

DAUPHIN BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

September 7, 2021

Council meeting came to order at 6:58 p.m.

COUNCIL

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

Acceptance of Minutes

A motion made by Councilman Musselman and seconded by Vice-President Cuddy to accept the Minutes of the August 3, 2021 Borough Council Meeting was passed unanimously.

Public Comments

- Resident Al Skocik stated that water is coming off the mountain and there is dirt and divots on the property that weren't there before. In addition, his neighbor is having unexpected problems with their sump pump. He said that something has changed on that mountain. Mr. Skocik requested that the Borough Engineer take a look at it. Mike Keffer, from Light-Heigel & Associates, said that they would.

Dauphin Borough/Middle Paxton Township EMC Report

- Mayor McKenna spoke about the recent storm and stated that there were a number of trees and wires down but that Dauphin Borough fared better than Middle Paxton Township.

Parks and Recreation Report

- Councilman Thrush informed Council that the Baseball/Softball season has wrapped up. A meeting will be held on September 21st at 7:00 p.m. at St. Matthews where they'll be looking for support for improvements to the pool. They're looking into possible engineering plans for updates and construction.

Engineer's Report

- Mike Keffer, of Light-Heigel & Associates, stated that the next meeting will be held on September 21st at 4:30 to address items that were brought up at the September 2nd meeting regarding the Hillside subdivision plan.
- The Waste Water Treatment Plant did well and did not overflow but went into Storm Operating Mode. Sewer Plant Operator, Troy Toland, spoke to DEP before the storm arrived.
- Light-Heigel & Associates met with LDI about the proposed pumping station in Middle Paxton Township. It would serve nine multi-dwelling units. This would strictly be for residential properties. Commercial applications should be gravity flow.

Solicitor's Report

- Attorney Jason Statler, from the law offices of Johnson Duffie, introduced himself to Council. A motion to accept Attorney Statler as Borough Solicitor was made by Vice President Cuddy, seconded by Councilman Musselman and passed unanimously.
- Councilman Bechtel requested information on the \$2,000 check from the Sewer account and an update on the High Street property lines that the previous Solicitor was attending to. Solicitor Statler will address both items at the next Council meeting.

Treasurer's Report

- Treasurer Long informed Council that the American Rescue Plan check has been deposited into the Borough Money Market account.

- A motion to accept the August 3, 2021 Treasurer's Report was made by Vice-President Cuddy, seconded by Councilman Bechtel and passed unanimously.

Mayor's Report

- Mayor McKenna talked about a long-standing abandoned vehicle and discovered that the owner lives on 48th Street in Harrisburg. The State Police have tagged the vehicle and it will hopefully be gone within the next two weeks.

Unfinished Business

- Cheryl Cuddy spoke about the upcoming 250th Anniversary Celebration of Dauphin Borough. There will be 250th Anniversary shirts, banners, and home town heroes banners that can be purchased. Among other activities, there will be a time capsule, a silent auction, food trucks, fireworks and a wine/beer tasting event. There will be lots of activities for children including pony rides, a bounce house and a children's tent with organized games and activities. She informed Council that there has been \$10,000 in donations for this celebration. Mayor McKenna will be looking into traffic control. Council President Grbich is requesting that the committee acquire liability insurance, particularly for the wine/beer tasting event and also a permit for the fireworks.

New Business

- Councilman Musselman stated that acquiring and installing outside lights will coincide with the security camera installations. He's already spoken to the electrician and is expecting a quote next week.
- Mayor McKenna said he'll meet with Councilman Musselman, Councilman Thrush and Road Master Toland to work on signage for River Road.

Correspondence

None

Committee Reports

Administration – Cuddy, Bechtel

- The Administration Committee is looking into a new sewer payment system. The Committee will meet on September 15, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. at the Borough office. They will be setting up meetings for performance reviews.

Public Works – Musselman, Thrush

- It was brought up that there is corrosion of some sewer-related controls. The Committee is researching the feasibility of moving the controls into a separate building.
- Road Master Toland is looking into patching River Road.

Community Affairs – Harris, Burton

- The Committee met with Mr. Deller on August 10th and September 2nd regarding the Blinebury Subdivision. The Committee will meet on September 21, 2021, after Middle Paxton Township’s meeting.
- Resident John Windish requested that committee meetings be posted on the Borough website. He addressed Council regarding his not being notified of a Community Affairs Committee Meeting.
- The Committee plans to discuss the Rental Inspection process at their next meeting on September 21, 2021.

Junior Council Person – Jocelyn Long

- Junior Council Person Long updated Council on the bottle cap collection endeavor which will provide picnic tables for the new park pavilion.

ADJOURNMENT FROM COUNCIL

The meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

Attest:

Approved:

Linda Durgin
Administrator/Secretary

Dave Grbich
President, Borough Council