

DAUPHIN BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

October 4, 2022

Council meeting came to order at 7:02 p.m.

COUNCIL

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

Public Comments

- Gerard Blinebury informed Council that he will be trimming a tree on 210 Erie Street that encroaches onto Allegheny Street. This may require cones and a crane.

Acceptance of Minutes

A motion made by Councilman Grbich and seconded by Councilman Bechtel to accept the Minutes of the September 6, 2022 Borough Council Meeting was passed unanimously.

Dauphin Borough/Middle Paxton Township EMC Report

No Report

Joint Fire Commission Report

- Vice President Musselman informed Council that his committee met on September 27th. Year to date they have received \$13,150 in donations. There will be a chicken corn soup sale on October 29th.
- Mayor McKenna stated that the Borough fire engine was on a call and was damaged when a tow truck pulled up past the engine, then backed up and hit it. He is waiting for an estimate and arrangements have been made to have a back-up engine available.

Parks and Recreation Report

- The committee met on September 27th. There was a feasibility study done and revised plans will be presented at the next public meeting in November.

Engineer's Report

- The McNaughton Company wants to meet with Borough Public Works on the 27th to discuss connections options for the Townes at Stoney Creek.
- The owner of a small lot at the beginning of Stony Creek Road is asking for tax relief and wants to sell. However, the lot is undevelopable and President Cuddy stated that the Borough is not interested in acquiring the lot.
- NPES Permit is still in process.
- Mr. Heigel is planning a meeting with Community Affairs to discuss an ordinance to cover short term rentals such as AIR BnB's and VRBO properties.
- The Hillside plan was approved by the Borough on November 2021. It needed to go to the Recorder of Deeds within 90 days so we need an affirmation, which is a motion to reaffirm.
- A motion to reaffirm Council's approval was made by Councilman Grbich, seconded by Councilman Pro Tem and passed unanimously.

Solicitor's Report

No Report

Mayor's Report

Fire Company calls for September - 17

Duty Officer calls for September - 4

An unattended vehicle was removed from the 300 block of Erie Street

9-14 - A resident called regarding a snake in her house. Ryan Boyer and I went and wrangled the snake from the property.

9/18 - There was a noise complaint at 401A High Street (second time for this issue) Went to the property and met with the resident outside, showed that no noise was evident outside. Advised the tenant to contact her landlord. Councilman Harris was also contacted regarding the noise complaints. The Borough will send a letter to the landlord of this property.

9/21 - Advised of graffiti on the Erie Street wall at the Market Street intersection. Working on removal.

9/23 - Notified by Ryan of burnt paper products at the pavilion.

9/23 - Removed a downed tree on Cluster Boulevard.

9/23 - Notified of possible graffiti on Cluster Boulevard. Was not able to locate.

9/28 - Ryan Boyer notified the Mayor of vandalism to the picnic tables at the pavilion. He will be working on cleaning up. (Photos available)

9/28 - There is a hole punched through the wall of the storage building next to the band shell. (Photo available)

9/30 - Tagged three vehicles in the 400 block of Market Street with unattended tags and ordinance copies. All three were uninspected.

Treasurer's Report

- A motion to accept the September 2022 Treasurer's Report was made by Councilman Grbich, seconded by Councilman Bechtel and passed unanimously.

Unfinished Business

- The Building Committee met two weeks ago. They asked groups that were in the building to meet in their groups to list what they would like to see at a new building. There is a meeting tomorrow to start drafting a plan to present to the architect.

- Borough Council is awaiting resolutions from the Sewer Authority to consider an increase in tap fees from the current \$4K to \$8K.

- Rental units will be considered residential meaning each unit will have a residential tap fee rather than one commercial fee.

- There was a car accident at the Allegheny Street bridge. The driver is not providing the requested information so the Borough will proceed with making a claim for repairs.

New Business

- A discussion on the conveyance of Memorial Park to the Park Authority has been tabled until the next Council meeting.
- A vote on funding an architect for the Old Schoolhouse has been tabled until the next Council meeting.

Correspondence

None

Committee Reports

Administration – Cuddy, Bechtel, Grbich

- Waste Management has asked the Borough to sign a new contract with a \$25,000 increase. They have a proposal that can extend the contract to the end of the year. The new proposal will likely cost residents \$5.00 more per month. Council decided it would be a benefit to check with other vendors.
- The Borough budget is under discussion and will be available for review by Council.

Public Works – Musselman, Thrush

- Temporary speed humps and a new stop sign are still under discussion. It was mentioned that there are radar speed signs that flash when cars are speeding. These signs can track data and notify police what the peak driving times are. A motion to draft an ordinance for a stop sign on Claster Boulevard was made by Councilman Harris. This motion was not seconded.

Community Affairs – Burton

- Councilwoman Burton suggested adding the third available Park Rules sign to the park pavilion.

Junior Council Person – Jocelyn Long

- Junior Council Person Long informed Council that the deadline for the bottle cap program has been extended to October 31st.

ADJOURNMENT FROM COUNCIL

The meeting adjourned at 8:~~12~~42 p.m.

- EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

~~An Executive Session regarding Personnel began at 8:20 p.m. and ended at 8:45 p.m.~~

Attest:

Approved:

Linda S. Durgin
Administrator/Secretary

Brian Cuddy
President, Borough Council