

**REGULAR MEETING OF DRAVOSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL OF FEBRUARY 20, 2024**

The meeting was called to order by Council President McKelvey at 7:02 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. Lois Franks is here to complain about the speeding on Richland and people making U-Turns there after the barriers. She feels something needs to be done and questions if we could put in speed bumps. President McKelvey states we would need County approval; it is their road. Ms. Best questions if they are going to take the barriers further. President McKelvey states there have been talks on it possibly at a later date; maybe after the light is installed. A brief discussion follows.

Ms. Dorothy Best reports about this gentleman going around the neighborhood knocking on doors and asking people for money and/or food. He lives down at the end of Maple in those apartments. Sgt. Goss replies to call 911 immediately. That is a halfway house there. Ms. Best comments about the drugs and needles being found. He reminds everyone if they see anything suspicious to write down license plate numbers and turn over to the police. A brief discussion follows.

Ms. Kudla comments that we have new sidewalks and curbs on Maple Avenue and there are cars going over them to park and they are going to be ruined. She asks if we can do something about that. After a discussion it is noted that Foreman Sikora is to be tagging illegal parked cars and will designate one day of the week or at least a half of day to tags vehicles.

Ms. Kudla questions if there is going to be a clean up day in Dravosburg this year. Council hasn't discussed that yet. Sgt. Goss comments if we do, we should contact the medics and they could supply us with boxes and gloves to dispose of the needles that we find because we are going to find them. A brief discussion follows.

Ms. Dorothy Best questions if there is anything scheduled yet for the demolition of the house here next to the bridge. President McKelvey responds we have not received any demolition money yet. The County is 2 years behind in releasing any money.

Mr. Glen Allen states this town is going through a major transition. President McKelvey comments we know that. Mr. Allen suggests and maybe we could create some type of Revitalization Committee since no one here is in charge of that. President McKelvey responds you are right and maybe Council could look into it that.

Mr. Dennis Krajewski questions the status of the ballfields and if it is done yet. Mr. Snodgrass says it will be soon. President McKelvey replies it is not done yet. Mr. Krajewski questions what the hold up is. President McKelvey states they will be back in March to finish it; same with Maple Ave; they will be back in March to finish the work there. Mr. Glenn comments that they will be back March 15<sup>th</sup> to finish up the work.

Mr. Krajewski questions what's up with the Third Street Wall. President McKelvey replies we put in a grant for the repairs.

Mr. Krajewski questions when the water company will be starting on Euclid. Mr. Glenn replies the plan is to replace the water line around March 5<sup>th</sup> and possibly the gas lines. The water company will be doing their work in sections. A brief discussion follows.

Ms. Barb Stevenson is here to complain about the house at 407 Ravine. It is dilapidated and the doors are wide open. Something needs to be done with that property. If we need a name, she looked it up on Zillow and it has the name of the Real Estate Agent. She also states that Jackson's house on 4<sup>th</sup> Street needs to be torn down; actually, that whole block of 4<sup>th</sup> street needs to be demolished. A discussion follows. President McKelvey comments we will look into these complaints further.

#### **Mayor/Police**

Mayor McKelvey reports there were a total of 65 police calls last month. He doesn't know about the fire department. He requests this information be posted on our bulletin board for the residents to see. Mrs. Honick will make sure it is posted on the borough's face book page also.

#### **Solicitor**

Atty. Matta reports we opened bids for the sale of the Curry Hollow Property, L/B 384-B-75. There was only one bid and if Council so wishes, a motion is in order to accept the bid from Bradley & Territo Properties. Mr. Mols makes the motion to accept the bid from Bradley & Territo Properties for the Curry Hollow Property, L/B 384-B-75 in the amount of \$32,250. Mr. Snodgrass seconds the motion. Roll call vote. Dzuro-yes; Mols-yes; Palcsey-yes; Snodgrass-yes; McKelvey-yes. Motion carried.

Atty. Matta reads a Resolution prepared to approve the sale of the Curry Hollow Property, L/B 384-B-75. Mr. Snodgrass 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. Matta comments a motion is needed for them to modify the Animal Control Officer's Agreement for the duties to include the citation portion that we discussed last month. Mr. Molas make this motion. Mr. Snodgrass seconds the motion. Roll call vote. Dzuro-yes; Mols-yes; Palcsey-yes; Snodgrass-yes; McKelvey-yes. Motion carried.

Atty. Matta states Council will need to make a motion to approve the tax stipulation on the property located 708 Clearview Ave. Mr. Dzuro makes the motion to approve this tax stipulation for property at 708 Clearview. Mr. Palcsey seconds the motion. Roll call vote. Dzuro-yes; Mols-yes; Palcsey-yes; Snodgrass-yes; McKelvey-yes. Motion carried.

### **Engineer**

Mr. Glenn states his report was given at Caucus: **1)** Pugliano Construction expects to be back in March to complete the Maple Ave. project. **2)** We applied for a \$250,546 grant to pave parking area and pavilion rehabilitation of the ballfields. We received \$50,000 and are awaiting acknowledgement from the State. **3)** Plavchak expects to return March 15<sup>th</sup> to complete the interior bathroom work. **4)** CD50 apps applied for: Street Reconstruction-Scott Alley; Beech Alley; 4<sup>th</sup> St (Sherman to Euclid); Alvin (Raymond to Duquesne); Ridgeview (Highview to Clearview); Valleyview (Ridgeview to Melrose). 21 Handicap ramps throughout the borough; Sherman Ave. Wall; Ballfield Improvements. **5)** LSA Grants applied for: Jimmy Clarke Park Recreation; Handicapped Ramps; Sherman Wall; Demolition; Paving and Public Works Garage. **6)** PAWC will be commencing work on Euclid Avenue and we are to keep the bricks. The street will be paved to meet the Borough Ordinance specifications.

Mr. Glenn reports a motion is required to apply for a GTRP Grant for the Ballfield. He requests Council put in writing what we would like to apply for so everything is covered. HE doesn't want us to get the grant and then say something wasn't included; if it is in writing, he will know exactly what to apply for. Mr. Snodgrass makes the motion to apply for a GTRP Grant for the next phase of the Ballfield. Mr. Palcsey seconds the motion. Roll call vote. Dzuro-yes; Mols-yes; Palcsey-yes; Snodgrass-yes; McKelvey-yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Glenn reports there is a grant out there for buildings as we talked about in Caucus. He will apply for this grant but again, needs something in writing as to what we would like to apply for. We can ratify it at the next meeting.

### **Sanitation/Grants/Blighted Property**

Mr. Dzuro has no motions.

### **Public Safety/Workers Comp/Fire**

President McKelvey has nothing to report.

### **Parks/Recreation/Ord**

Mr. Palcsey states he has no motions tonight; the engineer has covered everything in his report.

### **Streets/Property/COG**

Mr. Snodgrass makes the motion to accept the change order from Stephenson Equipment for additional items for the new truck at the cost of \$6,409. 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 install a street light in Locust Alley between Euclid and Sherman and one on McClure Street by the railroad tracks. He put yellow tape around that pole as there is no number on it. Mr. Palcsey seconds the motion. Roll call vote. Dzuro-yes; Mols-yes; Palcsey-yes; Snodgrass-yes; McKelvey-yes. Motion carried.

**Finance/Insurance/Negotiations**

Mr. Mols has nothing to report tonight.

**Old Business**

Mr. Snodgrass comments the County has been notified about the steps going up to the bridge. It probably will not be fixed until summer. Ms. Best questions why the sidewalk is closed. Mr. Snodgrass responds because of the section on it where that car went through at the end of bridge on Glassport side has not been fixed; it is Glassport's responsibility, not the County.

**New Business**

Mrs. Honick questions if Council is taking action on that street light in Locust Alley. President McKelvey says we will look into that. Mr. Mols requests we table it and get Mr. Snodgrass' input on that.

Mr. Palcsey makes the motion to change next month's Council meeting to March 26<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Snodgrass seconds the motion. Roll call vote. Dzuro-yes; Mols-yes; Palcsey-yes; Snodgrass-yes; McKelvey-yes. Motion carried.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,



Brenda Honick, Secty/Mgr.