

REGULAR MEETING OF DRAVOSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL OF APRIL 18, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Council President McKelvey at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Dzuro.....present
Mols.....present
Palcsey.....present
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. Sheri Pattison, the DHA Manager, questions what is going on with Spruce Alley. Council President McKelvey responds we are going to address that at the next meeting. She states she was told by Ms. Honick it was going to be addressed this meeting. Ms. Honick responds she told her it would probably be this meeting if we got the 3 bids but nothing was definite. A brief discussion follows.

Ms. Pattison comments the 2nd thing is she has requested 2 times verbally to have a meeting with Council, their board and the solicitors and today she put it in writing. President McKelvey responds yes, he received that and comments our next Council meeting will be the 23rd of May; we can meet prior to that meeting.

A resident who lives in the housing comments she thought everything was supposed to be done with Spruce Alley so why are we waiting another month. President McKelvey comments that Spruce Alley is not going to get paved until we get the funding. That road is able to be driven on now and he doesn't know why they are not letting them drive on it. Ms. Pattison questions what he said and who is going to carry the liability if someone gets hurt on it. A lengthy discussion follows.

Ms. Dorothy Best states she is here to find out if we received grant money for the demolitions yet. President McKelvey comments no, that funding has not come through yet. She questions the status of Bowen's; it was supposed to come done a couple of weeks ago. President McKelvey informs her that is to take place this Friday or Saturday. They had to wait until the asbestos removal inspection reports were complete.

Mr. Jeff Miller of 301 Euclid is here to talk about the sewage issues he is having at his home. He is having sewage backup issues in his basement. He has had plumbers out and they all say the same thing. He has had it camarad and there is a broken pipe there directly below the overflow pipe. After a lengthy discussion, Solicitor Matta requested Mr. Miller to get him a copy of the camara tape so we can try and get it figured out.

Mr. Dennis Krajewski questions if Council could send someone over to that abandoned brick house and board up the doors and windows. The windows are blown out and the door is wide open Someone was in there yesterday and he saw them in there today. They are taking everything out. After a brief discussion, President McKelvey states we will look into this.

Mr. Krajewski questions what the verdict is with the gas company replacing the line on Luscombe Lane. President McKelvey responds they agreed to come in and put a new line in. Mr. Glenn responds we don't have anything further to do with that and that he would have to contact the gas company himself. They just assured us that they would replace the whole line.

Mr. Krajewski questions the verdict on them fixing and paving the road on Luscombe Lane. Mr. Glenn says he doesn't know; that is the water company. Mr. Snodgrass responds the water company is waiting on responses from the homeowners. The water company sent out 16 notices to the property owners to sign off on and they are waiting for responses; they only received 5 back. A brief discussion follows.

Mr. Krajewski reports there is an army truck parked on the street in front of his garage on Ravine St. This is a commercial vehicle and should not be parked on the street. President McKelvey states we will look into it.

Several residents that live on First Street discuss parking issues on that block (between Euclid and Sherman). They present their case and ask if it possible to have permit parking there like we did for Third Street. After a lengthy discussion, President McKelvey explains the process on how to go about requesting it with a petition signed by the residents and then Council would look into it.

Ms. Ann Toth presents a letter to Council from the Archives regarding the All Schools Reunion to celebrate 120 years of Dravosburg and requests it be posted on our Facebook Page. It is going to be held at the American Legion Post 380 on August 19th with tickets going on sale May 15th.

Ms. Toth comments those bushes are still there and growing; she can't look out her window. President McKelvey informs her there is nothing the borough can do; our Ordinance is for noxious weeds and high grass and that is a bush. She needs to talk with her neighbor or if they are growing on her property, she can cut them down.

Mayor

Mayor McKelvey reports there were 84 police calls and 2 arrests last month. He has no report from the fire department but knows they have been busy.

Solicitor

Atty. Matta comments he has nothing for the public session at this time.

Engineer

Mr. Glenn comments his report was given at Caucus and the only other thing he has to report is he will contact the ballfield contractor that there will be a work session on next Wed., the 26th, at 3:45 p.m. on site.

Sanitation/Grants/Blighted Property

Mr. Dzuro states he has no report.

Public Safety/Workers Comp/Fire

Council President McKelvey has no report.

Parks/Recreation

Mr. Palcsey comments that the Ballfield Grant will be taken care of next week at the meeting. He is not sure if he can make it but knows it is in good hands; they can let him know by phone what is decided.

Streets/Property/COG

Mr. Snodgrass has nothing to report at this time.

Finance/Ins./Negotiations

Mr. Mols has nothing under committee but announces Dravosburg will have a Clean Up Day on Saturday, May 20th. We will meet at the borough building around 9 a.m. for light snack and return approximately 12 p.m. for refreshments. We are asking for volunteers to help up clean up the streets in town.

Old Business

There is none.

New Business

Mr. Mols makes the motion to change the meeting date next month from May 16th to May 23rd since it is Election Day. Mr. Snodgrass seconds the motion. Roll call vote. Dzuro-yes; Mols-yes; Palcsey-yes; Snodgrass-yes; McKelvey-yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Palcsey questions if the complaints we have from residents about the garbage flying all down Sherman is caused because the dumpster at 101 Third St. is overfilled. Mr. Snodgrass replies it is full and overflowing. Mr. Palcsey questions if there is a way we can make them get a bigger dumpster?

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