

REGULAR MEETING OF DRAVOSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL OF May 23, 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.....late (working-arrives 7:40 pm)
McKelvey..... ..present

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

Citizens Present

Council President McKelvey comments if you are here to speak about the same issue, please have one spokes person address Council. Mrs. Cheyenne Ignat states that person will be their manager, Sheri Pattison. Ms. Pattison comments she believes the reason they are all here is due to the alley and would like an update from Council in regards to the paving of the alley. President McKelvey responds we got the contract in and are waiting on the contractor to let us know when he will start, which should be the end of the week or next week. Ms. Pattison remarks to make sure we are all on the same page and that there is no confusion, you said the paving of the alley is going to be begin when? President McKelvey responds it is going to be the end of the week or first of next. Ms. Honick interjects not to give a date since he is on another job right now but it should be done by within a month. Ms. Pattison comment now it's a month? President McKelvey comments it is going to be done as soon as the contractor finishes the project he is on right now in North Versailles. President McKelvey She questions the details, whether are they are going to grind or just overlay. President McKelvey responds he doesn't know the details. A lengthy discussion follows and some other resident speak on this.

The residents from First Street question the status of their request for permit parking. President McKelvey comment we are moving forward with it. They ask if we are taking their recommendation for the parking spaces and the drawing they prepared. Solicitor Matta responds he received that information and apologizes for not moving on it but he was in the hospital for two weeks. He will get it done but needs to meet with the engineer to go over everything. A brief discussion follows.

Mr. Scott Finney informs Council he would like to look into buying that property on that empty lot across the street from his funeral home where the building was torn down but does not know the proper procedure. Solicitor Matta informs Mr. Finney he could put a letter of interest in for it and he would have to look into it as far as what type of funds were used to demolish it, if the property was liened, etc. It was before his tenure and is not sure. Mr. Finney states he would like to put a sign there that says Welcome to Dravosburg if he is able to get the property; he is not going to build anything there. President McKelvey questions him if he is going to use it as a parking lot. Mr. Finney responds no; he has enough parking. A brief discussion follows.

Ms. Dorothy Best questions if we were able to get any demolition funds yet. President McKelvey responds no, not yet.

Ms. Best report that the Lamar property next to the bridge needs to be cut; the weeds and grass are overgrown.

Ms. Best reports that 118 Maple has not cut their grass either and it is almost as high as the abandoned house and there are a bunch of little critters there. President McKelvey states Mr. Volpe has a list of properties that are getting notices for high grass; he has been working on it.

Mr. Glenn Allen questions what if high grass becomes a health issue like his. President McKelvey asks him what he considers a health hazard. Mr. Glenn responds he has a lot of health issues and has the same issue about high grass; it is his neighbor. Then there are the drugs in this town. Another thing is what can be done about the speeding. A discussion follows.

A resident from Scott Drive questions if anything can be done about the speeding there especially down by the playground where there are a bunch of little kids. President McKelvey said there are signs posted and doesn't know how to make people read and obey them. Another resident says she stopped and talked with the police and he said he would be back tomorrow to tag those cars going around the speed bumps, speeding and not stopping at stop signs but he never came back. Another resident inquires what the policy is on the police patrolling the housing and the rest of the town; there has been a number of suspicious vehicles in and out. She feels we need more police presence. President McKelvey states they need to get the license number if possible and call the police and inform them there is a suspicious car there. After further discussion, Solicitor Matta comments he will be seeing the McKeesport Mayor at the beginning of next week over some other issues and will ask him if he can make sure when they make their rounds in town to go through there and even go a little slower through there; he knows they are short on police officers. A discussion follows.

Engineer

Mr. Glenn gave his report at Caucus but we have a couple Resolutions that need passed. The first one is for the GTRP Grant application for the ballfield in the amount of \$240,745; the max you can ask for is \$250,000. Mr. Palcsey makes the motion to adopt this Resolution. Mr. Snodgrass seconds. Roll call vote. Dzuro-yes; Mols-yes; Palcsey-yes; Snodgrass-yes; McKelvey-yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Glenn second Resolution is for the Act 152 2023 in the amount of \$105,000 for demolition of 7 properties – 5 Fifth St, 5 Goldstrom, 8 Goldstrom, 204 Maple, 116 Maple, 106 Fourth, and 511 Ridgeview. Mr. Palcsey makes the motion to adopt this Resolution. Mr. Dzuro seconds. Roll call vote. Dzuro-yes; Mols-yes; Palcsey-yes; Snodgrass-yes; McKelvey-yes. Motion carried.

Mayor

Mayor McKelvey reports there were 61 police calls, 43 fire calls, 4 EMS calls, 21 Rescue call and 50 Squad calls for a total of 118 for the month.

Solicitor

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

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 everything has already been taken care of.

Streets/Property/COG

Mr. Snodgrass reports we received a \$75,000 grant from Senator Brewster and thinks we should start looking around because it is going to take a year to get one.

Finance/Ins./Negotiations

Mr. Mols has no report.

Old Business

There is none.

New Business

Mrs. Honick comments that the lot consolidation we approved for 12 Lower Richland came back from the County stating we do not have a subdivision ordinance so everything has to go through them. Council cannot approve it. She asked the county if they have changed something since our last approval in 2021. They said that was when COVID was in effect and they were working remotely. Since then, they have updated things. Solicitor Matta says he will look into that for us.

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.