

October 2, 2023

MINUTES

The regular monthly meeting of Dover Borough Council was held at Borough Hall, 46 Butter Road on Monday, October 2, 2023 at 7:00 pm. Mr. Ferry and Mr. Raffensberger were absent. All other members were present. President Kroft called the meeting to order. There was a moment of silent prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The September 11, 2023 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 McKeever and Deputy Chief McKeever were absent. There was no fire company report.

- The October calendar was reviewed. Ms. Snyder made a motion to approve the calendar as presented. Mr. Sabold seconded the motion and all were in favor.
- The rental and commercial inspection program was discussed. Council will review and provide input about what they feel should be included.

EMA report – Ms. Zarlenga provided copies of the report filed from the September 7th storm. She wanted Council to see the pictures and the report that is filed each time there is a weather event. Ms. Zarlenga inquired about EMA having their own cell phone. Her personal phone was used for the weather event and her number given out. Mr. Slusser expressed concern about her number being given out. Mrs. Plowman will check the cost to add a phone to the Borough plan. Ms. Zarlenga has a quarterly meeting on Thursday and will be giving a presentation regarding the September 7th weather event.

SEWER

Public Works Report – Mr. Grim spoke to Hartco regarding Flo Meters. He was given a few references which he spoke to. Some of them have not had the meters very long but so far are not having any issues. Since two Flo Meters were previously approved, it was decided to go ahead with the purchase of two.

Engineer's Report – Mr. Lipinski added he also spoke to Hartco. He found out you cannot install the laser type on the lateral rung. They have a type that can be used with compression but the cost is significantly higher. Mr. Lipinski will have televising bids for the December meeting.

Solicitor's Report – None

Old Business – None

New Business – None

WATER

Public Works Report - Mr. Grim contacted the insurance company about the fence repair needed at the water tower, but he did not hear from them yet. He added there are extra pieces on hand that he may be able to repair it in house.

Engineer's Report - Mr. Lipinski reported as long as well #6 has a permit and is not physically abandoned we will be required to continue to test it and send out public notices. In order to abandon the well an application would need to be filed with DEP and carry out their closing procedure. The well is located on the school district and Doyertown property. A decision would need to be made about the well building reverting back to their responsibility. The question came up if United Environmental would pay the cost to install the treatment equipment for well 6. Mr. Herrold doesn't think that is the route to take. Dover Township looked into taking over the well but it was not cost effective, so they declined. Mr. Sabold made a motion for Mr. Lipinski to start the application process to disconnect and revoke our permit for well #6. Mr. Slusser seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Solicitor's Report - None

Old Business - There is a mandatory 15-day non-essential water use in effect. It will be reevaluated at the end of that time.

New Business - None

BOROUGH

Public Works Report - Mr. Grim wondered if they need to wait on insurance before removing the uprooted trees. Because of safety issues, Council felt it should be done right away and have the holes filled with topsoil. The quotes for the tot lot repairs were discussed. Since the cost will exceed the limit of \$12,200, we need a third quote before awarding. Mr. Grim received quotes to replace a storm sewer pipe behind Dover Middle School. After discussion Mr. Slusser made a motion to have C&H Excavating, LLC replace the 18" galvanized storm sewer pipe by the practice field behind Dover Middle School for a cost of \$5,780. Ms. Snyder seconded the motion. Mr. Slusser modified his motion to specify using 18" polyethylene pipe not to exceed \$6,500. Ms. Snyder seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Zoning Manager's Report - In the absence of a zoning officer the question was raised about who can sign and issue permits. Mr. Herrold will look into this. There have also been questions asking if the placing political signs on public property within the Borough is allowed. After reviewing the wording of the request, Mr. Herrold would like to look into this further.

Engineer's Report - Mr. Lipinski reviewed the requirements of the Paving Resolution. These requirements can be changed at any time through a Resolution.

Solicitor's Report - Mr. Herrold presented Resolution 2023-12 containing the paving

guidelines to be used in conjunction with the road excavation permit. Mr. Slusser made a motion to adopt Resolution # 2023-12 setting forth pavement maintenance and restoration guidelines. Ms. Snyder seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Mr. Herrold wanted to review the letter to PennDOT in reference to the Norma's Ridge water discharge issue. Basically, the engineer numbers work out but the eye test of what we see happen when there are rain events does not. We want PennDOT aware of what the Borough potentially sees as issues 5, 10 or 15 years down the road.

Mr. Lipinski and Mr. Herrold left the meeting at 9 PM.

Mayor's Report – Nothing to add.

Police Report – President Kroft reported calls were down 34 for August, down 76 year-to-date. Mr. Grim wondered if there is any information regarding the person who ran over some of the street signs at Main Street and Park Street area. President Kroft will check on this. Mayor Hernley wondered if the roll-back truck, that parks on S. Main Street, taking up at least two parking spaces is allowed to park there. This will be looked into as well. In the next few weeks, they will be breaking ground for the North Pointe complex and then breaking ground for the new building by the 1st or 2nd quarter of 2024. Manchester Township has added two officers. There will be a team of three officers, called the PACE Team, to work specifically around the Rt 83/Rt. 30 corridor motel area. This month, there were no doses of naloxone or overdoses on opioids but they are finding that methamphetamines are becoming the drug of choice. Naloxone is only for opioids and methamphetamines work the opposite of opioids. There have been overdoses of meth but the naloxone does not help with that drug.

Ambulance Club Report – No Report

Secretary's Report – Mrs. Plowman added the clock was checked so if it is still not chiming correctly, let her know. They would like a heat bulb installed by the clock mechanism to keep the moisture out. Mrs. Plowman will contact Mr. Snelbecker to take care of this.

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

Old Business – Ms. Snyder contacted Leib Elementary to send a thank you card to the teacher that stopped to help Ms. Sprenkel when she had fallen in the parking lot.

New Business – None

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Slusser made a motion to adjourn with a second by President Kroft. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 9:28 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda J. Plowman
Secretary/Treasurer