

REGULAR MEETING OF DRAVOSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL OF AUGUST 15, 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

Mr. Charles Gross reports on the progress of Luscombe Lane sewer lines; it is going fairly well. It has taken 1 house 2 weeks to get done because of the rock up there. They have 6 houses done and have 6 more to do so maybe around the end of September it will be done. Then you have the water company; they are going to put in new lines after that. So, if we are lucky, they may be able to pave around November. He questions the engineer when they are connecting the new sewer lines if they are separating them from the storm sewer water. Mr. Glenn responds yes; it is illegal to have the storm water connected to the sewer lines. Mr. Snodgrass questions if the gas company has replaced their lines yet. Mr. Gross responds yes. A brief discussion follows.

Ms. Ann Toth questions the police officer of what is going on in the borough. We don't have a paper anymore and it seems like if there is any police activity in the borough, we never find out what is going on. A lot of the other towns list the police activity on their Facebook page. After a brief discussion, Mayor McKelvey says yes, we can post them on our Facebook page.

Mr. Dave Crouch is here about the parking permits and Ordinance for First Street and states it looks like we are going to take care of it tonight. After a discussion, Council President McKelvey states our Street Dept. will paint the lines next week and the Secty. will get the letters out with the permit application.

Mayor/McKeesport Police/Ambulance

Mayor McKelvey reports there were 73 Police calls in July.

Mayor McKelvey questions the work at the ballfields and if there is going to be enough room for more than 1 person in the bathrooms. President McKelvey states he doesn't have the plans and is not sure. Mr. Glenn states the plans call for ADA Accessible so they are going to be bigger. A discussion follows.

Mayor McKelvey reports by State Law, the Fire Dept. Chief can write out citations for parking violations and asks Council if they would go along with that. President McKelvey questions what our Ordinance says. Fire Chief Sikora tells President McKelvey that is the information he sent him and Mr. Snodgrass. A parking violation is not a crime, it's Ordinance, correct? Sgt. Gault replies it can be, it's either enforced under State Statue or Borough Ordinance. Fire Chief Sikora responds so, parking in a fire lane, parking on a yellow curb, so on and so forth, there are municipalities in PA that have enforced it. The Emergency Management and Fire Chief have the privilege of basically going out and enforcing it instead of it falling on either the Police Department or Ordinance Officer. As long as it is supported by Council and the Police Department has its blessing on it, it could be supported. After a discussion, Atty. Dalfonso requested this information be forwarded to him and he will look into it and check our Ordinances.

Solicitor

Atty. Sam Dalfonso reads the Ordinance prepared for First Street Permit Parking giving each homeowner a 30' designated parking space in front of their property. Mr. Snodgrass makes the motion to adopt this Ordinance. Mr. Dzuro seconds the motion. Roll call vote. Dzuro-yes; Mols-yes; Palcsey-yes; Snodgrass-yes; McKelvey-yes. Motion carried.

Atty. Dalfonso reads a Resolution prepared to "Opt In" for the County CD years 2024, 25 and 26. Mr. Mols makes the motion to adopt this Resolution. Mr. Dzuro seconds the motion. Roll call vote. Dzuro-yes; Mols-yes; Palcsey-yes; Snodgrass-yes; McKelvey-yes. Motion carried.

Atty. Dalfonso reports they did get a municipal lien filed on the demolition property at 214 Fourth Street in the amount of \$70,000.

Engineer

Mr. Glenn reports everyone has a copy of his report.

Mr. Glenn comments that the CD50 Pre-Apps are due next month along with the LSA Grant. Demolition is an eligible project and asks Council let him know what to apply for. Some items to apply for are the Retaining Wall on Sherman at Fourth, Jimmy Clarke Park improvements, Handicap ramps throughout the borough. Mayor McKelvey questions if dirt for the ballfields would be an eligible project. Mr. Glenn responds yes.

Mr. Glenn reminds Council that he filed a 2023 GTRP Grant for the paving of parking lot and replacing the two pavilion roofs at the ballfield.

Mr. Glenn presents invoice #3 for Pugliano Construction for the work done on Maple Ave in the amount of \$476,375.04. This amount is with a 10% retainage and will need Councils' approval for payment.

Mr. Glenn reports he did the research as requested for a new borough truck. He is recommending we go with Stephenson Equipment, at the cost of \$136,980 if the Ford F650 has 4-wheel drive. Stephenson will finance for a 5-year period, with an annual payment of \$14,050 at the interest rate of 6.49%. We will find out if the F650 is a 4-wheel drive or not. If it is not, Mr. Glenn will pursue another truck that has it.

Sanitation/Grants/Blighted Property

Mr. Dzuro has nothing to report.

Mr. Snodgrass makes the motion to approve the invoice from Pugliano Construction in the amount of \$476,375.04 and forward to the PA Turnpike Commission for payment. Mr. Palcsey seconds the motion. Roll call vote. Dzuro-yes; Mols-yes; Palcsey-yes; Snodgrass-yes; McKelvey-yes. Motion carried.

Public Safety/Workers Comp/Fire

Council President McKelvey comments we need to discuss the dog catcher and whether we should switch or not. He personally feels we should. Mr. Snodgrass makes the motion to switch dog catchers to WRWHS. Mr. Mols seconds the motion. Roll call vote. Dzuro-yes; Mols-yes; Palcsey-yes; Snodgrass-yes; McKelvey-yes. Motion carried. The solicitor will send a 30-day out letter to Sable Kennels.

Parks/Recreation

Mr. Palcsey reports work on the bathrooms at the ballfield has started and everything seems to be going smooth according to the engineer. Hopefully the work will be completed soon as the materials come in.

Streets/Property/COG

No report other than deciding what we are going to do about the truck. Mr. Snodgrass makes the motion to purchase the 2024 Ford F650 Truck from Stephenson Equipment at the cost of \$136,980 with the assumption it is 4-wheel drive. Mr. Mols seconds the motion. Roll call vote. Dzuro-yes; Mols-yes; Palcsey-yes; Snodgrass-yes; McKelvey-yes. Motion carried.

Finance/Ins./Negotiations

Mr. Mols has nothing to report other than budget requests for next month.

Old Business

Mr. Palcsey questions if the computers are working ok. Mrs. Honick reports the laptop is in and it only cost the \$975 since we did not need the extra software; it will be used remotely. It is working but a little smaller than the last one. The file server is not in yet.

New Business

Holly Jolly Christmas is set for December 1st. Halloween will be on Oct. 31st from 6 – 7:30.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,



Brenda Honick, Secty/Treas.