

**MINUTES OF DUBLIN BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 26, 2018**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The March 26, 2018 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
	John Sherer	Kent Moore
	William Benonis	

APPOINTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:

Borough Manager:	Angela P. Benner
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 the Council and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **Council President Announcements:** There were no announcements at this time.
4. **Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items:** Mr. Flynn of Applewood Lane asked Council if there has been any discussion on reducing the hours of the Fire Siren. Mr. Sharer stated that Council met with the Dublin Fire Company during a public safety meeting to discuss the fire siren. During this meeting it was concluded that the fire siren is needed for public safety and the fire company has agreed to look into reducing the number of cycles that the fire siren sounds. Mr. Smith added that although the discussion was split into two different opinions on how to address the fire siren, everyone at the end of the discussion put the weight on public safety from a fire department concern.
5. **Approval of Minutes:**
- 5.1. **Minutes of Meeting of March 12, 2018:**
- MOTION:** A motion was made by Mr. Moore seconded by Mr. Mast and unanimously approved to accept the March 12, 2018 Minutes as written.
6. **Payment of Bills:**
- 6.1. **Bills List dated March 26, 2018 for \$22,929.32 (all funds):**
- MOTION:** Upon motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Mast, the Council unanimously approved the Bills List dated March 26, 2018 for \$22,929.32.
7. **Discussion Items:**

7.1. Traffic Study Proposals for Dublin: Ms. Benner provided Council with two different traffic study proposals that were received from McMahon Associates and from Traffic Planning Design. Ms. Benner stated after reviewing the proposals it would be beneficial to go back to the two companies and have them revise their proposals to incorporate some additional items into the scope of work. At this time Ms. Benner stated she is just looking for some initial feedback before requesting revised proposals. Mr. Sharer stated that he thinks it would be beneficial for the Borough Manager and Engineer to meet with him to discuss the overall scope of work before requesting revised proposals.

7.2. Road Improvement Bid Results: Mr. Zarko presented Council with the bid results from the Road Improvement Bid Opening. The lowest bidder was GoreCon, Inc with a total bid amount of \$136,494.06 to complete the base bid and both alternative's. The references and qualifications of GoreCon Inc, have been found to be in order. Mr. Zarko stated that the unit prices for the work are right at the estimates provided for the project back in 2015, however since the scope of work increases, so does the overall cost. Mr. Zarko added that the budget reflects a total amount of \$158,100 for roadway projects in 2018. Mr. Zarko recommended that council award base bid contract plus High Street and Cherry Lane Roadway Improvements alternate/add-on bid items at he bid price of \$136,494.06. Some discussion was held regarding the current street improvement fund, since the budget is based on revenue from tax income that has not come in to the borough yet. Mr. Zarko stated that the project wouldn't start until around late May and it is a 60-day contract. The Borough wouldn't be paying for the project until it was completed. Mr. Mast inquired into the costs for the engineer and if there are still costs that will be incurred. Mr. Zarko stated that someone from his office has to be onsite for inspections during the paving project so there would still be engineering costs incurred.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Sherer, the Council award the 2018 Road Improvement Project to GoreCon, Inc in the amount of \$136,494.06 for the base bid and alternate/add-on No.1 and No.2

7.3. T-Mobile Cell Tower Lease: Mr. Kracht stated that T-Mobile revised their term sheet to have the base rent be equal to the current monthly rent that the borough is in receipt of with a 7.5% term escalator. Mr. Kracht stated that the company handling the lease, BlackDot, informed him that this is the best that T-Mobile can do. Mr. Sherer stated that T-Mobile should at least be providing the borough with a 7.5% increase on the starting monthly base rent of the new contract. After some discussion, Mr. Kracht confirmed that the consensus of the Council was that the offer was no good and we need a better offer.

7.4. Point Pleasant EMS and Pennridge Community Center: Ms. Benner stated that \$1,500 has been budgeted for Public Safety Contributions, however a breakdown of who is to receive funds has not been specified. Ms. Benner stated that in 2017 \$750 was donated to the Point Pleasant EMS and \$500 was donated to the Pennridge Community Center. Ms. Benner asked for authorization to issue the same amounts again for 2018.

MOTION: Upon motion by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Sherer, the Council authorized a donation to the Point Pleasant EMS in the amount of \$750.00 and a donation to the Pennridge Community Center in the amount of \$500.00 on a vote of 5-2.

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

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

10. Public Comment: Mr. Myers asked about the plans hanging in Borough Hall. Mrs. Shultz stated that students at Del Val University created the landscape designs for Dublin Borough as part of their school project and the school wanted to put some on display for the Borough to view.

11. Comments from Council Members: Mr. Smith asked Ms. Benner to talk about the basketball net letters that had been sent out to residents. Ms. Benner stated that letters were sent to all residents that have basketball stands/nets in the public right-of-way requesting that they relocate them outside of the right-of-way. They interfere with snow removal and school buses have complained that they have a hard time passing other vehicles when the nets are protruding into the road. Ms. Benner stated that some of the residents who received letters called and indicated that they will remove them from the right-of-way and others didn't understand why it was never a concern in the past.

Mr. Mast stated that he thought snow removal during the most recent large storm went well.

12. Executive Session: Mr. Sharer stated that council would be going into executive session to discuss litigation.

13. Adjournment: Upon motion by Mr. Smith, the meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

Date Approved: _____

4/9/18

Respectfully Submitted,



Angela P. Benner,
Manager/Secretary/Treasurer