

# DAUPHIN BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 6, 2024

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

## COUNCIL

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

## Comments

Administrator Durgin addressed the recent influx of complaints regarding dogs off leash and/or confronting other residents' dogs. A continuing discussion is covered under the Community Affairs Committee.

## Acceptance of Minutes

A motion made by Councilman Grbich and seconded by Councilman Smith to accept the Minutes of the October 8, 2024 Borough Council Meeting was passed unanimously.

## Dauphin Borough/Middle Paxton Township EMC Report

- Council was informed that there will be Hazard Mitigation Seminar sessions online at 1:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. on November 21<sup>st</sup>.
- A burn ban was proposed as wildfire conditions are dangerous.

## **Joint Fire Commission Report**

- Vice President Musselman informed Council that the 2025 Budget was presented.
- He also mentioned that Bingo resumes on Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup>.

## **Parks and Recreation Report**

- Vice President Musselman stated that a bid by Farhat was accepted to resurface the track in order to fix a drain issue.

## **Engineer's Report**

- Regarding 511 High Street, Solicitor Statler and Engineer Heigel prepared citations and an additional violation (an excavation and railing within High Street's cartway) is being added.
- The McNaughton Company requested a conditional sewer capacity letter. The capacity letter was reviewed by the Solicitor and will be released with Council's agreement.
- PADEP cleared the 2023 Chapter 94 Report. The 2024 Chapter 94 Report is due in March of 2025.
- The Community Building committee will meet with the Architect to finalize the drawings and site grading. The RACP Application is pending.
- New plans show that the Community Building foundation has walkways which need to be moved. Ramps would be needed on one side of the new building. President Cuddy stated that since the ground nearer the sewer plant is flatter, perhaps that might be a better option.
- 511 High Street was reported to the DCCD. They visited the site, and their report will be forwarded to the Borough. Citations were prepared with the Solicitor for compliance and an excavation in the cartway and installation of a portion of a railing is being added to the citations.
- Regarding the Church on Floral Lane, shingles from their recent roof replacement were reported to have been placed in an area to be buried. I met with Vadym Kutovoy and he assured me the shingles will be properly disposed of and not buried. I will follow up to confirm.
- 220 Market Street's shed/barn/garage has become a safety concern and is almost leaning against the adjoining structure. A notice of violation was issued. Work began but seems to have stalled. A follow up Notice of Violation will be issued with a citation to follow.
- The Solicitor is addressing the rental issue for 408 Cluster Boulevard.

## **Solicitor's Report**

- Solicitor Statler informed Council that as the 2025 Budget calls for an increase in sewer fees, it must be approved in a public meeting with the three members of the Sewer Authority and advertised as a Special Meeting. It only needs to be advertised for 24 hours.
- President Pro Tempore Bechtel asked the Solicitor if LDI would then raise the sewer rates in their proposed contract. Solicitor Statler will respond at the next council meeting.
- Solicitor Statler told Council that the Mayor has the ability to write traffic citations.

## **Mayor's Report**

- Mayor McKenna informed Council that he needs a new cell phone as his was damaged.
- There was an anonymous phone call regarding a fire in a backyard. The Mayor responded.
- The Mayor told Council that Eagle Scout Xander Klinger has completed the Gazebo Project. The Mayor has signed off.

## **Sewer Delinquency / Rental Property Reports**

- Trudy Koppenhaver supplemented her report with an email stating the following:
  1. The solicitor is filing a lien against the Borough's oldest delinquent account.
  2. 408 Claster Boulevard is refusing to pay the imposed rental fee.

## **Treasurer's Report**

- A motion to accept the October 2024 Treasurer's Report was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Grbich, and passed unanimously.

## **Unfinished Business**

- Keith Heigel reiterated the problems regarding 511 High Street, including harassment issues, the unstable tree branch, motor vehicle issues, etc. There will be six total Notices of Violation, including the new resident-installed handrail within the cartway.

## **New Business**

- Mayor McKenna would like a chain link fence and signage installed at the kayak launch. Junior Council Person Jocelyn Long will assist the Mayor.
- A motion to approve advertising of the 2025 budget was made by President Pro Tempore Bechtel, seconded by Councilman Harris and passed unanimously.
- A motion to pass Resolution 2024-01, a temporary burn ban, was made by President Pro Tempore Bechtel, seconded by Councilman Harris and passed unanimously.
- A motion to approve \$3,000 for the kayak launch, with installation by a local contractor, along with a grant request of \$1500 for reimbursement was made by Councilman Smith, seconded by President Pro Tempore Bechtel and passed unanimously.

## **Correspondence**

- Council received a thank you note from Eagle Scout Xander Klinger, which included a reimbursement of excess funds from fund raising efforts.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Administration – Cuddy, Bechtel, Grbich**

- Councilwoman Burton suggested that Council update ordinances and fines for dog leash violations. Solicitor advised that the Borough notify the Dog Law Officer about recent loose and aggressive dog incidents.

### **Public Works – Musselman, Smith**

- No Report

### **Community Affairs – Burton, Harris**

- Councilman Harris stated the need for an 'Opposing Traffic Does Not Stop' sign at the intersection of Erie Street and Claster Boulevard. Engineer Heigel will look into it.

**Junior Council Person – Jocelyn Long**

- No Report

**ADJOURNMENT FROM COUNCIL**

The meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None

**Attest:**

**Approved:**

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**Linda S. Durgin**  
**Administrator/Secretary**

**Brian Cuddy**  
**President, Borough Council**