

City Council Meeting Minutes- June 28, 2021

City Council Chambers, City Building, 16 West Scribner Avenue, DuBois, Pennsylvania on Monday, June 28, 2021 @ 7 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; Police Chief, Blaine Clark; and City Secretary, Bobbie Shaffer.

Absent: City Controller, David Volpe

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Walsh.

Approval of Minutes

City Council Meeting Minutes - June 14, 2021

The motion was made by Bernardo and seconded by Gabriel that Council approve the City Council Meeting Minutes of June 14, 2021 as presented by the City Secretary. Roll call vote was as follows: Bernardo, yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Gabriel, yea; Dietz, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 5 - 0.

Work Session Meeting Minutes - June 24, 2021

The motion was made by Gabriel and seconded by Aughenbaugh that Council approve the Work Session Meeting Minutes of June 24, 2021 as presented by the City Secretary. Roll call vote was as follows: Bernardo, yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Gabriel, yea; Dietz, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 5 - 0.

Approval of Registry of Invoices

The motion was made by Dietz and seconded by Gabriel that Council approve the Purchase Order Listing by Vendor Name dated June 14, 2021 in the amount of \$469,036.47 and the Auto Draft Check Register by Check ID dated June 24, 2021 in the amount of \$14,172.84 as presented by the Finance Officer. Roll call vote was as follows: Bernardo, yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Gabriel, yea; Dietz, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 5 - 0.

Public Comments

Barry Abbott - Section 1, Lot 91 Treasure Lake, DuBois, PA 15801

Sam Mollica - 301 Central Christian Rd, DuBois, PA 15801

Topic: Consolidation

Mr. Mollica addressed Council and the audience stating that he is a Sandy Township Supervisor who voted against ending the consolidation study. He doesn't think it is right that citizens didn't get to vote. He is suggesting that the citizens of each municipality petition for the right to vote on consolidation. Sandy would need 219 signatures; while the City of DuBois would need 166 signatures; he feels the signatures would not be hard to get. Mr. Mollica stated that the ballot issue must be specific for both the City of DuBois and Sandy Township so they must match. Questions that must be answered in the next few weeks would be as follows: Number of Officials elected; Form of Government; What would the new Municipality be called; How officials will be elected and when. If we miss the November election the next one won't be until May 2022. Many residents in Sandy Township don't want consolidation talks to end.

Mr. Abbott is helping by circulating petitions for signature. He agrees with Mr. Mollica that his rights were impinged upon when he didn't get the chance to vote on consolidation.

Mr. Mollica stated that the main objection of Sandy's Supervisors is the cost; in order to proceed with the study, Sandy would have to pay \$36,000 and DuBois would have about the same amount to pay. He feels petitioning is the way to go, it won't cost the municipalities anything.

State Representative - Mike Armanini

- Done in Harrisburg until September
- Glad to get back home and find out what's been going on here.
- He believes we have a goldmine here; really blessed to live where we live.
- He said he wouldn't want to have to deal with the problems that SE Pennsylvania has to deal with.... unbelievable
- Reminded everyone that his door is always open.

Second and Final Reading of Council Bill No. 1963

An Ordinance of the City of DuBois amending Chapter 425, Section 16 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of DuBois to add that Fairview Avenue from South Brady Street to Brown Alley shall be a one-way street traveling in a northwesterly direction was presented for Second and Final Reading. The motion was made by Aughenbaugh and seconded by Dietz that Council approve the second and final reading of Council Bill No. 1963 and it become Ordinance No. 1864 in the Code of Ordinances for the City of DuBois.

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Second and Final Reading of Council Bill No. 1963 (Cont'd.)

Roll call vote was as follows: Bernardo, yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Gabriel, yea; Dietz, yea; Walsh, yea.
Motion passed 5 - 0.

Resolution No. 2021-0335 - Submission of Proposed Modification to CDBG 2018/2020 Programs



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CITY OF DUBOIS, PENNSYLVANIA
RESOLUTION NO. 2021- 0335

**THE RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUBOIS
APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF THE PROPOSED
MODIFICATIONS TO FFY 2018 AND FFY 2020 CDBG PROGRAM YEARS**

WHEREAS, the City of DuBois is a recipient of Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds through the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania under the State Act 179; and

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) has provided grants to the City of DuBois under the FFY 2018 and FFY 2020 CDBG Program Years to address the housing, community and economic development needs of the City; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to develop and improve the park and recreational facilities in the residential neighborhoods throughout the City; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for funds in addition to the FY 2019 CDBG funds already allocated to the improvement of the Liberty Boulevard Recreational Area; and

WHEREAS, the DuBois Redevelopment Authority has prepared the Program Modification to the FFY 2018 and FFY 2020 CDBG Program Years, and a public hearing was held on the proposed program modifications which provided residents the opportunity to comment on the proposed modification; and

WHEREAS, the proposed FFY 2018 Program Year Modification No. 1 consists of the following:

1. Delete the proposed improvement to the Stern Baseball Field in the City of DuBois Memorial Park.
2. Reallocate the \$242,925.00 in CDBG funds to the improvement of the Liberty Boulevard Recreational Area.

WHEREAS, the proposed FFY 2020 Program Year Modification No. 1 consists of the following:

1. Delete the proposed purchase of a 1,500 gallon pumper fire truck.
2. Reallocate the \$249,982.00 in CDBG funds to the improvement of the Liberty Boulevard Recreational Area.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of DuBois, hereby approves the proposed program modification to the FY 2018 CDBG Program Year and authorizes the filing of said modification with the PA Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor of the City of DuBois, who is the President of City Council, is designated as the Chief Executive Officer authorized to execute all necessary documents on behalf of the City of DuBois in regard to the Pennsylvania Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program; and furthermore, is authorized and made responsible for performing the overall coordination and administration of the City's FFY 2018 and FFY 2020 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program Years.

ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL, this Resolution shall become effective upon its enactment at the regular City Council meeting of the City of DuBois, on this 28th day of June 2021.

CITY OF DUBOIS, CLEARFIELD
COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

By: _____

Edward L. Walsh, Mayor
and President of Council

ATTEST:

By: _____

The motion was made by Bernardo and seconded by Gabriel that Council accept Resolution No. 2021-0335 requesting modifications to the 2018 and 2020 CDBG program years. Roll call vote was as follows: Bernardo, yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Gabriel, yea; Dietz, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 5 - 0.

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City Engineer - Chris Nasuti

Reservoir is lower than it was in 2020. In 2020 July 3rd the water was under the spillway this year 2021 the water was under the spillway on June 12th.

Redevelopment Authority Director/Assistant Public Works Superintendent, Joe Mitchell

Mitchell is doing a rain dance.

Councilwoman Diane Bernardo

Thanked Mr. Mollica and Mr. Abbott for attending and updating Council on their stance on the Consolidation. Wished Solicitor Toni Cherry a Happy Birthday on July 4th.

Councilman James Aughenbaugh

Thanked Mr. Mollica and Mr. Abbott and informed them that he agrees with what they had to say. He feels they were spot on.

Councilman Shane Dietz

It was good to see everyone out this evening and thanked Mollica, Abbott and Armanini for attending.

Councilwoman Shannon Gabriel

Thanked Mr. Mollica and Mr. Abbott for attending.

City Solicitor - Toni Cherry

Stated she feels very blessed. She agreed with Mr. Armanini we truly do live in a community that has been blessed. She agrees with Supervisor Mollica and Mr. Abbott that the public should have the right to vote.

City Manager - John "Herm" Suplizio

- Paving List - First, Second, and Fifth Ward - was given to Council to review. Councilwoman Bernardo asked the City Manager to explain how the streets are determined. Suplizio stated that they are determined by the Engineer, Fire, Police and Street Department. Chief Clark stated that he and three officers take the lists, split them up, and drive over the roads grading them on a scale of 1 - 5. Bernardo stated that it is based on need and benefits everyone. Councilman Aughenbaugh asked if we still check with the utilities prior to paving; Engineer Nasuti confirmed that we do.
- Council may be getting calls: As of July 1st all tankers will have to go to the City Garage, which has back flow preventers, to fill up. We are finding that use of hydrants disrupts the whole system; this way we will have a better hand on what area the water will be affected.
- Grand Opening of Stern Field; July 3rd @ 1 p.m. with the program at 3:40 p.m. There will be free give aways (drinks, chips hotdogs, etc.). The all-star game will begin at 4 p.m. Fun Day
- Thank you to Supervisor Mollica, Mr. Abbott and State Representative Armanini for attending the meeting; I believe Armanini has his work cut out for him. Councilwoman Bernardo reminded Armanini to back the radar bill and stated that Council has been writing letters of support since January 2015.

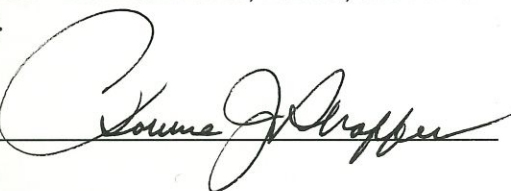
Councilwoman Diane Bernardo

Mentioned Musicfest and the Moore Brothers; she said she couldn't find a place to park for the concert as there was such a large crowd. She went on to say that several people had parked at Church of Our Savior and were trying to cross six lanes of traffic. She requests that the police try to help people get across the lanes. Chief Clark said he would give a memo to his officers to try and help people cross. Manager Suplizio said it was a great concert and a very large crowd.

Mayor Edward L. Walsh

Reminded everyone the City Office and Garage will be closed on Monday, July 5, 2020 for July 4th observance. Thanked Mollica, Abbott, and Armanini for all their work and attending this evenings meeting.

ATTEST:



APPROVE:

