

**CONSOLIDATION COMMITTEE MEETING  
16 W. SCRIBNER AVE.  
DUBOIS, PA 15801**

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2022 @ 12:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

**MEETING CALL TO ORDER**

Ed Walsh called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Committee Members:

Shawn Arbaugh

Dan Kohlhepp – by phone

Kris Kruzelak – by phone

Joe Mitchell

Chris Nasuti

Kevin A. Salandra

Herm Suplizio

Ed Walsh

Dick Whitaker

Staff Present:

Kristen Dunn, Committee Recording Secretary

Bobbie Shaffer – City of DuBois Secretary

Others Present: See attached sign-in Sheet

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

Ed Walsh led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

**APPOINTMENTS**

**1. Temporary Chairperson**

Motion by Herm Suplizio, second by Joe Mitchell, to appoint Dick Whitaker as Temporary Chairperson.

A roll call vote was taken.

Ed Walsh – yes

Joe Mitchell – yes

Dick Whitaker – yes

Kevin Salandra – yes

Shawn Arbaugh – yes

Kris Kruzelak – yes

Herm Suplizio – yes

Chris Nasuti – yes

Dan Kohlhepp – yes

Motion carried.

## **NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS**

### **1. Committee Chairperson**

Motion by Herm Suplizio, second by Ed Walsh, to appoint Dick Whitaker as Committee Chairperson.

A roll call vote was taken.

Ed Walsh – yes

Joe Mitchell – yes

Dick Whitaker – yes

Kevin Salandra – yes

Shawn Arbaugh – yes

Kris Kruzelak – yes

Herm Suplizio – yes

Chris Nasuti – yes

Dan Kohlhepp – yes

Motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. Rick Vilello – DCED, Introduction**

Mr. Vilello stated it was a great honor to be a part of this process. Consolidations like this one do not take place in Pennsylvania very often. Mr. Vilello also stated that there are a large number of municipalities in the State, and he hopes to get the number down to a manageable amount. He understands not everyone in chambers is supportive of the Consolidation and that some citizens even fear what the future will look like. He is optimistic that by the time the process is finished we will be quite pleased with the outcome. DCED believes in the process. Mr. Vilello gave his cell #570-263-0578, and requested that we use DCED as a resource – he believes the \$200,000 will help smooth the way for a good result. We should call if we need help.

### **2. Consultant Introduction and Update**

Adam M. Shienvold addressed the Committee and stated he is excited about the consolidation. He stated Consolidations like this just don't happen often. Mr. Shienvold explained that Eckert Seamans and the Pennsylvania Economy League have many experts in various categories that will be helping the City of DuBois and Sandy Township through the process. There is a tremendous amount of work ahead, but they will make it manageable. The firm intends to be present a lot over the next nine months.

### **3. Solicitor Introduction and Update**

Chris Gabriel of Cafardi Ferguson Wyrick Weis & Gabriel, stated he is the legal counsel for the Consolidation Committee and will be giving legal counsel throughout the meetings and process. Attorney Gabriel is looking forward to being a part of the process. He was born and raised in DuBois and feels this is an enormous opportunity. He is very honored.

### **4. Set Sub-Committees and Committee Chairs**

Solicitor Gabriel called for an Executive Session at 12:18 p.m. The session will be approximately one hour and is needed to discuss sub-committee issues regarding personnel.

Meeting reconvened at 1:10 p.m. Chairman Whitaker announced that the Committee reached an agreement on sub-committees.

Shawn Arbaugh made the motion to appoint six sub-committees with membership lists discussed during Executive Session with the Solicitor reading that list.



Solicitor Gabriel stated the list will be a part of the official Minutes (attached). The Motion for the six sub-committees are as follows:

1. Police
2. Fire
3. Administration and Facilities
4. Public Works/Water/Sewer
5. Finance
6. Codes and Zoning

Gabriel briefly stated the names of the sub-committee members (see attached).

Herm Suplizio second the motion. A roll call vote was taken.

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| Ed Walsh – yes      | Joe Mitchell – yes  | Dick Whitaker – yes |
| Kevin Salandra – no | Shawn Arbaugh – yes | Kris Kruzelak – yes |
| Herm Suplizio – yes | Chris Nasuti – yes  | Dan Kohlhepp – yes  |

Motion carried.

#### **5. Schedules and Deadlines – Tabled**

#### **6. Set dates and times of Consolidation Committee Meetings**

Shawn Arbaugh interjected and stated he had previously spoken to everyone and the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month at 12:00 noon worked well for everybody. The meetings will take place at the City building.

Motion by Herm Suplizio, second by Shawn Arbaugh, to set the dates and times of Consolidation Committee meeting as the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month at noon.

A roll call vote was taken.

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|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Ed Walsh – yes       | Joe Mitchell – yes  | Dick Whitaker – yes |
| Kevin Salandra – yes | Shawn Arbaugh – yes | Kris Kruzelak – yes |
| Herm Suplizio – yes  | Chris Nasuti – yes  | Dan Kohlhepp – yes  |

Motion carried.

Shawn Arbaugh stated he will take care of advertising in the newspaper and sending out reminders or notices to the Committee members.

#### **7. February 7, 2022, Joint Board Meeting**

Shawn Arbaugh stated this is to determine if a Joint Board Meeting was needed on this date. Herm Suplizio didn't feel there was anything to discuss.

Kevin Salandra made the motion to postpone to February 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

Second by Ed Walsh. A roll call vote was taken.

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| Ed Walsh – yes       | Joe Mitchell – yes  | Dick Whitaker – yes |
| Kevin Salandra – yes | Shawn Arbaugh – yes | Kris Kruzelak – yes |
| Herm Suplizio – yes  | Chris Nasuti – yes  | Dan Kohlhepp – yes  |

Motion carried.

### OPEN MEETING TO THE FLOOR

Solicitor Gabriel asked if there were any public comments and reminded everyone they must state their name and address prior to commenting.

Chairman Whitaker wanted to publicly thank Managers Shawn Arbaugh and Herm Suplizio for putting the committee together and for their hard work behind the scenes.

### CLOSE MEETING TO THE FLOOR

### ADJOURN

Motion by Herm Suplizio second by Ed Walsh to adjourn. A roll call vote was taken.

Ed Walsh – yes

Joe Mitchell – yes

Dick Whitaker – yes

Kevin Salandra – yes

Shawn Arbaugh – yes

Kris Kruzelak – yes

Herm Suplizio – yes

Chris Nasuti – yes

Dan Kohlhepp – yes

The meeting adjourned at 1:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Kristen Dunn

Consolidation Committee Recording Secretary

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Address:

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538 1/2 Locust St., DuBois

Shawn McCleary

16 W. Scribner Ave. DuBois

Dustin Roy

S. Main St. Ext. DuBois

Rod Fairman

Sandy Twp Police Dept

Scott T. Farrell

City of DuBois

Rick Vilello

400 North St, Harrisburg

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Terri Cunkle

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LaToya Bullamy

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MARK T SULLIVAN

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LeeAnne Rogers, PEL

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Gerry Cross, PEL

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# SIGN-IN SHEET

## CONSOLIDATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, January 26 @ Noon

PRINT NAME

ADDRESS

Sam Moll, cr

301 Central Christian Rd

## Sub-Committees of the 9-Member Consolidation Committee

### **1. POLICE**

**Kris Kruzalak – Chair**

Blaine Clark

Shawn McCleary

Rod Fairman

Dustin Roy

Josh Johnston

Mike Dilullo

### **2. FIRE**

**Herm Suplizio – Chair**

Rob Burgeson, Sandy Fire Chief

Tony Roy, DuBois Fire Chief

Dana Smith, Sandy Fire Dept. President

Joe Mitchell, DuBois Fire Dept. President

Bill Beers

Mike Federici

### **3. ADMINISTRATION & FACILITIES**

**Shawn Arbaugh – Chair**

Herm Suplizio

Edward Walsh

Tom Petraitis

Randy Schmidt

Steve Brown

Dan Corbett

### **4. PUBLIC WORKS/WATER/SEWER**

**Chris Nasuti – Chair**

Mike Haynes

Scott Farrell

Matt Cook

Bob Ellinger

### **5. FINANCE**

**Joe Mitchell – Chair**

Kevin Salandra

DeLean Shepherd

Shelly Reasinger

Ed Andrulonis

Ray Donati

Kevin Hudock

### **6. CODES and ZONING**

**Dan Kohlhepp – Chair**

Zac Lawhead

Pat Green

Gary Gruda

Pat Reasinger

Andy Sayers

Melissa Keen

Bill Kulbacki

Ed Clark

Harold Webster