

REGULAR MEETING OF DRAVOSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL OF OCTOBER 18, 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. Snodgrass seconds the motion. Roll call vote. Dzuro-yes; Mols-yes; Palcsey-yes; Snodgrass-yes; McKelvey-yes. Motion carried.

Citizens Present

Mr. Dennis Krajewski questions the status of the house by the bridge. Council President McKelvey replies it is on the demolition list. Mr. Krajewski questions if 116 Maple Ave is on that list also. President McKelvey responds yes. Mr. Krajewski questions when will it be done because there is all kinds of garbage and trash all over the place over there and now there are skunks in town over there. President McKelvey states we have to hold a hearing in Nov. Atty. Gobel comments there are 6 properties on the demolition list that we will be holding hearings for. A brief discussion follows.

Mr. Dan Krajewski comments the sign on Bettis Road is posted on the wrong side of the road; it's posted for cars going up Bettis and the ones speeding are going down the hill. PWF Sikora explains why it is on that side; there is nothing on the road going down Bettis to put it on. We would have to install a pole and there are too many utilities on that side of the road. Mr. Snodgrass comments we did talk with West Mifflin about that. Mr. Krajewski comments again that the speeders are going down Bettis, not coming up. A brief discussion follows.

Ms. Dorothy Best comments there are skunks in town; they are digging in her front yard. They are going after the garbage across the road that is thrown all over the place from the grey house and is blowing over to her house. A brief discussion follows.

Ms. Best comments the vines next to the abandoned house are growing all down over the property. She is not sure but thinks it might be County property. Mr. Palcsey says he thinks that is Lamar Property. A brief discussion follows.

Ms. Best comments the steps going up to the bridge are falling apart and cracked.

Mrs. Jean Palcsey comments on the speeding on Fifth Street from those dirt bikes. It is awful; no one stops and someone is going to get killed.

Ms. Patty Toth comments they go all over the place, Fifth and Hickory Alley. One day there is going to be a major crash. They never stop at the stop signs; they just zip through them. A brief discussion follows.

Mr. Glenn Allen states he does not like being lied to, especially when it comes to the protection of this town. The police do not want to protect this town. President McKelvey informs him that we have heard this enough and ends this discussion.

Ms. Ann Toth comments she still has her jungle growing up the side of her house. President McKelvey states they were cited but it may take 2 months to get a hearing. She says she has been waiting over 3 years. President McKelvey informs her she has the right to cut it down. She says it is too high and almost to her roof. A brief discussion follows.

Mayor

Mayor McKelvey reports there were 70 police calls for the month of September and 2 arrests.

Mayor McKelvey is not sure how many calls the fire dept. has had but the alarm is always going off.

Mayor McKelvey comments everything else is ok.

Solicitor

Atty. Gobel comments he has received all the demolition inspection reports. Mr. Volpe is needed for the hearings. We have them scheduled for Nov. 15th. If for some reason he isn't available, we will have to cancel till a later date.

Atty. Gobel reports on the sale of the Rogers property on Lebanon Church Road; the County listed the wrong purchase price. A brief discussion follows.

Atty. Gobel reports we received all the appraisals of our properties on Curry Hollow Road.

Engineer

Ms. Branthoover states she gave her report during Caucus. 1) PAWC has the list of opening to repair. They are still not applying for permits and paying the fees. Council needs to decide on what we want to do as far as the fees. They are proposing the fee be \$150 for 1st 25 sq. ft plus a \$100 inspection fee and we need to set a maximum amount. If they don't notify us, we can take them to the Magistrate. 2) The design work for the Maple Avenue project is complete and Council needs to make a motion to advertise for bids. 3) The GTRP grant application for the Ballfield was approved for \$120,000. Council will need to make a motion to advertise for bids. After a discussion, it was decided to include all the items and list them separately so if we do not have enough money to do the whole project, we can pick and choose what to get done. This way, we are covering all bases. An LSA Grant application was also submitted for this project. 4) Submitted an LSA Grant for a new dump truck for street dept. We should hear something in November. 5) GEDTF applications were submitted. 6) There is a small water and sewer grant if we would like to apply for something. 7) There was only 1 bid for asbestos removal at 210-24 4th St.

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 makes the motion authorizing the engineer to advertise for bids for the ballfield, itemizing each item so we can pick and choose and decide what will get done. Mr. Snodgrass seconds the motion. Roll call vote. Dzuro-yes; Mols-yes; Palcsey-yes; Snodgrass-yes; McKelvey-yes. Motion carried.

Streets/Property/COG

Mr. Snodgrass makes the motion authorizing the engineer to advertise the Maple Avenue reconstruction project for bid. Roll call vote. Dzuro-yes; Mols-yes; Palcsey-yes; Snodgrass-yes; McKelvey-yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Snodgrass makes the motion to award the asbestos removal bid for 210-214 4th Street to Downstream Strategies at the cost of \$1575. Mr. Dzuro seconds the motion. Roll call vote. Dzuro-yes; Mols-yes; Palcsey-yes; Snodgrass-yes; McKelvey-yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Snodgrass makes the motion to adopt a Concurring Resolution and Slum and Blight Resolution applying for a CDBG49 Grant for demolition of 6 properties in the amount of \$70,570. Mr. Mols seconds the motion.. Roll call vote. Dzuro-yes; Mols-yes; Palcsey-yes; Snodgrass-yes; McKelvey-yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Snodgrass makes the motion to adopt a Concurring Resolution applying for a CDBG49 Grant for sidewalk repairs on Euclid Avenue in the amount of \$462,000. Mr. Dzuro seconds the motion. Roll call vote. Dzuro-yes; Mols-yes; Palcsey-yes; Snodgrass-yes; McKelvey-yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Snodgrass makes the motion to adopt a Concurring Resolution applying for a CDBG49 Grant for Street Reconstruction in the amount of \$354,950 for 8 roads. Mr. Mols seconds the motion. Roll call vote. Dzuro-yes; Mols-yes; Palcsey-yes; Snodgrass-yes; McKelvey-yes. Motion carried.

Finance/Insurance/Negotiations

Mr. Mols has nothing to report at this time.

Old Business

Mr. Palcsey reports he is still working on getting flu shots; he is not giving up yet.

President McKelvey reports our new website is up and running; it is Dravosburg.org and invites everyone to check it out.

New Business

President McKelvey comments we have Halloween set and now it is time to set our Holly Jolly Christmas Celebration. It will be Friday, December 2nd beginning at 6 p.m.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Honick, Secty/Treas.
Borough of Dravosburg