

**MINUTES OF DUBLIN BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 12, 2021**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The April 12, 2021 meeting of Borough Council was held in Borough Hall at 119 Maple Avenue, Dublin, PA. Council President, Jeffrey Sharer, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Mayor:	Chris Hayes	
Council:	Jeffrey Sharer	Brent Smith
	Matthew Mayes*	Gary Mast
	William Benonis	Robert Olsen
	Timothy Hayes	

APPOINTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Borough Manager:	Laurie A. Hagey
Borough Solicitor:	Michael Kracht, Esq.
Borough Engineer:	Thomas F. Zarko, P.E.
Police Chief:	Michael Regan
Fire Chief:	Kevin Nugent
Emergency Management Coordinator:	M. Philip Myers

*Not Present

**Late Arrival

2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** Mr. Sharer lead Council and the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **Council President Announcements:** None.

4. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:** There was no public comment.

5. **Approval of Minutes:**

- 5.1. **Minutes of Meeting of March 22, 2021:**

MOTION: A Motion to approve the Minutes of the March 22, 2021 Council Meeting, as written, was made by Mr. Mast. Mr. Benonis seconded the motion, which unanimously carried.

6. **Payment of Bills:**

- 6.1. **Bills List dated April 9, 2021 for \$97,851.67 (all funds):**

MOTION: Mr. Benonis made a motion, seconded by Mr. Timothy Hayes, and unanimously carried, to approve the Bill Lists dated April 9, 2021 in the amount of \$97,851.67.

7. **Borough Official Reports:**

- 7.1. **Dublin Fire Company:** Chief Nugent presented the March 2021 Dublin Volunteer Fire Company Monthly Report. There was a total of 24 calls, with one in Dublin Borough.

7.2. Mayor: No report at this time.

7.3. Borough Manager: Mrs. Hagey had nothing to add to her written report.

7.4. Chief of Police: Chief Regan provided the Police Report for March 2021. There was a total of 124 incidents, among them were 11 ambulance calls. Officer Barrington attended a Standard Field Sobriety Testing training event. Officer Swinehart was recognized by Bedminster Township with a commendation for his part in a car stop and subsequent seizure of a large quantity of drugs, cash, and a firearm, along with two arrests. He also completed training in Conducting Complete Traffic Stops. Chief Regan completed training in Police Mental Health, Pennsylvania Act 57 and Responding to Persons in Crisis.

7.5. Borough Engineer: Mr. Zarko gave an update on the Water Tower project which is now completed and inspected. There is minor restoration work to be completed by the contractor when weather allows.

The Lagoon Relining Project is moving along at a slow pace due to weather conditions, but it is halfway completed. Attempts are being made to dry the lagoon out in sections which has been a difficult process. The contractor is hopeful to finish the project over the next several weeks.

7.6. Borough Solicitor: No report at this time.

8. Discussion Items:

8.1. 134 High Street Request for Relief from Cul-De-Sac Requirement: Mr. Seigel of 134 High Street presented Council with a history of when he bought his lot at 134 and the lots across the street from his house, which he subdivided. He was instructed in 2005 a cul-de-sac would be required at the end of High Street if he were to develop the subdivision on the available lots. Mr. Seigel wishes to construct a ranch-style home on the lot at 135 High Street currently. Mr. Seigel does not believe a cul-de-sac is necessary at the end of the dead-end street. Due to the restraint of the size allowable, a cul-de-sac would barely be wide enough for a trash truck. He is asking Council to agree a cul-de-sac is not necessary. President Sharer asked what he will do with the other lot. Mr. Seigel stated he has no plans to develop the other lot at this time. Mr. Zarko stated a cul-de-sac is normally 100 foot in diameter, and this one would be almost half that size. Mr. Kracht stated in 2005 this was a major subdivision, and the plan calls out for a cul-de-sac once the property would be turned over to a new owner. Mr. Mast stated there is no purpose to require the cul-de-sac. The deed restriction will have to be updated to be removed from the lots. Mr. Seigel indicated he is willing to reimburse the Borough for the expense. Mr. Kracht recommended Mr. Seigel provide an amended filed plan. Since Mr. Hendricks prepared the original document in 2005, Mr. Kracht suggested Mr. Seigel could reach out to him to change it. It will be the same plan with a revised plan note. Mr. Seigel paid the tapping fees in 2005 for two lots but will need to get a planning module approved by PA DEP for the EDU needed for this home.

MOTION: A Motion was made by Mr. Mast and seconded by Mr. Smith to not require a cul-de-sac at the dead end of High Street, with Mr. Seigel paying expenses to revise the plan and to have the deed amended. The motion unanimously carried.

8.2. Approve Escrow Release No. 9 for Dublin Town Center in the amount of \$753,977.34: Mr. Zarko recommended approval of the Dublin Town Center Escrow Release No. 9 for work completed since the January 25th Council Meeting. It includes erosion and sanitation controls, stormwater management, paving and sidewalks, streetlights, water and sanitary sewer work and Borough Professional Services.

MOTION: Mr. Mast made a Motion to approve the Dublin Town Center Escrow Release No. 9 in the amount of \$753,977.34. The motion was seconded by Mr. Benonis and unanimously carried.

8.3. Award Bid for 2021 Roadway Improvement Program, Contract No. 1400-117-21: Mr. Zarko reported the Bids were received for the 2021 Roadway Improvement Program. Base Contract work to be performed with the program includes Borough concrete curb/sidewalk replacements, base and/or edge of pavement repairs, installation of storm sewer system improvements, full or partial width milling, roadway leveling and placement of final overlay and /or other miscellaneous pavement improvement work. Included to be in the work is Saddlebrook Drive (Maple Avenue to Trotters Way), Applewood Lane, Trotters Way and Rickerts Road/West (Paving Repairs Only). After reviewing the proposals, Mr. Zarko recommended awarding the project to the lowest bidder, James D. Morrissey, Incorporated. In addition to the Base Contract Work, the bid proposals submitted also included pricing to address potential alternate/add-on work Borough Council can consider as part of the Roadway Improvement Program, including upgrading the existing ADA ramps/curbing along sections of Saddlebrook Drive, Applewood Lane, and Trotters Way. The total cost with this add-on work, is \$309,104, which includes pavement work for residential sidewalks that will be paid back by the homeowners. The estimated cost for the residential work is \$31,000 which would make the total cost of the contract \$278,104 (\$309,104 - \$31,000). The amount budgeted was \$282,000.

MOTION: Mr. Mast made a Motion to approve the Roadway Improvement Program and add the Alternate/Add-On work addressing the ADA ramp/curbing upgrades at the applicable project roadways and award the Bid to James D. Morrissey, Inc., at the bid price of \$309,104.00. The motion was seconded by Mr. Smith and unanimously carried.

8.4. Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor Appointment: As presented in the written Manager's report, the Zoning Hearing Board (ZHB) met on April 5th to interview potential candidates for the open ZHB Board Solicitor position. The ZHB voted unanimously to appoint Ms. Christen G. Pionzio with Hamburg, Rubin, Mullin, Maxwell & Lupin, PC, to the position of Solicitor for the Borough's ZHB.

9. Committee Reports: There were no committee reports.

10. Other Business: None.

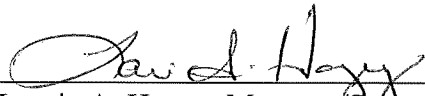
11. Public Comment: None.

12. Comments from Council Members: Mr. Mast asked Mrs. Hagey if she had compiled a list of possibilities the Borough could use the funding for from the American Rescue Plan. She replied she is working on it; however, we are waiting for the complete list of rules and regulations for the use of these funds to become available. She also indicated she will be participating in a meeting with Senator Santarsiero later this month where he will be covering this topic. Mr. Smith asked if anyone knew how many local businesses applied for federal funding/loans, but no one was aware of any. He suggested the possibility of establishing grants to give to some of the businesses impacted by the pandemic. Mr. Mast suggested using the funds for the crosswalks to the park, which would benefit the community. Mrs. Hagey reported she would be investigating all options.

13. Adjournment: Upon motion by Mr. Smith, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Date Approved: 4/26/2021


Laurie A. Hagey, Manager/Secretary