

**MINUTES OF DUBLIN BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 24, 2023**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The April 24, 2023, 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	Robert Olsen
	William Benonis	Timothy Hayes
	Philip Kessler	

APPOINTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Borough Manager:	Colleen M. Pursell
Borough Solicitor:	Caroline Zook, Esq.
Borough Engineer:	Thomas F. Zarko, P.E.
Police Chief:	Michael Regan*
Fire Chief:	Kevin Nugent*
Emergency Management Coordinator:	M. Philip Meyers*

*Not Present

**Late Arrival

2. **Pledge of Allegiance:** President Sharer led Council and the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **Council President Announcements:** There were no announcements at this time.

4. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:** There were no public comments at this time.

5. **Approval of Minutes:**

- 5.1. **Minutes of Meeting of April 10, 2023:**

Motion by Mr. Benonis, seconded by Mr. Timothy Hayes and unanimously carried, the minutes of the April 10, 2023 meeting were approved, as presented.

6. **Payment of Bills:**

- 6.1. **Bills List dated April 24, 2023, in the amount of \$119,418.10 (all funds):**

Motion by Mr. Mayes, seconded by Mr. Timothy Hayes and unanimously carried, Council approved the bills list dated April 24, 2023, in the amount of \$119,418.10.

7. Discussion Items:

7.1. Discussion on Contractor Bid Proposal – WWTP Reactor Tank “B” Rehabilitation: Mr. Zarko recommended that Council reject the bid proposal received from Dynamic Sandblasting and Painting, LLC., due to the bid coming in over budget.

Motion by Mr. Benonis seconded by Mr. Olsen and unanimously carried, to reject the bid proposal for the WWTP Reactor Tank “B” Rehabilitation.

7.2. Approval of Pay Estimate No. 1 for Sanitary Sewer Mainline, Lateral & Manhole Contract: Mr. Zarko explained that the contract involves the relining of I/I issues and the sealing of the six (6) manholes with the change order in the amount of \$16,375.00. Mr. Zarko recommended approval of Pay Estimate No. 1, which includes change order #1 with the total amount of \$64,057.50 for the Sanitary Sewer Mainline, Lateral & Manhole Contract.

Motion by Mr. Benonis seconded by Mr. Timothy Hayes and unanimously carried, Council approved the Pay Estimate No. 1 in the amount of \$64,057.50 for the Sanitary Sewer Mainline, Lateral & Manhole Contract.

7.3. Discussion of Sign Ordinance Amendment: Mr. Zarko informed Council that several years ago this Sign Ordinance was started, but never completed. It involves eliminating the Zoning Districts of C-1 and C-2 and replacing them with TC-1, TC-2 and PVD Zoning Districts, since those Zoning areas were changed. They would also like to change the locations of billboards. They were allowed in the C-2 District, so they would like to have them permitted in the PVD District. There was a consensus to advertise the Ordinance for consideration at a future Council Meeting.

7.4. Request for Fire Police – Sellersville Borough Memorial Day Parade:

Motion by Mr. Benonis, seconded by Mr. Timothy Hayes and unanimously carried, Council approved the request for Fire Police at the Sellersville Borough Memorial Day Parade.

8. Committee Reports: Mr. Timothy Hayes reported that we have received \$8,261.15 this year from Sponsors, the fund had \$5,229.58 from 2022 and we received \$350 from vendors, totaling just under \$14,000.00. There will be a final Community Day Meeting before the next Council Meeting at 6:30 pm on Monday May 8, 2023.

9. Public Comment: Mr. Neil Moyer of North Main Street suggested that Council not make any adjustments to the fire siren.

10. Comments from Council Members: Mr. Kessler stated the newsletter looked very professional. Additionally, he advised that the Borough received two (2) complaints from residents regarding the fire siren and the hours of operation. Mr. Mayes stated that the Fire Company reduced the number of rings a few years ago from 6 cycles to 4 cycles. He expressed the importance of maintaining the operation of the siren for redundancy as firefighters do not always hear their phones or beepers going off. The consensus of Council was to maintain the siren as is.

A brief discussion was also held regarding firefighter stipends. Mr. Kessler suggested that if the fire company were to pay a small stipend per call, then perhaps the Borough could match those

amounts to entice new members, as retention has become an issue. Mr. Mayes advised that the Borough currently gives firefighters, who meet the requirements set forth, a stipend of \$250/ year but it should be more. Mr. Olsen had a conversation with Chief Nugent and Senator Coleman about emergency funds. President Sharer specified that until the State mandates an amount for each municipality to pay the Fire Company, we give them what we budget for.

Mr. Kessler asked why the new light was flashing on Sunday in Dublin. Ms. Pursell explained that the light has been repaired several times recently. It is believed that this is being caused by rain events.

Mr. Mayes announced that Mr. Phil Meyers was in a car accident and is now in rehab.

11. Executive Session: Mr. Sharer announced Council would be meeting in Executive Session to discuss real estate. Council will not be reconvening after Executive Session.

12. Adjournment: Upon motion by Mr. Smith, the meeting was adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Date Approved: 


Colleen M. Pursell, Manager/Secretary