

MINUTES

The regular monthly meeting of Dover Borough Council was held at Borough Hall, 46 Butter Road on Monday, July 11, 2022 at 7:00 pm. Mr. Ferry was 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 June 6, 2022 minutes were reviewed. Mr. Slusser made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Ms. Snyder seconded the motion. All were in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT

President Kroft opened the Comcast public hearing. The current franchise agreement is expiring soon and the Borough is in the process of negotiating an agreement. The public can comment on Comcast past performance and future community cable needs. An agreement offers enforceable customer service, state of the art cable system, protection of the public right of ways, franchise fees for the cable operators use of the public right of ways, reporting requirements, legal protections for the Borough and better mechanisms to enforce the franchise agreement. These are just some of the benefits of franchise renewal. Mr. Herman questioned the dollar figure. President Kroft explained that the Borough does earn a franchise fee based on certain services. If the agreement is not in place, residents could still have Comcast but this would allow other cable companies to come in therefore resulting in lines not being maintained, more outages than normal, etc. They have more incentive to maintain these when an agreement is in place. Mrs. Kroft commented that the price keeps creeping up. She then calls them and says she is a long-term resident and would like to know what they can do to make the bill more affordable. The bill gets lower but she wonders why they need to do this. This is partially due to maintaining the infrastructure as costs continues to rise. With no other comment President Kroft closed the Comcast hearing.

Chief Dettinger provided the fire company report.

- They responded to 27 calls in June. Six of those calls were in the Borough. There was a zero loss.
- Chief Dettinger reported the engine involved in the accident, if in good condition is worth about \$20,000 on the market. It would cost twice that to repair it and it would be out of service for 8 – 10 months. The line officers and trustees decided to look for a replacement and were able to find a used Pierce fire engine as a replacement. Tomorrow, a group is going to look at it. If it meets their criteria and is in the condition as described, they will purchase it and bring it home. Before it can be put into service, some equipment needs to be added and the volunteers will need to be trained on the new engine. They plan to put it into service by the end of July. The wrecked engine will be sold to a company that will part it out.
- A volunteer service credit program was presented for review. A legislation was created that allows municipalities to give local tax credits to volunteers. A sample resolution from Shrewsbury was shared with details of the program. This is a way to try to get people interested in volunteering.
- The firemen's fair will be held September 1-5 this year. Mrs. Kroft expressed the need for volunteers.
- The July calendar was reviewed. Mr. Sabold made a motion to approve the calendar as presented. Ms. Snyder seconded the motion and all were in favor.

EMA report – Ms. Zarlenga added she has the flyers ready for National Night Out.

SEWER

Public Works Report – Nothing to add.

Engineer's Report – Mr. Lipinski researched and confirmed that there is a large section of Oakwood that was not lined. He is advertising for bids for the August meeting. He is hoping Insight Pipe has a good bid again so both jobs can be done together. The question was previously raised if the lining is reducing the I & I in the Delwood Development. Mr. Lipinski feels it is hard to know because sometimes the pump just runs continually. He asked if resident sump pumps are hooked into the sewer line. The Borough is sure there probably are some even though that is not allowed. It could be a combination of laterals, sump pumps and floor drains still pushing extra flow into the sewer system. This will be looked at closer in the future.

Solicitor's Report – Mr. Scott Lineberry was present in Mr. Herrold's absence. He presented Ordinance 2022-02 which amends Ordinance section 124-4 regarding late fees for the water bills. Mr. Sabold made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-02 amending the late fee charges. Mr. Raffensberger seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Old Business – None

New Business – None

WATER

Public Works Report - Mr. Grim added they found a water leak at a residence on W. Canal Street. They could hear the water blowing in the basement when they were outside the home, but the resident never heard it. The water was immediately turned off at the street. The water level in the tower increased 2' overnight after the problem was repaired.

Engineer's Report – Mr. Lipinski reported he will be going over the USTIF agreement with Mr. Herrold upon his return.

Solicitor's Report – Nothing

Old Business – None

New Business – None

BOROUGH

Public Works Report – Mr. Grim gave details on the nine trees that need to be removed at Ketterman Park. He received a quote from Out On A Limb to remove them and grind the stumps. There are a few other stumps that should be ground as well. Mr. Slusser made a motion to approve the quote for Out On A Limb to remove nine trees at a cost of \$2,800 and to also grind the stumps at a cost of \$700, with a total not to exceed \$3,800 including grinding the extra stumps. Mr. Raffensberger seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Mr. Grim presented a quote from D. E. Gemmill to paint the parking tees on Main Street and Canal Street. Mr. Slusser made a motion to approve the quote from D.E. Gemmill to paint parking tees on N. Main, S. Main, E. Canal and W. Canal Streets in the amount of \$5,149 using liquid fuels funds if eligible. Mr. Sabold seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Zoning Manager's Report – Ms. Sprenkel added that she attended the kick off meeting for the joint zoning ordinance. Several things that were discussed she was not sure how Council would feel about them. A few of these were changes to village center and a historical district. She asked Mrs. Koch if she would be interested in attending the meetings and she accepted.

Engineer's Report – Nothing

Solicitor's Report – Mr. Lineberry presented Ordinance 2022-03 which repeals and replaces Chapter 135 R3 of the street opening ordinance. This has been advertised and is ready for adoption. Mr. Slusser made a motion

to adopt Ordinance 2022-03 street opening ordinance requiring a permit from the Borough. Ms. Snyder seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Mr. Lineberry presented Resolution 2022-08 which covers members of the fire company that do not respond to fire calls to be eligible for workers compensation if hurt while performing any type of support activity. Mr. Sabold made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-08. Ms. Snyder seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Mr. Lipinski and Mr. Lineberry left the meeting at 8:10 PM.

Mayor's Report - Nothing

Police Report – President Kroft reported the calls for May were down 5 but calls are still up 118 for the year. Lt. Neidigh added National Night Out is August 2nd from 5:30 – 8 PM at the Union Fire & Hose. Officer Allen the SRO for Dover High School retired June 15th. Officer Andy Sheaffer who was the SRO at the middle school, will move to the high school. Since Dover School District voted to keep the 2nd SRO, Officer Destiny Marshall will be the new SRO at the middle school. This will give a positive female role model for the girls plus they can go to her with issues they may not feel comfortable talking to a male about. The SRO's can be interchangeable if an issue arises at the high school that requires a female. The UTV arrived, was lettered and has been used several times. A DUI check point was done July 1st at George and 6th Streets in North York. A total of 21 arrests took place including 14 DUI's and five drug arrest over a 3-1/2 hour period involving 27 officers.

Ambulance Club Report – Nothing to add.

Secretary's Report – Mrs. Plowman added the second ARPA payment should be distributed by July 15th. New Hope is holding an open house and dedication on July 21st. Dover High School is looking for approval for the Homecoming Parade Oct 6th. Before approval is given, Council wondered if they received PennDOT approval yet and suggested they attend our next meeting. This year, the cost of the plants for the planters on the square was more than our annual donation to the Conewago Garden Club. Mr. Slusser made a motion to send the Conewago Garden Club an additional \$100 to cover the cost of flowers. Mrs. Koch seconded the motion and all were in favor. Investigating possible discounts for next year's plants was suggested. A thank you card from the Dover Library was received and read letting Council know how the funds will be used. The faulty Opticom was replaced on the traffic light at the square.

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

Old Business – Nothing

New Business – Mrs. Koch mentioned the porta potty supplied by the sports teams at Ketterman Park has been removed for the season. Council discussed placing a porta potty at Ketterman Park. Due to increased use of the park, it was felt this is needed. A handicapped unit will be placed at Ketterman through the end of November. Mr. Sabold commented about the email regarding brush that was removed from the black smith shop during the Historical Society clean up, and who should dispose of it. Mr. Grim said it is not a problem for them to do this, and it was agreed public works can take care of it.

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Slusser 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