

Work Session Meeting Minutes – September 1, 2022

City Council Chambers, City Building, 16 West Scribner Avenue, DuBois, Pennsylvania on Thursday, September 1, 2022 @ 4 p.m.; Council convened at their regular Work Session with Mayor Walsh in the Chair. Other Council Members present were: Jim Aughenbaugh (by phone), 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; Police Chief, Blaine Clark; IT Director, Matt Johnson; and Finance Officer, DeLean Shepherd.

Absent: David Volpe, City Controller

Resolution of Condolence for former City Secretary – Francis (Fran) L. Lias
Tuesday

Approval of Minutes
Review for Tuesday

Approval of Registry of Invoices

Due to the additional weeks between check runs, on August 29, 2022 the City Secretary sent a Purchase Order Listing by Vendor Name dated August 25, 2022 in the amount of \$89,205.70 to all City Council. She received responses from Mayor Walsh, Councilwoman Bernardo, Councilman Dietz and Councilwoman Gabriel giving their approval to cut the checks. The motion was made by Gabriel and seconded by Dietz to approve the email vote for the August 31, 2022 check run. Roll call was as follows: Gabriel, yea; Dietz, yea; Bernardo yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 4-0. Councilman Aughenbaugh was not on the line at the time of the vote.

Also, a new run of bills dated September 1, 2022 was given to Council to review and approve at Monday’s Council Meeting.

Request for a Public Hearing on Tuesday, September 6, 2022 @ 5:45 p.m. concerning Council Bill No. 1967 – Debt Ordinance – Sewage Treatment Plant

The motion was made by Gabriel and seconded by Dietz that Council approve a Public Hearing on Tuesday, September 6, 2022 at 5:45 p.m. concerning Council Bill No. 1967 – Debt Ordinance – Sewage Treatment Plant. Roll call was as follows: Gabriel, yea; Dietz, yea; Bernardo yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 5-0.

Request from Sandy Township for Sewage Planning for Rusty Gate Apartments – Chestnut Avenue and 14th Street – 22 Multifamily Units approximately 8,800 gals per day.

The motion was made by Dietz and seconded by Gabriel that Council approve the request from Sandy Township for Sewage Planning for Rusty Gate Apartments – Chestnut Avenue and 14th Street for a 22 Multifamily Unit using approximately 8,800 gals per day. Roll call was as follows: Gabriel, yea; Dietz, yea; Bernardo yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 5-0.

Pension Audit

Council was given a copy of the Uniform and Non – Uniform Pension Audit for their review.

Appoint Voting Delegate and Alternate for 2022 Resolutions Committee & Annual Meeting for Municipal Leadership Summit October 6 – 9.

The motion was made by Dietz and seconded by Gabriel that Councilwoman Bernardo would be the Delegate and Planning Commission Chair Moore would be the Alternate for the 2022 Municipal Leadership Summit. Roll call was as follows: Gabriel, yea; Dietz, yea; Bernardo yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 5-0.

Award Sale of Dump Truck through Municibid to Allan Hay in the amount of \$22,800.

The motion was made by Gabriel and seconded by Bernardo that Council award the sale of the 2013 Ford F550 Super Duty Dump Truck to Allan Hay from Lincoln Township, Sipesville, Pennsylvania in the amount of \$22,800. Roll call was as follows: Gabriel, yea; Dietz, yea; Bernardo yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 5-0.

Updates:

- Maple Avenue
On Schedule
- Dredging Sandy Lick Creek
50% done. Urging everyone to go look, it’s beautiful.

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- Top of Liberty Boulevard
Phase II has begun; the signs are to be moved and lowered which will look a lot better. Councilwoman Bernardo requests horizontal traffic lights. Engineer Nasuti is to call PennDOT.
- Flood Control – Trimming of all the Banks – Army Corp Inspection
Army Corp of Engineers inspected yesterday. Should receive a report soon.
- Railroad Crossings:
 - Long Avenue – We are going to make some repairs to help the big bump out.
 - DuBois Street – These tracks are finished.

Nasuti stated that the Railroad will be working on the Division Street tracks in 2023.
- Reservoir – 15”
Engineer Nasuti stated that we are currently in a drought watch but we are still OK.

Musicfest

Once again the City hosted the last concert of the year. The following were the items used: Hotdogs – 600; Napkins – 600; Chips – 600; Ketchup – 2 Large; Mustard – 2 Large; Lemonade – 16 Gallon; Sauce – 3 Gallon; and 1,000 cartons of Strawberries.

Mayor Edward Walsh

- Thank you for the concern over my brother.
- Nice job on last concert in the park.

Police Chief – Blaine Clark

Narcotic team up and running and they are doing well. They are working....dealers are nervous and on high alert.

IT Director – Matt Johnson

His camera project is half completed. Redevelopment Director Mitchell and he are trying to get internet to all remote areas.

Councilwoman – Diane Bernardo

- Directed to the Mayor: Glad to hear your brother is going forward.
- We still have the best water – poor Jackson Mississippi. (Torrential rains have caused flooding and the drinking water is not safe.)
- Kudos to Matt Johnson on Channel 19
- Great event last Thursday – Musicfest.

Councilman – Shane Dietz

- Good Job on going after drugs!
- Good Job in the Park. Love the events.
- Geese? Can we get anything to get rid of them?

Councilwoman – Shannon Gabriel

Saw Zayne and Ace outside working, it's nice to see them working. Chief Clark said it's nice to see the agencies working together. Also, we need to keep on our radar that we will have to think about replacing Ace/Benny in another couple years.

ATTEST:



APPROVED:

