

**Dallastown Borough
175 E. Broad Street
Dallastown, PA 17313
May 29, 2012 – 7:00 PM
Meeting Minutes**

CALL TO ORDER

The May 29th Dallastown Borough Council Meeting was called to order by Council President, Ronald Smith, followed by prayer and pledge of allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ronald Smith – President
Richard Bogart – Vice President
Tomas Metz – President Pro Tem
Quay Markel
Bernell Kohler
Gina Smith
Karen Hoyt-Stewart

ALSO PRESENT

Connie Stokes – Borough Manager
David Jones – Stock & Leader - Solicitor

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The announcements were read by Mr. Metz.

- June 2nd – Family Fun Day at the Community Park from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm
- June 10th & 11th – Walker Bros. Circus – tickets are available at the Borough Office
- June 15th & 16th – Free Community Yard Sale
- Congratulations were made to Councilman Vice President Bogart on the graduation of his daughter from Air Force Basic Training in San Antonio, Texas.

APPROVAL OF 5/14/12 MEETING MINUTES

Motion: Mr. Kohler moved and was seconded by Mr. Metz to approve the 5/14/12 meeting minutes as presented.

Motion carried 5-0 with 2 abstentions (Mr. Bogart & Ms. Smith).

APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT OF BILLS

Motion: Mr. Markel moved and was seconded by Mr. Kohler to approve the payment of bills as presented.

Motion carried 7-0.

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT

- Joseph Szmajda – 18 S. Park Street – Mr. Szmajda had 2 issues to discuss.
 - 1) The property at 14 S. Park is vacant and needs to be mowed. Since Dellers moved out, he has seen snakes in the area.

- 2) He also asked if it would be possible to put a water faucet near the dog park. Ms. Stokes stated that was considered during the planning of the dog park, but that it was too expensive to run copper line that distance. There is water in the park, just not at the dog park.

BUSINESS FOR ACTION

- Mr. Miller, of 48 E. Gay Street, was in the Borough Office to see the Zoning Officer concerning his property. His water has been off since 2005 for non-payment of water and sewer/trash bills. He would like to get the water back on to make the property livable again even though he has been living there without water which is not allowed. The Borough has been trying to get him out of the property. He requested that a lien be put on the property for the past due amounts that he owes, he will make timely future payments plus \$100.00 minimum quarterly payment towards the past due amount, and if he refinances it will be paid in full at that time. He expects it all to be paid within a year. Ms. Stokes told Mr. Miller that she would not agree to his proposal because he has not made one attempt to deal with the situation and has gone out of his way to avoid the Borough concerning any kind of payment. Ms. Stokes also told him that she would bring it before Council for their thoughts. Ms. Hoyt-Stewart lives right in front of the property and stated that there are 3 or 4 young Hispanic adults living in that property and not Mr. Miller. There is only one unit being billed and not multiple units. Council unanimously backed Ms. Stokes' decision to give him no concessions and water will be restored only if the outstanding bills are paid in full.

BUSINESS FOR INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

- The installation of the cameras in the Park has been moved up and work should start on June 8th.
- The Council members were given information concerning Act 13 (Oil & Gas Act Amendment) from the York County Planning Commission.
- A letter was sent to Scott DePoe, Director of Public Works at York Township, from Richard Resh at C.S. Davidson, concerning sewer issues.
- The Highway Aid audit was performed by the Auditor General's Office on Thursday, May 24th for 2009, 2010 & 2011. It all went well.

REPORTS

- Police Reports
- Yoe Fire Company Ambulance Service, Inc. Financial Statements for 2010 & 2011

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Council went into Executive Session from 7:16 pm to 7:53 pm

Motion: Gina moved and was seconded by Mr. Kohler to make an offer to Nate Taggart to remain the Zoning Officer at Dallastown Borough as discussed in Executive Session.

Motion carried 5-1-1. (Mr. Markel opposed and Mr. Bogart abstained)

An email will be sent out to all Council members as to whether or not Mr. Taggart accepts the offer. If he doesn't accept the offer, then it will go back to Council at the next meeting for discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Mr. Metz moved and was seconded by Mr. Kohler to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried 7-0. 7:55 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Susan A. Wertz