

April 7, 2025

## **MINUTES**

The regular monthly meeting of Dover Borough Council was held at Borough Hall, 46 Butter Road on Monday, April 7, 2025 at 7:00 pm. Mr. Hassinger and Mr. Raffensberger were 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.

President Sabold announced there was an executive session prior to the meeting to discuss a litigation policy.

The March 3, 2025 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**

Chief McKeever provided the fire company report.

- They responded to 26 calls in March. Three of those calls were in the Borough with no loss.
- A banquet was held for the fire company members.
- The annual hazmat training was held. Seventeen members became certified.
- Chief McKeever would like to start a discussion regarding a fire tax in the Borough.
- The updated April and May 2025 calendars were reviewed. Ms. Snyder made a motion to approve the calendars as presented. Mrs. Koch seconded the motion and all were in favor.
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EMA report – Ms. Zarlenga gave out paperwork for updating the information for web EOC which would be needed in the event of a disaster. Paperwork was given to the mayor, the school district, the municipal office and the ambulance club, Chief McKeever and Captain Platts for station 6, and Mr. Grim for Public Works.

Police Report – Mayor Hernley reported calls were down for February and also year to date. Lt. Neidigh added calls are down across all municipalities right now. When the weather changes that will change as well. The completion of the new station has been changed to early July. The officer that was wounded at the UPMC incident is doing well, is back on light duty and will return to full duty soon. Corporal John Morley is retiring this week after 32 years of service. He will be going to work at the state department. Currently, there are some cadets in the academy that will graduate in June.

Luke Noerpel part owner of 53 E. Canal Street was present. He explained on February 2nd or 3rd there was a sewer back up into the basement. He notified Mr. Grim that they had several inches of sewer water in the basement. Mr. Grim checked the manholes in the area but did not find any issues. Mr. Noerpel was not present when this happened and most of it had gone back down when they saw it. There were a few days of clean up and they bleached the basement. Mr. Grim suggested he hand it into his insurance who have denied the claim. Mr. Noerpel is asking the Borough to take responsibility for it. The building is currently being remodeled and they have a test T that was open to withhold water from

upstream in the house. That must be how the sewer water entered the basement. A discussion followed including scenarios of what could have caused this. Since his lateral line had not been televised, Mr. Slusser suggested this be done to determine if it came from there or the main line. Mr. Noerpel is seeking \$7,340 for cleanup and door replacements. Council requested a break down of this cost. Mr. Herrold added if there will be a payout that he will prepare a release to be signed and that it should be on the agenda for next month stating to authorize settlement. Mr. Slusser made a motion to table this until the May meeting so it can be placed on the agenda properly, receive the breakdown of cost and to have the lateral televised. Ms. Snyder seconded the motion and all were in favor.

## **SEWER**

*Public Works Report* – Mr. Grim states the repairs that Dutchland have done seem to be ok but he is not running the arm on it yet. This week it will be turned on.

*Engineer's Report* – Mr. Lipinski reported Dutchland came to do the repair earlier than scheduled so he was not present when they were here. He was told they used two different materials to repair. The Secca PT that is good to 20,000 PSI, isn't available anymore. This was used for one patch since they had it in stock. The other patch they used Secca 328 which is similar but is only good to 10,000 PSI. Test cubes were done which showed the new material at 14 days is at 6,000 psi and the old material at 14,000 PSI. Dutchland did not know why Secca no longer offers the Secca PT. Mr. Lipinski reached out to Secca but didn't receive a response yet.

Mr. Lipinski presented a new proposal from USG. In addition to the Amberview manholes for \$24,810, it includes a manhole in the square for \$10,095 and one at the fire company for \$5,845. Ms. Snyder made a motion to approve the USG quote to repair 4 manholes on Amberview for \$24,810, one at the square including traffic control for \$10,095 and one at the fire department for \$5,845. Mrs. Koch seconded the motion and all were in favor. Mr. Lipinski reported the Chapter 94 report has been submitted.

*Solicitor's Report* – None

*Old Business* – None

*New Business* – None

## **WATER**

*Public Works Report* - E.K. Services replaced the fire hydrant on Delwood Drive. Mr. Slusser inquired what was included in the price. Council discussed other ways to do this at a lower cost in the future.

*Engineer's Report* – None

*Solicitor's Report* – None

*Old Business – None*

*New Business – None*

## **BOROUGH**

*Public Works Report – Nothing to add.*

*Zoning Manager's Report – Nothing to add.*

*Engineer's Report –* Mr. Lipinski reported he spoke to the structural engineer about Butter Road. They will be out mid-May to look at it. He and Mr. Grim looked at several areas for 2025 street work. The inlets on City Hall Drive need repaired with some paving. Council agreed to move forward with this project. They also looked at Rachel Road. It mainly looks like there is some erosion. A few years ago, the hedges were cut back. Mr. Lipinski looked at the culvert on E Canal by Rutter's. There is a crack on top of each head wall on both sides and the sidewalks have settled significantly. He could not see the condition of the pipe because of the amount of water flowing. Mr. Lipinski states even though it is a PennDOT road, normally they do not pay for a repair like this in Borough's. Depending on the circumstances they may take care of it or at least part of it. He will contact PennDOT.

*Solicitor's Report – None*

Mr. Lipinski and Mr. Herrold left the meeting at 8:11 PM.

*Mayor's Report -* Mayor Hernley reported he attended the school board meeting. He has several weddings coming up in April.

*Ambulance Club Report – Nothing to add.*

*Secretary's Report – Nothing to add.*

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

*Old Business – None*

*New Business –* Mr. Neiman voiced concern with the 25 MPH speed limits in the allies since he saw a child almost get hit. Main Street is 25 MPH so Council feels 15 MPH would be more suitable. This would require an ordinance change and road signs change. President Sabold asked Mr. Grim to get a count of the signs. Ms. Snyder mentioned she believes that has been entered into the GIS system already.

President Sabold thanked Ms. Snyder and Mrs. Koch for all their work on the DCNR grant application. A Resolution is still needed yet for the grant. Mr. Slusser made a motion to approve the Ketterman Park Phase I Resolution. Mrs. Koch seconded the motion and all were in favor.

We received an invitation to join the municipal administrator association. President Sabold stated the paperwork is here if anyone was interested in joining.

President Sabold asked Council their opinion of revisiting the fire tax. Currently the Borough gives a donation of \$15,000, free water and sewer and workers compensation which is about \$12,000 to the fire department. Mr. Slusser wondered if a question should be put on the election ballot for residents to vote on it. A half mill would be approximately \$50 per property and would give the fire department about \$38,000 per year. After further discussion it was decided to table this until budget time.

A representative from York Water stopped by the office. He offered to meet to talk about the Borough water system. After Council discussion it was decided to meet with him. President Sabold will contact him to set it up.

President Sabold read a card from Debbie Wahlberg thanking the Borough for the flowers.

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 8:51 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda J. Plowman  
Secretary/Treasurer