

# DILLSBURG COUNCIL & COMMITTEE

## MEETING

April 7, 2020

The meeting was called to order by President Kelley at 6:30 P.M. in the Borough Office parking lot located at 151 S. Baltimore Street. The Pledge of Allegiance and the invocation followed. Council Members present were President Holly Kelley, Vice President Matt Fawber, Isaac Tucker, Mark Ryder, Mike Gaffney and Chris Del Vecchio. Mayor Richardson, Manager Deibler, Carroll Township Police Chief Wargo, Resident Faye Blazina and Landlord Linda Walker were also in attendance. Council Member Baldwin was not in attendance.

1. Approval of the Agenda – Vice President Fawber motioned to approve the agenda. Seconded by Council Member Gaffney. Motion Carried.
2. Approval of Minutes
  - A. Committee Meeting – March 3, 2020 - Vice President Fawber motioned to approve the March 3, 2020 Committee Minutes. Seconded by Council Member Ryder. Motion Carried.
  - B. Council Meeting – March 10, 2020 - Council Member Tucker motioned to approve the March 10, 2020 Council Meeting minutes. Seconded by Council Member Del Vecchio. Motion Carried.
3. Review March Bill Payments - Vice President Fawber motioned to approve the March bills in the amount of \$71,339.3, pending audit approval. Seconded by Council Member Ryder. Motion Carried
4. Public Comment – Resident Faye Blazina asked why the Borough won't let parking longer than 2 hours on the first block of Baltimore Street when all the businesses are closed right now. Ms. Walker started to speak and was asked to wait her turn. Ms. Blazina said she must park on someone's private property in an alley and walk from her car at night. She also believes that there is no ordinance for this no parking on Harrisburg Street or York Street. Ms. Blazina was informed that there is an ordinance and told that at least 2 weeks ago, the Borough had approved no time limit parking on that block throughout the mandatory business closing. Ms. Blazina said she was unaware of it. She still feels that it is the Borough's job to provide her parking and said there are no fulltime businesses on that street anyway. She was informed that that is not correct. Landlord Linda Walker spoke out of turn once again, arguing that the Borough should not have to provide for business parking. She went on to say that businesses are not coming in the Borough. Council President Kelley asked that if her empty store fronts happened to get rented to a business wouldn't she want them to have parking. She said most definitely but businesses won't rent from her because they see parking tickets on cars and think the Borough doesn't care about business. Ms. Walker said she was not renting her properties to anyone for less than it would cost to rent something on Rte 15. Ms. Walker went on to say that she will not rent her properties for \$25.00/month as SHE told her to do. She does not have to rent them out. They are her properties and she will do what she wants. President Kelley stated that she understands that they are MS. Walker's properties, but what they are being used for now is a real shame. Ms. Walker stated that SHE wouldn't let her purchase 13 S Baltimore Street and now Katapult owns it and needs parking, so it takes away her tenants parking at night because they have classes. Manager Deibler explained to Ms. Walker that SHE had a name and the property at 13 S Baltimore was sold via a bid. The highest bid won, per the law. Ms. Blazina asked if she could finish her statement and was told she could. She explained that she worked in town over 30 years

ago and there was a 2-hour parking limit on the street, but all other parking lots behind the building on S Baltimore Street were open to the public because the property owners were part of and cared about the community. It was a different community. The times and people have changed, but the Borough should still do something. President Kelley asked Ms. Blazina and Ms. Walker to write down their ideas and solutions to the parking situation and get them to the Borough Office. Council can then review and discuss them. She thanked both women for attending.

5. Mayor's Report - There was no report

6. President's Report - There was no report

7. Resolution - 2020-4 – Extension of the Declaration of Emergency in Reference to the Corona Virus - President Kelley motioned to approve Resolution 2020-4. Seconded by Council Member Ryder. Motion Carried

8. Discuss Possible Cancellation of May Public Events - There was the Front Porch Songs, PickleFest and Public Tyme. Council Member Tucker said the Front Porch songs would be rescheduled. Public Tyme is waiting to see what is going on with PickleFest. Council agreed that the fest should be cancelled because of the Corona Virus Pandemic. Manager Deibler stated that the only other possible event would be the Memorial Day Parade. Council agreed that it seemed a bit early to cancel that and they would discuss at the May meeting. The VFW and Legion would have to be involved in the decision also. Chief Wargo wanted to let everyone know that they plan on having a National Night Celebration again this year. However, it will not be the spectacle that it has been in the past. It will be more laid back.

Chief Wargo shared the March call numbers with Council and explained the new procedures that the Officer's must follow during the pandemic.

9. Old Business - There was no old business.

10. New Business - Manager Deibler stated that late yesterday the Borough received a request from the South Mountain Trolley Trail for the Borough's support in applying for a C2P2 grant. President Kelley motioned that the Borough would offer only support for the grant application to be sent at this time. Seconded by Council Member Ryder. Motion Carried.

Manager Deibler stated that there is a DCNR grant available for work to be done to the riparian buffer at the Park. DCNR stated that a study & report needs done first and suggested I call Penn Sate Extension. I have contacted them. Everyone is supposedly working from home and that I would be contacted. Manager Deibler would like Council to authorize her to submit a grant application to DCNR if possible.

President Kelley also informed all that there is some work beginning on the storm water system.

11. Adjournment - Council Member Ryder motioned for adjournment. Seconded by Vice President Fawber. Meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



- Karen Deibler-Borough Manager