

## Work Session Meeting Minutes – March 9, 2023

City Council Chambers, City Building, 16 West Scribner Avenue, DuBois, Pennsylvania on Thursday, March 9, 2023 @ 4 p.m.; Council convened at their regular Work Session with Mayor Walsh in the Chair. Other Council Members present were: Diane Bernardo, Shane Dietz, and Shannon Gabriel. 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; Public Works Superintendent, Scott Farrell; Police Chief, Blaine Clark; and Finance Officer, DeLean Shepherd.

**Absent:** Councilman Jim Aughenbaugh

### Approval of Minutes

*Review for Monday*

### Approval of Registry of Invoices

*Review for Monday*

### Request authorization to bid out paving in the Spring

The motion was made by Dietz and seconded by Gabriel that Council authorize advertising for bids for paving in the Spring. Roll call vote was as follows: Gabriel, yea; Dietz, yea; Bernardo, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 4-0.

### Request authorization to bid out Chemicals

The motion was made by Gabriel and seconded by Dietz that Council authorize advertising for bids for Chemicals. Roll call vote was as follows: Gabriel, yea; Dietz, yea; Bernardo, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 4-0.

### Request from Aaron Beatty for use of the Park on June 24, 2023 for the Men’s & Youth Wellness Festival – “Stick it to Stigma”

All forms are in and the date has been confirmed with the City Secretary. The motion was made by Gabriel and seconded by Dietz that Council approve the request from Mr. Beatty for use of the Park on June 24, 2023 for the Men’s & Youth Wellness Festival. Roll call vote was as follows: Gabriel, yea; Dietz, yea; Bernardo, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 4-0.

### Proclamation – Golden Gloves Boxing Club – Cork

Mr. Beatty stated that there will be a press conference with Priority Communications (Sunny 106) and the Courier Express concerning the event. He went on to say that all of Council is invited to this historical event. Councilwoman Bernardo asked if any girls would be boxing. Mr. Beatty said the 11, 13 & 20 yr. old girls are competing. Ireland’s best boxers are going to compete. Mayor Walsh read the proclamation in its entirety. Unfortunately, Councilman Aughenbaugh was not in attendance to sign, we will try to get his signature prior to the event.

### Coke Hill Water Project

Mayor Walsh wanted this added to today’s agenda. The motion was made by Gabriel and seconded by Bernardo that Council approve moving forward with the water line replacement on Coke Hill. Roll call vote was as follows: Gabriel, yea; Dietz, yea; Bernardo, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 4-0.

### Spraying for Gypsy Moths/Timber Cut

(PA Game Commission Program - \$19.50 per acre/4,271 Acres = \$83,284.50)

Ken Kane stated that the Game Commission is spraying and we are going to piggyback on their contract. The spraying will be paid for by a Timber Cut.

He went to say that a new type of moth may arrive in July and August...Spotted Lantern Fly. This moth is very hard to control. The spraying we are doing for Gypsy Moths will not work on the Spotted Lantern Fly.

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### Spraying for Gypsy Moths/Timber Cut (Cont'd.)

Bids for the Timber Cut will be back on April 6<sup>th</sup>.

The motion was made by Bernardo and seconded by Gabriel that Council accept the recommendation of Forester Ken Kane and approve spraying the entire watershed for Gypsy Moths. Roll call vote was as follows: Gabriel, yea; Dietz, yea; Bernardo, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 4-0.

### 15<sup>th</sup> Spirit of DuBois Lantern Walk – “People You Should Meet” – Saturday, October 7, 2023 from 5 p.m. until approximately 9 p.m.

The motion was made by Gabriel and seconded by Bernardo that Council approve the 15<sup>th</sup> Spirit of DuBois Lantern Walk on Saturday, October 7, 2023 beginning at 5 p.m. until approximately 9 p.m. Roll call vote was as follows: Gabriel, yea; Dietz, yea; Bernardo, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 4-0.

### Comments:

Julie Stewart – Acting Downtown Manager; Steve Way – Façade Grant Coordinator; and Carol Lavelle – Downtown DuBois

Ms. Stewart stated that she is forming a Parking Study Group and our City Engineer/Public Work Director, Chris Nasuti, will be sitting on the Committee. She would like to be put on the agenda for Monday. Mr. Way gave an update on the façade grants available to businesses.

Zac Lawhead – Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer

- 115 ½ S. Highland ST – Zac can't get in touch of the property owner; he left the scene the night of the fire.

Scott Farrell – Public Works Superintendent

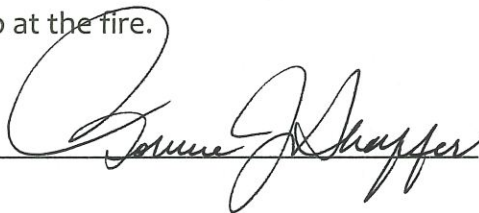
We're ready for snow.

Shane Dietz – Councilman

Thanked Mr. Beatty for all that he does for the Community.

Good job at the fire.

ATTEST:



APPROVED:

