

CITY OF DUBOIS/SANDY TOWNSHIP JOINT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Monday, April 4, 2022 @ 6 p.m.

City Council Chambers, City Building, 16 West Scribner Avenue, DuBois, Pennsylvania on Wednesday, April 4, 2022 @ 6 p.m. the DuBois/Sandy Joint Board convened. Board Members present were: Barry Abbott, Jim Aughenbaugh (by phone), Bill Beers, Diane Bernardo, Shane Dietz, Shannon Gabriel, Sam Mollica, Kevin Salandra, Mark Sullivan, Edward Walsh. Also present were: City Manager, John "Herm" Suplizio; Township Manager, Shawn Arbaugh; Public Works Superintendent, Scott Farrell; Sandy Township Police Chief, Kris Kruzalak; DuBois Police Chief, Blaine Clark; City Engineer/Public Works Director, Chris Nasuti; Redevelopment Authority Director/Assistant Public Works Director, Joe Mitchell; DuBois/Sandy Joint Board Solicitor, Chris Gabriel; 9 Person Consolidation Committee Chairman, Dick Whitaker; and City Secretary, Bobbie Shaffer.

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

Public Comments on Agenda Items Only

None

Approval of the Minutes of the March 7, 2022 Meeting

The motion was made by Walsh and seconded by Sullivan that the DuBois/Sandy Joint Board approve the minutes from the March 21, 2022 meeting as presented by the City Secretary. Roll call was as follows: Abbott, yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Beers, yea; Bernardo, yea; Dietz, yea; Gabriel, yea; Mollica, yea; Sullivan, yea; Salandra, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 10-0.

New Business

9 Person Consolidation Committee Recommendations:

Preliminary Election Process

MEMORANDUM

TO: Joint Board
FROM: Consolidation Committee
RE: Preliminary Election Process
DATED: March 24, 2022

The purpose of this memo is to seek approval of our recommendation for the Preliminary Election Process. At their March 23, 2022 meeting, the Consolidation Committee unanimously approved recommending that we handle Council elections of the 4-year terms and 2-year terms by having the (3) three Council Candidates that receive the highest votes fill the 4-year terms, and the next highest (3) three Council Candidates vote getters to fill the 2-year terms. The Mayor and Treasurer would run for 4-year terms, and the comptroller would run for a 2-year term. Although we have some flexibility in determining this election process, we believe this is the fairest process and in line with existing Third-Class City Code (Code excerpt below).

10702. First elections in newly created cities.

(a) Election.--At the first municipal election occurring at least 90 days after the date of the letters patent issued by the Governor incorporating the city, the registered voters of the city shall elect city officials as provided under section 10701(a)(1) (relating to elected officers, term, reelection and vacancy).

(b) Highest votes.--The two candidates for council receiving the highest number of votes at the election shall serve for terms of four years from the first Monday of January next succeeding the candidate's election.

(c) Next highest votes.--The two candidates for council receiving the next highest number of votes shall serve for terms of two years from the first Monday of January next succeeding the election

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Arbaugh stated that this item had been approved by the 9 Person Consolidation Committee and they were now making the recommendation to the 10 Person Joint Board for approval. He went on to say that this process is in line with the Third Class City Code. Mr. Whitaker, Chair for the 9 Person Committee, said that people are asking why we will not be voting by Wards. Arbaugh turned the question over to Solicitor Gabriel to explain that we cannot vote by Wards because the question on the ballot stated at large. We will not be able to make any changes to how we vote for at least four years after the first election. The motion was made by Gabriel and seconded by Sullivan that the Joint Board accept the recommendation of the 9 Person Consolidation Committee and accept the Preliminary Election Process as presented. Roll call was as follows: Abbott, yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Beers, yea; Bernardo, yea; Dietz, yea; Gabriel, yea; Mollica, yea; Sullivan, yea; Salandra, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 10-0.

Joint Board Member Comments

Supervisor – Barry Abbott

He was glad to be back and believes we're moving in the right direction.

Open Meeting to the Floor

No Comments

Close Meeting to the Floor

Adjourn

There being no further business to transact; the motion was made by Beers and seconded by Sullivan that the Joint Board adjourn. Roll call was as follows: Abbott, yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Beers, yea; Bernardo, yea; Dietz, yea; Gabriel, yea; Mollica, yea; Sullivan, yea; Salandra, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 10-0.

ATTEST:



APPROVED:

