

REGULAR MEETING OF DRAVOSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL OF MAY 16, 2018

The meeting was called to order by Council President McKelvey at 7:00 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 the motion. Roll call vote. Mols-yes; Palcsey-yes; Vezzani-yes; McKelvey-yes. Motion carried.

Citizens Present

Ms. Ann Toth questions about the garbage bids and states she hopes we do not go with Waste Management. President McKelvey states we will discuss that later.

Mr. Isaac Cajka of 305 Elizabeth Rd is here to present his case and ask for permission to use the Right of Way to park and to erect a 5' Chain Link Fence along Maple Avenue. He will take over the maintenance of the sidewalk. Mr. Gilliland confirms that we have no utilities there and the borough owns a 50' Right of Way there. When the street was designed back in 1904, there was a 100' Right of Way where his house is; he doesn't know why, maybe for railway or something. He does not see any problem with the fence as we have no use for it but can get a written agreement on the Right of Way. Mr. Gobel states we can grant him an easement with the understanding if the borough ever wants it back, he would have to agree to it. He would also have to have that portion added to his insurance policy. After a lengthy discussion, President McKelvey asks the solicitor since he is in a hurry to get this fence up, would there be a problem with his erecting the fence before the easement agreement is drawn up. Mr. Gobel says no, not with him; he thought he was asking Council. Council informs Mr. Cajka to go ahead and call Lowes and have it installed.

Mr. Cajka has another item he would like to bring up—the stop signs at the intersection of Maple and Richland; no one pays attention to the stop signs and cars are not stopping there. He asks if we could erect Children at Play Signs. He presents photos to Council of this area where it is dangerous as there is a lot of kids that play there. President McKelvey states he will see if we have any. Mayor McKelvey will talk with the police chief on patrolling this area more often.

Mr. Cajka introduces an idea to Council and presents pictures and diagrams of a possible dog park at the end of Elizabeth Street on Curry Hollow Road. This is property the borough owns and there are a lot of dogs in town and it would be beneficial to have a dog park. A brief discussion follows.

Ms. Debbie Kasperiet questions the engineer about the hoarders they have at DHA. Mr. Gilliland said he hasn't spoken to anyone about that. It is then discovered she spoke with Mr. Volpe, not him. Mayor McKelvey says he will bring her in to introduce Mr. Volpe to her and speak with him. President

McKelvey states he cannot understand how Mr. Volpe will be able to help her with getting rid of them since they are a closed community there. A brief discussion follows.

Mr. Dough Baxter gives an update on Community Day on August 25th.

Mrs. Lana Urbansky comments on the people who did the handicap ramps; they did such a nice job and it looks so nice. President McKelvey states that was a state job.

Mrs. Urbansky questions about the slum landlords in town. President McKelvey states they have been cited. She questions then what. He further explains the process and how they can appeal the process to Pittsburgh. A brief discussion follows.

At this time, Councilman Snodgrass arrives.

Mrs. Urbansky says she needs to talk with the engineer about 13 Goldstrom and the garage. She can't sell her house because the garage is too low from the street. President McKelvey says the engineer did a report on it and would give it to her. She says the report states the level is 17" and it is not; it is 23"; she wants to know what the borough is going to do. A discussion follows.

Ms. Regina Lyons of 664 and Ms. Colleen Doonah of 616 Riverview are here questioning about the expressway; there are so many rumors going around. They both are in the path of it and their homes are being taken. A discussion follows.

Mr. Couch of Ridgeview reports he was here last month regarding the bag of garbage at the entrance to Riverview and since then, it has been removed. He thanks Council for taking care of it.

Ms. Pat Toth reports she has T-Shirts for Celebrate Dravosburg available and the price range is \$10, \$12, \$14 and \$16 for a 4X.

Mrs. Falcione of 700 Clearview is here to see what can be done to get a curb put back in at her driveway. When it rains all the water goes down there and into her yard and place. She spoke with the water company since they tore up the road, but they told her they could only fix what they tore up. Mr. Snodgrass asks her for the address; she said actually all of Clearview need a curb. A brief discussion follows.

Mayor

Mayor McKelvey reads the police report for the month of April. There were 126 police calls. They are tagging junk cars in town that cannot be towed because they have classic plates. Mr. Snodgrass questions about the trailers at the top of the hill. Mr. Gobel responds they are taking vehicles out of there because they are assets in the bankruptcy case.

Mayor McKelvey questions if anyone knows when they are starting on Elizabeth Road. Mr. Snodgrass responds he hasn't heard a word.

Solicitor

Mr. Gobel provided information to Council regarding no parking on Luscombe Lane but that has been put on hold for now.

Mr. Gobel reports we met with PAWC regarding the unsewered areas in town.

Mr. Gobel reports he prepared the proposed revision to our Tax Ordinance and asks Council for opinions. Council agrees that it is fine. Mr. Gobel will advertise it so it will be able to be adopted at next month's meeting.

Mr. Gobel states we already addressed the problem of 305 Elizabeth Street and will take care of it.

Mr. Gobel reports he sent an email and left a message with this representative of Walsh Equipment regarding the backhoe. The gentleman did call him back late in the day and left a voicemail but he didn't have a chance to talk with him yet. He will follow up on it and tell him we have two options to get resolved; if not, he will file a complaint in Common Pleas Court and file a complaint with the Department of General Services which may affect his COSTARS status in the future.

Mr. Gobel asks if Council would like to do anything with the garbage bid tonight. Mr. Mols makes the motion to accept the bid from Westmoreland Waste (County Hauling) for just garbage and request RFP's for E-Waste Collection. Mrs. Vezzani seconds the motion. Roll call vote. Mols-yes; Palcsey-yes; Snodgrass-no vote; Vezzani-yes; McKelvey-yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Gobel reports we need to come up with a couple dates to schedule a meeting with the Turnpike Commission regarding the Riverview Playground. Mr. Gobel will try to get it for Tues or Wed morning next week and will let everyone know.

Sanitation/Grants/Blighted Properties

Nothing to report at this time.

Engineer

Mr. Gilliland reports Charles Street Paving project has been completed.

Mr. Gilliland reports the parking lot project has started; the electrical work has been completed; they are working on the concrete work right now, the steps and ramp. Once that is complete, the paving will be done. Mr. McKelvey states he has a request from the Public Works Department—they put an 8" diameter pipe in with a cap at the bottom of the steps by the flagpole so they can put our Christmas tree in it each year. Mr. Gilliland states he will let them know.

Mr. Gilliland reports we are applying for a GTPR grant for Kidsville Playground Phase II and asks for approval to submit the application. Mrs. Vezzani makes the motion to adopt the Resolution to apply for the GTPR grant, Kidsville Playground Renovations, Phase II. Mr. Snodgrass seconds the motion. Roll call vote. Mols-yes; Palcsey-yes; Snodgrass-yes; Vezzani-yes; McKelvey-yes. Motion carried.

Public Safety/Workers Comp/Fire

Mr. Mols reports the solicitor addressed the Tax Ordinance which addresses the fire millage and appeases the group of fire department members who were here a while back.

Mr. Mols gives a “shout out” to our Crossing Guards, Kathy Holmes, George and Juanita Huston for attending the Safety Expo at McKeesport High School last week and representing Dravosburg on their own time.

Parks/Recreation/Ordinance

Mr. Palcsey comments the topics were already discussed.

Streets/Property/COG

Mr. Snodgrass has nothing to report.

Finance/Insurance/Negotiations

Mrs. Vezzani has nothing to report.

McKeesport Police/Ambulance

Mayor McKelvey reports the police has seen big rats coming out of the house next to Mrs. Urbansky; usually, we do not have rats up hill, just down by the river but they have come up. A brief discussion follows.

Old Business

Mr. Palcsey comments on the light at Boswell; he spoke with Rep. Kortz yesterday and asked him to contact Tom Rosso and “light a fire” to get that light put up.

New Business

Mrs. Honick questions the tickets that were written on Luscombe Lane. President McKelvey asks Council if they should make them pay or not. The response is yes; Mrs. Honick states some want to know what the appeal process is and what she should tell them. After a discussion, Sgt. Stitt comments if they do not pay, they can be cited under the PA Codes. He suggests we send them a letter stating that prior to citing. It is also stated that we will paint a yellow line on the one side to prevent parking.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Honick, Borough Secty/Treas.