

REGULAR MEETING OF DRAVOSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL OF SEPT. 20, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Council President McKelvey at 7:08 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Dzuro.....present
Mols.....present
Palcsey.....present (via telephone)
Snodgrass..... .present
McKelvey..... .present

Mr. Palcsey makes the motion to accept the minutes as written. Mr. Mols seconds the motion. Roll call vote. Dzuro-yes; Mols-abstain; Palcsey-yes; Snodgrass-yes; McKelvey-yes. Motion carried.

Citizens Present

Mr. Charles Gross comments on all the junk vehicles that are parked at the old #2 firehall. That area is zoned R1, for single family lots. Mr. Mols states that it is zoned for single family lots; we have never changed the zoning. Mr. Gross says they are storing junk vehicles there and they should be orange tagged. President McKelvey states we will look into that.

Mr. Gross comments he commends Council for looking out for those living on Luscombe Lane and how the project has been going on now for 3 years. A brief discussion follows.

Mr. Dennis Krajewski states that white car is still sitting there in that alley. President McKelvey asks where. He states it is in Poplar Alley between Euclid and Sherman. Then there is a van sitting down there by the old Third Street School with the windows out. A brief discussion follows.

Ms. Ann Toth comments the jungle is still there. President McKelvey states a letter went out today to the property owner and hopefully something will get done. A brief discussion follows.

Ms. Dorothy Best questions the status of the abandoned house. President McKelvey replies that is going to be on the demolition list; we will hold a demolition hearing and if we don't hear anything from him, we will tear it down. She says there was an engineer out there about 2-3 weeks ago and questioned what that was for. Ms. Branthoover stated they were there to take pictures on the place that was needed for the application for funding. A brief discussion follows.

Ms. Best reports next to the bridge, the Lamar property, their vines are coming down onto the sidewalk again. They only come and cut once a year and they should be made to come out twice. President McKelvey states we will get in touch with them and have them come out again to clear that up.

Mr. Glenn Allen states he has already given his issues for the last 4 years and is still waiting on a conversation, man to man. President McKelvey says we already have heard this and don't need to rehash it over again.

Mayor

The mayor is not present but President McKelvey asks Assistant Chief Steele if there is anything he would like to report. Assistant Chief Steele reports they are having a staffing shortage just like everyone else; they have hired several officers from Duquesne as they are getting ready to fold over there; we have basically taken them all.

Assistant Chief Steele informs Mr. Krajewski if he wants to meet with him after the meeting for these junk vehicles, he will work with traffic control to get them taken care of. A brief discussion follows.

Assistant Chief Steele states if anyone would like to talk with him after the meeting, he will stay; he has all night. He asks everyone to be patient with him and Chief Alfer; they are doing their best.

President McKelvey reports we received an email, or Facebook posting about dirt bikes riding up and down Euclid. Ms. Toth and others comment they ride through all the streets and alleys. Assistant Chief Steele comments they have a zero-pursuit policy on this; they are not allowed to chase them. A discussion follows.

Solicitor

Atty. Gobel comments briefly on what was discussed at Caucus: 1) We had a meeting with the Turnpike Commission on the Expressway' they gave us a review of the latest update. 2) He is still looking into the Rogers property that was sold on Lebanon Church Road and will try to get a copy of the deed to see the exact amount the property was sold for. 3) We received the appraisals on the Curry Hollow Property we own. 4) On the 508 Euclid property, no one put in a bid for the sheriff sale so it will go up for a free and clear bid on Sept. 29th with minimum bid of \$9500. 5) Atty. Gobel reports on the Baker tax assessment appeal.

Engineer

Ms. Branthoover states she gave her report during Caucus. 1) PAWC is still working to complete the work on Ridgeview. They are still not applying for permits and paying the fees. 2) The design work for the Maple Avenue project is currently under review and will be ready for Council review next week. 3) The GTRP grant application for the Ballfield was approved for \$120,000. An LSA Grant application was also submitted for this project. They will need a motion to start the design work for this project. 4) Submitted a LSA Grant for a new dump truck for street dept. We should hear something in November. 5) CD49 Pre apps have been submitted to SVCOG. They put in for Street Reconstruction of Ridgeview from Highview to Clearview, Pine and Spruce Alleys, Widen Mound Ave; for demolition, they filed an application for 204 Maple, 5 Goldstrom, 8 Goldstrom, 106 4th St, and 5 5th St; An application for sidewalks on Euclid Avenue from Maple to 6th Street was also filed. 6) GEDTF applications are due by September 23rd if Council would like to apply for something.

Sanitation/Grants/Blighted Property

Mr. Dzuro has nothing to report at this time.

Public Safety/Workers Comp/Fire

President McKelvey has nothing at this time.

Parks/Recreation/Ordinance

Mr. Palcsey thanks the engineer for getting that grant for the ballfields and makes a motion authorizing the engineer to begin the plans and specs for this project. Mr. Snodgrass questions if we are going to spec the bathrooms and roof. Mr. Palcsey replies yes, the roof, bathrooms and as much of the parking lot that we can get done. Mrs. Honick suggests the engineer to spec out the project with options; that way we can pick and chose what is to be done; we definitely want the roof and bathrooms done first. Engineer Branthoover states yes, she can do separate sheets on this and that way we can throw things out we don't have funds for. Mr. Mols seconds the motion. Roll call vote. Dzuro-yes; Mols-yes; Palcsey-yes; Snodgrass-yes; McKelvey-yes. Motion carried.

Streets/Property/COG

Mr. Snodgrass has nothing to report at this time.

Finance/Insurance/Negotiations

Mr. Mols comments it is budget time and if anyone has any requests for their department, let Mrs. Honick know as soon as possible.

Mr. Mols reports we received our 2nd ARPA payment.

Mr. Mols reports we received a delinquent garbage list from Waste Management of people who are not paying their bill. Mr. Mols makes the motion to pursue delinquent garbage customers through a notification of an Ordinance violation. Mr. Palcsey seconds the motion. A brief discussion follows. Roll call vote. Dzuro-yes; Mols-yes; Palcsey-yes; Snodgrass-yes; McKelvey-yes. Motion carried. Atty. Gobel comments this is a Courtesy Letter being sent out and those that don't respond, they will be cited and the fine is like \$300-\$600 per day.

Mr. Snodgrass requests a 5 min. executive session.

President McKelvey calls the meeting back to order.

Old Business

Mr. Dzuro makes the motion to demolish 210-214 4th Street, the old Bowen property. Mr. Snodgrass seconds the motion. Roll call vote. Dzuro-yes; Mols-yes; Palcsey-yes; Snodgrass-yes; McKelvey-yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Dzuro questions the engineer under that GEDTF if we could put in an application for the ballfields for the lights and parking lot. She responds yes and will put one in. A brief discussion follows.

New Business

After a brief discussion on when we should celebrate Halloween, President McKelvey states Halloween will be observed on Monday, the 31st from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. There will be a parade at the borough building beginning at 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Palcsey comments he is working with Mr. Miller from MARS on flu shots. They are working with the McKeesport Hospital Foundation and right now, he is having trouble getting the serum. He will keep us posted when he hears anything further.

Mr. Palcsey comments to compare apples to apples, he knows Forward Township is in the same situation as us for police protection and was wondering if we could possibly find out what they are paying for police services to see how much of a difference there is from ours. President McKelvey says he will try to find out.

Mr. Palcsey makes the motion to pay the approved bills. Mr. Snodgrass seconds. Roll call vote. Dzuro-yes; Palcsey-yes; Snodgrass-yes; McKelvey-yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Mols makes the motion to adjourn. Mr. Dzuro seconds. ALL AYE!!!

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Honick, Secty/Treas.
Borough of Dravosburg