

MINUTES

The regular monthly meeting of Dover Borough Council was held at the Union Fire & Hose Co., 30 E. Canal Street on Monday, June 7, 2021 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 May 3, 2021 minutes were reviewed. Ms. Snyder made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Raffensberger seconded the motion. All were in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chief Dettinger provided the fire company report.

- There were 30 calls for the month of May. Nine of those were in the Borough with a zero loss.
- There will be no bingo for the remainder of this year. After some miscommunications, they have their small games of chances license back. The fundraiser schedule will proceed as previously scheduled.
- The June calendar was reviewed. Mr. Sabold made a motion to approve the June 2021 calendar. Ms. Snyder seconded the motion and all were in favor.

President Kroft read and presented Resolution # 2021-08 to John and Carol Wire which thanked them for their 35 years of service to the community through Weaver Meats.

Mr. Saunders, Executive Director from New Hope Ministries and Kenetha Hansen from York County Economic Alliance (YCEA) were present to discuss the RACP Grant process. Ms. Hansen is part of the redevelopment authority. They are a grantee for this RACP grant. This is a competitive grant and she is thrilled that it was awarded to New Hope. YCEA's job is to make sure New Hope complies with all requirements. Dover Borough has been requested to be the Host Municipality. Mr. Sabold commented that council would be very interested in seeing the plans for this project. Mr. Saunders states the plans are being worked on and they should be applying for building permits later this month. Ms. Hansen states a copy of the agreements will be provided as soon as it is available. The cooperation agreement with the Borough will be just for the Dover location even though their grant is for both the Dover and Enola locations. Mr. Herrold states he does not have any concerns with the agreements. President Kroft requested they return to the August meeting for the approvals. Everything should be ready and submitted by that time. Mr. Saunders thanked council for their support.

Kent Anderson with KNA Properties was present to update council on the progress of their renovation project on N. Main Street. He wanted to discuss ideas to bring businesses back into the Borough. He attends the ICDC meetings and some of the things discussed he felt may also be good for the Borough. Dover Township has targeted certain properties to see what they can do with them and if any zoning rewrites would make them more user friendly. He has also joined the Dover Business Association and has attended their meetings as well. Some of the business owners that are a part of that have fresh forward thinking. He feels they have a good mix of older and young business owner's input. Mr. Anderson is thinking of ways to make more money since a lot has been spent on his project and he has already gotten a reassessment. He would love to see tax incentives instead of tax increases. Mr. Anderson suggest a coffee shop or cyber-café would be inviting with the right property. There is a lot to do to make that happen and there is risk involved. In the meetings they have discussed bringing in things that would be entertaining to attract people. There are historical buildings that could be restored and he wonders if any federal funds may be available for those projects. In reference to entertainment, he asked about the Borough being a dry town. This was addressed years back and was turned down so the Borough remains dry. Mr. Slusser feels now there would be a better chance since a younger group of people have been moving into the Borough. The liquor control board has regulations of how far from a school and church they can operate. Parking in the Borough for businesses is also an issue to look at. As far as an assessment break, the school district and county would need to agree for that to happen.

Tracy Kreiger was present to represent her son Tim Kreiger from 33 E. Canal Street. She came in reference to a sewer backup into his basement. She asked if the Borough is doing anything with the sewer line so this does not happen again. The blockage has been opened but she didn't know if that was fixing it. There were tree roots growing into the line and it was clogged with grease. The Borough already had contracted a company to do televising of some of the sewer lines. Mr. Grim was going to make sure that one also gets done. He feels it was mainly in the manhole and not the line itself but is having it looked at. Ms. Snyder inquired about floor drains being connected into the sewer line. President Kroft explained to Ms. Kreiger that our insurance is paying this time but may not in the future because there is an ordinance that says a home is not allowed to have a floor drain hooked into the sewer line. There is no grandfathering of exemptions for older built homes. President Kroft is suggesting that they have the line disconnected. Mr. Slusser added a sump pump should be installed in case they get ground water in but it cannot be connected to the sewer line. President Kroft explained the Borough had been focusing on the sewer lines in the Delwood development because of a lot of I & I getting into the lines. The Borough is now looking at other areas in the Borough to address.

Ms. Hansen had a follow up comment to Mr. Anderson's conversation regarding the tax incentive programs. Conewago Township had the Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance program (LERTA) program in place for new businesses coming into their municipality like the ES3 warehouse. She offered to provide this type of information to any council member that was interested. Mr. Herrold added LERTA has to be initiated at the municipal level first.

EMA report – None

SEWER

Public Works Report – Nothing to add

Engineer's Report – Mr. Spangler reported USG has started their televising work. They should have it finished over the next few weeks. Mr. Spangler also mentioned there is a Senate Bill that passed committee. Pennsylvania Rural Water Association opposed this Senate Bill. This bill would place community water and sewer systems under additional regulations enforced by the PUC. Anyone wanting to oppose this should contact their local representative.

Solicitor's Report – Mr. Herrold reported he reviewed the GIS Mapping agreement. He feels the breakdown still seems to be in question. President Kroft stated at the last meeting, council was requesting Ms. Oswalt to have their solicitor Mr. Rausch contact Mr. Herrold. Mr. Rausch stated, this is the plan as it is. Council agrees that it is much harder for the Borough's small number of staff to put 40 hours in versus the Township putting 40 hours in. Mr. Slusser added the Borough does not have the resources that the Township has either. After much discussion, Mr. Sabold suggested having a joint meeting with the Dover Township supervisors to discuss this in more detail.

Old Business – None

New Business – None

WATER

Public Works Report – Mr. Grim reported Abel Construction will be lowering our water main by Well #6 on Wednesday. They expect this to take half the day to complete.

Engineer's Report – Nothing

Solicitor's Report – Nothing

Old Business – None

New Business – Mr. Sabold brought to the Council’s attention that there are dead pine trees by the water tower and that they look very unsafe. Mr. Grim will get quotes by the next meeting.

BOROUGH

Public Works Report – Nothing to add.

Zoning Manager’s Report – Mr. Sabold thanked Ms. Sprenkel for looking at the north part of the Borough addressing the weed issues. She will be looking at the south part of the Borough next.

Engineer’s Report – Mr. Spangler reported he is resigning from Holley & Associates on June 18th. His replacement will be Dave Lipinski. Mr. Spangler mentioned that he is the primary representative for MS4 stormwater meetings for the Borough. He suggests Mr. Lipinski to take his place. Council agreed.

Solicitor’s Report – Mr. Andrew Herrold presented Resolution # 2021-11 allowing the Union Fire & Hose to serve alcohol at the special event fundraiser October 23, 2021. This is a rescheduled event that was cancelled due to COVID. Ms. Snyder made a motion to approve Resolution # 2021-11. Mr. Ferry seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Mr. Andrew Herrold commented on the RFP Rec Plan agreement stating it is very comprehensive. Ms. Snyder believes it was created from a template. Mr. Herrold feels it has a great vision for the Parks and Rec System. It is not clear though how things are being dictated as far as how it will be done and what the breakdown will be for the Borough. The Borough submitted a letter of support for the Township to apply for the grant. The Borough wasn’t aware they would be a part of the grant. The RFP presented indicates the Borough will be responsible for part of the cost. Dover Township owns the land that their parks are on. The Borough does not. President Kroft would like to see the Borough Council and the Dover Township supervisors meet to discuss the details. Having a meeting would make things clear with no misinterpretations. The Dover Township supervisors will be contacted regarding a meeting.

Mr. Herrold noted for the minutes that there were two Resolutions with the same number 2021-08. Since they were both ceremonial Resolutions with the consent of Council, they will remain the same. Technically the second one for Mr. and Mrs. Wire should have been 2021-10.

Mr. Spangler and Mr. Herrold left the meeting at 8:29 PM.

Mayor’s Report – Nothing to report.

Police Report – President Kroft introduced Lt. John Migatulski. He is stationed at the new substation. Officers are rotating attending municipal meetings. President Kroft reported there were 57 calls for April which is up by eight calls from April 2020. Currently the calls are up 20 for the year. This is expected coming out of COVID. Current numbers are comparable to 2019. Mayor Hernley mentioned there has been ATV’s operating on the Borough streets and have been seen in the well area behind Rutter’s. Mr. Grim will post no trespassing signs.

Ambulance Club Report – Nothing to add

Secretary’s Report – Mrs. Plowman mentioned that the Borough is required to apply for the American Rescue Plan funds. She will start the process tomorrow. Half of the funds will be received at time of approval and half next year. All the funds are to be used by July 2024.

Treasurer’s Report – Mr. Ferry made a motion to approve the treasurer’s report as presented. Mr. Slusser seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Old Business – Nothing

New Business – The July meeting was originally advertised for July 5th but since that is the holiday it will be held on the 12th. Mrs. Plowman will readvertise this meeting. Council decided since COVID restrictions are being lifted that the remaining meetings for 2021 will be moved back to the Dover Borough Hall. This will be advertised with the meeting date change. Ms. Snyder made a motion to advertise the July 12th meeting and the location change. Mr. Sabold seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Ms. Snyder mentioned if Council is interested in collaborating with Dover Township Recreation, Chalet invited Borough Council to help plan, sponsor or give a donation towards events.

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Slusser made a motion to adjourn the meeting with a second by Mr. Ferry. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda J. Plowman
Secretary/Treasurer