

City Council Meeting Minutes – December 19, 2022

City Council Chambers, City Building, 16 West Scribner Avenue, DuBois, Pennsylvania on Monday, December 19, 2022 @ 6 p.m.; Council convened at their regular City Council Meeting with Mayor Walsh in the Chair. Other Council Members present were: Diane Bernardo, James Aughenbaugh, Shane Dietz, and Shannon Gabriel. Also present were: City Manager, John “Herm” Suplizio; City Solicitor, Toni Cherry; City Engineer/Public Works Director, Chris Nasuti; Redevelopment Authority Director/Assistant Public Works Superintendent, Joe Mitchell; and City Secretary, Bobbie Shaffer.

The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Walsh.

1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Council Bill No. 1971 – Debt Ordinance

An Ordinance authorizing the incurrence of debt by the City of DuBois, Clearfield County, Pennsylvania, through the issuance of a guaranteed revenue bond in the maximum principal amount of \$83,883,897.00 for purposes of upgrading and expanding the City’s Wastewater Treatment Facilities and refunding certain outstanding debt; fixing the form, dates, interest, and maturity thereof; making a covenant for the payment of the debt service on the bond; providing for the filing of the required documentation with the Department of Community and Economic Development to incur and exclude additional debt of the governmental unit; providing for the appointment of a sinking fund depository for the Bond; providing for the authorized signatories and authorizing execution, sale and delivery thereof was presented for first reading by City Solicitor Cherry. The motion was made by Aughenbaugh and seconded by Gabriel that Council approve the first reading of Council Bill No. 1971 – Debt Ordinance as presented. Roll call vote was as follows: Dietz, yea; Bernardo, yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Gabriel, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 5—0.

Resolution of Condolence – Helen M. Shaffer (Former Deputy City Treasurer)

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the City of DuBois was saddened to learn of the death of our former Deputy City Treasurer and exemplary citizen, **HELEN M. SHAFFER**, on December 18, 2022 ; and

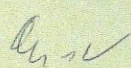
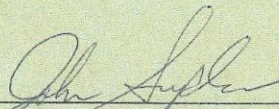
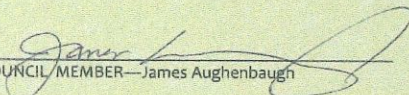
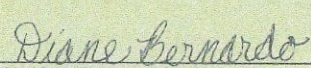
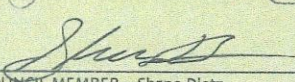
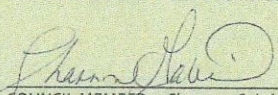

**WHEREAS**, **HELEN M. SHAFFER** served as Deputy City Treasurer from September 16, 1957 until April 1, 1990; filling this important position with distinction and advantage to the taxpayers of the City of DuBois; always conscientious to the highest degree in this position of trust and moved only by the best interests of her fellow citizens.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Governing Body in Council assembled this 19th day of December, 2022, that it express its deepest regret and sorrow at the loss of **HELEN M. SHAFFER** and hereby officially extend an expression of profound sympathy to her family for their personal loss.

**FURTHERMORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that this Resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting and that a copy thereof be forwarded to the family of **HELEN M. SHAFFER**.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of DuBois, Pennsylvania, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution duly adopted by a majority vote of the DuBois City Council at a regular meeting held on December 19, 2022, and said Resolution has been recorded in the Minutes of the City Council and remains in effect as of this date.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, we set our hands and cause the Official seal of the City of DuBois, Pennsylvania, to be affixed this 19th day of December, 2022.

 _____ MAYOR—Edward L. Walsh	 _____ CITY MANAGER—John “Herm” Suplizio
 _____ COUNCIL MEMBER—James Aughenbaugh	 _____ COUNCIL MEMBER—Diane Bernardo
 _____ COUNCIL MEMBER—Shane Dietz	 _____ COUNCIL MEMBER—Shannon Gabriel
<p>ATTEST:</p>  _____ ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY—Bobbie J. Shaffer	



## City Council Meeting Minutes – December 19, 2022 (Cont'd.)

### Resolution of Condolence – Helen M. Shaffer (Former Deputy City Treasurer)

Mayor Walsh stated she would be sadly missed. The motion was made by Bernardo and seconded by Dietz that Council approve the Resolution of Condolence for Helen M. Shaffer (Former Deputy City Treasurer) as presented. Roll call vote was as follows: Dietz, yea; Bernardo, yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Gabriel, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 5—0.

### Approval of Minutes

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Public Hearing Meeting Minutes – (Concerning CB 1969 & 1970) – December 5, 2022

The motion was made by Gabriel and seconded by Dietz that Council approve the 1<sup>st</sup> Public Hearing Meeting Minutes concerning Council Bill No. 1969 (2023 Budget) and Council Bill No. 1970 – (2023 Tax Levy) dated December 5, 2022 as presented. Roll call vote was as follows: Dietz, yea; Bernardo, yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Gabriel, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 5—0.

#### City Council Meeting Minutes – December 5, 2022

The motion was made by Dietz and seconded by Aughenbaugh that Council approve the City Council Meeting Minutes of December 5, 2022 as presented. Roll call vote was as follows: Dietz, yea; Bernardo, yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Gabriel, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 5—0.

#### Work Session Meeting Minutes – December 15, 2022

The motion was made by Deitz and seconded by Gabriel that Council approve the Work Session Meeting Minutes of December 15, 2022 as presented. Roll call vote was as follows: Dietz, yea; Bernardo, abstain; Aughenbaugh, abstain; Gabriel, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 3—0.

### Registry of Invoices

The motion was made by Gabriel and seconded by Aughenbaugh that Council approve the Purchase Order Listing by Vendor Name dated December 15, 2022 in the amount of \$1,536,468.57; the Check Register by Check ID dated December 15, 2022 in the amount of \$13,476.82; and the Purchase Order Listing by P. O. Number dated December 19, 2022 in the amount of 20,303.00 as presented by the Finance Officer. Roll call vote was as follows: Dietz, yea; Bernardo, yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Gabriel, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 5—0.

### Public Comments

None

### Second and Final Readings

#### Council Bill No. 1969 – 2023 Budget

An Ordinance of the City of DuBois, Pennsylvania, County of Clearfield and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, appropriating specific sums estimated to be required for the specific purpose of the City Government hereinafter set forth, during the year 2023 was presented for second and final reading. The motion was made by Gabriel and seconded by Dietz that Council approve the second and final reading of Council Bill No. 1969 – 2023 Budget as presented and it become Ordinance No. 1870 in the Code of Ordinances for the City of DuBois. Roll call vote was as follows: Dietz, yea; Bernardo, yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Gabriel, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 5—0.

#### Council Bill No. 1970 – 2023 Tax Levy

An Ordinance levying and assessing the taxes of the City of DuBois for the year 2023 for General (City) Fund purposes, the Bond Sinking Fund, for the maintenance of the DuBois Public Library and for the DuBois Recreation Fund was presented for second and final reading. The motion was made by Bernardo and seconded by Gabriel that Council approve the second and final reading of Council Bill No. 1970 – 2023 Tax Levy as presented and it become Ordinance No. 1971 in the Code of Ordinances for the City of DuBois. Roll call vote was as follows: Dietz, yea; Bernardo, yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Gabriel, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 5—0.

### 8.4 Tons of Leaves Collected in the City of DuBois

The City Manager stated that this is the first time Waste Management has told us how many leaves were picked up. That is a lot of leaves.

### Christmas Party – Tuesday, December 20, 2022 @ 11:30 a.m.

City Manager Suplizio invited everyone to the City's annual staff Christmas Party along with the Sandy Township Admin. Wear your ugly sweater!

### City Engineer/Public Works Director, Chris Nasuti

No Tax Increase

**Redevelopment Authority Director/Assistant Public Works Superintendent, Joe Mitchell**  
 No Tax Increase

**Councilman Shane Dietz**  
 Merry Christmas and no tax increase.

**Councilwoman Shannon Gabriel**  
 Merry Christmas and no tax increase. Hats off to the staff for getting grants and maximizing funds.

**Councilwoman Diane Bernardo**

- Mentioned Mayor Walsh’s brother Jim, who recently passed away; she read his obituary and could not believe all of his accomplishments.
- Thoughts and prayers for Steve Swope.
- Birch Winery is offering bottles covered in chocolate with wine in; the chocolate is from Hockman’s Candy; example of two downtown businesses working together.

**Councilman Jim Aughenbaugh**  
 Merry Christmas; bundle up the weather is going to be really cold this weekend.

**City Solicitor – Toni Cherry**  
 Merry Christmas; it has been an extraordinary year. It was a pleasure working with everyone this year.

**City Manager Suplizio**  
 Councilwoman Bernardo has already mentioned Steve Swope; please pray.

**Mayor Edward L. Walsh**  
 Everyone be safe.

ATTEST:  APPROVED: 