

Work Session Meeting Minutes – April 28,2022

City Council Chambers, City Building, 16 West Scribner Avenue, DuBois, Pennsylvania on Thursday, April 28, 2022 @ 4 p.m.; Council convened at their regular Work Session with Mayor Walsh in the Chair. Other Council Members present were: Jim Aughenbaugh, Diane Bernardo, Shane Dietz, and Shannon Gabriel. Also present were: City Manager, John “Herm” Suplizio; Redevelopment Authority Director/Assistant Public Works Superintendent, Joe Mitchell; Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer, Zac Lawhead; IT Director, Matt Johnson; and Finance Officer, DeLean Shepherd.

Absent: City Controller, David Volpe

Approval of Minutes

Review for Monday

Approval of Registry of Invoices

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Tabulations: Pavement Markings

2022 Pavement Markings

Bid Opening

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1	Aztec Linear 1 Quarry Avenue DuBois, PA 15801	\$39,514.50
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City Manager Suplizio informed Council that we only received one bid; in 2021 we paid \$30,230 for line painting. He informed them that it is very hard to get PennDOT paint, so that could make up some of the increase. The motion was made by Aughenbaugh and seconded by Gabriel that Council award the contract to Aztec Linear in the amount of \$39,514.50. Roll call vote was as follows: Dietz, yea; Bernardo, yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Gabriel, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 5-0.

Request from DuBois Area Historical Society asking permission to install three panels in various locations around town:

- A. Hurricane Agnes/Beaver Meadow Walkway
- B. Fire of 1888/Intersection W. Long Avenue & Franklin ST – in grass on Tom Bowser’s Property
- C. Avenue Theater/St. Michael’s Terrace Property

The motion was made by Gabriel and seconded by Dietz that Council give permission for the DuBois Area Historical Society to install three panels in the above locations. Roll call vote was as follows: Dietz, yea; Bernardo, yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Gabriel, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 5-0.

Updates from City Manager:

- A. Sewer Plant – Bids came in a lot higher; talking to PennVEST. Going to try to get a 30-year loan instead of 20 years because of the increase.
- B. Drug Task Force
- C. Flushing – Happening Now
- D. Gate House – Going to start back up again.
- E. New Ball Field – Building a softball field.
- F. \$900,000 Grant for a fire station.

Matt Johnson – IT Director

Channel 19 Station – Server is in Punxsutawney at Comcast facility. He is talking about different options to stream the station from the City Building. He got it back online, he’s hoping he can keep it up for Community Days.

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Zac Lawhead – Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer

- Things are picking up, getting a lot of building permits.
- Eastside Bar – The permit was issued; it is going to be a neutral gray steel siding.
- Asking for a letter from Council requesting a judicial sale on a list of properties.

Joe Mitchell – Redevelopment Authority Director/Assistant Public Works Superintendent
Judicial Sale – Purchased the Cosmetology building and the house on E. Weber.

Shane Dietz – Councilman

Requested an update on the bank at the top of the boulevard. City Manager Suplizio is hoping to have it done by Community Days.

City Manager – John “Herm” Suplizio

Requested “authorization to advertise for bids” be put on Mondays agenda for the 2nd Stage of the Embankment.

Shannon Gabriel – Councilwoman

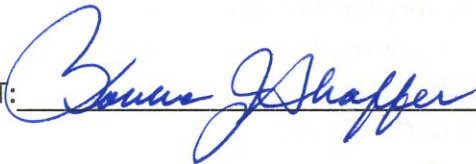
Requested that the media be clearer about the 9 Person Committee only making recommendations until it goes to the 10 Person Board and is officially voted on.

Diane Bernardo – Councilwoman

- Congrats to Shannon for her passion, but the public is what it is; we cannot control reporting.
- Complimented the staff for staying on top of everything with so many things happening, plus the consolidation.

An Executive Session was called for a Personnel Issue.

ATTEST:



APPOINTED:

