

## **MINUTES**

The regular monthly meeting of Dover Borough Council was held at the Union Fire & Hose Co., 30 E. Canal Street on Monday, January 4, 2021 at 7:00 pm. All members were present. President Kroft called the meeting to order. There was a moment of silent prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The December 4, 2020 minutes were reviewed. Mr. Sabold pointed out a correction on page one under the fire company report. They should be The. Ms. Snyder made a motion to approve the minutes with the one correction. Mr. Raffensberger seconded the motion. President Kroft abstained due to being absent at the December meeting. All others were in favor.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Jonathan Hess was present to bring to councils' attention that snow is being plowed onto the corner handicapped ramp at his property. He presented pictures to council and voiced concern about a blind neighbor that uses the sidewalks. He would like snow to be pushed straight into his yard and would sign an agreement that if any damage occurs, he will not hold the Borough responsible. He feels this is a safety issue and is concerned about the potential of getting sued if someone falls on his sidewalk. Mr. Slusser explains that the Borough snowplow drivers are responsible to plow from curb line to curb line. Pushing snow into a yard could damage the plow equipment or destroy the curb. Mr. Andrew Herrold does not recommend doing what Mr. Hess is requesting. President Kroft states when they are plowing, the concern is to get snow off the streets. However, he will let the guys know if they can, push some snow to the other side, which may make it easier for Mr. Hess to remove it.

Chief Dettinger provided the fire company report.

- The calls for the month of December were not available.
- They responded to 225 calls in 2020. There was only a \$1,000 loss.
- Events for January are training on January 13<sup>th</sup> and the 27<sup>th</sup>. There will be a drive thru soup sale on January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Mr. Sabold made a motion to approve the events as stated. Ms. Snyder seconded the motion and all were in favor.
- Elaine Kroft gave information to Mr. Herrold for Resolutions needed for five upcoming events in 2021.

EMA report - None

## **SEWER**

*Public Works Report* – Nothing to add

*Engineer's Report* – Mr. Spangler reported the laterals have been fixed but he has not received the videos to view yet so there is no recommendation of payment. The amount that will be due is \$34,197.00. Mr. Spangler will be contacting Mr. Grim about doing some additional televising of sewer lines. He has also started working on the Chapter 94 report.

*Solicitor's Report* – Nothing

*Old Business* – None

*New Business* – None

**WATER**

*Public Works Report* - Nothing to add

*Engineer's Report* – Mr. Spangler reported there has been revised plans sent to the conservation district for the test well. He expects approval in a few weeks.

*Solicitor's Report* – Nothing

*Old Business* – None

*New Business* – None

**BOROUGH**

*Public Works Report* – Nothing to add

*Zoning Manager's Report* – Chief Dettinger inquired if Xtreme Fitness ever had their KnoxBox installed. Ms. Sprenkel was not sure but will contact them. Mrs. Koch pointed out the vehicle at the Pizza Box has flat tires. Ms. Sprenkel will check into it.

*Engineer's Report* – Mr. Spangler reviewed the response from Dover Township regarding the GSI cost. There is a county program with grant funds available for the stormwater portion of it. Mr. Spangler will check with the planning commission to get more information on this.

*Solicitor's Report* – Mr. Herrold addressed the compensation of tax collectors. If council would like to change the rate it can be prepared and presented at the February meeting. The rate can be between 2.7% and 5%. Mr. Herman feels his rate is very fair and no change needs to be made.

Mr. Spangler and Mr. Herrold left the meeting at 7:31 PM.

Mr. Sabold thanked Chief Dettinger for Santa riding through the Borough on Christmas morning. Chief Dettinger reported they received \$220 in donations which they appreciated.

*Mayor's Report* - Mayor Hernley reported that Raven was selected as the January 2021 Jefferson award winner. Her interview will air on CBS21 on January 13<sup>th</sup>.

*Police Report* – President Kroft reported calls were down 39 for November. Year to date calls were down 280. The department is up over all but that is because of the three new municipalities they now serve.

*Ambulance Club Report* – None available

*Secretary's Report* – Mrs. Plowman asked if council would have interest in the capability of texting alerts to residents. She received information from TextYourGov and watched a demonstration. It is a good way to get messages out to residents. Mrs. Plowman will get more information.

The Comcast franchise agreement is ready to be renewed. The Borough will be extending this license.

*Treasurer's Report* – Ms. Snyder made a motion to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Mr. Sabold seconded the motion and all were in favor.

*Old Business* – Mr. Sabold stated a motion was not made to appoint our auditor. Mr. Sabold made a motion to appoint Hamilton & Musser as the Borough auditor retroactive back to January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021. Mr. Slusser seconded the motion and all were in favor.

*New Business* – Mr. Sabold stated a resolution should be done for the retirement of John Herrold. This will be prepared for the February meeting.

A donation in honor of Mr. Botterbusch was discussed. Mr. Sabold made a motion to donate \$50 in lieu of flowers to the Greater Dover Historical Society in honor of Mr. Botterbusch. Mr. Ferry seconded the motion and all were in favor. A condolence resolution for his years of service to the Borough will be prepared.

Ms. Snyder has started working on the next newsletter which should be ready March 2021. If council members have suggestions for items to be included, she requested that they forward them to her.

President Kroft stated council will go into an executive meeting.

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Slusser made a motion to adjourn with a second by Mr. Ferry. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:56 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda J. Plowman  
Secretary/Treasurer