

April 1, 2024

MINUTES

The regular monthly meeting of Dover Borough Council was held at Borough Hall, 46 Butter Road on Monday, April 1, 2024 at 7:00 pm. All members were present. President Kroft called the meeting to order. There was a moment of silent prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The March 4, 2024 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

Deputy Chief Taylor McKeever provided the fire company report.

- They responded to 26 calls in March. Three of those calls were in the Borough with a \$600 loss.
- The new engine is expected to arrive in June or July.
- Chief McKeever requested to meet with Borough Council for an open discussion an hour before the May Council meeting. President Kroft reminded the Deputy Chief that because of the Sunshine Law that he could make a presentation but discussion would need to take place in an open advertised meeting. Duty Chief McKeever will follow up with the Chief and let the Borough know.
- A Fire engine will be at the Dover High School on April 6th for FAA day. A firemen's banquet will also be held on April 6th. The trainings will be the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays.
- The May calendar was reviewed. Ms. Snyder made a motion to approve the calendar with the additions. Mr. Sabold seconded the motion and all were in favor.

EMA report – Ms. Zarlenga reported there are storms coming from Texas which will cause flooding in southwest PA. This may result in some flooding in our area.

Police Report – President Kroft reported there were 74 calls in February 2024, which totals 179 for the year. The new building contracts have been signed. They were issued the notice to proceed on March 18th and have 390 days to complete the contract. A groundbreaking ceremony will be held on April 27th at 10 AM at 1 Regional Way which is right off the 3800 block of the Susquehanna Trail.

SEWER

Public Works Report – Mr. Grim was absent.

Engineer's Report – Mr. Lipinski presented the agreement to sign for USG to televise the laterals and service lines in Delwood. They plan to start cleaning on Tuesday and televising on Wednesday. He also reported on the clarifier repair. He spoke to Seco regarding the epoxy we are considering using for the repair. They have not had any similar projects to

compare to what we need. They do know that epoxy grouts can handle greater loads, high compression strengths and vibration. Another product Seco mentioned is a concrete with a metal aggregate. It is typically used on loading docks, aisleways, etc., all areas with a lot of use by fork lifts and skid loaders. This product is much heavier than concrete. The product has been used in controlled environments so it is unknown how it will hold up in the outdoor elements. Seco believes epoxy is the best option for us even though they cannot guarantee that it will extend the life by 20, 30 or 40 years. After further discussion and without other options, Council recommended having Dutchland come to view the site and give an estimate to be presented at the May meeting.

Solicitor's Report – None

Old Business – None

New Business – None

WATER

Public Works Report - E. K. Services did a temporary repair to the water main break on S. Main Street. They will be coming back to do a permanent repair. Mr. Sabold suggested making arrangements to have water available for residents when the water is turned off during the repair. President Kroft suggested having the fire company as an emergency station for water.

Engineer's Report – None

Solicitor's Report – After last month's meeting, minutes were discovered from 1986 that referenced an agreement regarding the water service at 1735 E. Canal. Sending the letter was delayed until further discussion. Mr. Herrold stated that legally there is not a lot of detail of the agreement but it does reference that there is one. He explained they can defer or enforce but Council needs to decide what is fair and right. After further discussion, this will need to be recorded on the deed. Council agreed to pay the legal fees and require the property owner to pay the recording of deed fee. Mr. Sabold states the prior motion would need to be rescinded. Ms. Snyder made a motion to rescind her prior motion enforcing the water hook up. Mr. Raffensberger seconded the motion. Motion carried with one opposition by President Kroft. Mr. Slusser suggested that when the property is transferred, new owners are required to connect to Borough water and cap the well. Ms. Snyder made a motion to send a letter to the property owner of 1735 E. Canal requiring an agreement be recorded, specifying that upon transfer of deed, the new property owner will permanently cap the existing well and connect to the Borough public water, include that the current property owner will pay the recording fee for this change. Mr. Hassinger seconded the motion. Motion carried with one opposition by President Kroft.

Old Business – None

New Business – None

BOROUGH

Public Works Report – Mr. Sabold wondered if we heard from the contractor about the work to be done at the tot lot. There was a one-call for utilities to be marked so it should be very soon.

Zoning Manager's Report – Mr. Wasilko's report included concerns with the street opening permit fee when a property owner only digs in their yard and does not impact the street or sidewalk. Mr. Lipinski explained the fee was established to include an inspection by the engineer or Dover Borough public works when work is within the Right-of-way. Mr. Wasilko proposed a two-tier fee schedule. Mr. Herrold recommended Mr. Wasilko, Mr. Lipinski and himself work on an update to the street opening permit to add a two-tier fee or possibly a separate permit. Council agreed.

Mr. Sabold wondered if everyone saw the result of the hearing for 39 W. Canal. Mr. Wasilko had amended the complaint with corrected dates prior to the hearing. The property owner was found guilty and fined. Council wondered if the Borough could have someone clean up the property and charge for it. Mr. Herrold stated we would need an injunction from the Court of Common Pleads to authorize clean up. Several options were discussed such as cleaning up the property, filing another complaint, and writing to the mortgage company. Another court filing will be done in two weeks if no progress is made.

Engineer's Report – Mr. Lipinski reported he had met with the Mega block manufacturer and Mr. Grim at the Butter Road box culvert project area. They discussed different blocks and how much impact it will make on the adjacent properties. A neighbor came over and, through their conversation, Mr. Lipinski learned that there is a gas line running right through the box culvert. This was unknown to Mr. Lipinski and Mr. Grim. Mr. Lipinski contacted Columbia Gas to find out if it is an active line. They said they would investigate. After their investigation, Mr. Lipinski received an email notification that it is an active gas line. They also said the line could be relocated if needed but they would not take on any financial responsibility. This line should not have been put in the box culvert because it is a potential hazard. The line will now need to go under the repair that is needed. Other repair options were discussed. Mr. Lipinski will contact their engineering department to see what they recommend. It is a danger where it is located.

Solicitor's Report – Mr. Herrold is not able to attend the Planning Commission meeting. He will arrange for a colleague to attend for him.

Mr. Lipinski and Mr. Herrold left the meeting at 8:35 PM.

Mayor's Report - Mayor Hernley suggested everyone should attend the school board meetings if they can. They are the 2nd and 3rd Tuesday of the month. The budget needs to be passed at the May meeting. He said the SRO gave a very good presentation. He feels they are not going to be cut from the budget.

Ambulance Club Report – Mr. Raffensberger reported they are planning to sell an ambulance and will continue to run three.

Secretary's Report – President Kroft updated the committees but they can be changed if someone would like to be on a different one.

Treasurer's Report – Mr. Sabold made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report as

presented. Ms. Snyder seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Old Business – Mr. Slusser wondered if the utilities are shut down at the well house. All of that is in the process.

New Business – None

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 9:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda J. Plowman
Secretary/Treasurer