

DILLSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

August 10, 2021 – MINUTES

7:00 PM

The Dillsburg Borough Council held their monthly business meeting at the Dillsburg Borough Office on the above-mentioned date. Council Members attending were President Holly Kelley, Vice President Matt Fawber, Charles Deeble, Chris Del Vecchio, Isaac Tucker, and Mike Gaffney. Council Member Dave Baldwin joined the meeting via facetime. Also, present were Mayor John Richardson, Borough Manager Karen Deibler and Borough Secretary Debbi Beitzel. The Borough Solicitor nor the Borough Engineer were present.

The following visitors were present: Chief Wargo from Carroll Township Police Department, Carla Snyder NYCFR, Autumn Richter from New Hope Ministries, Laurie Karns, Kathy Bagian and Dillsburg Borough Residents Tom Clarke and Cindy Ebner.

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

APPROVAL of the AGENDA

President Kelley added Fire Police at Wellsville Carnival to New Business. Vice President Fawber moved to approve the agenda as amended. Motion was seconded by Council Member Gaffney. - Motion carried.

APPROVAL of the MINUTES

July 6, 2021, Committee Meeting – Council Member Baldwin moved to approve the Committee Meeting minutes of July 6, 2021, as presented. Motion was seconded by Council Member Gaffney. - Motion carried.

July 13, 2021, Council Meeting – Vice President Fawber moved to approve the Council Meeting minutes of July 13, 2021, as presented. Motion was seconded by Council Member Del Vecchio. - Motion carried.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Department Report

Chief Wargo reviewed the July 2021 Dillsburg Borough Police Report with Council and Mayor. The report listed the numbers and types of offenses and traffic incidents and a breakdown of hours worked. He indicated for the month of July 2021, there were 193 calls for service, for a year-to-date total of 1,368. There were 12 traffic accidents in July 2021, for a year-to-date total of 31 and the officers issued 19 traffic citations in July 2021, for a year-to-date total of 136.

Council Member Tucker indicated he noticed more activity at the crosswalks and asked if the numbers increased for people not stopping. Chief Wargo stated not that he was aware of.

President Kelley thanked the Chief and the department for finding the missing trailer keys. Chief Wargo indicated if people visit carrollpd.org which will take them directly to their crime watch page and they can sign up for free to receive notifications.

Chief Wargo indicated National Night Out went well. They estimated around 1,500 people attended the event. Manager Deibler indicated she wasn't sure about the cutting back on food, but stated it went well with cutting back on the food: it ran smoother, and people weren't sitting at the tables as long, they got up and visited the booths. Chief Wargo indicated the only issue was the pizza shop couldn't keep up with the

demand, but everyone thought it went well. Manager Deibler also indicated she didn't think there was as much food being thrown in the trash this year.

Ambulance Service Report

No one was present but a report was provided for the month of July 2021 to the Council and Mayor.

Fire Company Report

Carla Snyder arrived late and indicated she didn't have her notes, but the July 2021 report was provided to Council and Mayor.

She indicated the two members that went for Firefighter 1 testing had passed. She indicated but not to be on record until she can verify it, thinks every single interior qualified firefighter is now Firefighter 1.

She indicated they participated in National Night Out and had tons of kids coming through the fire trucks. They are starting preparations for Farmers' Fair, but not sure what they are going to do with their menu yet.

Council Member Tucker asked how many people rented the Community Hall. Ms. Snyder indicated not very many because they were still under the covid restrictions, maybe only a handful. She stated they do have some things coming up.

Ms. Snyder indicated the kitchens are being inspected tomorrow.

Vice President Fawber indicated this question was coming from Mark Snyder; he wanted to know how they would find out what the fire rating was for their area. He received a comment from a resident indicating theirs went from 5 to 9. Mayor Richardson stated the ISO website. Ms. Snyder stated nothing should have changed. Mayor Richardson stated Franklin Township will. Ms. Snyder agreed but indicated Dillsburg won't. Vice President Fawber stated he didn't know where the person lived but if they lived in the Borough then it was a mistake. The Dillsburg Borough should be rated a 5.

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 July 2021 were \$63,046.39. The Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual Detail Report and a Cash Flow Report were also given to each Council Member and Mayor. Vice President Fawber moved to approve the payment of all bills as presented in the amount of \$63,046.39 pending audit approval. Motion was seconded by Council Member Gaffney. - Motion carried.

Planning Commission Report

There was no representative present.

Dillsburg Area Authority

There was no representative present. Vice President Fawber indicated DAA will be doing watermain work on Harrisburg Pike for three days from 6am to 6pm due to a leak. Manager Deibler stated that is correct.

Community Groups

New Hope Ministries – Autumn Richter, Center Manager for the Dillsburg branch, thanked Council for their donation they received. She indicated they never shut their doors during the pandemic; they had to get creative in how they did things. She stated this coming Friday, they were having their "Back to School" event. This event includes providing backpacks filled with school supplies for elementary, middle, and high school students. Families sign up, come in and get a backpack. They will also have a dunk tank, hotdogs, face painting, temporary tattoos and more.

President Kelley thanked New Hope for opening their doors to host the elections.

Solicitor's Report

The Borough Solicitor wasn't present but did provide the Council and Mayor with an invoice for services provided in July 2021.

Engineer's Report

Engineer Knoebel wasn't present but did provide the Council and Mayor with an invoice for services provided in July 2021.

Tax Collector Report

Debbi Beitzel provided the Council and Mayor with a written report for July 2021.

Borough Staff Report

Manager Deibler provided the Council and Mayor with a written report for July 2021.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Thomas Clarke, 16 Park Drive, indicated he was there to talk about pickleball. He stated pickleball is in between tennis and ping pong and can be played inside or outside. It is the fastest growing sport in the country. There are several courts in the surrounding areas but none in the land of the pickle. He indicated the best reason for pickleball in this community was because Dillsburg is very much an oriented community. He stated with pickleball you just show up and play and while the others are waiting to play, they are talking with each other. Pickleball builds community and this is the best reason to consider it. He indicated the discussion where to put the courts, how many courts and the cost would take longer than the five minutes. He stated it's a good sport. President Kelley asked if he was going to take his message to other municipalities. Mr. Clarke stated he would like too. President Kelley indicated from a space standpoint she felt Franklin or Carroll Townships would have more opportunities as to where to place the courts. She stated they will continue to consider it, but their land opportunities are limited. Council Member Tucker stated they might want to talk with the school district. Mr. Clarke indicated that Ms. Bagian had but it was before Covid and that she will try again. Ms. Bagian stated they could modify the tennis courts a little but not permanently. Mr. Clarke indicated none of the area schools are allowing pickleball to be on their tennis courts because the lines could be confusing. Vice President Fawber stated maybe Logan Park because they are looking for ideas to expand. Mr. Clarke indicated the problem with Logan Park is that pickleball can be noisy and there are houses close by. He offered free lessons for anyone that wants to learn how to play. Council Member Deeble asked what the dimensions were for a single pickleball court. Mr. Clarke stated its about 1/2 the square footage of tennis. Council Member Del Vecchio asked why it was called pickleball. Mr. Clarke indicated the man who invented the game in the 1960's had a dog name Pickles. Ms. Bagian described the equipment used to play pickleball. Council Member Del Vecchio asked if its competitive. Mr. Clarke stated it can be, but pickleball is more enjoyable and friendlier sport.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was none.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Richardson had nothing to report.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Kelley thanked those that helped out at National Night Out.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Works Committee

Neither Council Member Tucker nor Council Member Del Vecchio had anything to report.

Public Safety Committee

- A. Discuss/Take action – Setting Trick-or-Treat – Vice President Fawber stated each year the Borough tries to designate the last Thursday of October as the official date of the Trick-or-Treat festivities within the Borough. Vice President Fawber moved to set the official 2021 date and time of Trick-or-Treat in the Borough of Dillsburg for Thursday, October 28, 2021, from 6:00 pm until 8:00 pm. Motion was seconded by Council Member Baldwin. Council Member Del Vecchio opposed. – Motion carried.

Administration Committee

Neither Council Member Gaffney nor Council Member Deeble had anything to report.

OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

NEW BUSINESS

Vice President Fawber moved to amend the 2021 Fire Police Authorization dated January 12, 2021, to include fire police at the Wellsville Carnival. Motion was seconded by Council Member Baldwin. – Motion carried.

President Kelley mentioned that Tim Trump is fighting Stage 3 cancer and has a go fund me page.

President Kelley indicated the Fulton Bank sign was still at park. Manager Deibler stated Dennis from ACNB will be getting a sign and Lobar Associates will be taking down the Fulton Bank sign.

ADJOURNMENT

Since there was no further business, Vice President Fawber moved to adjourn the regular meeting. Motion was seconded by Council Member Gaffney. – Motion carried. The regular meeting was adjourned at 7:32 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debbi L. Beitzel

Debbi Beitzel
Borough Secretary

cc: Borough Council Members
Mayor Richardson
Tim Knoebel
Salzman Hughes, PC