

**MINUTES OF DUBLIN BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2022**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** The October 11, 2022, 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 7:31 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:	Michael Kracht, Esq., 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 September 26, 2022:**

Motion by Mr. Mayes, seconded by Mr. Benonis and unanimously carried, the minutes of the September 26, 2022 meeting were approved, as presented.

- 6. Payment of Bills:**

- 6.1. Bills List dated October 11, 2022, for \$82,478.00 (all funds):**

Motion by Mr. Olsen, seconded by Mr. Timothy Hayes and unanimously carried, Council approved the bills list dated October 11, 2022, in the amount of \$82,478.00.

- 7. Borough Official Reports:**

- 7.1. Dublin Fire Company:** Chief Nugent gave the report for the month of September 2022 which included 21 calls.

- 7.2. Mayor:** No report was given.

7.3. Borough Manager: Ms. Pursell presented her September 2022 report. In addition to her report, she announced that the 2021 Financial Audit was complete and hard copies of the document are available. President Sharer reported he met with Ms. Pursell, Tom Zarko and Rob Loughery to discuss the remaining public space improvements at the Dublin Town Center. Mr. Loughery will be preparing revised concepts to present to Council for Public Space Area D and E.

7.4. Chief of Police: Chief Regan provided the Police Report for September 2022 which included 127 total incidents. PSP handled one call overnight in the Borough for the month. Chief Regan, Sergeant Kirk, and Officer Swinehart completed a low-light firearms course at the Quakertown Police Range. Officer Gol completed the FBI/LEEDA Command Leadership Course. Chief Regan attended a co-responder meeting which explored the possibility of having mental health professionals assist police with mental health calls and follow-ups. The department was advised that their joint grant request with the other police departments in the Upper Bucks area for two (2) victim service advocates was not awarded. President Sharer asked what the advocates were for, and he also asked how Officer Burkhardt was doing. Chief Regan stated the grant was to help victims throughout the process and give them education and also to help the elderly with scams. Officer Burkhardt is scheduled for surgery, and he is hoping to get back to work a few weeks after surgery. There were 103 grant proposals of which 42 were awarded. The annual Bullet Proof Vest grant award was applied for and awarded.

7.5. Borough Engineer: Mr. Zarko was not in attendance. No report.

7.6. Borough Solicitor: Mr. Kracht stated that the majority of the Middle Road Easements have been processed. At this time, there are three (3) verbal commitments that are pending signatures. Mr. Kracht advised that he has been in contact with the Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor regarding Council's request to have him present at the Moyer Farm Zoning Hearing Board. In addition, Ms. Pursell, Ms. Zook and Mr. Zarko met with Mr. David Babbitt, who has been asked to assist with the planning of the Moyer Farm Tract. The Zoning Hearing Board will be meeting will be October 25, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

8. Discussion Items:

8.1. Discussion Dublin Holiday Gathering Signs: Mr. Mast, a member of the Dublin Holiday Gathering Committee, requested Council waive the sign fee for the Dublin Holiday Gathering. He stated that the Committee will complete and submit the necessary application(s).

Motion by Mr. Mayes, seconded by Mr. Benonis and unanimously carried, Council approved waiving fees associated with the signs for the Dublin Holiday Gathering.

9. Committee Reports: President Sharer reported there was a finance meeting before the Council meeting.

10. Other Business: There was no other business at this time.

11. Public Comment: There were no public comments at this time.

12. Comments from Council Members: Mr. Mayes told Chief Regan that residents have been complaining about speeding on Main Street. Chief Regan advised that the speed sign is up and is collecting speed data. In addition, Sergeant Kirk and Officer Swinehart will be painting lines for speed enforcement. They will try to get PennDOT to paint over their lines. President Sharer asked if the Borough is responsible for the middle lane going down Main Street and other roadway

markings. Ms. Pursell will contact PennDOT to confirm who is responsible for crosswalks, stop bar lines and turning lane markings.

Mr. Kracht requested authorization to set up a meeting with the Moyer Farm Tract Zoning Hearing Board Applicants prior to the hearing scheduled for October 25, 2022. Mr. Kracht is hopeful to have an open discussion regarding the plan. Mr. Mayes suggested that Mr. Babbitt be at the meeting. Mr. Timothy Hayes asked if the property could be preserved and receive state funds. Mr. Kracht said it could be possible.

Motion by Mr. Mayes, seconded by Mr. Timothy Hayes and unanimously carried, Council approved Mr. Kracht and Mr. Babbitt meeting with Attorney Nate Fox and the Applicants before the Zoning Hearing Board.

13. Adjournment: Upon motion by Mr. Mayes, the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Date Approved: 10/24/2022

Colleen M. Pursell
Colleen M. Pursell, Manager/Secretary