

DELMONT BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

October 9, 2018

77 Greensburg Street
Delmont, PA 15626



ELECTED OFFICIALS:

<i>Alyce Urban, Mayor</i>	Present	<i>Ann Lantz</i>	Present
<i>Andrew Shissler, Council President</i>	Present	<i>Becky Matesevac</i>	Present
<i>Bill Marx, Vice President</i>	Present	<i>David Piper, CBO</i>	Present
<i>Stan Cheyne</i>	Present	<i>Pam Simpson</i>	Absent

EMPLOYEES:

Bill Heaps, Public Works Supervisor	Present
Joe Calabrace, Captain Delmont Borough Police Department	Present
Kellie Miele, Secretary/Treasurer	Present

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES:

Daniel J. Hewitt, Esq. Solicitor, McDonald Snyder, P.C.	Present
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ENGINEER REPORT:

Kevin Brett, LSSE	Present
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RESIDENTS ATTENDING: (ORDERED BY SIGN IN LIST)

Tim Schmida	Anna Marie Stackiewicz
Linda Schmida	Barbara Gallucci
Sheri Puzek	Brady Walters
	John Litz
	Cornell Dupill
Non-Resident Citizens	Georgia Boring – Penn Franklin/Delmont
Ed & Julie Rebitch	Salem News
Matt Rebitch	Dick Kearns – Regarding Sloan School
	Ed Mitterder – Regarding Sloan School

CALL TO ORDER: At 7:05 Mr. Shissler called meeting to order and asked all to join in the Pledge.

STANDARD MONTHLY BUSINESS

MEETING MINUTES:

September Meeting Minutes on display, but not read. Stan Cheyne made Motion to accept September Minutes and Becky Matesevac Seconded Motion. Motion Passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Prepared and submitted by Council President, Andrew Shissler, on display, but not read. Motion to approve Treasurer's Report made by David Piper. Motion Seconded by Becky Matesevac. Motion Passed unanimously.

BILLS:

Bills on display but not read. Ms. Matesevac made the Motion to pay the bills. Mr. Piper Seconded Motion. Motion Passed unanimously without further discussions.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Sheri Puzek, 201 Apple Hill Drive

Wanted Council Members to know about the water issue at her 201 Apple Hill Drive home. The recent rains have added to an ongoing issue with the water running down the hill and damaging her and the neighbor's property. Bill Heaps, Public Works Department, said there is a 4" curb drain that gets clogged from the sediment. He will stop by to run an eel through the pipe to help relieve the issue.

Cornell Dupill, 251 Athena Drive

Wanted to inquire about the zoning for his property and asked about being possibly grandfathered into a business (C1). His brother-in-law ran a business in the location from 2000-2010. He is hoping to avoid the residential issues of trying to find the best tenants. Mr. Hewitt explained that once the business is gone from the residence, the grandfathering does not apply and cannot be reinstated. An application for re-zoning was provided. The application will go to the planning commission for a recommendation then come to council for final approval of the change.

Ed Mitterder and Dick Kearns

Requested letters be written to Murrysville Council – not the School Board by October 17th Council Meeting supporting their view on the proposal to build a new school versus using the space they have available for the students. Mr. Mitterder read the letter that was written by Export Borough Council to Murrysville Council.

Ed and Julie Rebitch, Salem Township

Inquired if there were any updates to the insurance claim or information from the DEP for their property. Mr. Rebitch said there was a conversation with Matt Francisco for the claim at EMC. No new information was provided at this point. A statement from Mrs. Rebitch related to her displeasure with borough council was read to all those in attendance.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ENGINEERING REPORT

Mr. Kevin Brett representing LSSE told council that the pavers are approximately one month behind schedule due to the heavy rains. They will have a final inspection before the invoices are sent to the Borough.

The Crack Seal Program will be starting up in the next few weeks. They will give updates as to the progress made by next Council Meeting.

Sewage has no updates.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT Daniel J. Hewitt, Esq. Solicitor, McDonald Snyder, P.C.

Mr. Hewitt said the Library plans are moving forward. The engineer from Morris Knowles had a presentation and showed that they have removed the pervious parking lot plans and will do the standard asphalt lot with more stormwater detention underground to control the stormwater run-off. The plan is still under review by the Westmoreland Conservation District for approval of plans submitted for stormwater management and erosion and sedimentation controls. Once those approvals are received, all conditions will be met and the project can move forward at the developer's discretion.

Resolution 2018-16

Delmont Public Library. Motion was made to accept the design by Mr. Bill Marx, Mr. Piper Seconded the Motion. Resolution 2018-16 Passed unanimously.

Resolution 2018-17

Council passed the Resolution to name the alley-way next to the Delmont Parklett "Heaps Way" after Mr. Heaps Sr. and Bill Heaps (Public Works Department). This was to be a surprise for Bill's 20th anniversary with the Borough. Mr. Marx made the Motion to pass Resolution 2018-17, David Piper Seconded the Motion. Resolution 2018-17 Passed unanimously.

The Stonewall Site (Resolution 2018-15) is approved. Mr. Jim Norris will be keeping Council posted on progress. The property is adjacent to the old Cappa's Beer Distributer location. It would be revitalized as a small commercial/retail /lease building. He spoke of the pursuit of commercial development on the Norris lot. The property sewage is in. The property is compliant with subdivision and land development ordinances. Parking and Handicap requirements meets the standards with ramps.

Mr. Hewitt commended the Speedway owners for their prompt response with the sinkhole that opened in the parking lot. After Bill Heaps reported the issue, the owners had a contractor there and they completed the work within 5 days.

PUBLIC SAFETY/POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT – Mayor, Alyce Urban

The Mayor, Alyce Urban presented the Calls for Service from the Borough Police Department. 51 Traffic Citations, 2 Non-Traffic Citations and 4 Criminal Arrests.

No information was provided by the Fire Department. Borough is still waiting on the Fire Department credentials.

The Apple 'N Arts Festival had to be evacuated on Saturday, October 6, 2018, due to extreme downpours and strong winds mixed with hail. Though chaotic, transportation for visitors was efficient and followed safety procedures.

The Police Department received a Letter of Resignation from Charles Dyke. Ms. Matesevac made the Motion to accept the Letter and Pam Simpson Seconded the Motion. The Letter of Resignation for Officer Charles Dyke, effective October 31, 2018, was accepted.

Halloween was set for October 31, 6PM to 8PM in the borough.

BUILDING AND RENTALS Ann Lantz and Bill Marx, Council Vice President

No news.

FINANCE COMMITTEE Andy Shissler, Council President, Becky Matesevac

Budget Workshops will be in October. There will be 2 meetings. Thursday, October 18, 2018 and the 25th, both starting at 6:00 pm and wrapping up by 8:00 pm.

The “Big Picture” shows that the budget is on track. Descriptions for items in QuickBooks have been modified for better assessment of what is being purchased for the different departments of the Borough.

ROAD COMMITTEE ITEMS – Stan Cheyne and Ann Lantz

Roads that have been paved are looking good. The raised catch basins were in place before the finished layer.

During the Budget Workshops, there will be discussions on utilizing some additional stormwater projects within the borough.

PERSONNEL – Becky Matesevac and Pam Simpson

Becky Matesevac spoke on the choice of UPMC as the Borough health insurance provider. There are two options offered to the employees. The Gold HMO will have a \$1500.00 deductible. The employees can ‘buy up’ to the Platinum package what would have a \$0 deductible. Ms. Matesevac made the Motion to accept UPMC as the health insurance provider for the Borough. Ann Lantz Seconded the Motion. All approved.

SEWAGE COMMITTEE ITEMS – Stan Cheyne and Bill Marx

Mrs. Rebitch presented council with a Right-To-Know regarding the sewage issue and questions related to the insurance coverage that the borough has. The Borough will have 30 days to provide the information requested.

Kevin Brett will check with the DEP regarding the discharge questions raised by the Rebitch’s for the stormwater flow studies/release but had confirmed that all flow studies that were provided to the DEP had been provided to the Rebitch family under their right to know requests.

SHIELDS FARM – Andrew Shissler, Council President

There were 3 tractors that worked along with Borough workers to pull vendors that were stuck in the mud, out from the field after the deluge of rain on Saturday, October 6th at the Apple ‘N Arts Festival. There was still a great turnout even with the weather not cooperating. All were thankful for the electrical upgrades.

GRANTS – David Piper

No news on any new grants. The Borough did not get the grant for the refurbishing the tennis courts. There has been no news yet on the DEP grants that the Borough has applied.

CONTRACTED TRASH – Stan Cheyne

Mr. Cheyne will request pricing on recycle bins with lids and wheels.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Cheyne spoke of the way the new stormwater retention pond at Shields Farm and other modifications to the roadway were working like they should with the rain that the area has been hit with. The modifications made seem to be making a difference for the slowing of runoff. There will be 37 trees planted through the Mariner Project on the portion of land that the borough had granted right of way use for the Mariner 2 East project.

ADJOURNMENT: Ms. Matesevac moves to adjourn. Ann Lantz Seconds. Motion Carries.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kellie E. Miele
Secretary