

**DILLSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**June 8, 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, Chris Del Vecchio, and Isaac Tucker. Council Members Dave Baldwin and Mike Gaffney joined the meeting via phone. 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, Mark and Carla Snyder from NYCFR, District Judge Thomas and Borough Resident Phil Thuma.

The meeting was called to order by President Kelley at 7:10 PM followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and the invocation.

APPROVAL of the AGENDA

Council Member Baldwin added 5C, Special Council Meeting Minutes, May 19, 2021. Vice President Fawber moved to approve the agenda as amended. Motion was seconded by Council Member Del Vecchio. Council Member Gaffney abstained. - Motion carried.

APPROVAL of the MINUTES

May 4, 2021 Committee Meeting – Vice President Fawber moved to approve the Committee Meeting minutes of May 4, 2021 as amended. Motion was seconded by Council Member Baldwin. Council Member Gaffney abstained. - Motion carried.

May 11, 2021 Council Meeting – Vice President Fawber moved to approve the Council Meeting minutes of May 11, 2021 as presented. Motion was seconded by Council Member Tucker. Council Member Gaffney abstained. - Motion carried.

May 19, 2021 Council Meeting – Council Member Baldwin moved to approve the Special Council Meeting minutes of May 19, 2021 as presented. Motion was seconded by Vice President Fawber. Council Member Gaffney abstained. - Motion carried.

VACANT COUNCIL SEAT

President Kelley stated they are saddened by the passing of Mark Ryder, longtime Borough Council Member, and staple in this community. His passing leaves an open seat on Council which we fill with the appointment of a resident beginning tonight through the end of December 2023. We advertised for this position and had received three interested residents who wanted to join Council. At 6:30 pm, this evening, Council had the pleasure of talking with the candidates. Nominations will be made by Council. Once all nominations are complete, Council will vote in the order the nominations were made. Once a majority is reached, voting ends and the new Council Member is determined. A majority is four votes. President Kelley thanked the candidates for their interest. Vice President Fawber also thanked the candidates and indicated he was impressed with all of them.

President Kelley opened the nominations. Council Member Del Vecchio nominated Carla Snyder, seconded by Vice President Fawber. Council Member Tucker nominated Charles Deeble, seconded by Council Member Baldwin. Vice President Fawber nominated Phil Thuma, seconded by Council Member Tucker. President Kelley closed the nominations. Carla Snyder received three votes. Charles Deeble received four votes. President Kelley indicated the voting ends because a majority was reached and welcomed Charles Deeble.

The newly appointed Council Member, Charles Deeble was sworn in by District Judge Thomas and joined Council at the table.

## DEPARTMENT REPORTS

### Police Department Report

Chief Wargo reviewed the May 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 May 2021, there were 207 calls for service, for a year-to-date total of 979. There was one (1) traffic accident in May 2021, for a year-to-date total of 15 and the officers issued 16 traffic citations in May 2021, for a year-to-date total of 97.

President Kelley asked about the “assist other agency”. Chief Wargo stated they assisted a Bethlehem, PA agency in regard to getting an address for a possible hit-and-run auto accident. President Kelley indicated there were three assaults previously and now there are two. Chief Wargo stated two of them are the same cases were on Clemens Drive and have been investigated and are now closed.

Council Member Tucker indicated since the state law has passed, fireworks are increasing more in the Borough. He stated if the people had read the law, they would know that fireworks are not to be set off within 150’ of occupied structures and is very concerned with fireworks being set off. Chief Wargo indicated regarding the two calls, the officers got the call and went to the locations, but no one was around. Manager Deibler asked if it would help if the Borough made a ROBO call. Council stated yes and also put something in the Banner, Facebook and website. Manager Deibler indicated its also in the newsletter.

President Kelly asked the Chief what the rules and regulations were for mufflers. Chief Wargo indicated to enforce it you have to have a special meter; for them, its unenforceable. President Kelley asked the Chief to look into the cost for a meter.

### Ambulance Service Report

No one was present but a report was provided for the months of April and May 2021 to the Council and Mayor. Vice President Fawber indicated there will be a meeting on June 29<sup>th</sup>.

### Fire Company Report

Carla Snyder reviewed the May 2021 report with Council and Mayor. She indicated for the month of May 2021, there were 47 calls for a year-to-date total of 211. For the month of May there were nine (9) calls in the Borough, for a year-to-date total of 34.

She indicated they participated in the Picklefest event and ran two calls during the event. They are also talking and getting ready for Farmer’s Fair. President Kelley thanked them for participating in the Memorial Day Parade.

Manager Deibler asked what a “duty officer” was. Ms. Snyder stated they receive those calls when York County or the police department needs someone to call them for whatever reason.

President Kelley asked if they were still doing training. Ms. Snyder stated yes.

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 May 2021 were \$47,432.23. 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 \$47,432.23 pending audit approval. Motion was seconded by Council Member Del Vecchio. President Kelley, Council Member Baldwin and Council Member Gaffney abstained. - Motion carried.

Planning Commission Report

Manager Deibler indicated the PC is waiting for the applicant to come back with information from PennDOT, the fire department and DAA.

Dillsburg Area Authority

There was no representative present.

Community Groups

There were no community groups present.

Solicitor's Report

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

Engineer's Report

Engineer Knoebel wasn't present, nor did he provide a report or invoice for services provided in May 2021.

Tax Collector Report

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

Borough Staff Report

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mark Snyder from the fire department indicated they had to replace their roof due to a storm, which will cost them \$88K, the insurance is only paying approximately \$11K. He was asking for a donation in any amount to help out. Borough Manager stated he just needed to provide the paperwork.

There was a discussion regarding the other municipalities not participating and attending meetings and discussing the merger and the changes.

He stated there will be a steering meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday at the Franklintown Borough Fire House beginning at 6:30pm.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was none.

## MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Richardson indicated he had been working with Bill Wessels who is trying to get another Mr. Pickle carved out of a tree for Dillsburg. He worked with the library to help get their musical series event running and they started this past Friday. He also attended the 10-year grand re-opening of Drayer Physical Therapy.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Kelley reminded everyone about the Groundbreaking ceremony at the park on Thursday beginning at 5:00pm; there will be refreshments. She also stated the Honey and The Hog Festival will be happening this weekend at the Dill Tavern.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### Public Works Committee

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

### Public Safety Committee

Neither Vice President Fawber nor Council Member Baldwin had anything to report.

### Administration Committee

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

## OLD BUSINESS

There was none.

## NEW BUSINESS

Council welcomed Charles Deeble to Borough Council.

Manager Deibler indicated she got the Covid Recovery grant done. She stated the Borough will be receiving \$270K; half of it in 2021 and the other half in 2022. Beginning in October, we will need to tell them what we are going to use the funds for.

## ADJOURNMENT

Since there was no further business, Vice President Fawber moved to adjourn the regular meeting. Motion was seconded by Council Member Del Vecchio. – Motion carried. The regular meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Debbi L. Beitzel*

Debbi Beitzel  
Borough Secretary

cc: Borough Council Members  
Mayor Richardson  
Tim Knoebel  
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