

DILLSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 10, 2009 – MINUTES
7:00 PM

The Dillsburg Borough Council held their monthly business meeting at the Dillsburg Area Authority Building on the above-mentioned date. Council Members attending were President Jeff Griffin, Vice President Mark Ryder, Hal Anderson, Holly Kelley, John Richardson and Kathryn Zeiders. Also present were the following: Mayor Henry Snyder, Borough Solicitor Mark Allshouse, Borough Engineer Tim Knoebel, Borough Manager Karen Deibler and Borough Secretary/Treasurer Debbi Beitzel.

Council Member David Baldwin wasn't present.

The following visitors were present: Tony Baker from Citizens' Hose Fire Company, Mike Tucci and Simon Hertzler from Citizens' Hose Company –EMS, Paul Reichart from the Patriot News, Planning Commission Representatives Paul Eurich and Leon Zeiders, Dillsburg Area Authority Representative Mervin Ice and Dillsburg Resident Jeff Beitzel.

The meeting was called to order by President Griffin at 7:00 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and an invocation.

APPROVAL of the AGENDA

Council Member Richardson moved to approve the agenda as presented. Motion was seconded by Vice President Ryder. – Motion Carried.

APPROVAL of the MINUTES

February 10, 2009 Council Meeting – Council Member Zeiders moved to approve the Council Meeting minutes of February 10, 2009 as presented. Motion was seconded by Council Member Richardson. – Motion Carried.

March 3, 2009 Committee Meeting – Council Member Zeiders moved to approve the Committee Meeting minutes of March 3, 2009 as presented. Motion was seconded by Council Member Richardson. – Motion Carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Department Report

A February 2009 Dillsburg Borough Police Report was provided to Council and Mayor but no one was present to report.

Ambulance Service Report

Mike Tucci provided a report for the month of February to Council and Mayor. There were a total of 98 calls in the month of February and 12 of them were in Dillsburg Borough, which included ten medical calls, one fire assist and one motor vehicle accident,

for a year-to-date of 24 calls in the Borough of Dillsburg and a total of 210 for all municipalities.

Fire Company Report

Citizens' Hose Fire Company – Tony Baker presented a report for the month of February to Council and Mayor. Mr. Baker indicated for the month of February there were 23 runs; five were in Dillsburg Borough, which includes two motor vehicle accidents, one EMS assist, one Fire Police assist and one automatic fire alarm, for a year-to-date total of 9 in the Dillsburg borough and a total of 61 for all municipalities. He also presented a report with the membership responses for February.

He indicated on Sunday, March 15, 2009, they will conduct their Annual Hazmat Operation refresher class. This is a class that has to be taken every year in order to maintain their Hazmat Certificates and is approximately six hours long.

He stated on Saturday, March 28, 2009, the annual banquet will be held.

Mr. Baker stated on February 28, 2009, the four local fire departments (Wellsville, Franklinton Borough, Monaghan Township and Dillsburg Borough) started the regional chiefs meetings up again. The plan is to meet once a month to discuss different topics such as alarms and responses regarding alarms.

He indicated he didn't have the time to research the robotic dog further but intends to have the information in the near future.

Mr. Baker indicated Citizens' Hose purchased Opticom Traffic Light Signal Devices for the five pieces of emergency equipment (ambulances, utility truck, rescue truck and the fire truck). He stated there is a device that is mounted on the traffic lights at the intersections which aides in the safe passage thru intersections while responding to incidents by changing the traffic light to green in the direction the apparatus is responding. He indicated the only light in the area that isn't equipped with the device is at the square. Mr. Baker requested the Borough assist in any way possible in the installation of the Opticom device at this intersection. Council Member Zeiders asked what the cost of the device was. Mr. Baker stated he didn't know. Council Member Richardson asked when the other lights were done. Mr. Baker stated they were done the beginning of last year. Council Member Richardson stated he didn't understand why the traffic light at Baltimore Street and Harrisburg Street wasn't done then. Manager Deibler stated the Borough and Carroll Township worked with Penn DOT and Penn DOT installed them. Council Member Kelley asked if the Borough had to purchase the one at the Sheetz intersection. Manager Deibler stated no. Council Member Anderson asked if there were any restrictions because of the amount of traffic flow going through the intersection. Mr. Baker stated he wasn't aware of any. Council Member Anderson asked if the light changes to caution first. Mr. Baker stated he has seen them work both ways. President Griffin indicated they would include the request on their April Committee Meeting agenda. Mayor Snyder asked what the cost was. Mr. Baker stated he didn't know; for the three apparatus' it was approximately \$1, 300.00. Mayor Snyder asked if Citizens' Hose was getting any financial support from Carroll Township. Mr. Baker indicated he was asked by Bill Turner to sit down with him and Paul Walters to discuss what could be potentially done. Council Member Kelley asked if Carroll Township receives the same report. Mr. Baker stated yes.

Franklinton Fire Company – No one was present to report.

Treasurer's Report

The Unpaid Bills Detail and a list of Additional Expenditures were given to each Council Member in their packet of information. The total General Fund expenditures for February were \$45,343.47. The Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual Detail Report and a Cash Flow Report were also given to each Council Member. Council Member Zeiders moved to approve the payment of all Unpaid Bills as presented. Motion was seconded by Vice President Ryder. Council Member Richardson abstained due to a conflict in interest. - Motion Carried.

Planning Commission Report

Paul Eurich reported on the meeting held on February 25, 2009. He indicated they discussed the Meadows Edge development. He stated Developer Francis McNaughton and Engineer Bob Fisher presented revisions to the plan and comments regarding the waivers requested for this development. He indicated the waivers discussed were: the setbacks for the rain garden basins, the right-of-way width, and the geotechnical report regarding the steepness of the slope and the fence around the stormwater basin. Mr. Eurich indicated after a lengthy discussion the Planning Commission had voted to table the plan because of the many changes that were discussed. He indicated the developer had presented revised plans which would be reviewed at the next Planning Commission meeting on March 25, 2009. Council member Richardson asked if when the new plans come in will the clock start over again. Manager Deibler stated no and indicated the developer has an extension until May.

Logan Park Authority

Council Member Kelley indicated there was talk regarding placing lights around the perimeter of the barn for after hours usage. The committee is going to try to solicit some funding from the organizations that use the park. She indicated LPA has been in contact with Met-Ed to extend the electricity down to where the old concession stand will be placed. She indicated there would be some updates to the kitchen at the barn.

Dillsburg Area Authority

Mervin Ice indicated there wasn't much going on in the Borough. He updated Council on the following: Monroe Acres is beginning to put in the mains for the sewer systems; Well #7 they are beginning to look at contracts and getting the equipment in for preparation of getting it on line this year; and with Berkshire Hills everything underground is done and waiting for spring to do some seeding and finishing up.

Engineer's Report

Borough Engineer Tim Knoebel provided Council and Mayor with a written report for work performed in February 2009, which included reviewing the Meadows Edge plans with the Planning Commission and assisting the Borough with the upcoming street paving project.

Solicitor's Report

Solicitor Allshouse provided Council and Mayor with a written report for work performed in February 2009 and he indicated he had nothing to add.

Tax Collector

Cristina Speicher provided reports for January and February but wasn't present.

Borough Staff Report

Borough Manager Deibler provided Council and Mayor with a written report for February and indicated she had nothing to add.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was none.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Snyder had nothing to report.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Griffin announced the following events: March 12: the Dillsburg Area Library presents "Racy Central Pennsylvania" presented by Lynn Paxton at the library beginning at 7 PM; March 21: there will be a Winter Concert Series by Vocalist Frank Carrington will be performing at the Historic Monaghan Church at 7:30 PM. There is no admission charged, donations are appreciated. For more information call Jay Young at 432-4409; March 22: NYCSI is sponsoring a Free Family Film Series featuring "Beverly Hills Chihuahua" at the Citizens' Hose Community Hall, Doors open at 1:30PM and movie starts at 2PM; March 27: NYCSI is sponsoring a Middle School Game Night from 7-9 PM at the Sports and Learning Center, Admission is \$5, which includes pizza, soda and refreshments; April 3: First Fridays at Dill's Tavern with classic country duo Steve and Maureen Aspers from 7-10 PM. This is an over 21, BYOB event. \$10 General Admission, \$8 Tavern Keepers, Founders are free; April 9: Dillsburg Area Library presents "Researching the Machine" presented by Steve Moskowitz at the library beginning at 7 PM; April 11: VFW Community Easter Egg Hunt beginning at 1 PM for ages 0-10 years of age. New location: McCurdy's Tree Farm at 127 Chestnut Grove Rd; and on April 14: Relay for Life Team Rally Meeting held at the Dillsburg Elementary School beginning at 6:30 PM.

President Griffin reminded Council there is an Economic Development Plan Third Round of Regional Municipal work sessions schedule for April 1st at the Newberry Township Building in Etters; Representative Perry's office requested the Borough Council attend the meeting for supply some input.

President Griffin provided the following public statement: As many of you know, the Borough of Dillsburg has previously entered into an agreement for the purchase of the

old Myers grocery store property. Based upon the Department of Environmental Protection's approval of remedial investigation and final report, the Borough of Dillsburg has provided notification to sellers by correspondence from our Solicitor dated February 5, 2009 that it no longer wishes to purchase the property for the price offered and has, therefore, rescinded the Agreement of Sale and requested return of our deposit. As a result, at this time, the Borough's pending purchase of the Myers property is no longer pending.

COMITTEE REPORTS

Public Works Committee

- A. Discuss/Take Action – Street Repair Bids – Vice President Ryder stated on March 3, 2009 at the regularly scheduled Committee meeting, Council reviewed a list of potential repairs provided by Public Works Supervisor, Dale Shearer. Borough Engineers from KPI also provided Council with a list of potential repair locations that had been inspected, evaluated and measured. A decision was made as to what repairs would be completed in 2009. The cost of these repairs is estimated to be in the range of \$50,000.00. A bid document must now be created and the project must be advertised for bid. Vice President Ryder moved to authorized Engineers Knoebel and Begis to compile the information, create a bid item document and advertise the project for bid in regards to the Borough's 2009 street repairs. Motion was seconded by Council Member Anderson. – Motion carried.
- B. Discuss/Take Action – Ordinance 2009-3 – Garbage Disposal – Council Member Anderson stated Ordinance 2009-3 – An Ordinance of the Borough of Dillsburg, York County, Pennsylvania, Deleting Chapter 20, Part 1 – Garbage Disposal – of the Borough Code, and enacting Ordinance 2009-3 Garbage Disposal. The purpose of this ordinance is to update the Code as well as amend it to be in agreement with the Uniform Commercial Code which the Borough adopted in 2004. Council Member Anderson moved to adopt Ordinance 2009-3, Deleting Chapter 20, Part 1 – Garbage Disposal of the Borough Code, and enacting Ordinance 2009-3 Garbage Disposal. Motion was seconded by Vice President Ryder. – Motion carried.

Public Safety Committee

Council Member Richardson had nothing to report.

Administration Committee

- A. Resignation – Helga Thompson - Council Member Kelley stated Council has received a resignation from Dillsburg Borough's Administrative Assistant Helga Thompson. Although Helga has worked at the Borough Office for less than 2 years, she did an exceptional job and will be missed. Council Member Kelley moved, with deep regret, to accept Ms. Helga Thompson's resignation effective March 13, 2009 and thank her for her service. Motion was seconded by Council Member Zeiders. – Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

Vice President Ryder stated if anyone was going to the Borough's quarterly dinner meeting he was leaving at 5:00 PM on Thursday, March 26th for West York. He indicated he would be attending the PSAB Conference on Sunday and Monday.

ADJOURNMENT

Since there was no further business, Vice President Ryder moved to adjourn the regular meeting. Motion was seconded by Council Member Kelley. – Motion Carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbi L. Beitzel, Secretary/Treasurer

cc: Borough Council Members
Mayor Snyder
Tim Knoebel
Mark Allshouse