

DAUPHIN BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

September 6, 2022

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
Jr. Council Member	Jocelyn Long
Mayor	Michael McKenna
Treasurer	Cindy Long
Administrator/Secretary	Linda Durgin

Public Comments

- Deb Rudy thanked Mayor McKenna for addressing a lot of issues within the last 1-1/2 years. Deb stated that the truck traffic noise is bad and questioned whether the Borough could make a formal request to PennDOT. There have been speeders and loud fireworks. She encountered a 20-year old man riding a dirt bike who intimidated her. Deb also wanted to know if there is a pit bull ordinance as there has been an incident in the Borough where an off-leash pit bull attacked another dog, causing severe injuries.
- Ron Hull, of the Lions Club, wants to reduce the use of the portable storage sheds to just one.
- David Ertel, of 218 Riverview Terrace, brought to the attention of Council that there has been an increase in speeders on Claster Boulevard and a downed PennDOT sign.

Acceptance of Minutes

A motion made by Councilwoman Burton and seconded by Councilman Bechtel to accept the Minutes of the August 2, 2022 Borough Council Meeting was passed unanimously.

Dauphin Borough/Middle Paxton Township EMC Report

No Report

Joint Fire Commission Report

- The Joint Fire Commission hosted Bingo on Thursday. The commission had an open house and the new chairs were delivered.

Parks and Recreation Report

- There are proposals for park changes that will be presented at the next meeting, to be held on September 26th at 7:00 p.m. in the Middle Paxton Township building.

Engineer's Report

- The Recorder of Deeds would not record the Hillside Plans because the recording deadline has passed. The Recorder suggested that language and signatures be added to the Plan for recording.
- The 2021 Chapter 94 annual report was reviewed by PADEP. The PADEP letter asking for Pump Station controls are to be addressed.
- Additional information was forwarded to LDI for their preparation of a Pennvest meeting with the Borough. No additional information was received from the McNaughton Company.
- 409 Allegheny Street was issued a permit for classrooms and a nursery above the existing building in the rear of the property. FBC is proposing a reduced easement on the adjoining property to address this. A new appeal may be submitted to the COG Appeals Board.
- Grinder pump inspections will take place beginning on September 26th.

Solicitor's Report

- Solicitor Statler informed Council that there will be two resolutions for the Municipal Authority and to expect them to be in front of the Authority within two weeks.

Mayor's Report

- Fire Company Calls: 15 Duty Officer Calls: 4
- August 4th: The Mayor was notified of a decaying body of some type (thought to be a dog) in the 100 block of River Road. Went to the location with a PSP Trooper and discovered a deceased dog. Notified the property owner and he was able to properly bury the animal.
- August 15th: Met with two agents from Homeland Security. They were interested in obtaining footage from our security cameras. Unfortunately, we did not have the footage they needed. There was no threat to the residents.
- August 28th: Received complaints of a pickup truck and trailer (with the rear axle off) parked on the sidewalk at Allegheny Street across from the Pizza shop. Made contact with the owner and advised him of the Borough ordinance and the safety hazard and the vehicles were removed.
- August 29th: Received a complaint of a dog barking on the 200 block of Erie Street at approximately 9:30 p.m. The dog was in a residence and had stopped barking by the time I arrived.

Treasurer's Report

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

Unfinished Business

- The Borough has received a \$94,000 check from the Insurance Company for the demolition and debris removal from the Old Schoolhouse. The Borough still has the formerly issued \$60,000 check.
- The Borough applied for a feasibility study for a grant totaling \$80,000-108,000 range.

New Business

- A motion to purchase a portable radio for Emergency Management was made by Councilman Bechtel, seconded by Councilman Pro Tem Thrush and passed unanimously.
- A motion to accept the \$9,900 funding of the Employee Pension Plan for 2023 was made by Councilman Grbich, seconded by Councilman Bechtel and passed unanimously.

Correspondence

- There was an email from the Dauphin-Middle Paxton Historical Society regarding their upcoming gala on September 17th.

Committee Reports

Administration – Cuddy, Bechtel, Grbich

- President Cuddy informed Council that he received an updated trash hauling estimate from Waste Management in the amount of \$20,000 per year. Waste Management threatened to withhold trash pickup without an updated contract. This cost would be passed on to Borough residents. President Cuddy stated that the Borough owes it to residents to put our trash hauling out for bids. Councilman Grbich stated that the proposed \$20,000 estimate would see an increase of \$5.00 per month per resident. The Administration Committee is putting together a bid packet for other haulers.

Public Works – Musselman, Thrush

- Vice President Musselman’s and Engineer Heigel’s discussion on temporary speed humps is still ongoing.

Community Affairs – Burton

- Councilwoman Burton showed Council the new park signs.
- Recycling prospects are still under discussion

Junior Council Person – Jocelyn Long

- The Trex bench has arrived.
- The ABC project is ending on September 30th.
- Jocelyn shared with Council that she interviewed Troy Toland and Ryan Boyer about their respective jobs for the Borough. Her article will appear in the next newsletter.

ADJOURNMENT FROM COUNCIL

The meeting adjourned at 8:35~~12~~ 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

