

REGULAR MEETING OF DRAVOSBURG COUNCIL OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Council President McKelvey with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of Silence in Remembrance of Samantha Kalkbrenner.

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

The following residents/business owners speak regarding the speeding cars going through Beech Alley in order to avoid the traffic light at Fifth & Richland and the Do Not Enter sign that was posted at the entrance of Beech Alley from Richland. They are requesting speed bumps to slow the traffic down: Mr. Bill Neunek & Ms. Tanis Cochrane representing Buono Brothers, Ms. Amy Kovka and Michael Christman of 208 4th St. Ms. Kovka states there are children in that area that play and ride their bikes and someone is going to get killed because of the speeding. A petition has also been signed by the residents and businesses in that area requesting to either remove the Do Not Enter sign and replace with “Local Traffic Only” “No Thru Traffic, Residents Only”; that would make it accessible to garages and businesses there. A lengthy discussion follows.

Ms. Kovka comments her displeasure with the pedophile that lives in the area. A brief discussion follows.

Ms. Ann Toth reports the speeding in Hickory Alley also and requests speed bumps there.

Ms. Dorothy Best thanks the police for having the cars towed away that were illegal in her area.

Ms. Best also requests speed bumps on Euclid Avenue. Since it has been paved, it is like a speedway. Cars are not stopping for the stop signs, etc.

Ms. Best questions when 204 Maple will be demolished. President McKelvey replies the contractor has been on vacation for 2 weeks. When he gets back, he will finish on Goldstrom then come down here.

Mr. Dennis Krajewski comments about the stop sign on Luscombe Lane at Bettis and asks if it have been changed to the right side of the road. President McKelvey reports it will be taken care of.

Ms. Pattie Gross questions if any decision on Rick Smith case at 1207 Luscombe Lane has been made yet. President McKelvey reports we are waiting on the Zoning Hearing Board to meet again. They were given extra time to come up with a plan.

Ms. Diane McKelvey comments she agrees with everyone; we do need speed bumps in town. There is too much speeding going on.

Ms. Ann Toth questions with our loss of revenue from the Turnpike Commission, has Council been actively pursuing the delinquent tax properties? President McKelvey responds yes. We are working with Keystone Collections now on pursuing Sheriff Sales, getting people on payment plans, etc. A brief discussion follows.

Ms. Toth states she tries not to complain but there comes a time when you have had enough. She states isn't there an Ordinance where you have to have your garbage can covered. President McKelvey states yes, you are supposed to have your garbage in a can with a lid. Her neighbors have garbage cans with holes in them because the rats chewed right through them. There are lots of rat holes in their yard. They just through the bags in their yard and the rats have a field day with it. She asks if we could make them get cans with lids to put the garbage in instead of throwing them in the yard. President McKelvey replies we will research what the Ordinance says. A discussion follows.

Mayor

Mayor McKelvey is not present and left no report.

Solicitor

Atty. Rosso has a Resolution authorizing the solicitor to get an appraisal for the sale of a section of borough property along Long Alley. Mr. Mols 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.

Atty. Rosso has a Resolution for Council to enter into an agreement with PennDOT for the Winter Maintenance Services. Mr. Dzuro makes the motion to adopt this Resolution. Mr. Palcsey seconds the motion. Roll Call vote. Dzuro-yes; Mols-yes; Palcsey-yes; McKelvey-yes. Motion carried.

Atty. Rosso reports the information she has on the Zoning Hearing of 1207 Luscombe Lane – The 1st hearing was held and the time period given was more time for the applicants to provide more information to the zoning board so they can make an appropriate decision. The next hearing will be scheduled as soon as they receive more information. Ms. McKelvey questions if that will be soon. President McKelvey refers that question to Atty. Rosso and requests her to inform the zoning attorney to have more communication with the board. After a discussion. Atty. Rosso states she will let him know.

Atty. Rosso gives an update on the DVFD#1 appeal. We are waiting on information back from Duquesne Fire Dept. There is a proposed settlement agreement in place. If that settlement agreement is not accepted, then the next step would be a hearing date will be scheduled to hear the facts.

Atty. Rosso reports on the Ordinance review requested by the Fire Dept. It has been drafted and will be advertised for passage at next month's meeting.

Atty. Rosso reports a letter was sent out to the property owners of 106 4th Street. A prior demolition hearing was held and it was declared to be a dangerous structure. There has been some push back from the property owner's son whose name is not on the property. A letter was sent out as a courtesy to show that this was coming down and to call the office. The son called and left a message; she returned the call but he has not gotten back to her yet.

Engineer

President McKelvey reads the engineer's report: 1) An update on the demolition properties. 2) The GEDTF grant application for ADA Handicap Ramps and sidewalks on Euclid Avenue has been submitted. 3) The CD51 application has been filed for street reconstruction on Ridgeview Drive from Highview to Clearview and Highview from Ridgeview to the start of the loop. 4) An Act 152 application has been filed for the demolition of 511 Ridgeview Drive and 165 Duquesne Ave. 5) The LSA grant application period is open now through Nov.30th.

President McKelvey questions if COG has gotten back to us on combining the CD49 an 50 Areawide money. We received \$20,000 for each year and would like to combine them to be able to do one street, possibly Mound. COG was going to check with the County to see if we were permitted to do this but we have not heard yet.

Sanitation/Grants/Blighted Properties

Mr. Dzuro has no motions tonight.

Public Safety/Workers Comp/Fire

President McKelvey has no motions..

Parks/Recreation/Ord.

Mr. Palcsey questions when the borough is having Trick-or-Treat. It will be on Halloween, the 31st from 6-7:30.

Mr. Palcsey questions when our Holly Jolly Christmas was this year and states he would like to donate the Christmas tree in his yard this year to the borough. President McKelvey thanks him and will have the public works dept. check it out to see if they can cut it down.

Finance/Insurance/Negotiations

Mr. Mols thanks Council for coming out early this evening to meet and discuss the borough's insurance. At this time, he will table naming a broker for insurance until next month.

Mr. Mols reminds Council it is that time of the year again for budget requests. Please give your request to Ms. Honick before the end of Sept.

Mr. Mols makes the motion to file the 2021 Real Estate Tax Lien once Council feels comfortable with the list. Mr. Dzuro seconds the motion. Roll Call vote. Dzuro-yes; Mols-yes; Palcsey-yes; McKelvey-yes. Motion carried.

Old Business

Mr. Palcsey questions the solicitor if they can find out the status of the liquor license from the old DVFD#2. Atty. Rosso says she will make a note to look into that.

New Business

President McKelvey comments Halloween will be celebrated on the 31st of October from 6-7:30 with our costume contest beginning at 5 at the borough building.

President McKelvey comments our Holly Jolly Christmas Celebration will be on Friday, December 6th beginning at 6 pm. Further discussions and planning to follow.

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

Respectfully submitted,



Brenda Honick
Secty/Mgr.