

MINUTES

The regular monthly meeting of Dover Borough Council was held at Borough Hall, 46 Butter Road on Monday, May 2, 2022 at 7:00 pm. President Kroft was absent. All other members were present. Vice President Sabold called the meeting to order. There was a moment of silent prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The April 4, 2022 minutes were reviewed. Vice President Sabold noted an addition under water adding Kroft following President. Mrs. Koch made a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Mr. Ferry seconded the motion. All were in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chief Dettinger provided the fire company report.

- They responded to 23 calls in April. There were zero calls in the Borough.
- Chief Dettinger reported there are two firefighters taking the interior firefighting class and will soon be certified. One is a junior firefighter who is turning 18 this year started training early to work up to this level already.
- An agreement was signed last month for the purchase of a new fire truck. There is a 22 month wait and it will arrive in 2024. The truck is a Pierce brand. Pierce gave them a substantially lower price. The color will be white with a yellow border like the most recent specialty truck that was added. This truck will replace engine #2 which will be 30 years old when the new one arrives. The standard recommendation is to replace them every 10 years. The fire departments excellent maintenance of this engine allowed for many more years of service.
- The May calendar was reviewed. Ms. Snyder made a motion to approve the calendar as presented. Mr. Ferry seconded the motion and all were in favor.

EMA report – Ms. Zarlenga added the ID badges for her staff are now available. There will also be some generic IDs for the extra volunteers. There is a new Omicron subvariant BA2.12.1, which started in central NY and is now progressing into PA, with cases rising this past week. Ms. Zarlenga recommends taking proper precautions for yourself.

SEWER

Public Works Report – Mr. Grim added the pipes that were welded came back today and they have started to reassemble them but are still waiting on some parts to come in. A few more tanks of sludge need hauled out of tank #3. Kline’s will be contacted to do this.

Engineer’s Report – Mr. Lipinski was absent but had submitted a report. The bid advertising was delayed since he didn’t realize it would only give contractors about two weeks because of the holiday. Mr. Lipinski will have the bids to award at the June meeting.

Solicitor’s Report – Nothing

Old & New Business – None

WATER

Public Works Report - Mr. Grim added the tower has been dropping to about 82 – 84’. He feels it probably is a service line leak and not a main water break.

Engineer’s Report – In Mr. Lipinski report he stated he was not able to get the information on the balance of the USTIF fund. A little over two years ago Mrs. Plowman was able to get this information. At that time \$791,000

had been used leaving a balance of \$708,000. President Kroft had questioned Mr. Herrold previously if this amount is just the reimbursement to the Borough. Mrs. Plowman states that to date we have only received just under \$400,000 in reimbursement so those dollar amounts would include all expenses. Mr. Herrold has spoken to Tom Wyatt who is a negotiations attorney. Mr. Herrold feels a buyout right now would be premature. Rutter's has a financial responsibility if the fund is depleted. At this time, we would allow Rutter's to contact the Borough.

Solicitor's Report – Mr. Herrold received a proposal letter from Tom Wyatt in reference to filing for a determination of the PUC jurisdiction. If they were to file all the necessary paperwork to receive a clear determination it would be about a \$5,000 cost to the Borough. The Borough office received a call from the PUC after they received a complaint. At that time, the PUC stated they have no record of jurisdiction over Dover Borough. In light of this Mr. Herrold cannot justify spending \$5,000 to get a decree from the PUC. Mr. Herrold recommends moving forward with the revised ordinance as anticipated. Mr. Slusser made a motion to approve advertising of the revised water ordinance regarding penalties. Mr. Ferry seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Old & New Business – None

BOROUGH

Public Works Report – Mr. Grim inquired what Council would like to do in reference to the quote received from DE Gemmill for painting the parking stalls on S. Main Street. For 59 parking stalls including the T's and L's the quote was \$2,124. After discussion Council asked for another quote and to have it include N. Main Street. D.B. Kreig will also be contacted for a quote.

Mr. Grim checked into trash container prices for Ketterman Park. They range in price and go as high as \$500 each. A few ideas were mentioned like Dover Women of Today or local businesses sponsoring them. Vice President Sabold requested Mr. Grim get three or four prices to bring to the next meeting along with pictures. A recycling bin may be placed by the pavilion as well.

Zoning Manager's Report – Vice President Sabold mentioned the new paving behind Wag's Meats. It had been stoned and looks a lot nicer now. Several Properties, which may be in violation of Borough codes, were mentioned and Ms. Sprenkel will investigate them. Vice President Sabold thanked Ms. Sprenkel for doing a good job.

Engineer's Report – Nothing

Solicitor's Report – Mr. Herrold provided Council a draft copy of the street opening ordinance. He and Mr. Lipinski went through the ordinance and removed the technical specifications, which will go into the Dover Borough Paving, Maintenance and Restoration Guidelines. The guidelines will be attached to any street opening permit. Mr. Herrold will have the final draft to Council in 10 – 14 days so that they can look over it before the next meeting. At that time, it can be approved to advertise for adoption.

In reference to the handicapped parking spaces by Doovertowne Apartments, the lady living there had called to request the existing space, which she said was approved seven years ago, be repainted. Mr. Grim took care of the painting, but nothing was found in the ordinance for this space. Mr. Herrold did not receive the agreement with Belmont Associates until today. It states that the owner of Doovertowne Apartments, agrees to pay for the costs involved. Since this was not advertised yet, the official adoption will be at the next meeting. Mr. Grim will prepare to paint the second space and to place the handicapped signage.

There was a discussion about the changes to the ARPA funding. After Mrs. Plowman conferred with the auditors it was suggested to file as loss of revenue with funds going toward the police services contract. The updated budget will be tabled until the revision is complete.

Mr. Herrold and Ms. Sprenkel met to discuss the wellhead protection area and the location of the exterminator business which is in Zone 2. This zone has two uses which have different criteria. The first is for a use and storage of regulated substances in quantities greater than those with normal household use. The second is a use which involves, as a principal activity, the manufacture, storage, use, transportation or disposal of regulated substances. What has been described is the storage containers of pesticides that are in buckets and jugs, not large storage, such as 55-gallon drums. Mr. Herrold states this falls under the first use which would permit them to have this business with a special exception, but would require the business to go through the application process for a special exception. A letter will be compiled to the business to address this.

Mr. Herrold left the meeting at 8:22 PM.

Mayor's Report - Mayor Hernley will have the dates and times for the walks through the Borough soon. He attended the school board meeting, to express Council's concern about eliminating a school resource officer (SRO), which stemmed from Mr. Wolverton's campaign promise to not raise taxes. A 2.9% tax increase may occur, with or without an SRO. If an SRO is eliminated, all calls to the Middle School will fall under the Borough police coverage, at a cost to the Borough, which could result in a potential tax increase, even though most students do not live in the Borough. Mr. Wolverton stated that an increase in Borough taxes is not his problem, and that police should only handle arrests. Other duties should be handled by a guidance counselor. Mr. Wolverton also questioned statistics provided by Chief Lash showing 35 monthly police intervention incidents. The board is voting on a budget at their May meeting, the Mayor suggested that Council members attend. Council discussed the possibility of billing the school district for the services if the SRO is eliminated. The SRO has proven to be beneficial when incidents occur, as well as developing relationships with the students. Other schools are adding SROs because of the positive benefits. Officer Allan is retiring and there are a few other officers qualified to fill that position. The addition of a female officer is being considered because many of the incidents occur between female students.

Police Report - The calls for March were up by 27 from March 2021. Lt. Neidigh reported they are going through the accreditation process and have the final assessment on May 11th and 12th. The Project Life Saver program currently has three juvenile clients, two from the Borough and one from Heidelberg Township. The Co-Responder program is waiting for an acceptable candidate. Two new officers have been sworn in. They are still waiting for the UTV, as well as a new truck that was ordered a year ago. The three SUV's ordered in October still have no delivery date.

Ambulance Club Report - Nothing to add.

Secretary's Report - Nothing to add. Ms. Snyder thanked Mrs. Plowman for her work with the ARPA program.

Treasurer's Report - Mr. Ferry made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Mrs. Koch seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Old Business - Mrs. Koch mentioned that many yard sale signs are posted on utility poles, which is not permitted. They will be removed. The online auction business moved out of N. Main Street.

New Business - None

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Ferry made a motion to adjourn with a second by Mr. Raffensberger. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda J. Plowman
Secretary/Treasurer