

**MINUTES OF DUBLIN BOROUGH  
COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, MARCH 22, 2021**

**1. CALL TO ORDER:** The March 22, 2021 meeting of Borough Council, which was advertised to the public on the Borough’s website with instructions to join the meeting by telephone or by Zoom, and posted on the front door of Borough Hall, was held via Zoom. 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:** President Sharer led Council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**4. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:** None.

**5. Approval of Minutes:**

**5.1. Minutes of Meeting of February 22, 2021:**

**MOTION:** A Motion to approve the Minutes of the February 22, 2021 Council meeting, as written, was made by Mr. Mast and seconded by Mr. Benonis. The motion unanimously carried.

**5.2. Minutes of Meeting of March 8, 2021:**

**MOTION:** A Motion to approve the Minutes of the March 8, 2021 Council meeting, as written, was made by Mr. Mast and seconded by Mr. Benonis. The motion unanimously carried.

**6. Payment of Bills:**

**6.1. Bills List dated March 19, 2021 in the amount of \$22,964.40 (all funds):**

**MOTION:** A Motion was made to approve the Bill Lists dated March 19, 2021, in the amount of \$22,964.40 for all funds, by Mr. Olsen. Mr. Timothy Hayes seconded the motion and it unanimously carried.

## 7. Discussion Items:

**7.1. American Rescue Plan Allocation for Dublin Borough Announcement:** President Sharer mentioned the American Rescue Plan and that the Borough may be receiving a disbursement of \$210,885. Although the rules and regulations regarding the use of these funds has not yet been finalized, it is something we can begin to discuss and outline possible uses for. Mrs. Hagey received an email from Bucks County stating the disbursement amounts for each Township or Borough, with no additional information given. Mr. Mast stated he understood there may be less restrictions on how the money is used; however, the Borough may have to let the County know how we intend to use it. Mayor Hayes mentioned the Borough should decide now and let the County know what our intended use is for the funds. President Sharer stated we do need to wait for the County to initiate the process. Mayor Hayes added that we should not wait, and perhaps a letter could be sent to the County stating what we need the funds for, such as covering the needs of the fire company. President Sharer added we still do not know what the qualifications are, and we need to wait for the County to give the guidelines for the use. Mr. Mast suggested the first step should be asking the Manager to gather ideas from Council regarding potential uses to spend the money. Mr. Sharer would like to use the money for Capital projects. Mr. Mast asked which Capital Projects, if they do not get the money for a few years, projects could change. Mayor Hayes added that it should be used for COVID related projects, like building the community, putting benches in the park, and we should be proactive about it. President Sharer thought having a buffer for costs that may exceed original estimates for the sewer capital projects might be a use. Mayor Hayes said the money would be put where the people would not appreciate what it was used for. Mr. Mayes thought the Rickerts Road project, which was on hold because of funding, could be considered a use for the funds. Mrs. Hagey read some of the items listed as possible uses for the funding, although this list is preliminary and the information is still coming in, the article did state the funds needed to be used by December 31, 2024.

**8. Committee Reports:** Mayor Hayes stated he has been working with Discover Dublin. The organization operates in the Borough and helps to support businesses and the community. When Discover Dublin was formed, Dublin Borough supported them, and Mayor Hayes is requesting some sort of funding or donation as an ongoing contribution from the Borough to Discover Dublin to help support the bond between local government and the businesses. Mr. Mast mentioned someone from Borough Council does attend Discover Dublin meetings to reinforce the connection between the Borough and the group currently. Dublin Borough has spent thousands of dollars in support of the revitalization project, which is a benefit to the businesses and community. Mr. Mast stated the Borough has most definitely supported Discover Dublin. He does not feel comfortable with the Borough donating money to Discover Dublin. Mayor Hayes stated he believes a lot of municipalities financially support their local Chambers of Commerce, and he would appreciate Council's consideration of supporting by giving a contribution to Discover Dublin. President Sharer stated this will be discussed at budget time.

**9. Other Business:** None.

**10. Public Comments:** None.

**11. Comments from Council Members:** Mr. Mast asked Mr. Zarko if there was an update regarding the crosswalk grant for Middle Road. Mr. Zarko stated the County has been asking for additional information, and he will follow up with them again.

President Sharer addressed concerns about holding Council Meetings in person, stating we are still following the state guidelines at this time. Mr. Kracht stated if more people show up that would put us over the limit, how would we handle that? It was mentioned that some municipalities are meeting in person and having the public Zoom into the meeting; however, our meeting room is not set up with a camera or microphones to support this option. Mr. Olsen inquired as to what the official capacity is for our public meeting room. Mrs. Hagey said she would look into this. Mrs. Hagey suggested possibly advertising the meeting to the

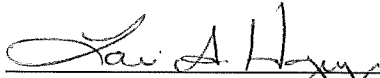
public and asking anyone interested in attending the meeting to call the office and register, so we know exactly how many people will be in attendance and make sure we have enough room. Mayor Hayes suggested having meetings at the park or possibly the firehouse. Mr. Mayes suggested to the President to have the meetings in person.

A Public Safety Committee meeting will be held on April 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m., prior to the start of the regular Council meeting.

**12. Adjournment:** Mr. Mast motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Date Approved: 4/12/2021

  
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**Laurie A. Hagey, Secretary**