

DILLSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 13, 2015 – 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 John Richardson, Vice President Holly Kelley, Hal Anderson, Dave Baldwin, Matt Fawber, Jeff Griffin and Yvonne Laukemann. Also present were the following: Mayor Wendell Hollinger, Solicitor Mark Allshouse, Borough Manager Karen Deibler and Borough Secretary Debbi Beitzel. Borough Engineer Tim Knoebel wasn't present.

The following visitors were present: Chief Thomas Wargo from the Carroll Township Police Department, Scott McClintock from Citizens' Hose Fire Co #1, Michael Whitzel from Franklinton Borough Fire Company, YCBA and COG Representative Mark Ryder, Jay Young from Dillsburg Arts and Revitalization Council, Adam Miller, David Miller, Robert Miller and Todd Lyons from Miller Auto Sales, Mary Lou Bytof from the Dillsburg Banner and Tricia Kline from the Patriot News and Dillsburg Borough Residents Jeff Shultz, Leon and Kathryn Zeiders.

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

APPROVAL of the AGENDA

Council Member Griffin moved to approve the agenda as presented. Motion was seconded by Council Member Fawber. – Motion carried.

APPROVAL of the MINUTES

December 2, 2014 Committee Meeting – Council Member Baldwin moved to approve the Committee Meeting minutes of December 2, 2014 as presented. Motion was seconded by Council Member Fawber. – Motion carried.

December 9, 2014 Council Meeting – Council Member Laukemann moved to approve the Council Meeting minutes of December 9, 2014 as presented. Motion was seconded by Council Member Anderson. – Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Department Report

Chief Wargo reviewed the December, 2014 Dillsburg Borough Police Report with Council and Mayor. The report listed the numbers and types of offenses and traffic incidents. The report also supplied the Council and Mayor with a "crimes clear rate" and a breakdown of hours worked. He indicated for the month of December 2014, there were 87 calls for service for a year-to-date total of 1,050. There were four traffic accidents in December 2014 for a year-to-date total of 88 and the officers issued a total of 15 traffic citations in December 2014 for a year-to-date total of 401.

Part I offenses for December 2014, there was an overall clearance rate of 76%. Part II offenses for December 2014, there was an overall clearance rate of 95%. The combined clearance rate was 90% for Part I and Part II offenses.

The contracted hours were right on schedule for the year.

Council Member Laukemann stated in light of all the issues that have been happening in the last months, has Carroll Township stepped up their security. Chief Wargo stated no, the officers are aware of the issues.

Council Member Laukemann asked about getting cameras in the cars. Chief Wargo stated the cameras are on his five-year plan and are also looking into body cameras. Council Member Laukemann stated she imagines they are very expensive. Chief Wargo stated the in-car units are approximately \$5,000 per unit and hasn't gotten a price for the body cameras.

Ambulance Service Report

No representative was present but Council and Mayor were provided with a written report for December, 2014, in their packets.

Fire Company Report

Citizens' Hose Fire Company #1 – Scott McClintock provided a report for the month of December 2014 to the Council and Mayor. Mr. McClintock indicated for the month of December 2014 there were 24 incidents; four (4) were in Dillsburg Borough for a year-to-date total of 795.

Mr. McClintock stated there were no issues with the Pickle Drop. He thanked Dover Borough for sending a crew to be on standby since Citizens' tower truck was being utilized for the Pickle Drop.

Franklintown Fire Company – Michael Whitzel indicated for the month of December 2014 there were 24 incidents; none were in Dillsburg Borough, for an overall total year-to-date of 380 calls and a year-to-date total of 26 calls for Dillsburg Borough.

Mr. Whitzel indicated he wouldn't be present next month; he also indicated they have begun sending their reports to the Borough Office via email.

Treasurer's Report

The Unpaid Bills Detail and a list of Additional Expenditures were given to each Council Member and Mayor in their packet of information. The total General Fund expenditures for December 2014 were \$77,144.20. The Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual Detail Report and a Cash Flow Report were also given to each Council Member and Mayor. Council Member Fawber moved to approve the payment of all bills as presented. Motion was seconded by Vice President Kelley. Council Member Baldwin and President Richardson abstained. - Motion carried.

Planning Commission Report

Planning Commission didn't meet in December, 2014.

Dillsburg Area Authority

There was no one present to report.

Community Groups

Jay Young stated the Dillsburg Revitalization Committee was founded in 1998 and went together with the Foundation for Enhancing Communities in Harrisburg because they were at 501C3 and was able to get the tax benefits. Mr. Young indicated since then the Revitalization Committee has gotten busier and doing more things. He writes grants to try and help the town; to date he has gotten about \$275,000.00 worth of grants for façade improvements in the business district. He indicated they have turned more into a service organization rather than a foundation, so this past year they have founded their own corporation. They are still a 501C3 and their name is Dillsburg Arts & Revitalization Council. He indicated on December 30th, they purchased the Historical Monaghan Church along with the cemetery, which took three years. The main goal is to preserve it as a National Historical site. The stones have all been researched and they will run programs in conjunction with Heritage Days and in October they will have school tours. He stated New Creation will continue to rent and operate out of the church. There are concerts currently scheduled through April, in May they are planning an event during Pickle Fest, and in June they are planning a Strawberry Festival which will be a community event. He indicated they will have a special event for the 4th of July, then Heritage days in October and in December they will hold their Colonial Candlelight Service. Mr. Young thanked the Borough Council for their support over the years.

YCBA & COG

YCBA – Mr. Ryder indicated there is no meeting this month, just the executive board on January 24, 2015. He stated the 2015 quarterly meetings are scheduled for March, June, September and the annual banquet in November.

COG – Mr. Ryder indicated he will be attending the annual dinner banquet on January 19, 2015 with the installation of officers at the Radisson in Camp Hill. Vice President Kelley indicated she will be attending. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 16th.

Solicitor's Report

Solicitor Allshouse provided the Council and Mayor with a written report for December, 2014.

Engineer's Report

Engineer Knoebel wasn't present but provided the Council and Mayor with a written report for December, 2014.

Tax Collector Report

Debbi Beitzel provided the Council and Mayor with a written report for taxes paid in December, 2014.

Borough Staff Report

Borough Manager Deibler provided the Council and Mayor with a written report for December, 2014.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was none.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was none.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hollinger stated the Pickle Drop event was excellent and the fireworks were good.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Richardson stated the Dillsburg Arts and Revitalization is having a winter concert at the Historic Monaghan Church on January 18th featuring John Eaken and Friends; the concert is free and everyone is welcomed. On February 14th, the Will Fisher Orchestra will be playing at the American Legion beginning at 7:00pm; tickets can be purchased from Vice President Kelley.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Works Committee

- A. Discuss/Take Action – Amending the Borough’s Zoning Map - Council Member Laukemann stated the Borough has received a Zoning Change Request from David A. and Diane E. Miller, owners of Miller’s Auto Sales and Service, Inc., which is located at 630 North US Highway 15, Dillsburg, PA 17019. The request is for the rezoning of a portion of tax parcel number 58000OC0117000000 from Conservation (C) to Commercial/Highway (C-H). The request comes after the possibility of expanding the current facility. The proposed zoning map amendment was advertised as required and reviewed by both the York County and Dillsburg Borough Planning Commissions. The Borough Council reviewed comments from both Planning Commissions. Borough Council held a Public Hearing, just prior to this regularly scheduled Council Meeting, to review the Zoning Change Request, hear any public comment and consider amending the Zoning Map. The Dillsburg Borough Council concluded that property is located in the Urban Growth Boundary as designated in the York County Comprehensive Plan and is projected to be Highway Commercial in the Northern York Regional Comprehensive Plan’s Future Land Use Plan. US Rte. 15 is classified as an Urban Major Arterial and the property is served by public sewer and water. The property is ‘split-zoned’. It was recommended, by both York County and Dillsburg Borough Planning Commissions, that the entire parcel be rezoned to Commercial-Highway. However, Council concluded that rezoning the entire parcel would negatively impact neighboring properties and would prefer to change the zoning of only a portion of the parcel as requested. The proposed rezoning would be consistent with the purpose of Chapter 27, entitled Zoning, of the Code of the Borough of Dillsburg, which is to promote coordinated and practical community development. Council Member Laukemann moved to adopt Ordinance 2015-1 amending the Dillsburg Borough Zoning Map per the request received from David & Diane Miller. Motion was seconded by Council Member Anderson. – Motion carried.

Public Safety Committee

Council Member Baldwin and Council Member Fawber had nothing to report.

Administration Committee

Vice President Kelley and Council Member Griffin had nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

Since there was no further business, Council Member Fawber moved to adjourn the regular meeting. Motion was seconded by Vice President Kelley. – Motion carried. The regular meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbi L. Beitzel

Debbi Beitzel
Borough Secretary

cc: Borough Council Members
Mayor Hollinger
Tim Knoebel
Mark Allshouse