

DAUPHIN BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

September 5, 2023

Council meeting came to order at 7:01 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
Jr. Council Member	Jocelyn Long
Mayor	Michael McKenna
Treasurer	Cindy Long
Administrator/Secretary	Linda Durgin

Public Comments

- John Wilt, USDA Biological Science Technician, began his report to Council by providing photos of vultures getting into trash cans in the Borough. He spoke about the actions the USDA is taking to mitigate vulture issues. He mentioned that our current contract expires October 31, 2023. Continued harassment efforts are recommended and our agreement is for 45 nights per season. Councilman Bechtel requested that a summary of vulture efforts be provided on a monthly basis.
- Xander Klinger, Boy Scout, restated his interest in updating the park gazebo for his Scout Project which would include railing repairs, painting and electrical work.
- Gerry Blinbury spoke to Council about his various properties and is requesting permission to cancel Sewer & Trash billing on some of the properties because of changes to the size of the units.

Acceptance of Minutes

A motion made by Councilman Pro Tem Thrush and seconded by Councilman Harris to accept the Minutes of the August 8, 2023 Borough Council Meeting was passed unanimously.

Dauphin Borough/Middle Paxton Township EMC Report

- Mayor McKenna informed Council that Ryan Boyer has resigned from his post as Fire Chief in order to accept a coaching position.

Joint Fire Commission Report

- A closing balance of \$102,391.04 was reported in the Fire Company's Mid Penn Bank Money Market account as of July 31st, with an additional \$100,000 currently invested in 6-month and 12-month CD's. The PLGIT Fire Company Vehicle Replacement Fund account totals \$268,576.96. Year to date receipts from the Fire Company's annual newsletter and solicitation of funds total \$3,260.
- It was reported that the Fire Company's inflatable boat, used mainly during flooding situations, has been damaged and cannot be repaired. The Fire Company is investigating grants to replace the boat, which will cost in excess of \$10,000.
- Weekly Bingo is scheduled to begin on Thursday, September 28th.

Parks and Recreation Report

- Councilman Pro Tem Thrush informed Council that the pool grant request has been submitted.
- Softball, baseball and fall ball are starting up. The pool will be closed.

Engineer's Report

- Veolia is working with EK Services for paving for the River Road Project.
- A request was received to remove Erie Street's demolished properties from the sewer billing.
- The Envirep Duplex Pump control panel and required electrical work submittals were approved and the electrical work commenced.
- The High Street Sewer replacement grant Application was submitted. The awards are scheduled for this month.
- The Riverview Development team requested a meeting with the Borough and Solicitor. The solicitor is reviewing the Part II language before it is released. The Borough Committee met the McNaughton Company and the WWTP rerating submission is prepared for signatures and submission to PADEP.
- 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. The committee met with a kitchen

supplier to confirm the kitchen size and equipment location with the kitchen. The plans will be available September 26th.

- A closed hearing was held on August 23, 2023 for the 255 Riverview Terrace Notice of Violation. Briefs are being prepared by the Applicant's attorney and the Borough's solicitor before the Zoning Hearing Board deliberates.

Solicitor's Report

- Solicitor Statler stated that he made contact with Mike Hamilton of 408 Claster Boulevard and will get in touch with Trudy to discuss.

- The filing has been completed regarding the Burn Ban violation. There will be a \$50 fine.

- The Zoning Hearing Board hearing was held last week. Solicitor Statler will be submitting a brief by September 21st.

Mayor's Report

- No report. Mayor had to leave for an emergency.

Sewer Delinquency / Rental Property Reports

- No questions

Treasurer's Report

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

Unfinished Business

- The Dauphin-Middle Paxton Historical Society would like to install, on the new Community Building, a bronze plaque commemorating the old building. They may be interested in installing the old school bell.

- President Brian Cuddy has spoken to Eric Clancy from LDI and informed him that the Borough is weary of the endless negotiations and encouraged Mr. Clancy to bring their best and final proposal.

- The Borough is still waiting for PPL to handle repairs on the ramp bridge.

New Business

- Council will review the Borough contract with USDA and ask the Home Association for a donation.
- A motion made by Councilman Bechtel and seconded by Councilman Grbich to approve Xander Klinger's Boy Scout Gazebo Project was passed unanimously. Another motion was made by Councilman Grbich and seconded by Councilman Bechtel to pay Xander an initial \$500 donation with the option for further financing as needed. The motion was passed unanimously.
- A motion to approve Resolution 2023-07, supporting AMERICA250PA, was made by Councilman Bechtel, seconded by Councilman Pro Tem Thrush and passed unanimously.
- A motion made by Councilman Bechtel and seconded by Councilman Grbich to cancel Sewer & Trash billing for 212 and 214 Erie Street, currently all billed as residential, was passed unanimously.
- A motion to cancel Sewer & Trash billing for 228 Erie Street upon a change to one unit commercial and one unit residential was made by Councilman Bechtel, seconded by Councilman Harris and passed unanimously.
- A motion to add an Emergency Item to the September 5th Agenda regarding Minimum Municipal Obligation funding for retirement was made by Councilman Grbich, seconded by Councilman Pro Tem Thrush and passed unanimously
- A motion made by Councilman Grbich and seconded by Councilman Harris to sign the Minimum Municipal Obligation was passed unanimously.

Correspondence

- Council approved adding 'Savvy Citizen', a notification system which is being offered with a CapCOG discount, to next month's Agenda.

Committee Reports

Administration – Cuddy, Bechtel, Grbich

- The committee is preparing for budget talks.
- A Gaming Grant application for debt reduction has been submitted

Public Works – Musselman, Thrush

- No Report

Community Affairs – Burton, Harris

- No Report

Junior Council Person – Jocelyn Long

- Council Person Long will be completing the cap recycling project soon.

ADJOURNMENT FROM COUNCIL

The meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

Attest:

Approved:

Linda S. Durgin
Administrator/Secretary

Brian Cuddy
President, Borough Council