

**DALLASTOWN BOROUGH  
175 E. BROAD STREET  
DALLASTOWN, PA 17313  
BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES  
AUGUST 28, 2017 – 7:00 PM**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The August 28<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Dallastown Borough Council was called to order by Council President, Ronald Smith, followed by prayer, pledge of allegiance and roll call.

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Ronald Smith – President  
Gina Smith – President Pro Tem  
Paul Liesman  
Kim Sterner  
Brad Capatch

**ALSO PRESENT**

Terry Meyers, Sr. – Mayor  
Connie Stokes – Borough Manager  
Joe Joines – Borough Maintenance

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Tomas Metz  
David Simpson

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- September 4<sup>th</sup> – Labor Day – Office will be closed

**APPROVAL OF 8/14/17 MEETING MINUTES**

**Motion:** Mr. Liesman moved and was seconded by Mr. Capatch to approve the 8/14/17 meeting minutes as presented.

**Motion carried 5-0.**

**APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT OF BILLS**

**Motion:** Mr. Liesman moved and was seconded by Ms. Smith to approve the payment of bills as presented.

**Motion carried 5-0.**

**VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT**

- Ron Miller, Chairman of the new Emergency Services Partnership Steering Committee and Patrick Noll, Fire Chief at Dallastown Rescue Fire Company were present to discuss the new partnership between four of the local fire companies. Mr. Miller made the presentation.
  - The first meeting of the steering committee was held August 28, 2015 at the Rescue Fire Company. The committee consists of 3 members from each of the four fire companies and four citizen members. From these committee members, there were three sub-committees created for Governance/By-Laws, Finance & Operations with an additional sub-committee to be added later for Administrative.
  - Goals were set and the vision for the committee was discussed.
  - They met with a representative of DCED (PA Department of Community & Economics) for guidance, due to their history of involvement in other shared services across the state.
  - This merger is being created in order to stabilize and improve fire protection. There has been a decrease in volunteer manpower in addition to funding challenges and duplication of services, both leadership and operational. They are still addressing some issues, but things are coming together.
  - The committee has contacted other successful mergers within the state for their input. Thru these committee meetings & sub-committee meetings, a basic framework has been agreed upon and all four companies voted to proceed.
  - Three law firms were interviewed and Attorney Jill Nagy from the law firm Summers Nagy has been retained. She has experience with non-profit volunteer mergers.

- Letters were sent to all municipalities involved in order to explain the intent of the merger and presentations are currently being conducted.
- All four company charters will be merged and a new name will be created.
- Q-Mr. Smith asked if all four of the current facilities will be staying open, if there was a funding formula and where will the financing be coming from. Currently the Borough is only a small percentage of the calls.  
A-Miller stated that the committee is still in the process of working thru that. The four companies combined cover a very large geographical area. Currently two of the four municipalities (Yoe & York Township) have a fire tax, plus they also have paid drivers.
- Q-Mayor Meyers asked if the staff support will be paid people.  
A-Possibly, down the road.
- In the end, they will have a more professional service. There are some issues that the attorney will need to guide them thru, such as the LOSAP (Length of Service Awards Program) which is a retirement program for the volunteers. Currently those funds come from fundraising.
- Mr. Smith, from a municipality stand point, would like to see a 5 year plan plus a budget.
- Chief Noll stated that a Fire Tax might need to be entertained by the Borough in the future. Every year donation requests are mailed out to the Borough residents and a very small percentage are ever returned with a donation. Many people already think the service is covered in their taxes.
- Q-Mayor Meyers asked if there was a timetable as to when the merger will occur.  
A-A little over a year.
- Another hurdle will be Workman's Comp.
- Yoe and York Township have already approved moving forward and did a Resolution of Support of Concept. The Borough will discuss with the absent members of Council before giving an approval to move forward.
- Progress will be reported to the Borough every few months.

**BUSINESS FOR ACTION** – There was no business for action.

**BUSINESS FOR INFORMATION/DISCUSSION**– There was no business for information/discussion.

**REPORTS**

- Police Reports
- Carnival Report

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion:** Mr. Liesman moved and was seconded by Ms. Smith to adjourn the meeting.

**Motion carried 5-0. 8:20 PM**

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan Wertz