

REGULAR MEETING OF DRAVOSBURG COUNCIL OF AUGUST 20, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Council President McKelvey 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-abstain (on vacation last mth); Palcsey-yes; Snodgrass-yes; McKelvey-yes. Motion carried.

Citizens Present

Mr. Fleischauer of Chestnut Alley questions the status of Euclid Avenue; it has been going on all summer long. President McKelvey responds they are in the process of finishing up within 2 weeks.

Mrs. Fleischauer comments she owns the extra lot adjoining her property. The people next to her just moved in and are taking over. After a brief discussion, Atty. Matta advises that is a private matter and they should be put up a notice and/or a sign and date it that it is private property. The borough can't do anything.

Mr. Fleischauer questions if reflectors can be put up on the telephone poles on Chestnut. With winter and snow coming, it is hard to see at night. President McKelvey states we will look into that.

Mr. & Mrs. Fleischauer complain about the people parking on Sherman Ave. It is too hard to get in and out of Chestnut Alley especially at the corner there by 3rd Street. People are parking too close to the corner. Atty. Matta suggests the police look at that area and patrol it more. Mayor McKelvey comments to have Mr. Sikora ticket them. A brief discussion follows.

Mr. Glenn Allen questions in the police contract, aren't we supposed to have someone here every month at the meeting to let us know what is going on in town. He questions what happened on 4th St. (106 demolition project). The owners did not know it was going to be demolished. He feels this town is not being protected. There is so much drug activity going on. After a discussion, Atty. Matta states that house is being demolished and it will be coming down.

Ms. Charlene Kudla questions if the house by the railroad tracks has been abandoned and if we know what was going on with it. Council President McKelvey states she moved out and wanted to turn it over to the borough but from what he understands it is "historical". A discussion follows. Ms. Amy Kovka comments her first concern is the alley where she lives in; Beech Alley. The cars come flying through there just to beat the red light. She questions if we can do something about this. The children play there and ride their bikes there and someone is going to get hurt; it is very scary. She questions if we can get speed bumps in that alley. After a discussion, President McKelvey states we will look into that and see what can be done.

Ms. Kovka states she works at Dravosburg Mini Mart and there is so much drug activity there in the parking lot. If she called the police, they don't show up or by the time they do, they are gone. She never sees the police there. She works 8 hrs. a day and never sees them; where are they? A discussion follows.

Ms. Kovka states there is pedophile living up around there and questions if there is a certain amount of area he has to be away from playgrounds and the kids? There are a lot of children in that area and questions how far does he have to be away from them. Mayor McKelvey told her she should contact the police if she knows where he moved. Lt. Matthews comments they receive this information on individuals listed on Megan's Law from the state police. It depends on the risk and circumstances of that person. A lengthy discussion follows.

Ms. Dorothy Best questions what the procedure is for tagging a car and how long does it take to get it towed. President McKelvey responds if it is orange tagged, usually within 3-4 days it has to be towed. She comments there was a car tagged, they ripped it off and was tagged again and is still sitting there; it's on 1st Street. A discussion follows.

Ms. Best has a question for the engineer – the problem with the sink hole in front of her place is now covered up. Mr. Dursa responds that probably has been there for awhile and since the bricks have been removed, it just got exposed but all is good there.

Mr. Dennis Krajewski questions the status of the house at 204 Maple. President McKelvey responds it will be down shortly.

Mr. Krajewski questions the engineer if the ballfield project is completed yet. Mr. Dursa responds yes.

Mr. Dan Krajewski reports that DVFD#2 now has someone living in there. After a brief discussion, Atty. Matta informs Council to have Mr. Volpe go check it out.

Mr. Fleischauer questions what the burning ordinance is. President McKelvey states you have to be 15' away from a structure.

Mr. Dan Krajewski reports there is not a stop sign at the end of Luscombe by Bettis. Mr. Snodgrass says yes there is; it is on the left side. After a brief discussion, President McKelvey states we will look into it.

Ms. Sheri Pattison is here questioning a request she had for a letter from the borough regarding a grant she applied for to replace playground equipment and wants to know why she can't get this letter.

Ms. Mary Ellen Konick questions why every time the DHA asks for something it seems like it is always a big deal.

Mr. Redmac McKelvey questions if Council has done anything with the Ordinance that the fire chief turned in last month for them to be able to collect monies from calls. Atty. Matta is looking into it; it was a sample one and needs to be revised for Dravosburg. He wants to make sure we list the correct amounts that we are permitted to so we can get reimbursed from the insurance company.

Mayor

Mayor McKelvey reports there were 89 police calls last month and doesn't know about the fire company. Mr. Redmac McKelvey responds probably around 13 calls last month.

Mayor McKelvey comments the police will check out the abandoned and illegal cars.

Engineer

Mr. Joe Dursa reports on the GTRP Grant for the US Steel Ballfields in the amount of \$50,509 that we received. We cannot do anything other than we applied for which was for the parking lot. They needed a letter from the borough stating we would not bid that out until the committee has reviewed our new grant application for the parking lot.

Mr. Dursa reports on the demolitions – 5 5th St., 5 & 8 Goldstrom, 106 4th St and 204 Maple.

Mr. Dursa reports on Euclid Ave. status. The water company was supposed to start paving Monday but called and said he would start tomorrow.

Mr. Dursa reports on the 3 grants available now: GETDF are due next Friday; CD51 Pre-Apps are due Sept. 13th with minimum of \$20,000; LSA Grant has a minimum of \$25,000 with no match and not due until Nov. 30th.

Solicitor

Atty. Matta reads a Resolution appointing Michelle Turacy to the Zoning Hearing Board for a 3 yr. term expiring December 31, 2026. Mr. Snodgrass makes the motion to adopt this Resolution. Mr. Palcsey seconds the motion. Roll Call vote. Dzuro-yes; Mols-yes; Palcsey-yes; Snodgrass-yes; McKelvey-yes. Motion carried.

At this time, Mr. Snodgrass calls for a quick executive session.

Council resumes. Atty. Matta states we need a motion to approve the request of the Dravosburg Housing Association in regards to the playground grant instructing him to write the appropriate letter pending the final review of the grant. Mr. Palcsey makes this motion. Mr. Dzuro seconds the motion. Mr. Mols wants to address the resident who had some concerns in regard as to what is a perception perceived of reluctance to be in compliance with the housing. He is going to vote yes tonight because he wants the opportunity for the children to have a playground. But he thinks when they were consulting and looking for acclamation and approval from the borough, why they didn't include Council to be a part of the planning stages of this grant. A discussion follows. Roll Call. Dzuro-yes; Mols-yes; Palcsey-yes; Snodgrass-yes; McKelvey-yes. Motion carried.

Sanitation/Grants

Mr. Dzuro has no motions.

Public Safety/Workers Comp/Fire

President McKelvey has no motions..

Parks/Recreation/Ord.

Mr. Palcsey has nothing further on recreation; everything has already been discussed.

On Ordinance, Mr. Palcsey makes the motion for the solicitor to prepare and advertise the Ordinance for the Fire Dept. Mr. Snodgrass seconds. Roll Call. Dzuro-yes; Mols-yes; Palcsey-yes; Snodgrass-yes; McKelvey-yes. Motion carried.

Streets/Property/COG

Mr. Snodgrass has no report or motions.

Finance/Insurance/Negotiations

Mr. Mols makes the motion to approve the newly created Job Descriptions for the borough employees along with the Procedure Manual. Mr. Snodgrass seconds the motion. Roll Call. Dzuro-yes; Mols-yes; Palcsey-yes; Snodgrass-yes; McKelvey-yes. Motion carried.

Old Business

There is none.

New Business

Mr. Palcsey questions the light at 5th & Richland; when the power goes out, has that problem been resolved? President McKelvey says yes, we got that taken care of. Mr. Redmac McKelvey responds that the fire dept. got a key today too.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Honick
Secty/Mgr.