

City Council Meeting Minutes – November 12, 2024

NOTES: Due to renovations at the Municipal Building, all meetings beginning November 12, 2024, will be held at the Third Ward Firehall until further notice.

Third Ward Firehall, 301 First Street, DuBois, Pennsylvania on Tuesday, November 12, 2024, at 6 p.m.; Council convened at their regular City Council Meeting with Mayor Pat Reasinger in the Chair. Other Council Members present were James Aughenbaugh (by phone), Shane Dietz, Elliot Gelfand and Jennifer Jackson. Also present were: City Solicitor, Thomas Breth; City Manager, Shawn Arbaugh; Code Enforcement/Zoning Officer, Zac Lawhead; City Engineer Mike Haynes; Interim Police Chief, Shawn McCleary; and Administrative Secretary, Korbi Slocum.

Due to technical difficulties, the meeting was called to order shortly after 6 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Reasinger.

Executive Session

Council met in Executive Session prior to the meeting to discuss litigation on the Clark and Robinson cases and labor negotiations with the police.

Public Comments on Agenda Items Only

Linda Clark – Reams Street

“I was hoping Interim Chief McCleary could clarify a couple of things regarding the task force which is on the agenda. We had two officers that were specifically assigned to the drug unit and worked specifically with the narcotics. I want to know, has that been abolished? If so, why? If not, are we using the AG’s task force which was not conducive to the City previously? And the two officers that were hired, are they working regular calls versus the narcotic calls? Are they handling routine calls? How much time are they spending on the epidemic because since the beginning of the year – I’m only going to speak for myself – there’s been a change in the City. There’s a lot more foot traffic. There’s a lot more things going on. I’d like to understand how that’s being addressed.”

Approval of Minutes

City Council Minutes – October 28, 2024

The motion was made by Gelfand and seconded by Dietz that Council approve the City Council Meeting Minutes of October 28, 2024, as presented. Roll call was as follows: Gelfand, yea; Dietz, yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Jackson, yea; Reasinger, yea. Motion passed 5-0.

Registry of Invoices

The motion was made by Dietz and seconded by Jackson to pay the Auto Draft Check Register by Check ID dated November 7, 2024, in the amount of \$14,379.00. Roll call was as follows: Gelfand, yea; Dietz, yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Jackson, yea; Reasinger, yea. Motion passed 5-0.

The motion was made by Jackson and seconded by Gelfand to pay the General Fund Purchase Order Listing by Vendor Name dated November 6, 2024, in the amount of \$107,214.96. Roll call was as follows: Gelfand, yea; Dietz, yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Jackson, yea; Reasinger, yea. Motion passed 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Budget Workshop

The purpose of this item is to discuss the preliminary budget for input, questions and discussion. This is a first draft of the budget. After our discussions here tonight, we will look to put the preliminary budget on our agenda for the next meeting for a 20-day public comment period and then finalize the budget toward the end of December. The budget has been posted online for a couple of days. There are no tax increases proposed for this year. There are no water and sewer rate increases required. We are making a recommendation to increase those water and sewer rates by about \$2.00 per 1,000 gallons. This will allow us to do a complete water line replacement of the Coke Hill project instead of just doing one phase of it. It will allow us to do the Green Glen road also. We’ve had numerous complaints about the Green Glen area and really want to get that line replaced so we can repave the road. In comparison, as we are coming up on consolidation, Sandy Township sewer rates are currently at \$18.50 per thousand; DuBois is currently at \$15.00 per thousand, so that will help bridge that gap when we do consolidate in 2026. Sandy Township water rates for the direct customer are \$16.00 per thousand gallons; City of DuBois residents are currently at \$8.50 per thousand gallons. Again, that will help us bridge the gap between the water and sewer rates between Sandy Township and the City of DuBois.

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A couple of things I wanted to point out – I have a memo that kind of walks through a lot of the differences between this year and next. I'll just point to a few more significant increases or deviations from the previous year. One of the things we're seeing is actually good news. We received a reduction in health insurance costs. We are looking at going to a new provider for insurance. It is a really good benefit package that helps to have employees save some money in deductibles and other costs associated with that, receive better coverage and is cheaper for the City. We are saving approximately \$212,000.00 so we're excited about that. Additionally, we're seeing about a 3.5% increase in our pension aid from the state. We do anticipate another 3.5% increase the following year.

We haven't touched our fee schedules in a number of years, so that is something we will be looking to do in 2025, to increase those fees to make it more equal to what we're seeing across the state. We are seeing some consolidation expenses. We do expect all but about 5% of those expenses to be reimbursed, so we'll see about \$210,000.00. We have some expenditures from the Canine Fund because we are looking to start training a new canine. We worked with the Fire Department on that portion of the budget and came up with some good solutions. Debt Service/Principal Interest will decrease based on bond refinancing. We will have a large payment of approximately \$800,000.00 for the sewer project due in the 4th quarter of 2025. Chemical costs will decrease when the new sewer plant goes online in July. The police department is working on a drone program in conjunction with Sandy Township. We will see a 36% reduction in industrial water revenue and a 13% reduction in industrial sewer revenue with the loss of Paris Cleaners. We are purchasing a new loader for salt and winter materials. Necessary repairs will be made to the W. Long Avenue and 4th Street bridges.

There were no public questions. The preliminary budget will be on the next agenda for advertising purposes.

Waste Management Request

Ralph Zoerner and Ed Yahner from Waste Management discussed two proposals. One request is for a 7% increase in commercial rates effective December 1, 2024. The other request is for a 5% increase in commercial rates effective December 1, 2024, with an additional 5% increase in December 2025. In return for the increases, Waste Management would provide free carts for all City residents and would drastically reduce dumpster overage charges on all commercial dumpsters.

LSA Grant Resolution No. 2024-0395

This resolution is to request a Statewide Local Share grant of \$500,000.00 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for the Coke Hill Water Project. It designates Mayor Pat Reasinger and Finance Director Theresa Bracken as the officials to execute all documents and agreements between the City and Commonwealth Financing Authority. The motion was made by Jackson and seconded by Gelfand to approve the LSA Resolution as presented. Roll call was as follows: Gelfand, yea; Dietz, yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Jackson, yea; Reasinger, yea. Motion passed 5-0.

America 250 PA Resolution No. 2024.0396

This resolution was requested by Clearfield County in support of America 250 PA commemorating the 250th anniversary of the United States and Pennsylvania's integral role in that event. The motion was made by Dietz and seconded by Jackson to approve the resolution as presented. Roll call was as follows: Gelfand, yea; Dietz, yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Jackson, yea; Reasinger, yea. Motion passed 5-0.

PLGIT Resolution No. 2024-0397

This resolution will allow for us to invest the \$2.5 million bond proceeds through the Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust (PLGIT) until the money is needed for the renovations at the Municipal Building in preparation for Consolidation in 2026. The motion was made by Jackson and seconded by Gelfand to approve the resolution as presented. Roll call was as follows: Gelfand, yea; Dietz, yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Jackson, yea; Reasinger, yea. Motion passed 5-0.

Aggregate Bid Awards

Haynes reported on the bids received for the purchase of aggregates in conjunction with Sandy Township. Following are his recommendations awarding the bids to the lowest bidder:

Anti-Skid

The recommendation is to award the Type AS3 Anti-Skid bid to Bucktail Excavators, Inc., of St. Mary's in the amount of \$25.97 per ton. The motion was made by Dietz and seconded by Jackson to award the bid to Bucktail Excavators, Inc. as presented. Roll call was as follows: Gelfand, yea; Dietz, yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Jackson, yea; Reasinger, yea. Motion passed 5-0.

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Type "A" Sand

The recommendation is to award the Type A Sand bid to Woodland Equipment & Supply Company of Woodland in the amount of \$39.40 per ton. The motion was made by Gelfand and seconded by Dietz to award the bid to Woodland Equipment & Supply as presented. Roll call was as follows: Gelfand, yea; Dietz, yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Jackson, yea; Reasinger, yea. Motion passed 5-0.

Type "A" Limestone 2-A

The recommendation is to award the Type A Limestone 2A bid to Bucktail Excavators, Inc., in the amount of \$20.82 per ton. The motion was made by Gelfand and seconded by Jackson to award the bid to Bucktail Excavators, Inc., as presented. Roll call was as follows: Gelfand, yea; Dietz, yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Jackson, yea; Reasinger, yea. Motion passed 5-0.

AASHTO #8

The recommendation is to award the AASHTO #8 bid to Bucktail Excavators, Inc., in the amount of \$26.22 per ton. The motion was made by Dietz and seconded by Gelfand to award the bid as presented. Roll call was as follows: Gelfand, yea; Dietz, yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Jackson, yea; Reasinger, yea. Motion passed 5-0.

Washington Avenue Pay Application No. 4 - \$65,014.15

This is the fourth pay application for the W. Washington Avenue waterline replacement project. This will pay up to the contract amount. There will be one final payment adjustment that will be coming hopefully before the next meeting. The motion was made by Jackson and seconded by Gelfand to approve payment of the 4th Pay Application in the amount of \$65,041.15. Roll call was as follows: Gelfand, yea; Dietz, yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Jackson, yea; Reasinger, yea. Motion passed 5-0.

Interim Manager

We received three proposals for Interim Management Services - one from Kafferlin Strategies, one from Dailey Operation Consulting, LLC., and one from Keystone Municipal Solutions. Tonight, if we make a recommendation, it will be based on receiving grant funding from DCED and Sandy Township approval. Council reviewed the proposals. The motion was made by Gelfand and seconded by Jackson to proceed with Kafferlin Strategies for Interim Manager. Roll call was as follows: Gelfand, yea; Dietz, yea; Aughenbaugh, yea; Jackson, yea; Reasinger, yea. Motion passed 5-0.

Drug Task Force Update

Interim Chief McCleary gave his update which answered questions asked earlier in the meeting. He reported that DuBois no longer has a drug unit with the department. We are going with the AG's Drug Task Force. We've been doing that since about March. We arrested 19 people in 2024 for felony charges and 41 people with misdemeanor charges. There are going to be 2 more felony charges coming from investigations that are ongoing. Compared to last year's numbers in 2023, we arrested 22 people for felonies and 49 people for misdemeanors. When you get into the counts, in 2024 we had 43 felony counts compared to 39 felony counts in 2023. In 2024, we had a total of 127 misdemeanor counts compared to 180 misdemeanor counts in 2023. Our wages are reimbursed when we work for the AG's Drug Task Force. We also have done saturation patrols and a bunch of special details that I can't get into at a public meeting. We are down a couple of guys from when we had a drug unit, so right now all the officers have a regular shift and are on patrol.

Yahner from Waste Management asked Reasinger if Council would consider making a motion on the proposals they submitted. It would help with their planning and ordering carts for the City. Arbaugh clarified that what Waste Management is looking for is a package deal for the City to allow the commercial rate increase and, in return, residential customers would receive free carts and commercial customers would receive reduced overage charges. Yahner confirmed. Reasinger would like to put the two options on the website and allow for public comment since they will be the ones affected by the increase.

CORRESPONDENCE

Clearfield County – Predetermined Ratio Ordinance

The City received correspondence from Clearfield County letting us know they are changing the predetermined ratio for 2025. The impact on the City is we will be required to reduce the millage rate to match the predetermined ratio. For example, if your millage rate is 20 mils per year, it will be reduced to 10 next year. It will receive the same amount of funding but allow for a capacity for increases in the future. The County passed an ordinance to effectuate that change. By the end of the year, we will have to make sure we update any ordinances or agreements that have a millage rate.

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REPORTS

Council received written reports from most department heads. The police report was unavailable. Assistant Fire Chief Leo Brooks gave the Fire Department update. “We responded to an ammonia leak and had to evacuate Mansell Stadium and several surrounding businesses. In celebration of Fire Prevention month in October we saw over 700 kids when visiting area schools and day cares. Congratulations to Third Ward and the ladies’ auxiliary on their 125th anniversary. Toys for Tots collection boxes are available in each of the fire stations for donations. I also want to congratulate several members on milestone anniversaries: Tom Ellinger from Third Ward with 50 years of service and Fentley Shenkle from Volunteer Hose Company with 70 years of service.”

Public Comments

Rick Sierzega – Vice President of the DuBois Volunteer Fire Department

“Tonight, I am speaking on behalf of the men and women of our department to express our collective outrage and deep disappointment over a false and offensive statement made by a member of this Council. Councilwoman Jackson suggested that firefighters in the room would let her building burn out of spite, a claim that is not only absurd but also a direct attack on the integrity and professionalism of every firefighter in our department. The Fire Department requested time to discuss this matter as an agenda item in the hopes of facilitating discussion on this issue; however, Mayor Reasinger denied that request leaving us with no choice but to address it here under Public Comments.

Whether intended or not, Councilwoman Jackson’s comments cast doubt on the character of all firefighters present, including our Fire Chiefs, and has deeply insulted everyone who serves in this department. To insinuate that we would abandon our oath to protect life and property is not only offensive but also undermines the trust we have built within this community over decades of service. Unfortunately, this incident is just the latest example of a broader pattern of hostility and resistance by some of the members of Council to support the Fire Department. Over the past 10 months, the relationship between the Fire Department and the City Council has been systematically undermined and I wanted to provide concrete examples of this behavior. The City Council added the Fire Department’s budget to a meeting agenda without notifying any department officers preventing us from participating in any discussion on this critical item. When Chief Federici expressed concerns about the lack of transparency, Councilwoman Jackson responded by calling him after the meeting and subjecting him to over 90 minutes of hostile criticism and intimidation. Councilwoman Jackson participated in the Spotlight PA panel where she inappropriately discussed legal issues with a sitting Council member. During the same discussion, she remarked calling members of the Fire Department ‘cronies’ in the community further straining relationship with the City leadership. Councilwoman Jackson announced her intention to visit each station to learn more about the Fire Department. During her visit to the first station she admitted to making the ‘cronies’ comment during the Spotlight PA panel and stated that she believed there were a lot of cronies in the Fire Department. She also promised a public apology, but no meaningful or satisfactory apology was ever provided. After this initial visit, she declined to visit any other fire stations.

Insulting a group of volunteer firefighters who dedicate their time to protect the very City she was elected to serve not only reflects poor judgment but is deeply disrespectful and unprofessional. Councilwoman Jackson and Mayor Reasinger invited the Fire Department president to Miss Jackson’s business under the pretense of discussing a community event; however, the conversation quickly shifted to demands and threats that the Fire Department return multi-year capital budget funds to the City. These actions demonstrate not only a lack of respect for the work we do, but also deliberate unwillingness by the City Council to listen to our concerns. The Mayor frequently rolls his eyes when members of the public speak, making it clear that open discussion and public input are not valued. Accusing the fire chiefs of promoting hate and teaching our young members the wrong lessons is hypocritical, especially when the entire issue was ignited by a Council member suggesting that the Fire Department would let her building burn down. The Mayor and Council members choose to run for public office, a responsibility that involves accountability not labeling public dissent as hate. To dismiss and silence community feedback in this way is disrespectful to the very principles of public service and sets a harmful precedence. If anyone is setting a bad example for our youth it is this Council’s own actions. The DuBois Volunteer Fire Department has proudly served this community for 136 years and will continue to do so. From the very beginning, we have been an integral part of DuBois and remain committed to playing a vital role in the new consolidated City of DuBois. We cannot ignore the reality that words and actions of Councilwoman Jackson have caused irreparable damage to our relationship. We firmly believe that Miss Jackson, who falsely and offensively implied the firefighters in the room, including our Fire Chiefs, would let her building burn should do the right thing and resign. Leadership requires trust, and when that trust is broken it is difficult to see how we can move forward under the current circumstances.

Finally, let me be clear, the men and women of DuBois Volunteer Firemen remain focused on what matters most – protecting and serving our community with dedication and professionalism. While challenges and disagreements may persist, our commitment to this community will never waver. Moving

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Rick Sierzega (continued)

forward will require accountability and Miss Jackson's resignation would be an important step for healing and rebuilding trust. Only by addressing these issues can we come together to build a safer, stronger future. The people of Sandy Township and DuBois City deserve nothing less and we stand ready to do our part. Thank you."

Stacy Downer – S. State Street

"I'm here to address the three newly elected Council officials – Mayor Reasinger, Councilman Gelfand and Councilwoman Jackson. I would like to discuss some of the traits or characteristics of leadership. I have been a supervisor in my career, so I know what these are. I feel you are lacking in them. The first one is communication. Effective communication is the cornerstone of good leadership. It involves conveying ideas and showing mutual understanding, providing guidance, and providing constructive feedback instead of the residents always bickering back and forth with a feeling of low morale. Next is active listening. This is really important as it builds trust with the residents of the City and the Township because as a leader, when we voice an issue or concern to our Council we expect to be heard, not get eye rolls or comments like, 'How many more of these do we need to listen to on the same subject?' Active listening builds a good rapport with the citizens of this City and Township and none of you are doing that. Lastly, we have empathy. Empathy is the ability to understand and share the feelings of others. This trait is essential for building strong relationships with our residents because how can you empathize with someone if you don't know how they're feeling? For example, if you're not a firefighter or have grown up around it, how can you empathize with the firefighting community? It's true. Take myself for example. I'm a widow. If you have not lost a spouse, then you cannot possibly have empathy for me. You don't know what I've gone through or what I've been through.

There are many more traits of a good leader, but we would be here all night if I listed them all. I'll be honest. I did not vote for any of you. I honestly believed then as I do now that you do not have the leadership skills to run this City. The three of you should do yourselves and this City and Township a favor by resigning now and let someone who can effectively communicate, actively listen and has empathy help lead this City. Thank you."

Diane Bernardo – Tower Lane

"I asked Mr. Yahner who was on his way out to stay a minute because last year when I went to the Pennsylvania League of Cities convention which has delegates from all over Pennsylvania, I shared with them some of the bills that we pay here in DuBois. The one thing that stood out was how little we pay for garbage and how little we pay for recycling. I thank our last administration for working with you to come up with a figure that would be affordable for our area. Just to give you an example, as a senior citizen I pay \$18.00 for recycling. In Franklin, they're paying \$30.00; in Butler they're paying \$32.00. And those were the lower prices compared to ours.

The second comment that I want to make has to do with our firemen and fire ladies. Back when I was on Council, when we had an opening, Eddie Walsh, myself, Jim Aughenbaugh and Shane Dietz decided that it would be best to put Patrick Reasinger on Council. Why? Because even though we lost the election, we still wanted our Mayor to hit the floor running. What's the first thing that Patrick did including continuing to badmouth us while sitting seats away from me? He also had our former Interim Manager send a notice to our fire departments asking for minutes and finances. When I was called to say we were going to have an executive session, I had no idea what this was all about and then I found out. Instead of communicating with our fire department, we're sending them letters. But I want to make sure every fire person in this room knows – I want everyone to know – that City Council, myself, Jim Aughenbaugh, Shane Dietz and Eddie Walsh did not want your minutes, we did not want your finances. We have too much respect for you. Only one man wanted those, so this stuff about the firemen just didn't start with Jenn Jackson; this started with our Mayor. And I'm going to say you and Jackson and Gelfand, you referred to these gentlemen and ladies with their toys – go through those doors and you look at who's on that marquee in there. You will see Tony Bernardo, you will see Jim Bernardo, Edward Bernard, Fury Bernardo, you'll see every Bernardo on that. How dare you. How dare you ever offend not only the current firemen and their families, but the generations of firefighters in our community and their families."

Melissa Keen – Home Camp Road

"I would just like to say that in January there will be an informational meeting that anyone who is desiring to run for a candidate for an office in the new consolidated City and your petition to file will be due in February, so I encourage people who are very passionate to at least go to the informational meeting in January to see what you may need to know if you're someone that may want to run." A member of the audience asked Keen to repeat the information. "In January there will be an informational meeting at the Clearfield County Election Office." The person asked if detailed information will be available on their website and Keen confirmed.

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Bev Kurts – Rainbow Drive

“I have a question for Shawn McCleary. Do we do ‘shop with the cop?’” McCleary replied, “We do stuff during the holidays, Christmas, things like that. We’ll have that. Ourselves and other local police departments and Pennsylvania State Police every Christmas we go out and each get a kid and go out shopping.”

Richard Allen – E. Second Avenue

“A friendly question. Chief McCleary, I’ve been listening to the scanner, and I know that fire and EMS are on there. Did we change something that the police aren’t on there, because if there was like a manhunt or something going on maybe I’d like to be informed.” McCleary responded, “Yes. I think there’s equipment you can buy, but it’s like anything with technology, it’s not on that.”

Anthony Suplizio – W. Weber Avenue

“For the last couple of weeks, I’ve noticed in the paper that the county has decided to deed over land along with Sandy Township and Clearfield County to Jefferson County and Falls Creek Borough. Did the City know anything about that being that in another year and two months would be part of the City? Did the City get any information on that or was this all Clearfield County Commissioners deciding to do this and did they get a petition from people who lived in that area? Did Sandy Township know about it? Were they asked about it? To me, it’s giving away tax money. Why would we, as a City Council if they saw it in the paper, did anybody ask any questions about it? To me, you’re giving away tax money from future City land once we all go together with Sandy Township. Why would we even think about that? Sure, it’s nice because they get their mail in Falls Creek, very nice. But Sandy Township has been getting their mail in DuBois for years. Why would we automatically decide to give away tax base from the City to another county? Any comments on that? Does anybody know about it? Were they asked about it?” Reasinger replied, “I saw it on TV, but I did not ask.” Suplizio continued, “Have you met with the Commissioners? Have you said anything, did they come up and ask you about it? I would venture to say that you as a sitting Council should ask the Commissioners about that. Why weren’t you informed? Why weren’t you objecting to it the minute you saw it in the paper or on television? To me, it’s a stupid remark and, if you guys sitting up here can’t do that, then you don’t belong here. You’re supposed to be looking out for us, the taxpayers of DuBois. In another year and two months that’s going to be the City of DuBois property. I don’t know how much tax money comes in from it, but it’s something that, to me, it keeps my taxes down when there’s more people paying taxes.” Ms. Downer added, “Communication.”

Council Member Comments

Councilman Dietz

“I want to congratulate Third Ward on 125 years and for hosting us tonight. Thank you for having us. It’s good to see people out here. It hasn’t always been the case. Sometimes it’s a pretty empty place, but it’s always good to see a full house no matter what the reason.”

Councilman Gelfand

“Thanks to Third Ward for hosting us tonight and letting us have our meetings here while we do construction on the City building. I appreciate it.”

Councilman Aughenbaugh

“Congratulations to Third Ward on their anniversary and also for housing us. And congratulations on the anniversaries of 50 years and 70 years. That’s quite the achievement.”

Adjourn

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

ATTEST: Korbi Slocum APPROVED: 

Appendix I – Authorized Official Resolution Resolution No. 2024-0395

Be it RESOLVED, that the City of DuBois Clearfield County hereby requests a Statewide Local Share Assessment grant of \$500,000 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for the Coke Hill Waterline Replacement Project.

Be it FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Applicant does hereby designate Pat Reasinger, Mayor and Theresa Bracken, Finance Director as the official(s) to execute all documents and agreements between the City of DuBois and the Commonwealth Financing Authority to facilitate and assist in obtaining the requested grant.

I, Korbi Slocum, duly qualified Secretary of the City of DuBois, Clearfield County, PA, hereby certify that the forgoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution duly adopted by a majority vote of the City of DuBois at a regular meeting held November 12, 2024, and said Resolution has been recorded in the Minutes of the City of DuBois and remains in effect as of this date.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I affix my hand and attach the seal of the City of DuBois, this 12th day of November, 2024.

City of DuBois

Clearfield County

Korbi Slocum

Korbi Slocum, Secretary

CLEARFIELD COUNTY
AMERICA 250 PA

RESOLUTION 2024-0396

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF DUBOIS, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA,
SUPPORTING THE PENNSYLVANIA COMMISSION FOR THE UNITED STATES
SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL (AMERICA250PA)

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania legislature and the Governor created AMERICA250PA in 2018 to plan, encourage, develop and coordinate the commemoration of the 250th anniversary of the United States and Pennsylvania's integral role in that event and the role of its people on the nation's past, present and future; and

WHEREAS, AMERICA250PA hopes to engage ALL Pennsylvanians and ALL 67 counties through their many signature and officially recognized programs, projects and events over the next several years by inspiring future leaders and celebrating all Pennsylvanians contributions to the nation over the last 250 years; and

WHEREAS, by adoption of AMERICA250PA's four pillars of EPIC, we hope to educate, preserve, innovate, and celebrate.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AND IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the City of DuBois of Clearfield County, PA, hereby endorses AMERICA250PA and their mission to educate, preserve, innovate and celebrate EVERY Pennsylvanian in EVERY county; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Clearfield County legislative delegation and AMERICA250PA Commission.

ADOPTED by the City Council of DuBois, PA, of the County of Clearfield, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, this 12th day of November 2024.

ATTEST:





Pat Reasinger, Mayor
City of DuBois



CITY OF DUBOIS
RESOLUTION NO. 2024-0397

A resolution authorizing the City Council of DuBois, PA, Clearfield County

(herein referred to as this "Governmental Unit") to join with other local government units as a settlor of the Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust for the purpose of purchasing shares of the Trust.

WHEREAS, the Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust was formed in accordance with the authorization contained in the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act, as amended, initially by the Boroughs of Chambersburg and Emmaus, to provide a vehicle for Pennsylvania municipal entities to pool their funds for investment purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Municipality Authorities Act, as amended, authorizes municipal authorities to join with other political subdivisions and municipal authorities in accordance with the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act for the purpose of purchasing investments; and

WHEREAS, the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act provides that any joint cooperation agreement shall be deemed in force to any local government unit, when the same has been adopted by all cooperating local governmental units;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT SHALL BE RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. This Governmental Unit shall join with other local governmental units in accordance with the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act and other similar acts by becoming a settlor of the Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust (the Trust) and entering into the Declaration of Trust, which is adopted by reference with the same effect as if it had been set out verbatim in this section and a copy of which shall be filed with the minutes of the meeting at which this Resolution was adopted.

Section 2. This Governmental Unit is authorized to purchase shares in the Trust from time to time with available funds, and to redeem some or all of those shares from time to time as funds are needed for other purposes, subject to the terms and restrictions of the Declaration of Trust referred to in Section 1. These actions are to be taken by the officers designated for this purpose, pursuant to general or specific instructions by the governing body of this Governmental Unit.

Section 3. The Trustees of the Trust are designated as having official custody of this Governmental Unit's funds which are invested by the purchase of shares in the Trust.

Section 4. As required by the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act the following matters are specifically found and determined:

(a) The conditions of the agreement are set forth in the Declaration of Trust referred to in Section 1;

(b) This Governmental Unit's participation in the Trust shall be terminable at any time by Resolution,

subject to the terms and restrictions of the Declaration of Trust referred to in Section 1;

(c) The Declaration of Trust and the purchase of its shares are for the purpose of investing this Governmental Unit's funds in obligations which are otherwise legal investments, as part of a pooled arrangement with other local governmental units, thereby achieving economic and other advantages of pooled investments; and the powers and scope of authority delegated are set forth in the Declaration of Trust referred to in Section 1;

(d) It is not necessary to finance the agreement authorized herein from funds of this Governmental Unit except through the purchase of shares in the Trust;

(e) The Trust shall be managed by a Board of Trustees as set forth in the Declaration of Trust and the By-Laws provided for therein;

(f) Shares may be repurchased and redeemed from time to time as this Governmental Unit may determine to be necessary or appropriate to meet its cash investment requirements in accordance with the terms and restrictions of the Declaration of Trust referred to in Section 1 and;

(g) The Trust shall be empowered to enter into contracts for policies of group insurance and employee benefits, including social security, for its employees.

Section 5. This Resolution shall become effective at the earliest date permitted by law.

ADOPTED by the City Council of DuBois, this 12th day of November, 2024.

ATTEST:

Korbi Slocum

Pat Reasinger
Pat Reasinger, Mayor
City of DuBois