

REGULAR MEETING OF DRAVOSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL DECEMBER 19, 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. Charlene Kudla questions if we have a date when Maple Avenue will be done and opened. Mr. Snodgrass responds it will open the first of the year.

Ms. Kudla questions if we got in touch with the contractor about her yard being put back in order. Mrs. Honick replied yes, he will be back in the spring to fix up all the yards. They can't resod and fix it in the winter.

Mr. Dennis Krajewski questions what is up with that dumpster parked in front of his house. President McKelvey responds it is probably the contractor who was working on the road. The work is done now and we will contact him to find out what is going on with it.

.Mayor/Police

Mayor McKelvey states there were a total of 102 police calls in October and 62 calls in November.. The calls are going down.

Solicitor

Atty. Matta states he has 2 items on the agenda that will come up later; 1 is the Police Contract and 2 is the Union Contract.

Engineer

Mr. Glenn reports they have filed the 6 LSA Grants and was told it may take up to a year before any LSA grants are awarded.

Mr. Glenn reports he will contact the Water Company regarding the permits that need obtained for the work that has been done on Maple and the rest of town.

Mr. Glenn reports the work on the ballfield is on hold until we meet with the contractor.

Mr. Glenn reports he sent a letter to the Water Company regarding the permit application for Euclid Avenue. The borough has agreed to waive the \$3,000 Street Opening Permit since they agreed to pave the complete road from Maple to Sixth when completed with their work.

Mr. Glenn is submitting an approved invoice for Pugliano Construction in the amount of \$261,369.40 to submit to the Turnpike Commission for reimbursement.

Sanitation/Grants/Blighted Property

Mr. Dzuro has nothing to report.

Public Safety/Workers Comp/Fire

President McKelvey has nothing to report.

Parks/Recreation/Ord

Mr. Palcsey states he has no motions tonight.

Streets/Property/COG

Mr. Snodgrass makes the motion to submit the approved invoice from our engineer for Pugliano Construction in the amount of \$261,369.40 to the PA Turnpike Commission for reimbursement of the Maple Ave. project. Mr. Palcsey seconds the motion. Roll call vote. Dzuro-yes; Mols-yes; Palcsey-yes; Snodgrass-yes; McKelvey-yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Snodgrass makes the motion to accept the 5-year contract for the Public Works Department that was negotiated through their union. Mr. Mols seconds the motion. Roll call vote. Dzuro-yes; Mols-yes; Palcsey-yes; Snodgrass-yes; McKelvey-yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Snodgrass makes the motion to accept the proposal from Barrier Protection in the amount of \$6,409 for a new Smoke/Fire Alarm System. Mr. Mols seconds the motion. Roll call vote. Dzuro-yes; Mols-yes; Palcsey-yes; Snodgrass-yes; McKelvey-yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Snodgrass makes the motion authorizing the Solicitor to put the borough property L/B 384-B-75, up for Public Sale. Mr. Dzuro seconds the motion. Roll call vote. Dzuro-yes; Mols-yes; Palcsey-yes; Snodgrass-yes; McKelvey-yes. Motion carried.

Finance/Insurance/Negotiations

Mr. Mols comments on our 2024 Budget which includes a 1 mill general purpose increase. The average home in town is \$75,000 which would mean a \$75 increase per year. The total budget is \$1,952,286. We have been fortunate enough to not have to do this for over a dozen years, since 2011. Quite frankly with the reduction of homes and the Turnpike, we may not have had to do it but for that reason we have no choice. It is an unfortunate necessity. Mr. Mols makes the motion to adopt the 2024 budget, \$1,952,286. Mr. Snodgrass seconds the motion. Roll call vote. Dzuro-yes; Mols-yes; Palcsey-yes; Snodgrass-yes; McKelvey-yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Mols makes the motion to pay all bills that come in between now and the end of the year. Mr. Dzuro seconds the motion. Roll call vote. Dzuro-yes; Mols-yes; Palcsey-yes; Snodgrass-yes; McKelvey-yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Mols makes the motion to make the budget reappropriations to keep it in balance within the departments. Mr. Palcsey seconds the motion. Roll call vote. Dzuro-yes; Mols-yes; Palcsey-yes; Snodgrass-yes; McKelvey-yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Mols makes the motion to transfer excess money, if any, to the Capital Fund for future projects. Mr. Palcsey seconds the motion. Roll call vote. Dzuro-yes; Mols-yes; Palcsey-yes; Snodgrass-yes; McKelvey-yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Mols makes the motion to change the title of our borough secretary to borough manager commencing January 1, 2024. Mr. Snodgrass seconds the motion. Roll call vote. Dzuro-yes; Mols-yes; Palcsey-yes; Snodgrass-yes; McKelvey-yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Mols makes the motion to increase the salary of the borough manager by \$3/hr. commencing January 1, 2024. Mr. Palcsey seconds the motion. Roll call vote. Dzuro-yes; Mols-yes; Palcsey-yes; Snodgrass-yes; McKelvey-yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Mols states in light of the tax increase, a motion would be in order to increase the Senior Tax Relief Program in the borough. Currently, it is at a 10% reduction of property value. Mols makes the motion to increase that amount of reduction to 15% to be effective in 2024. Mr. Snodgrass seconds the motion. Roll call vote. Dzuro-yes; Mols-yes; Palcsey-yes; Snodgrass-yes; McKelvey-yes. Motion carried.

Old Business

President McKelvey makes the motion to accept the police contract for a 4-year period. Mr. Palcsey seconds the motion. Roll call vote. Dzuro-yes; Mols-yes; Palcsey-yes; Snodgrass-yes; McKelvey-yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Snodgrass requests the police to make sure our Street Dept. is called out when it snows. They are not getting called out. The sgt. replied they have the same problem over in McKeesport. Mr. Snodgrass again reinforces that our guys are to be called out when it gets bad and to make note of it at the police station and with the Chief.

New Business

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Honick, Secty/Mgr.