



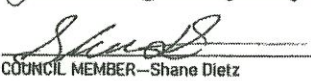

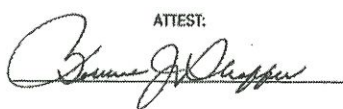


## Work Session Meeting Minutes – February 18, 2021

City Council Chambers, City Building, 16 West Scribner Avenue, DuBois, Pennsylvania on Thursday, February 18, 2021 @ 4 p.m.; Council convened at their regular Work Session with Vice President of Council, Councilwoman Bernardo in the Chair. Other Council Members present were: Jim Aughenbaugh, Shane Dietz, and Shannon Gabriel. Mayor Walsh came in after his dentist appointment. Also present were: City Manager, John "Herm" Suplizio; City Engineer/Public Work Director, Chris Nasuti; Redevelopment Authority Director/Assistant Public Works Superintendent, Joe Mitchell; Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer, Zac Lawhead; Police Chief, Blaine Clark; IT Director, James Tokarcik; and Finance Officer, DeLean Shepherd.

**Absent:** City Controller, David Volpe and Mayor Edward Walsh who came in later.

### Condolence Resolution – Gary "Gib" D. Gilbert

RESOLUTION	
<p>WHEREAS, the City of DuBois was saddened to learn of the death of our former past Mayor and Councilman and exemplary citizen, GARY D. GILBERT, on February 8, 2021; and</p>	
<p>WHEREAS, GARY D. GILBERT served on City Council as Councilman from January 2, 1996 until December 31, 2009 and as Mayor from January 4, 2010 until December 31, 2019; 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 his fellow citizens.</p>	
<p>NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Governing Body in Council assembled this 18th day of February, 2021, that it express its deepest regret and sorrow at the loss of GARY D. GILBERT and hereby officially extend an expression of profound sympathy to his family for their personal loss.</p>	
<p>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 GARY D. GILBERT.</p>	
<p>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 February 18, 2021, and said Resolution has been recorded in the Minutes of the City Council and remains in effect as of this date.</p>	
<p>IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we set our hands and cause the Official seal of the City of DuBois, Pennsylvania, to be affixed this 18th day of February, 2021.</p>	
 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> 	

The motion was made by Aughenbaugh and seconded by Gabriel that Council express its deepest regret and sorrow at the loss of former Mayor Gary D. Gilbert in the form of a resolution that will be spread upon the minutes of this meeting. Roll call vote was as follows: Gabriel, yea; Dietz, yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Bernardo, yea. Motion passed 4 - 0

### Approval of Minutes

Review for Monday

### Approval of Registry of Invoices

Review for Monday

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Tabulation – Maple Avenue Waterline Replacement Project (Recommendation Monday)



2568 Park Center  
Boulevard  
State College, PA 16801  
(814) 238-7117

Maple Avenue Waterline Replacement Project Contract 2021-01 City of DuBois February 17, 2021 1:00pm	
BIDDER	BASE BID
Dave Roman Excavating, Inc.	\$ 1,688,502.00
Terra Works, Inc.	\$ 1,883,837.00
C&R Directional Boring, LLC.	\$ 2,053,980.00
Diehl Contracting LLC	\$ 2,163,565.00
Mortimer's Excavating Inc.	\$ 2,179,279.00
Independent Enterprises, Inc.	\$ 2,387,541.60
Bison Construction, Inc.	\$ 2,468,259.00
J.S. Bova Excavating, LLC	\$ 2,626,336.00
Greenland Construction, Inc.	\$ 2,647,000.00
Glenn Johnston, Inc.	\$ 2,877,981.00
Kukurin Contracting, Inc.	\$ 2,893,389.00
Continental Construction, Inc.	\$ 3,173,171.00

Recommendation from Redevelopment Director Mitchell that the Professional Consulting Services RFP be awarded to Urban Design Ventures

The motion was made by Gabriel and seconded by Dietz that Council accept the recommendation of Director Mitchell and award the Professional Consulting Services RFP to Urban Design Ventures. Roll call vote was as follows: Gabriel, yea; Dietz, yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Bernardo, yea. Motion passed 4 – 0

Request from Rose Smith to reappoint George Heigel to the DuBois Housing Authority for a five-year term ending 01/01/2026.

The motion was made by Dietz and seconded by Gabriel that Council reappoint George Heigel to the DuBois Housing Authority for a five-year term ending January 1, 2026. Roll call vote was as follows: Gabriel, yea; Dietz, yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Bernardo, yea. Motion passed 4 – 0

House Number Ordinance

City Manager Suplizio has talked about this item for years. He would like to turn it over to our City Solicitor to have the ordinance amended. One of the changes he would like to be made is the height of the numbers; he would like a 6" height requirement. Second, he would like block numbers, not the number spelled out. Third the number should appear on the building/house. The enforcement deadline would be April 30<sup>th</sup>. He is going to check with ACE Hardware and a few other places to see if he can find someone to stock the numbers.

Knox Box Update

We would like to have an example ordinance to give to the Police Department and Fire Department Chief's to look over before we direct our City Solicitor to draft an Ordinance. Staff to work on finding a sample ordinance.



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### Knox Box Update (Cont'd.)

Councilman Dietz is not sure that he is in favor of this requirement. He doesn't believe that a business owner should be made to purchase and put one on his building. He feels it should be between the business owner and his insurance company.

Councilwoman Bernardo is in favor, because she feels that it is not right for the Fire Department to be hindered by not having keys available.

Councilman Aughenbaugh is in favor.

### Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer – Zac Lawhead

The ice storm created a horrible mess; no one is cleaning their sidewalks. It is necessary for residents to treat the ice so that people don't slip and fall.

### Redevelopment Authority Director/Assistant Public Works Superintendent – Joe Mitchell

The manhole on Main Street has been temporarily lowered until it can be replaced in the spring.

### Councilwoman Shannon Gabriel

Petitions for the candidates are out there; please take a minute and sign.

### Councilman Shane Dietz

Kudos to the City Crew for their work during the ice storm.

### Councilman Jim Aughenbaugh

- Plowing was tough and the crew did a nice job; thank you.
- The ceremony put on by the Fire Department for former Mayor Gilbert on Sunday was very nice.

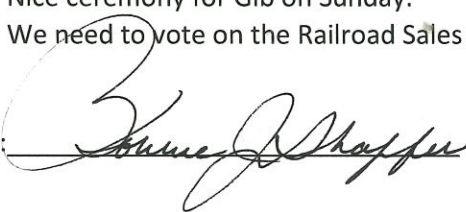
### Councilwoman Diane Bernardo

- Mrs. Gilbert called to speak with Councilwoman Bernardo; "what a brave woman".
- Thank you to Police and Fire Departments, she was concerned about all of the crews that came out in the storm.

### City Manager – John "Herm" Suplizio

- Nice ceremony for Gib on Sunday.
- We need to vote on the Railroad Sales Agreement on Monday.

ATTEST:



APPROVED:

