

REGULAR MEETING OF DRAVOSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL OF NOVEMBER 15, 2022

The meeting was called to order by Council President McKelvey 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

Ms. Michelle Pry, her daughter Chrissy and Mary Ellen Konik request the residents be permitted to put out their trash at 5 p.m. instead of 6 p.m. as the Ordinance states. It is pitch black out by 6 p.m. and some people have to carry their garbage further away from their place. The Housing Manager informed them that the borough would be enforcing the 6 p.m. time. After a brief discussion, Council authorizes the time change from 6 p.m. to 5 p.m. during the winter months because of the darkness.

Ms. Brittany Heck of 412 Euclid is here to discuss a problem with one of her neighbors who is harassing them and their landlord. After a discussion, Atty. Gobel informs her she should get an attorney.

Mr. Dennis Krajewski questions the status of the house by the bridge. Council President McKelvey replies we just finished up with demolition hearings. Mr. Krajewski questions if anyone showed up. President McKelvey says no. Mr. Krajewski questions if it will be demolished then?. President McKelvey responds yes. He then questions what about 116 Maple Ave and Bowens, are they getting demolished also? President McKelvey responds yes.

Mr. Krajewski questions what is going on with all those vehicles up #2 firehall? They were tagged but are all still sitting up there. Third Street School is another place that they are sitting up there with windows out, Ravine Street. You are not allowed to have uninspected vehicles on your property or on the streets. After a brief discussion President McKelvey informs him to write down the vehicles and license numbers and we will turn them over to the police.

Mr. Krajewski commends the street department for doing a good job.

Mayor

Mayor McKelvey reports there were 86 police calls for the month of October. Everyone heard about that car being hit by the train at Boswell. A brief discussion follows.

Mayor McKelvey comments he has mail regarding the Mon Valley Express Project. After a brief discussion, they will be turned over to the engineer.

Solicitor

Atty. Gobel comments we have an Ordinance that was properly advertised amending the Street Opening Ordinance No. 94-07. There will be a minimum fee of \$150 for the first 25 sq. ft and a \$100 inspection fee. Mr. Snodgrass makes the motion to adopt this Ordinance. Mr. Mols seconds the motion. Roll call vote. Dzuro-yes; Mols-yes; Palcsey-yes; Snodgrass-yes; McKelvey-yes. Motion carried.

Atty. Gobel reports reads a Resolution prepared adopting the Revised Policy Manual as requested by the insurance company for renewal. Mr. Mols questions if the manual requires a signature that the employee received it. Atty. Gobel responds yes, they must sign off that they received it. Mr. Mols makes the motion to adopt this Resolution. Mr. Snodgrass seconds the motion. Roll call vote. Dzuro-yes; Mols-yes; Palcsey-yes; Snodgrass-yes; McKelvey-yes. Motion carried.

Atty. Gobel reports we held the demolition hearings for the dangerous structures that fall under Ordinance No. 506. and heard testimony. We now need to make a motion to notify the property owners and give them proper notice they are in violation of this Ordinance and will have 15 days to correct. The properties are 8 Goldstrom, 5 Goldstrom, 204 Maple, 116 Maple and 106 4th St. We heard testimony on 116 Maple Ave. and 106 4th St. Mr. Dzuro makes the motion for the Solicitor to properly notify the property owners. Mr. Mols seconds the motion. Roll call vote. Dzuro-yes; Mols-yes; Palcsey-yes; Snodgrass-yes; McKelvey-yes. Motion carried.

Engineer

Ms. Branthoover states she gave her report during Caucus. 1) PAWC still needs to repair Duquesne Ave. and Ravine St. 2) The Maple Avenue project is out for bid. There is a pre-bid meeting scheduled for Nov. 22nd and the bid opening is Dec. 1st. 3) The GTRP grant application for the Ballfield was approved for \$120,000. 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 for the US Steel Ballfield Parking Lot, Euclid Ave. Sidewalk Reconstruction and Street Reconstruction-Pine Alley, Spruce Alley, Mound Ave, Scott Alley, Beech Alley, Alvin Street, Highview Drive and McClure 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 announces he has arranged for free flu shots to be given in conjunction with our Holly Jolly Christmas Celebration on Dec. 2nd from 4:30 p.m. – 7 p.m. If there are less than 10 people receiving shots, it will cost \$65; otherwise, it will be free. Mr. Palcsey makes the motion for the borough to cover the \$65 should we not get 10 people getting shots. 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 has nothing to report at this time.

Finance/Insurance/Negotiations

Mr. Mols makes the motion to advertise the 2023 Budget for public inspection on Dec. 5th. There will be no tax increase for 2023. Mr. Snodgrass seconds the motion. Roll call vote. Dzuro-yes; Mols-yes; Palcsey-yes; Snodgrass-yes; McKelvey-yes. Motion carried.

Old Business

Mr. Mols questions Mr. Palcsey where we are at with getting that light fixed down at Boswell; that's a life saving feature. Mr. Palcsey replies the electrician from McKeesport was supposed to come over and take care of it. We needed to get a brighter light, a 400W LED one. He problem is the light is on a private pole and the electricity is being paid by Boswell Oil. When the light was installed, it was done as a favor by the McKeesport Electrician. Mr. Palcsey has used all his favors up as far as getting it done. Mr. Mols asks if he would like for him to reach out to the folks in McKeesport or should we wait until we get a brighter light. Mr. Sikora comments he will speak with Duquesne tomorrow about coming and changing the bulb but as far as an LED light goes, we should think of something different. When the road gets wet, the water just reflects from the LED; maybe go with a higher wattage. After a discussion, Mayor McKelvey states he will talk with Rep. Pisciotano about this to see if he can help with this situation.

New Business

President McKelvey reminds everyone of our Christmas Celebration on Dec. 2nd.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Honick, Secty/Treas.
Borough of Dravosburg