

**REGULAR MEETING OF DRAVOSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL OF MARCH 21, 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. Mols makes the motion to accept the minutes as written. Mr. Palcsey seconds the motion. Roll call vote. Dzuro-yes; Mols-yes; Palcsey-yes; Snodgrass-yes; McKelvey-yes. Motion carried.

**Citizens Present**

Mr. Dennis Krajewski reports the sidewalk coming from the bridge, down the steps, is crumbling. Mr. Snodgrass replies he turned that into the County and they are going to have someone look into it.

Mr. Krajewski questions the status of the house over here. President McKelvey replies until we get some money or funding, we cannot do anything; it is on the demolition list.

Mr. Dan Krajewski comments he received this packet in the mail for his house on Luscombe Lane and it is not a rental home. It was his parents and no one lives there now; it is vacant. He is not paying a \$50 rental license for this home. Council President McKelvey states the way our Ordinance reads is if the home is not "Owner Occupied, it is considered a rental and you are required to pay the fee. Mr. Krajewski replies he feels this is a death tax that is to be paid if your parents die and leave you the house. A discussion follows.

**Mayor**

Mayor McKelvey comments the police have been busy; there were 66 calls and 3 arrests.

Mayor McKelvey states he is going to get a letter out to US Steel asking for a donation for dirt for the ballfields.

**Solicitor**

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

**Engineer**

Mr. Glenn comments reports he has been in touch with the demolition contractor and the demolition of 210-214 4<sup>th</sup> Street should be done soon. He is waiting on the County to complete the asbestos review. The earliest would-be next Thursday.

Mr. Glenn reports he prepared a cost estimate to repair the retaining wall at Sherman and 4<sup>th</sup>, \$274,270. A discussion follows.

Mr. Glenn informs Council he sent a letter to Peoples Gas regarding Luscombe Lane and replacing all the lines there before paving is done in coordination with the water company.

Mr. Glenn reports the bids for Maple Avenue project were opened. The low bidder was Pugliano Construction in the amount of \$2,425,777.77. He recommends accepting this bid based on receiving additional funding from the Turnpike Commission. He sent a letter to Mr. Burd but he is no longer in charge of this and forwarded it to the proper contact but we haven't heard back yet.

Mr. Glenn reports the bids for the USS ballfields were opened. There was only 1 bidder, Plavchak, who is an excellent contractor. Council will need to decide to accept this bid or have the project rebid.

Mr. Glenn reports we received an LSA Grant in the amount of \$75,000 for a public works truck.

Mr. Glenn reports the GTRP Grant application is open and due May 31<sup>st</sup>.

Council President McKelvey requests the engineer to look into the issue with PAWC regarding the upper part of Euclid Avenue where there is a problem.

#### **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 makes the motion to accept and award the bid for the ballfields to Plavchak subject to the solicitor's review and approval. 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 to award the Maple Ave. project to Pugliano Construction based upon receiving approval for the additional funding from the Turnpike Commission. Mr. Palcsey seconds the motion. Roll call vote. Dzuro-yes; Mols-yes; Palcsey-yes; Snodgrass-yes; McKelvey-yes. Motion carried.

#### **Finance/Ins./Negotiations**

Mr. Mols has no motions and appreciates Mr. Palcsey's continued efforts for a tax break for the active firefighters. He feels it would be more advantageous for us to give them a Real Estate Tax Break. A brief discussion follows.

#### **Old Business**

There is none.

**New Business**

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.