

**Dallastown Borough
175 E. Broad Street
Dallastown, PA 17313
January 4, 2010 – 7PM
Meeting Minutes**

CALL TO ORDER

The January 4th Council Meeting was called to order by Council President, Ronald Smith, followed by prayer, the pledge to the flag and roll call.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ronald Smith, President
Richard Bogart, Vice President
David Simpson, President Pro-Temp
Gregory Kline
Bernell Kohler
Quay Markel
R. Jean Capatch was absent due to illness.

ALSO PRESENT

Beverly Scott – Mayor
Connie Stokes – Borough Manager
Bruce Bankenstein – Solicitor
Officer Zinn – YARPD

VISITORS

Antonino Musso – 259 S. Pleasant Ave.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Pierce Streavig was given the “Outstanding Citizen Award” at the annual appreciation gathering on December 12, 2009.
- Rescue Fire Company Dinner will be held January 16, 2010 with social hour from 5-6pm, followed by dinner and entertainment.

APPROVAL OF 12/14/09 MEETING MINUTES

Correction: Mr. Bogart wanted a statement added to the Visitors section concerning adoption of W. Broad St. in Cedar Heights. The residents were also reminded that the cost to adopt the street will be their responsibility this time per the meeting on August 11, 2008.

Motion: Mr. Bogart moved and was seconded by Mr. Kline to approve the minutes from the December 14, 2009 meeting with corrections.

Motion carried 6-0.

APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion: Mr. Bogart moved and was seconded by Mr. Markel to approve the payment of bills as presented.

Motion carried 6-0.

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Motion: Mr. Simpson moved and was seconded by Mr. Kohler to approve the financial statements as presented.

Motion carried 6-0.

YORK AREA REGIONAL POLICE

Officer Michael Zinn was present to give a report and answer any questions.

- There was a call to 435 E. Locust St. a few weeks ago. This property is the old Tri-Boro building and it is presently being used as a halfway house for the homeless and drug addicts. Officer Zinn was not sure exactly who was involved, but wanted to make the Borough aware of its existence.
- The robberies have seemed to have quieted down in the Borough. Two convenience stores and three people were robbed during the month of November. Officer Zinn asked that people should be aware of their surroundings.
- There have also been some items stolen from vehicles. Valuable items should not be left in vehicles and the vehicles should be locked.

FIRE COMPANY REPORT – Chief Ehrhart was not present.

EMA REPORT – No representative present

RECREATION REPORT

- The Borough Manager will be interviewing for Rec Director in the upcoming week.
- Packets are being put together for the new members of the Rec Board and will be distributed at their next meeting on 1/18/10.

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT

- Antonino Musso of 259 S. Pleasant Ave was present to request reimbursement on their Sewer/Trash bill (\$540.80). The property was purchased 6 years ago and at that time it was a 2 unit. Mr. Musso applied for a permit to change it back to a single unit after he purchased it, but never got the occupancy permit to finalize the process. The Zoning Officer went out to inspect the home 12/09 and at that time the billing was changed to a single unit. Prior to this, the Borough had no definitive records on the change. Council suggested that the wording be reviewed on the original permit and any details available be obtained in order for Council to make a decision at the January 25th meeting.

MAYORS REPORT

Per Mayor Scott, December was a slow month due to the Holidays. Her report was distributed to all Council members.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

- Attorney Bankenstein congratulated Mayor Scott and Council Members for being re-elected.
- Concerning Mr. Musso's request, reliable information should be available in order to release the reimbursement. Council's action on the situation should be documented for the future.
- Cedar Heights – If and when all signatures are received on the petition to adopt the street, the subject will be revisited. If the procedure continues, there will be a dollar figure involved. Mr.

Bogart stated that per 509K of the Municipal Planning Codes, the governing body has the right to require a maintenance bond for up to 18 months at 15%. If the road is in decent shape and the residents are willing to pay the cost of the inspection by our engineer plus any repairs, Council will not require a maintenance bond. If the residents are not willing to pay, then the street will not be adopted. The ultimate concern is the special needs child.

Attorney Bankenstein suggested that a dollar amount for inspection and punch list be obtained from Steve Malesker, engineer. This amount along with costs of maintenance bond (if required), solicitor's costs and advertising costs should be put together for review at the next Council meeting. Ms. Stokes to compose a letter to the residents giving them an update and requesting a spokesperson.

- Recreation By-Laws – There was a question raised concerning what constitutes a quorum. In Article VI, Section 3 of the Recreation By-Laws, the numbers are incorrect and Attorney Bankenstein urged that Rec Board amend that section. The subject will be addressed at the next Rec Board meeting.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Steve Malesker, engineer, was absent due to a prior engagement, but will be present at the 2nd meeting in January 2010. The S. Walnut Street signalization and S. Pleasant Avenue drainage issues were put off until that time.

BUSINESS FOR ACTION – N/A

BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION/INFORMATION

- EMA Coordinator – The position was advertised. Connie Werner re-affirmed her interest in the position. Council would prefer someone with training who knows the community and fire company. This person should also be willing to take training.
- There has been some interest in using the Dallas Theatre as a live theatre through donations. However, there was a question as to whether this is physically possible due to the fact there is not much of a stage.
- The annual conference is in Pittsburgh this year from April 22nd -25th. Council members were to let Ms. Stokes know if they were planning to attend.

REPORTS

- Police Report – New format
- Red Lion Ambulance Report
- Ma & Pa Community Greenway

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Mr. Simpson moved and was seconded by Mr. Kline to adjourn.

Motion carried 6-0. 8:30PM

Respectfully submitted,

Susan A. Wertz

