

**REGULAR MEETING OF DRAVOSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL OF MAY 21, 2024**

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 (via phone)  
Snodgrass.....absent  
McKelvey.....present

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

**Citizens Present**

Mr. Gross reports the Legion will be having a ceremony this Sunday, the 26<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. at Richland Cemetery. Someone from the Civil War reenactment will be there to let us know what is happening to these civil war cemetery plots. He invited all the elected officials from town to attend. A brief discussion follows.

Mr. Gross comments that Luscombe Lane is supposed to be paved starting Friday or Monday.

Ms. Gina Barrett of 3 Goldstrom comments she has been in touch with COG and understands the County has signed the contracts for demolition. COG will be going out for bids once they receive the specs from the engineer. She hopes that 5 Goldstrom can be the first to be taken down as she is having snakes, groundhogs, raccoons, rats, etc. from that property. A discussion follows.

**Engineer**

Mr. Dursa reports we received a GTRP Grant in the amount of \$50,509 for the Ballfield Concession Stand. We need to discuss and write down everything we are applying for. Whatever we didn't get done with the first grant, we then can apply for.

Mr. Dursa reports we received the Act 152 Demolition Grant money from the County in the amount of \$60,000 for 5 Goldstrom , 8 Goldstrom, 5 Fifth Street, 106 4<sup>th</sup> St and 204 Maple.

Mr. Dursa reports on the CD50 applications that were submitted: Paving-\$50,000; Handicap Ramps-\$136,500, Sherman Wall-\$112,360; Ballfield-\$63,330.

Mr. Dursa reports the 2<sup>nd</sup> Round of LSA Grants we applied for are: Jimmy Clarke Playground-\$125,888; Handicap Ramps-\$165,375; 4<sup>th</sup> & Sherman Wall-\$112,360; Paving-\$588,216; Public Works Restroom-\$64,674. We should hear something around November.

Mr. Dursa reports the ballfield bathrooms are now done and asks if everything is acceptable. Council President McKelvey says yes. Mayor McKelvey questions if they are handicap acceptable, and how wide is sidewalk and if a wheelchair can fit there. Mr. Dursa responds we have to fill in on that yet. Mayor McKelvey questions if there is going to be a handrail there. Mr. Dursa responds it is just going to be tapered down there. A discussion follows.

President McKelvey questions if we heard anything from Duquesne Light regarding them installing the light on Maple Ave. Mr. Dursa says no and asks Ms. Honick if she heard anything. She responds that Val was supposed to get in touch with him regarding that. Mr. Dursa will try again as he has not heard from her. He reports Maple Avenue project is almost complete. There are a few things that need done—handicap ramp put in; double yellow lines, crosswalks need painted; and adding stop bars and tracers to stay in lines.

Mr. Palcsey questions the engineer with regard to the demolition of 5 Goldstrom and the garage being so close to the foundation of 3 Goldstrom, could there be damage done to it and if so, who would be responsible for it. President McKelvey responds the contractor would be responsible; he is going to do it as safe as he can. Mr. Dursa comments if there is any damage done, the contractor has insurance and is responsible for it.

### **Finance/Insurance/Negotiations**

Mr. Mols makes the motion to make a principal payment on the truck loan to First Commonwealth Bank in the amount of \$75,000 since we received this amount in a grant. Mr. Palcsey seconds the motion. Roll call vote. Dzuro-yes; Mols-yes; Palcsey-yes; McKelvey-yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Mols reluctantly makes the motion to accept Mrs. Pattie Gross' retirement letter after 13 years with the borough and thanks her for her service. Mr. Dzuro seconds the motion. Roll call vote. Dzuro-yes; Mols-yes; Palcsey-yes with regret; McKelvey-yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Mols makes the motion to hire a replacement part time secretary for up to 24 hours a week. Mr. Palcsey seconds the motion. Roll call vote. Dzuro-yes; Mols-yes; Palcsey-yes; McKelvey-yes. Motion carried.

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

Mr. Dzuro has no motions for tonight.

### **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. Mols makes the motion to enter into the second-year option for salt with Cargill Salt through SHACOG. Mr. Palcsey seconds the motion. Roll call vote. Dzuro-yes; Mols-yes; Palcsey-yes; McKelvey-yes. Motion carried.

**Solicitor**

Atty. Rosso reads the amended Ordinance on Storage Containers. Mr. Palcsey makes the motion to adopt this amended Ordinance. Mr. Dzuro seconds the motion. Mr. Mols questions what the change on this was. Atty. Rosso responds it was to add the word dumpster to storage containers, added the permit and fees on it Roll call vote. Dzuro-yes; Mols-yes; Palcsey-yes; McKelvey-yes. Motion carried.

Atty. Rosso reads the Resolution for the sale of our 2012 Dodge Truck. President McKelvey comments the high bidder was Schrott's Outdoor Service in the amount of \$30,000. Mr. Palcsey makes the motion to adopt this Resolution. Mr. Dzuro seconds the motion. Roll call vote. Dzuro-yes; Mols-yes; Palcsey-yes; McKelvey-yes. Motion carried.

**Mayor/McKeesport Police/Ambulance**

Mayor McKelvey reports there were 115 fire calls and there are no police here tonight so we have no report.

Mayor McKelvey asks Mrs. Honick for a copy of the Audit report. She replies she will give him and everyone a copy whenever it is complete. It has not been finalized yet.

**Old Business**

Mr. Gross, Tax Collector, wanted everyone to know that he has made a healthy tax deposit to the general fund.

President McKelvey questions if we can contact the property owner of 112 Euclid to let him know what was decided on the paper alley.

Mayor McKelvey brings up again about the handicap handrail at the ballfield. Mr. Dursa suggests to fill it in with dirt for now and see how it is. We can decide then if we want the handrail. Mayor McKelvey is worried about the handicap safety and getting sued. A discussion follows.

**New Business**

Mr. Dursa comments they are going to mill Luscombe Lane on Friday and pave on Tuesday.

Council President McKelvey comments we have a bid of \$650 to take down 2 dead trees behind the building at the ballfield. No motion is necessary as it is within the budget and the cost is under bidding requirements.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,



Brenda Honick, Secty/Mgr.