

DAUPHIN BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 8, 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
Councilman	Steve Harris
Jr. Council Member	Jocelyn Long
Mayor	Michael McKenna
Treasurer	Cindy Long
Administrator/Secretary	Linda Durgin

Public Comments

- A large contingent from the Hillside development appeared before Council regarding complaints about a rottweiler owned by a tenant residing at 111 Erie Street.
- Kory and Kristin Auch, of 5 Hillside Road, stated that the rottweiler has viciously mauled their two dogs, has bitten Kory and has been a threat for several years despite complaints filed with the State Police and the PA Dog Warden.
- Nancy Sponeybarger, of 13 Hillside Road, informed Council that action needs to be taken regarding the rottweiler. Harvey Knupp, of 29 Hillside Road, concurred.
- Council President Cuddy offered to have the Borough Solicitor write letters to the tenant as well as the landlord.

Acceptance of Minutes

A motion made by Councilman Grbich and seconded by Councilman Harris to accept the Minutes of the October 3, 2023 Borough Council Meeting and the October 25, 2023 Borough Council Meeting was passed unanimously.

Dauphin Borough/Middle Paxton Township EMC Report

- Mayor McKenna informed Council that the EMA Radios have been delivered.

Joint Fire Commission Report

- A closing balance of \$102,492.06 was reported in the Fire Company's Mid Penn Bank Money Market Account as of October 24th, with an additional \$100,000 currently invested in 6-month and 12-month CD's.
- The Middle Paxton PLGIT Term and Prime Fire Company vehicle replacement fund account totals \$269,632.13 as of September 30th. Year to date receipts from the Fire Company's annual newsletter and solicitation for funds total \$3,260. The Fire Company intends to mail the 2024 annual newsletter in January.
- The Committee ratified its October 12th email approval for the Fire Company to pay the \$3,435.09 Fire & Rescue Products invoice recently received for state inspection, full PM, pump test and check engine light service on Tanker 38 performed in April. The Committee also approved the 60-month lease of a copier/printer at a cost of \$145.50 per month.
- The Committee approved the total \$7,576.23 cost to fully refurbish Boat 38.
- The Committee also approved the \$2,638.85 cost to replace the halogen lights on Tanker 38.
- The Fire Company held Fire Prevention Week activities for students at Middle Paxton Elementary School and Happy Hollow at Hope Child Care Center.
- 11 firefighters qualified for service recognition awards during 2023.

Parks and Recreation Report

- Councilman Pro Tem Thrush provided updates to Council and stated there won't be a meeting until next year.
- Councilman Pro Tem Thrush informed Council that a DCNR grant will be sought next spring. The amount is unknown at this time.

Engineer's Report

- Mike Kessler assisted Troy with the recent River Road/Market Street/Canal Street Veolia route amendment and Borough utility locations. The paving of a portion of River Road will be postponed until next spring due to weather conditions.
- The Envirep Duplex Pump control panel and required electrical work was initiated. Light-Heigel is coordinating this work with Troy Toland and Mike Buchenhauer. The Envirep panel was delivered, and the electric supply panel is being connected.
- The WWTP rerating submission was submitted to PADEP, which is requesting additional data of high flows, and laboratory analysis correlating with the high flows.
- PADEP reviewed and provided comments on the 2022 Chapter 94 annual report. The 2023 Chapter 94 report is due March 2024.
- The Solicitor is negotiating with LDI. There was no activity with the McNaughton Company.
- Council approved the preliminary design of the community building. The selected building size and room arrangement was preliminarily completed along with building elevations and site concept plans with parking. A kitchen supplier is locating equipment within the kitchen plan. Preparing bid specifications is the next step.
- PPL set the meter at the Allegheny Street ramp.

Solicitor's Report

- Solicitor Statler stated that the window for an appeal for Riverview Terrace ends on December 6, 2023.

Mayor's Report

- The Fire Company responded to 10 calls. There were 6 Duty Officer calls.
- The fire prevention program at the Middle Paxton Elementary School went well.
- Halloween and Heritage Day were a success.
- Mayor McKenna informed Council that he's still working with PPL for a streetlight on Floral Lane.
- The Mayor is still seeking a solution to having someone tow abandoned vehicles in the Borough.

Sewer Delinquency / Rental Property Reports

- No questions

Treasurer's Report

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

Unfinished Business

- Council President Cuddy stated that the New Community Building is still in the design and development phase.
- Council President Cuddy said there is a meeting scheduled with State Representative Joseph Kerwin, on November 16th at noon, in regards to acquiring grant monies.

New Business

- The LDI at River View decision was tabled until the next Council Meeting on December 12, 2023. Eric Clancy of LDI, along with a Vanguard representative, and their solicitor spoke to Council about the proposed development.
- Eric Clancy of LDI spoke about the Corrective Action Plan (CAP) and that DEP has encouraged the Borough to get connections with LDI to create a revenue stream.

Correspondence

- President Cuddy informed residents that the Christmas Tree Lighting event will be held at the Gazebo on December 1, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Committee Reports

Administration – Cuddy, Bechtel, Grbich

- The 2024 Budget has been advertised and will be voted on at the December 12, 2023 Council Meeting.

Public Works – Musselman, Thrush

- No report

Community Affairs – Burton, Harris

- The Savvy Citizen alert system is still under discussion.

Junior Council Person – Jocelyn Long

- No report

ADJOURNMENT FROM COUNCIL

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Attest:

Approved:

Linda S. Durgin
Administrator/Secretary

Brian Cuddy
President, Borough Council