

REGULAR MEETING OF DRAVOSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL OF JUNE 19, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Council President McKelvey at 7:10 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Mols.....present
Palcsey.....present
Snodgrass.....absent (working)
Vezzani.....present
McKelvey.....present

Mr. Palcsey makes the motion to accept the minutes as written. Mrs. Vezzani seconds. Roll call vote. Mols=yes; Palcsey=yes; Vezzani=yes; McKelvey=yes. Motion carried.

Citizens Present

Mr. Charles Gross comments as the Tax Collector, it is a vicious cycle and not cost effective to file tax appeals.

Mr. Dennis Krajewski questions about the trailers and Lt. Olinsky comments the property owner is in bankruptcy. The police have had C&D and Casturo remove some of the trailers. Most of them have been removed; just a few storage trailers left and we are waiting on Casturo to take them to their 2nd lot.

Mr. Krajewski questions the high grass and weeds on the other side of the bridge here.

Mr. Krajewski comments that it is a nice paving job that was done behind the building here.

Ms. Patty Toth reminds everyone that the Summer Lunch Program has started for the children. It is available for children up to age 18 and is M-F from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Amity Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Chuck Fessler is here to represent three of the ones who received parking tickets on Luscombe Lane and ask for forgiveness of them. They were unaware that they weren't allowed to park there and since receiving the tickets, they haven't parked there; the problem has been solved. Council President McKelvey responds it is Councils' wishes not to give any type of forgiveness and to carry out the charges of the tickets. Mr. Fessler again asks Council to reconsider. Mayor McKelvey comments we would have considered your letter but there are the ones that have already paid and it is not fair to them; you want to take us to court, let them do it; we are not reducing anything.

Mrs. Lana Urbansky questions President McKelvey what are we going to do about her road and her garage. He asks her what she wants us to do. She states something needs to be done; it's not her fault that the road is like that and she cannot use her garage; she can't even sell her house. President McKelvey says that has happened over a 20-25 year time frame. She states she came to him about 8-10 years ago and was told nothing can be done; they were the nice people and said ok. Now, it is important to her; they are trying to sell her house. After a discussion, President McKelvey says he is taking the mayor's words, take us to court. She insists we have to raise her garage.

Mrs. Urbansky states across the street from her, the grass is so high and no one lives there. President McKelvey asks the address. Mrs. Honick states that house is up for Sheriff Sale. Mr. McKelvey explains What we have done in the last few years. The borough guys have gone around town and cut these vacant lots and homes; we billed the owners and we never get paid back so we stopped that. The property owner has to be cited and sometimes you can't find the owner. He then explains the court process and how things get thrown out.

Mrs. Urbansky complains about the first two houses on Fifth Street by the fire hall heading up towards Goldstrom, before Mr. M. Palcsey's house; it is always such a mess there; high grass and weeds and we have to keep sending them letters. President McKelvey responds he just had that conversation with Mr. Volpe this morning; we can't keep sending letters, we have to take them to court; the magistrate will fine them and he already explained the process with the system once it gets down town; how do you fight the system; he doesn't have an answer for her.

Mrs. Urbansky questions how early you can cut grass in the borough. President McKelvey responds daybreak. Mrs. Vezzani states it is from dusk to dawn. Mrs. Urbansky requests not to send our guys up there to cut grass on Goldstrom too early; they were there way before 8 a.m. and woke up the whole neighborhood. He states they start work at 6:30 a.m. but don't think they were there before 7. She says she thinks it is great they are cutting the grass there but not too early in the morning. A brief discussion follows.

Mr. William Penn states he is here about the complaint his neighbor has with him parking his camper on First and Sherman. He has even received physical threats from him. President McKelvey states Council is in the process of reviewing that Ordinance right now because right now, you are not permitted to park any trailer on property in town. Mr. Penn says he was not aware of that and hopes Council really considers reviewing that. A lengthy discussion follows.

Fire Chief, Wayne Cosgrove, reports he has some good news. Through a mutual friend, he found out a local business was receiving some free money and was going to purchase all new SCBA's and get rid of the ones they had. So thanks to the Bettis Plant, fire department was able to receive 12 SCBA's, that will save them over \$130,000 and they will be good for another 10 years. The fire dept. also purchased 4 more SCBA's from Jefferson Hills. Their next big project is to start looking to replace the rescue equipment. A brief discussion follows.

Chief Cosgrove reports through this deal from Bettis, they also donated 2 life pack AED's. The fire department already had their own. They donated one to the American Legion and they would like to donate the other one to the borough to be mounted here in the borough building somewhere centrally located or in the community room that is rented out. He explains how easy it is to work the unit and the directions are on the pack. A brief discussion follows.

Chief Cosgrove has one more item to discuss. He would like to talk about responses; we need to work something out with the police that the fire dept. gets called all the time. When there is an event happening in town and they should be there and aren't, it is kind of disheartening and goes into details about an accident on 837 last Fri. When he called dispatch to find out why they weren't dispatched, the officer responded they were not needed. After a lengthy discussion, President McKelvey suggests setting up a meeting with the police chief and letting him know the concerns. Mr. Gobel suggests as fire chef, he put it in simple terms, the circumstances, as a matter of public safety, that the fire dept. should be dispatched and give it to the police chief. Lt. Olinsky said if he puts it in writing, he will give it to the chief and make sure each shift commander puts it in their report; he will make sure it gets addressed.

Correspondence

There is none.

Mayor

Mayor McKelvey questions who is in charge of our website. President McKelvey says it goes through Mrs. Honick and she sends it to his daughter who actually runs it. Mayor McKelvey says he thought he talked to him before about getting the minutes on the website. President McKelvey informs Mrs. Honick to make sure it is done each month. She states after they are approved, she will send them out.

Mayor McKelvey is requesting that Council vote to see if we can give him a Mayor's Office or not. President McKelvey replies, first of all, we have one right there for you but you don't like that for some reason. Mayor McKelvey replies no, because it is with someone. Mr. Mols makes the motion to give the mayor an office in the lunchroom. The motion doesn't carry for lack of a second.

Solicitor

Mr. Gobel states he reported earlier on property assessments. We did have one claim for Crane Property Assessments who purchased the property from Anthony Crane. McKeesport School District did participate with us on this and the property owner did not show up. If the decision comes back in favor of the school district and the borough, the property owner will have 30 days to make an appeal.

Mr. Gobel reports there were discussions about him preparing a petition for 20 citizens to approve 1 voting district in town rather than the 3. If Council authorizes him to prepare this petition, it will be left here in the borough building for residents to sign. If 20 people sign before July 15th, it will get filed. If they don't sign before then, it will get filed whenever there are 20 signatures. HE explains the process it goes through. Mr. Mols makes the motion authorizing Mr. Gobel to prepare the petition to combine the voting districts into 1. Mrs. Vezzani seconds. Roll call. Mols-yes; Palcsey-yes; Vezzani-yes; McKelvey-yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Gobel prepared a Resolution approving and entering into approving and accepting a temporary Right of Way between the Borough of Dravosburg and Isaac Cajka permitting him to erect a 5' chain link privacy fence along Maple Avenue between Lower Richland and an unnamed alley. Mrs. Vezzani makes the motion to adopt this Resolution. Mr. Mols seconds. Roll call. Mols-yes; Palcsey-yes; Vezzani-yes; McKelvey-yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Gobel reports in reference to a letter received from Mr. Randall Martin, property owner of 100 Corrine Street, if an unopened road remains closed for more than 25 years, and it becomes the property owners. If the borough has no interest in this street and does not intend to open it, we can take appropriate action. Mrs. Vezzani makes the motion authorizing Atty. Gobel to prepare the necessary agreement for this section of Corrine Street to turn over to Mr. Martin. Mr. Palcsey seconds the motion. Roll call vote. Mols-yes; Palcsey-yes; Vezzani-yes; McKelvey-yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Gobel reports on the Gruszewski Sheriff Sale case; the judge has granted another extension on her bankruptcy case.

Mr. Gobel reads the Ordinance which amends our current tax ordinance; it changes the restrictions of the fire tax. Mr. Mols makes the motion to adopt this Ordinance. Mrs. Vezzani seconds. Roll call vote. Mols-yes; Palcsey-yes; Vezzani-yes; McKelvey-yes. Motion carried.

Engineer

President McKelvey gives Mr. Gilliland's report: 1) the paving of the parking lot will be completed by the end of July. 2) We are required by law to prepare a new Storm Water Management Ordinance. 3) Solicited quotes for E-Waste. County Hauling is the only one that submitted quote - \$400 per dumpster, 2 times per year which equates to \$.08 additional per household per month. Mr. Mols makes the motion to accept the quote of \$.08 per month per household for E-Waste. Mrs. Vezzani seconds the motion. Roll call vote. Mols-yes; Palcsey-yes; Vezzani-yes; McKelvey-yes. Motion carried.

Sanitation/Grants/Blighted Property

President McKelvey reports the County has the 2018 Side Yard Program available if you have a vacant lot adjacent to your property.

Public Safety/Workers Comp/Fire

Mr. Palcsey comments that it was good news reported earlier from the Fire Dept. regarding the donation.

Mr. McKelvey comments Council will be looking at all the Ordinances in the near future.

Mr. Palcsey makes the motion for Council to make a \$3,000 donation to the Dravosburg Community Archives for our 115th Anniversary in August. Mrs. Vezzani seconds the motion. Roll call. Mols-yes; Palcsey-yes; Vezzani-yes; McKelvey-yes. Motion carried.

Streets/Property/COG

There is nothing to report.

Finance/Insurance/Negotiations

Mrs. Vezzani makes a motion to pay the Tax Anticipation Note back early to save paying additional interest. Mr. Palcsey seconds the motion. Roll call vote. Mols-yes; Palcsey-yes; Vezzani-yes; McKelvey-yes. Motion carried.

McKeesport/Police/Ambulance

Mayor McKelvey thanks Lt. Olinsky and the police dept. for helping out in a lot of ways. We have been seeing the police a lot more.

Mayor McKelvey gives the police chief's report for the month of May. President McKelvey questions what service calls are. Lt. Olinsky explains.

Old Business

There is none.

New Business

Mrs. Vezzani makes the motion to pay the approved bills. Mr. Palcsey seconds. Roll call vote. Mols=yes; Palcsey=yes; Vezzani=yes; McKelvey=yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Mols makes the motion to adjourn. Mrs. Vezzani seconds. ALL AYE!!!

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Honick, Secty/Treas.
Borough of Dravosburg