster who is giving the Borough until the end of May to remedy the situation since paving companies are not open yet due to the weather.

Acceptance of Minutes

A motion made by Councilman Pro Tem Bechtel and seconded by Councilman Harris to accept the Minutes of the February 6, 2024 Borough Council Meeting was passed unanimously.

Dauphin Borough/Middle Paxton Township EMC Report

- Emergency Management Coordinator Robert (Rusty) Rusbatch informed Council that the next meeting would be held on March 7th. Regarding the projected boat launch, a request was made that Mr. Rusbatch be involved, as well as a representative from the Fire Company.

Joint Fire Commission Report

- Vice President Musselman stated that the flower sale will be held on March 28th through the 30th. He also informed Council that Bingo would end on the last Thursday in April. A grant for an inflatable boat was received and a Jon Boat with a motor has been rehabbed and is back in service.

Parks and Recreation Report

- No Report

Engineer's Report

- Dauphin County completed their Bridge Report. Each bridge inspection identifies maintenance items.
- An estimate was received for a connection to Aqua Aerobics when the landline was down. This may not be needed as the landline is now functional.

- The Envirep new level control system for the existing pump control panel on Market Street is complete.
- A lateral repair application was sent to the contractor hired by 309 Schuylkill Street. Inspections were coordinated with Sewer Plant Operator Toland, however the permit requires close out.
- The CFA Board met and awarded the Borough the High Street grant application. More than \$300 million was requested for the approximately \$105.6 million that was available. The Borough was awarded \$184,192 with a \$35,000 match.
- The WWTP rerating submission was sent to PADEP, who , again, requested additional data. This is being prepared for submission.
- PADEP issued a waiver of the MS4 permit for five years. The waiver expires on August 30th of 2024. The application is ready for signatures and submission requesting the waiver be extended. The Borough must submit \$500, which may or may not be refunded.
- The dumping of soil behind the Floral Avenue Church was reported to the Dauphin County Conservation District to investigate and require compliance with E&S controls. Plans were submitted this afternoon to bring the site into compliance. The plans are under review.
- It has been determined that the tree at 212 Susquehanna Avenue is in the Public Row. The Borough will get estimates for removal.

Solicitor's Report

- There was a complaint from a resident regarding a neighbor who is doing contained open burning, including an allegation that the homeowner is burning plastic items. Solicitor Statler stated that there is an ordinance covering footage and container requirements which also includes a prohibition on the burning of plastics.

Mayor's Report

- Mayor McKenna informed Council that there will be a Centennial Parade for the Fire Company on August 10th.
- There will be a yearly community yard sale where fees will be waived.

Sewer Delinquency / Rental Property Reports

- No questions

Treasurer's Report

- A motion to accept the February 2024 Treasurer's Report was made by Councilman Pro Tem Bechtel, seconded by Councilman Grbich and passed unanimously.

Unfinished Business

- A grant application was submitted for the New Community Building and the committee collected 17-18 letters of support.

New Business

- A motion to purchase a new salt spreader was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Council Pro Tem Bechtel and passed unanimously.
- A motion to renew our Community Life Team agreement for five years was made by Councilman Pro Tem Bechtel, seconded by Councilman Harris and passed unanimously.

Correspondence

- None

Committee Reports

Administration – Cuddy, Bechtel, Grbich

- No Report

Public Works – Musselman, Smith

- Troy Toland is actively researching a sleeper sofa for the Sewer Plant.

Community Affairs – Burton, Harris

- Councilman Harris updated Council on the Savvy Citizen App program.

Junior Council Person – Jocelyn Long

- Junior Council Person Long is still working on the cap project logistics.

ADJOURNMENT FROM COUNCIL

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

Attest:

Approved:

Linda S. Durgin
Administrator/Secretary

Brian Cuddy
President, Borough Council