

May 5, 2025

MINUTES

The regular monthly meeting of Dover Borough Council was held at Borough Hall, 46 Butter Road on Monday, May 5, 2025 at 7:00 pm. Mr. Hassinger was absent, all other members were present. President Sabold called the meeting to order. There was a moment of silent prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The April 7, 2025 minutes were reviewed. Ms. Snyder made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Slusser seconded the motion. All were in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The fire company was absent. The May and June calendars were reviewed. Ms. Snyder made a motion to approve the calendars as presented. Mr. Neiman seconded the motion and all were in favor. Mrs. Kroft mentioned they are looking for volunteers to help with the banquets.

EMA report – Ms. Zarlenga was absent. President Sabold presented the York County Hazard Mitigation Plan Resolution. Ms. Snyder made a motion to adopt the York County Mitigation Plan Resolution 2025-06. Mr. Raffensberger seconded to motion and all were in favor.

Police Report – Mayor Hernley reported there were 85 calls in April. This is up 10 calls from last year. Lt. Neidigh reported the new station completion date is July 11th. The officer who was shot at the UPMC incident is back on patrol. There will be three new officers starting at the end of June. There are some officers retiring so they are in the process of hiring four more officers. This will give a total of 69 officers. Mrs. Kroft mentioned the residents are parking at City Hall and Butter Road, making it difficult to see at the intersection.

Luke Noerpel co-owner of 53 E. Canal Street was present. Mr. Grim had the lateral and line televised today and found no issue with the lateral. Since last meeting Mr. Noerpel provided a breakdown of the cost he is asking the Borough to reimburse. Mr. Slusser asked several questions and Council reviewed the situation again. Mr. Neiman wondered if the labor was actual cost. Mr. Noerpel states it is and that if ServPro would have done it, it would be higher. President Sabold enquired if the door replacement was just the slab or the full door with jam. He felt the labor was high at 7 hours per door. Council discussed several options to resolve the situation. It is not clear how this happened. Ms. Snyder felt since it cannot be verified, she suggests just splitting the cost. Mr. Neiman thought of splitting by covering the materials but not the labor. Solicitor, Mr. Thomas Lang was present for Mr. Herrold. He added that the Council and Borough are not liable for breaks that occur unless it can be proven that it is something in the main line. Anything the Council chooses to do would be out of kindness but cautioned about setting a precedent. Ms. Snyder mentioned that Mr. Herrold has suggested signing a release if any payment is made so that the Borough would not be liable in the future. Mr. Slusser made a motion to reimburse Mr. Noerpel for the material cost of \$1,340 pending a signed release. Mr. Neiman seconded the motion and all were in favor. Mr. Noerpel was disappointed in this but will speak to his partners regarding accepting this.

SEWER

Public Works Report – Mr. Grim added the clarifier is back online. There was one more crack that showed up after they did the repair. So far, the areas they repaired look good.

Engineer's Report – Mr. Lipinski reported the manhole project was approved last month but he has not authorized the start of the project yet since we want to get flows measured first. The clarifiers will be monitored and payment will be held until we know there will not be further issues. The Chapter 94 report has been approved.

Solicitor's Report – None

Old Business – None

New Business – None

WATER

Public Works Report - Mr. Grim added that the water tower has been down and they are looking for a water leak. President Sabold mentioned at the last meeting that York Water had approached the Borough to talk about our water system. He contacted them and they are willing to present an introductory presentation to Council if interested. Mr. Slusser made a motion to invite York Water to give an informational presentation on what they would offer the Borough limiting it to a 15-20-minute presentation with hard copies of materials given ahead of time. Mr. Raffensberger seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Engineer's Report – None

Solicitor's Report – None

Old Business – None

New Business – None

BOROUGH

Public Works Report – Mr. Grim added Dover Township will be doing our street sweeping but he does not have the dates yet. The fire department will put the dates on their sign for us. The bush outside the office had been removed. Ms. Snyder will work on what should be put in its place. A resident on Dogwood Drive requested a child at play sign be installed. Mr. Grim believes it will be approximately \$100. President Sabold thought it may be beneficial to add a no outlet sign as well. Since it is a cul-de-sac, no traffic should be going back there except for those residents. Mr. Grim added the stop sign at Butter and Main Street was hit again today. A new post will be needed this time. Mr. Neiman asked about

lowering the speed limit in the alley. Mr. Lipinski stated a traffic study needs to be done in order to change the speed limit. Mr. Slusser suggested adding speed bumps.

Zoning Manager's Report – Ms. Reed highlighted the zoning hearing board meeting that will be on May 20th at 7 PM. This hearing is for a special exception at 21 N. Main Street for a skilled games room. President Sabold thanked Ms. Reed for everything she has been doing.

Engineer's Report – Mr. Lipinski reported he is trying to set up a meeting with PennDOT in reference to the Canal Street culvert issue. Kinsley contacted him about the release of the retainage money. Mr. Grim let him know there is an issue with the rip rap and a hole has opened up so he is not recommending release of that payment until it is looked at. Mr. Lipinski is contacting the structural engineer for an expedited review so we can get it fixed. The City Hall Drive Street repair design is done. The contract documents will be submitted to Penn bids this week so we can have the bids for the June meeting. He is estimating the project to be \$70,000.

Solicitor's Report – A 20-year Ketterman Park lease extension has been approved by the Dover School Board. This extension was needed for the Borough to apply for the grant for repairs to be done at Ketterman Park. Mr. Slusser made a motion to ratify the Ketterman Park lease extension with Dover Area School District until April 22, 2050. Mr. Raffensberger seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Mr. Lipinski and Mr. Lang left the meeting at 8:22 PM.

Mayor's Report - Mayor Hernley reported the school crossing guard was hit by a car last Monday. The SRO's have been directing the traffic since then but that is not in their contract. Mayor Hernley will attend the school board meeting next week to see what their plans are for a crossing guard. Matt Spahr asked him if the Borough would like them to do the tree lighting event again this year. Council agreed to this. Mr. Slusser suggested they submit a written request to the fire department for use of their facility again.

Ambulance Club Report – Mr. Raffensberger reported the next meeting is May 20th.

Secretary's Report – Mrs. Plowman highlighted there will be a presentation from TexmyGov May 8th. Also, the York County 275th birthday meeting is May 13th.

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 – Mrs. Koch mentioned that the Lacrosse nets at Ketterman Park have been locked to the pole for a long time and weeds are growing up around them. This weekend a lot of trash was left on the ground and they were selling concessions out of the storage trailer. Mr. Slusser will contact the team about these issues. Also, the softball team is not trimming the fence and have ruts in the grass area. Mrs. Plowman will contact them.

New Business – None

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Slusser made a motion to adjourn with a second by Mr. Neiman. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:44 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda J. Plowman
Secretary/Treasurer