

## City Council Meeting Minutes - September 27, 2021

City Council Chambers, City Building, 16 West Scribner Avenue, DuBois, Pennsylvania on Monday, September 27, 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; 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.

Mayor Walsh announced that prior to the evening meeting Council held an Executive Session concerning a Land Sale

### The following items were added to the City Council Meeting Agenda of September 27, 2021:

Vote to add 40 W. Long Avenue as business arising within 24 hours prior to the meeting

The motion was made by Gabriel and seconded by Dietz that Council add 40 W. Long Avenue to the evenings agenda as business arising within 24 hours prior to the meeting. Roll call vote was as follows: Gabriel, yea; Dietz, yea; Bernardo, yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 5 - 0.

Vote to add City Council Meeting change of date and time for October 11, 2021

The motion was made by Aughenbaugh and seconded by Bernardo that Council add City Council Meeting change of date and time for October 11, 2021 to the evenings agenda as business arising within 24 hours prior to the meeting. Roll call vote was as follows: Gabriel, yea; Dietz, yea; Bernardo, yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 5 - 0.

### Approval of Minutes

City Council Meeting Minutes - September 13, 2021

The motion was made by Gabriel and seconded by Aughenbaugh that Council accept the City Council Meeting Minutes of September 13, 2021 as presented by the City Secretary. Roll call vote was as follows: Gabriel, yea; Dietz, yea; Bernardo, yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 5 - 0.

Work Session Meeting Minutes - September 23, 2021

The motion was made by Bernardo and seconded by Gabriel that Council accept the Work Session Meeting Minutes of September 23, 2021 as presented by the City Secretary. Roll call vote was as follows: Gabriel, yea; Dietz, yea; Bernardo, yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 5 - 0.

### Approval of Registry of Invoices

The motion was made by Dietz and seconded by Aughenbaugh that Council approve the Purchase Order Listing by Vendor Name dated September 23, 2021 in the amount of \$757,034.34 and the Autodraft Check Register by Check ID dated September 23, 2021 in the amount of \$14,512.76 as presented by the Finance Officer. Roll call vote was as follows: Gabriel, yea; Dietz, yea; Bernardo, yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 5 - 0.

### Public Comments

Erica Rummay - 304 Sandy ST - Requesting a Cat Ordinance

She has a neighbor who had one cat, then three cats, then 19 outdoor cats; went back down to seven and now she has 20 plus outdoor cats. Ms. Rummay is upset because she can't have a sandbox for her daughter because the cats will use it as their litter box.

Councilwoman Bernardo asked if this is just one neighbor and does she own the cats.

Ms. Rummay said it is one neighbor and she doesn't know if she "owns" the cats but she feeds them.

Ms. Rummay was asked the address of the neighbor; she believes it is 308 Sandy ST. She was ask the landlords name that stated she could dispose of the cats anyway she wanted; she was hesitant in giving it, but stated it is Joe Palumbo.



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### Public Comments (Cont'd.)

Erica Rummy - 304 Sandy ST - Requesting a Cat Ordinance (Cont'd.)

City Manager Suplizio asked Ms. Rummy about trapping, neutering spaying and releasing. He stated it wouldn't get totally rid of them but it stops them from multiplying. Eventually you would end up with five or six not twenty.

Councilwoman Bernardo told Rummy that we have learned that if you take all the cats out of an area, other cats will move in. Therefore, if you trap, neuter/spay if will keep other cats from coming in.

Mayor Walsh stated that is worked on the east side. He went on to ask Rummy if the cats are domesticated or feral. She felt they were domesticated.

Ms. Rummy is tired of having to clean cat feces out of her yard before mowing it.

City Solicitor Cherry read Ordinance Chapter 122 and stated that it is a clear violation with a fine of not more than \$1,000 plus fees and possible jail time. She feels the Code Enforcement Officer needs to check it out and fine the woman.

City Manager Suplizio stated the problem is, when you go to fine an individual they say the cats aren't mine. No way to prove they are or they aren't.

City Solicitor Cherry asked if they are moving from her property. There are requirements for the disposal of animal feces.

Ms. Rummy said they are and they are laying on her new outside couch cushions.

City Solicitor Cherry stated that we can fine her as they are over 10' from the exterior line of her property.

City Manager Suplizio stated that he would send the Chief of Police and Code Enforcement Officer over tomorrow.

Councilman Aughenbaugh said to stop feeding the cats and they will go away.

Mayor Walsh asked that Ms. Rummy give the Chief of Police her telephone number before she left.

### Request Authorization to advertise for bids for 248 S. Brady ST

City Manager Suplizio stated that we had purchased this property a few years ago and feels that it could be fixed up. We would like to bid it out like we have other houses in previous years. Mayor Walsh asked if we are going to ask for a minimum bid. City Manager Suplizio said we are not. The motion was made by Gabriel and seconded by Bernardo that Council authorize advertising for bids for 248 S. Brady ST. Roll call vote was as follows: Gabriel, yea; Dietz, yea; Bernardo, yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 5 - 0.

### 40 W. Long Avenue

This is the property that we had to emergency demolish on a few months ago. The motion was made by Gabriel and seconded by Dietz that Council direct the City Solicitor to move forward on placing a lien on the property. Roll call vote was as follows: Gabriel, yea; Dietz, yea; Bernardo, yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 5 - 0.

### Request to move the City Council Meeting of October 11, 2021 at 7 p.m. to Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at 4 p.m.

The motion was made by Aughenbaugh and seconded by Bernardo that Council approve the request to move the City Council Meeting of October 11, 2021 at 7 p.m. to Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at 4 p.m. Roll call vote was as follows: Gabriel, yea; Dietz, yea; Bernardo, yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 5 - 0.

## Resolution No. 2021-0340 - Authorize Signature for Main Street RACP



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**AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL RESOLUTION**  
**RESOLUTION NO. 2021-0340**

WHEREAS, the City of DuBois (Applicant) of Clearfield County, Pennsylvania hereby authorizes payments in the amount of \$1,263,609 for the DuBois Main Street Streetscape (ME 300 1721) project's construction and design expenses.

WHEREAS, the DuBois Main Street Streetscape will include: New sidewalks, lighting, traffic control devices, pedestrian crossing, signage, utilities and resurfacing.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Applicant does hereby designate Edward Walsh, Mayor and John F. Suplizio, City Manager as the official(s) to execute all documents and agreements between the City of DuBois and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program Office to assist in obtaining and administering the requested grant.

ADOPTED BY DUBOIS CITY COUNCIL: 9/27/2021

ATTEST:

*Bobbie Shaffer*  
Bobbie Shaffer, Recording Secretary

City of DuBois, Clearfield County, PA

By: *Edward Walsh*  
Edward Walsh, Mayor

**Certification**

I, Bobbie Shaffer, duly qualified Recording Secretary of the City of DuBois, Clearfield County, PA, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution duly adopted by a majority vote of the Council of the City of DuBois at a regular meeting held September 27, 2021, and said Resolution has been recorded in the Minutes of the City of DuBois and remains in effect as of this date.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I affix my hand and attach the seal of City of DuBois, this 27th day of September, 2021.

*Bobbie Shaffer*  
Bobbie Shaffer, Recording Secretary

DATE: 9/27/21  
(SEAL)

City Manager Suplizio stated that this is for a reimbursement. The motion was made by Aughenbaugh and seconded by Dietz that Council approve Resolution No. 2021-0340 entitled Authorize Signature for Main Street RACP as presented. Roll call vote was as follows: Gabriel, yea; Dietz, yea; Bernardo, yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 5 - 0.

**The following items were added to the City Council Meeting Agenda of September 27, 2021:**

**Change of Date and Time for Second Public Hearing of CDBG on October 11, 2021**

Unfortunately, when we requested a change of date and time for the City Council Meeting of October 11, 2021, we overlooked the Public Hearing prior to the meeting. The motion was made by Gabriel and seconded by Dietz that Council add Change the Date and Time for Second Public Hearing of CDBG on October 11, 2021 to this evening's meeting for business arising within 24-hours prior to the meeting.

**Request to change the date and time for the Second Public Hearing of CDBG from October 11, 2021 at 6:50 p.m. to Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at 3:50 p.m.**

The motion was made by Aughenbaugh and seconded by Gabriel that Council approve the request to change the date and time for the Second Public Hearing concerning CDBG from October 11, 2021 at 6:50 p.m. to Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at 3:50 p.m. Roll call vote was as follows: Gabriel, yea; Dietz, yea; Bernardo, yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 5 - 0.

**Councilwoman Diane Bernardo**

Received a compliment from a neighbor about the flyer that went out to all water customers concerning the intake work being done at the Reservoir.

**City Solicitor - Toni Cherry**

Commented on the Maple Avenue sidewalks; they look wonderful, what a difference.

**Mayor Edward L. Walsh**

Commented on seeing a company we hired working on a Saturday.

**City Engineer/Public Work Director - Chris Nasuti**

One week from today, all the speed bumps should be fixed on Maple Avenue. Paving will begin.



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Thank you Erica for coming in and voicing your complaint; please feel free to come any time.

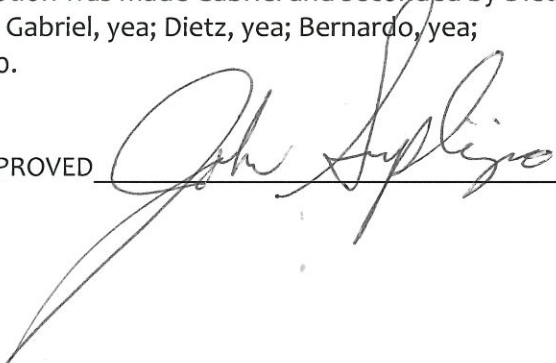
**Adjourn**

There being no further business to transact; the motion was made Gabriel and seconded by Dietz that Council adjourn. Roll call vote was as follows: Gabriel, yea; Dietz, yea; Bernardo, yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Walsh, yea. Motion passed 5 - 0.

ATTEST:

  
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Valerie J. Chaffer

APPROVED

  
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John Suplizio