

REGULAR MEETING OF DRAVOSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL OF JULY 17, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Council President McKelvey at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Mols.....present
Palcsey.....present (via phone)
Snodgrass.....present
Vezzani.....present
McKelvey.....present

Mr. Mols makes the motion to accept the minutes as written. Mr. Snodgrass seconds. Roll call vote. Mols-yes; Palcsey-yes; Snodgrass-yes; Vezzani-yes; McKelvey-yes. Motion carried.

Citizens Present

Mr. Wayne Horvatin of 10 Charles is here to complain about the curbs installed on Charles Street during the new paving. The old curbs were higher and the new ones are so low that every time it rains, the water just pours down into their property.

Ms. May Czura and her son are here on the same issue. She has come to the borough several times and requested this problem be corrected. After a discussion, President McKelvey informs them both that the contractor will be back to get the problem fixed by building up the curb there. They requested the yellow line be painted again where it was originally. President McKelvey said it will be done.

Mr. Dennis Krajewski complains about the high grass and weeds at 204 Maple.

Mr. Krajewski questions why the trucks are still up there at top of the hill. President McKelvey explains that that property is in bankruptcy.

Mr. Krajewski states Mr. Hoagie property where West Penn Trailer is needs to the fence to be covered up; that is an eyesore with those vehicles inside there; the fence needs to be covered up like the ordinance says.

Mrs. Lana Urbansky questions Mrs. Honick why she hasn't responded to her request to have a copy of the tape from the meeting in May.

Mrs. Urbansky complains about the high grass and weeds in this town. Mr. Urbansky cut the front of the grass at the big yellow house (14 Goldstrom) because it is so high and that is on our parade route.

Mrs. Urbansky tells the residents from Charles Street that all that rain coming down there is coming from up by her property and she has been fighting with Council to do something for her and her garage. The engineer does not know what he is talking about when he gave a report.

Mrs. Diane McKelvey states she is upset with all the high grass on properties in town; we need to do something else if they don't cut their grass or pay taxes. Atty. Gobel interjects if they are not paying their taxes, we can do a tax sale. Code Enforcement Officer should be issuing citations if they are not cutting grass. Mrs. McKelvey comments this used to be a nice community to live in but not now. A brief discussion follows.

Ms. Tusai comments there are other trick you can use that expedite getting them to clean up properties and cut the grass. Atty. Gobel explains how our hands are tied and how they system works.

Fire Chief Cosgrove presents his 6 month report of DVFD#1.

Correspondence

There is none.

Mayor

Mayor McKelvey state he must be the "Watch Dog" in town and makes a comment on Councils' actions each month since December.

Solicitor

Atty. Gobel reads a Resolution prepared updating the Act 537 Plan. Mr. Snodgrass questions if it is in the contract that the homeowners will not have to pay a tap-in fee. Atty. Gobel responds yes. President McKelvey states the homeowner will be responsible for the lateral though and Rep. Kortz is looking into getting a loan program for the people interested. Mr. Mols makes the motion to adopt this Resolution. Mr. Snodgrass seconds. Roll call vote. Mols-yes; Palcsey-yes; Snodgrass-yes; Vezzani-yes; McKelvey-yes. Motion carried.

Atty. Gobel reports that McKeesport Police Department will be issuing citations to those who didn't pay their parking tickets on Luscombe Lane.

Atty. Gobel reports on the PA Turnpike Commission meeting with Council and states he sent a letter as they requested for our concerns.

Atty. Gobel reports on the backhoe situation and the company that sold it to us; they are going to take care of all the issues and complaints we had at no cost to the borough.

Engineer

Mr. Snodgrass highlights the engineer's report: 1) The electrical work for the parking lot job has been completed and they are to start with the paving project tomorrow. 2) We received a \$50,000 grant for Kidsville Phase II project through Senator Brewster and publically thanks him for obtaining this grant for us. 3) We received a CD44 Street Reconstruction Grant for Ridgeview, Park and Hickory Alley; once the grant contracts are in place, COG will advertise for the projects. 4) On July 13th, Lawson started working on the Maple Ave project; it should be completed by the end of the week.

Sanitation/Grants/Blighted Structures

President McKelvey has nothing to report at this time.

Public Safety/Workers Comp/Fire

Mr. Mols has nothing further to report.

Parks/Recreation

Mr. Palcsey thanks Mr. Mols for putting some pressure on Mr. Rosso to get the light at Boswell installed; it finally has been done.

Streets/Property/COG

Mr. Snodgrass makes the motion to ratify the email vote for the extra paving work done in town while the contractor was here for \$22,000. Mrs. Vezzani seconds the motion. Roll call vote. Mols-yes; Palcsey-yes; Snodgrass-yes; Vezzani-yes; McKelvey-yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Snodgrass makes the motion to ratify the email vote awarding the Maple Avenue project to Lawson in the amount of \$11,840 and to pay the invoice upon the engineer's approval when the job is completed. Mr. Mols seconds the motion. Roll call vote. Mols-yes; Palcsey-yes; Snodgrass-yes; Vezzani-yes; McKelvey-yes. Motion carried.

Finance/Insurance/Negotiations

Mrs. Vezzani has nothing to report at this time.

McKeesport Police/Ambulance

Mayor McKelvey gives the police report for the month of May.

Mayor McKelvey comments that the police have been patrolling our area really well lately.

Old Business

Mrs. Vezzani makes the motion to hold our Holly Jolly Christmas Celebration on Friday, November 30th. Mr. Snodgrass seconds the motion. Roll call vote. Mols-yes; Palcsey-yes; Snodgrass-yes; Vezzani-yes; McKelvey-yes. Motion carried.

New Business

Mrs. Vezzani makes the motion to observe Halloween on Wednesday, October 31st from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. and to host the annual parade at the borough building on Saturday October 27th from 4 p.m. – 6 p.m. with a little party for the children. Mr. Snodgrass seconds the motion. Roll call vote. Mols-yes; Palcsey-yes; Snodgrass-yes; Vezzani-yes; McKelvey-yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Snodgrass makes the motion to pay the approved bills. Mrs. Vezzani seconds the motion. Roll call vote. Mols=yes; Palcsey=yes; Snodgrass=yes; Vezzani=yes; McKelvey=yes. Motion carried.

Mrs. Vezzani makes the motion to adjourn. Mr. Snodgrass seconds. ALL AYE!!!

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Honick, Secty/Treas
Borough of Dravosburg