

MINUTES

The regular monthly meeting of Dover Borough Council was held at the Union Fire & Hose Co., 30 E. Canal Street on Monday, September 13, 2021 at 7:00 pm. Mr. Ferry and Mr. Slusser were absent. President Kroft called the meeting to order. There was a moment of silent prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The August 2, 2021 minutes were reviewed. Ms. Snyder made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Raffensberger seconded the motion. All were in favor.

The August 9, 2021 minutes were reviewed. Mr. Sabold made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Ms. Snyder seconded the motion. All were in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chief Dettinger provided the fire company report.

- They responded to 33 calls in August. Nine of those calls were in the Borough. There was a zero loss. There were three calls during the August 18th flooding event. These were at 101 Delwood Drive, 52 Butter Road and 315 Elmwood Drive.
- A full report on Ida will be given at the next meeting. A brief summary was given. They responded to 24 calls and five were in the Borough. They worked together with Dover Township by covering their calls while they were doing water rescues. This worked well for both departments.
- Chief Dettinger expressed extreme disappointment with the current EMA. There were flood calls from 3:45 pm until midnight with no help from the EMA. Mr. Sabold commented that with an event like this that position requires before, during, and after support. Chief Dettinger states he has nothing personal against the EMA but the department should have had help from that position. He explained during COVID the former Dover Township EMA is the one that assisted him in getting the supplies needed such as N95 masks.
- The September calendar was reviewed. Ms. Snyder made a motion to approve the calendar as presented. Mr. Sabold seconded the motion and all were in favor.
- Chief Dettinger stated he received information from the County that the six-year-old radios they currently are using will be obsolete at the end of this year and parts will no longer be available at the end of next year. A quote received for replacing 30 portable radios is \$130,000. This does not include the mobile radios. York County is not offering any funds towards the upgrade. They have looked into regional grants but were told they are too new to qualify even though they will be obsolete. The radios need to be at least 15 years old to qualify. Some of the local departments are going together to the local legislators to get them involved regarding funding help.

EMA report – No report

- President Kroft mentioned the possibility of having a joint EMA with Dover Township which would fall in line with our Joint Comprehensive Plan. This will be looked into.

SEWER

Public Works Report – Mr. Grim was absent. President Kroft reported the sewer tanks were filled to the top during Tropical Storm Ida.

Engineer's Report – Jason Brenneman from Holley & Associates was present in Mr. Lipinski's absence. Mr. Brenneman stated Dover Borough was the first municipality that they serviced. He wants to continue the relationship and asked for Council to work with them since Mr. Spangler is no longer with them and Mr. Lipinski

was out with some medical issues. Mr. Brenneman reported the sewer lining bids are delayed but they will be available for the November meeting. USG is almost finished televising the specified sewer lines in the Borough. The videos will be reviewed once they are received

Solicitor's Report – Mr. Herrold reported Ms. Sprenkel composed a letter, in regard to the Borough grease trap ordinance. He will be reviewing it this week before sending it out. These letters will go out to the food establishments first. This will be a way to make sure they know what the requirements are in the Borough.

Old Business – None

New Business – None

WATER

Public Works Report - Nothing to add

Engineer's Report – None

Solicitor's Report – None

Old Business – President Kroft enquired if Mr. Brenneman had any update on the test well start date. He does not but will check with Mr. Kehew in their office.

New Business – Nothing

BOROUGH

Public Works Report – Nothing to add

Zoning Manager's Report – Ms. Sprenkel had nothing to add. Mrs. Koch mentioned the grass at the Met Ed building on City Hall Drive needs attention. Mr. Sabold thanked Ms. Sprenkel for the work she has been doing.

Engineer's Report – Mr. Brenneman met with York Excavating this morning. They plan to start the paving on Maplewood Drive this week and plan to be finished next week. He mentioned 2022 street projects and asked for any suggestions. President Kroft explained that normally the engineer meets with Mr. Grim to come up with areas that need attention, then an estimated cost is presented for our budget. President Kroft added to check with Columbia Gas for upcoming projects in the Borough so we are not paving areas that will end up being dug back up.

Solicitor's Report – Mr. Herrold mentioned the Borough Declaration of Emergency Disaster for Tropical Storm Ida. This is dated September 1, 2021 and is in effect for seven days. Council ratified the Declaration at this time. This Declaration does not guarantee the residents will get funding but without it, they would not. Mrs. Koch made a motion to pass the Declaration of Emergency Disaster effective September 1, 2021 for Tropical Storm Ida, effective for seven days. Mr. Sabold seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Mr. Herrold reported Attorney Rausch submitted a revised Intermunicipal Agreement with Dover Township. He reviewed the agreement and confirmed the changes made. Mr. Herrold recommends this be on the agenda for October for possible adoption.

Mr. Herrold reported he did some research into a social media policy. He mentioned some items that would be considered for a policy. This could create a liability for the Municipality depending what the elected official is

saying on their social media. A policy would not only include employees but also Borough Council and the Mayor.

Mr. Herrold states he has questionable status for the October meeting since his wife is scheduled for a C-Section on September 27th. If he is not able to attend his father John will attend in his place.

Mr. Brenneman and Mr. Herrold left the meeting at 7:40 PM.

Mayor's Report - Mayor Hernley had nothing to add. Mrs. Kroft thanked him and his wife for assisting with Bingo during the carnival.

Police Report - President Kroft reported there were 69 calls in July which was up 1 from last year. This number is down 10 from calls in 2019. Lt. Jeremiah Neidigh was present. He reported they recently hired two officers but currently are still short one officer. Starting January 1, 2022 there will be officers working out of the substation and will be assigned to that location. This will be more convenient for the southern municipalities they cover. There are some municipalities they cover which are considering increasing their coverage, which will require the hiring of several new officers. A feasibility study was done on the E. Canal Road location. The building is currently rated for 47 officers. There are currently 62 officers are working out of there. The three female officers change in a converted closet and supervisors use an office. A committee has been created to look at options to either renovate the current building, add onto the current building which would require additional land or build a new one on a 4-5-acre lot which is estimated to cost 9-10 million dollars. President Kroft was doing a ride along with Officer Becker when a house fire call came in. A civilian passerby saw it at 1 AM and called it in. Since President Kroft is a fire fighter, he assisted with extinguishing the fire which ended up being started by an outdoor gas grill that was fed by an underground gas line. Chief Lash granted a Chief's Accommodation to the passerby, President Kroft, Officer Becker and Officer Bailey for their actions in this situation.

Ambulance Club Report - Nothing to add

President Kroft left the meeting for an emergency at home. Vice-President Sabold took control of the meeting at 8:00 PM.

Secretary's Report - Mrs. Plowman had nothing to add. Ms. Snyder made a motion to approve the secretary's report. Mr. Raffensberger seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Treasurer's Report - Vice-President Sabold questioned a payment to Out On A Limb for a tree removal at 13 Butter Road. Mrs. Plowman explained the tree was falling into the roadway at the intersection of Butter Road and City Hall Drive. The resident will be billed for the cost. Ms. Snyder made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report as presented. Mr. Raffensberger seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Old Business - The mowing contract was discussed. The current contract ends October 31, 2021 but has the option to extend it for one or two years at the current price if mutually agreed upon. Mrs. Plowman had spoken to Mr. McCabe and he is willing to extend it. Council felt they are doing a good job and it would be best to extend the current price. Ms. Snyder made a motion to extend the current mowing contract with McCabe's Lawncare and Landscaping for an additional two years. Mr. Raffensberger seconded the motion and all were in favor.

The trash collection contract was discussed. The current contract ends December 31, 2021 but has the option to extend it for one or two years at the prices quoted. Council felt an extension may be best with the way pricing is with everything right now. Due to just four members present they felt this should be tabled until the next meeting when more Council would be present.

Ms. Snyder reported she is finalizing the fall newsletter. She reviewed the items that will be included to confirm if she missed anything. She is hoping to have the newsletter out by the end of September.

New Business – Vice-President Sabold reminded members to RSVP for the Borough Association dinner. Budget meeting dates were discussed. The following dates were chosen for budget meetings. October 11th, 12th and 18th, 2021 at 6:30 PM. Mrs. Plowman will advertise these meeting dates.

With no further business to discuss, Ms. Snyder made a motion to adjourn with a second by Mr. Raffensberger. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:26 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda J. Plowman
Secretary/Treasurer