

**MINUTES OF DUBLIN BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 24, 2021**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** The May 24, 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:** President Sharer led Council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

- 3. Council President Announcements:** None.

4. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:

4.1 Council Member Gary Mast thanked Council Member Mathew Mayes for completing the 192 hours of course work in Fire Fighting held by Bucks County Community College to become a fully certified fire fighter and an active member of the Dublin Fire Company. Council joined in showing their appreciation for Mr. Mayes's accomplishment and efforts to further help the community.

4.2 Borough resident, Kent Moore, mentioned the traffic was backed up and causing issues on Route 313 today, May 24th. The Borough Manager reported the backup was due to PECO performing work on a pole in the middle of town which was not reported to the Borough. The Manager mentioned a call was placed to PECO representatives noting the lack of notice and great inconvenience caused. The job was completed.

5. Approval of Minutes:

5.1. Minutes of Meeting of May 10, 2021:

MOTION: A Motion to approve the Minutes of the May 10, 2021 Council meeting, as written, was made by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Benonis. The motion unanimously carried.

6. Payment of Bills:

6.1. Bills List dated May 21, 2021 in the amount of \$18,957.05 (all funds):

MOTION: A Motion was made to approve the Bill Lists dated May 21, 2021, in the amount of \$18,957.05 for all funds, by Mr. Smith. Mr. Benonis seconded the motion and it unanimously carried.

7. Discussion Items:

7.1. Basin Drainage – Village Greene Development/Deep Run: Mrs. Hagey reported Mayor Hayes received correspondence from a few residents of the Village Greene Development as well as Deep Run Road, asking the Borough to do something about the basin. The issue is runoff and flooding of nearby properties under heavy rain conditions. They stated the basin does not seem to be functioning properly and the overflow is making its own stream and flooding Deep Run Road properties. At this point it would be beneficial to have the Borough Engineer, Mr. Zarko, evaluate the condition of the basin and return to Council with his recommendations. The basin was installed in the 1970's and the criteria for Stormwater Management has changed since that time. Mr. Smith asked if the Dublin Town Center development affected the additional flow in any way. Mr. Zarko stated the project has not impacted this situation. Mr. Mayes suggested the Borough concrete contractor, performing sidewalk improvements, could possibly look at the concrete structure within the basin. Mr. Zarko replied he does not think that would be possible but will look into it. Mr. Mayes also asked who oversees Stormwater Management. Mr. Zarko stated the PA DEP oversees Stormwater, and secondary would be the Borough. Mr. Mast reported the water seems to be flowing under a swale all the way down to Elephant Road, at the intersection of Deep Run.

Mr. Kent Moore, a resident of the Village Greene Development, stated the basin is directly behind his property and when the trees were cut down, the water draining from the basin seemed to be more rapid. He asked how long water can be held in the basin. Mr. Zarko informed him the water is not supposed to be held more than 72 hours. The Engineer also mentioned the trees were removed as part of the basin management plan because they were in the basin berm and if those trees would die, they would affect the interior of the basin. Mr. Moore inquired about the portion of his property which is the end of the basin, and would it no longer be considered a part of the basin? Mr. Zarko replied there is an easement which was provided for the basin and the open space area, so water could extend anywhere in those areas. Mr. Moore asked if the wood chips will be cleaned up from the cut down trees. The Borough Manager informed Mr. Moore they would be spread around the basin area soon.

Council directed Mr. Zarko to evaluate the basin and report back with recommendations.

7.2. Zoning Ordinance Update – Animal Husbandry/Pets: Mr. Kracht informed Council they should consider updating the Borough Ordinance addressing Animal Husbandry/Pets due to the increasing number of people rescuing animals, but not for profit. He is recommending an update to specifically address the definition of a pet and the number of pets allowable. The definition of a pet is anything you would allow in your home. Mr. Kracht will create a draft Ordinance for Council to review and consider. Council would have the authority to make the updates to the Ordinance retroactive, or not.

8. Committee Reports: There were no committee reports at this time.

9. Other Business: None.

10. Public Comments: Mr. Moore commented the Borough Staff was easy to work with and did a wonderful job assisting him with permits he needed.

11. Comments from Council Members: Mr. Olsen asked the Borough Manager if she met with any surrounding Borough or Township Managers regarding meeting to discuss the issues with volunteer fire fighters. Mr. Hagey reported she has not but will be attending the PAC meeting to hopefully meet with other Managers at that event.

12. Executive Session: President Sharer announced Council will meet in Executive Session after the meeting to discuss a real estate issue and will not be reconvening.

13. Adjournment: Mr. Smith motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Date Approved: 6/14/2021



Laurie A. Hagey, Secretary

