

**Dallastown Borough  
175 E. Broad Street  
Dallastown, PA 17313  
December 10, 2012 – 7:00 PM  
Council Meeting Minutes**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The December 10<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  
Richard Bogart – Vice President  
Tomas Metz – President Pro Tem  
Quay Markel  
Bernell Kohler  
Gina Smith  
Karen Hoyt-Stewart

**ALSO PRESENT**

Terry Meyers - Mayor  
Connie Stokes – Borough Manager  
Steve Malesker – C.S. Davidson - Engineer  
Patrick Fazzini – Stock & Leader - Solicitor  
(substituting for David Jones)

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Read by Mr. Bogart

- December 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> – The Office will be closed for the Christmas Holiday.
- January 1<sup>st</sup> – The Office will be closed for New Year’s Day.
- January 19<sup>th</sup> – Dallastown Rescue Fire Company will be holding their Annual Appreciation Banquet.
- Mr. Smith was congratulated for his re-appointment to the position of Alternate to Member at Large for the Police Commission.
- Condolences were sent out to Chief Gross on the loss of his mother.

**APPROVAL OF 11/13/12 MEETING MINUTES & BUDGET MINUTES**

**Motion:** Mr. Metz moved and was seconded by Mr. Kohler to approve the 11/13/12 meeting & budget minutes as presented.

**Motion carried 7-0.**

**APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT OF BILLS**

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

**Motion carried 7-0.**

**APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**Motion:** Mr. Kohler moved and was seconded by Ms. Smith to approve the financial statements as presented.

**Motion carried 7-0.**

**YORK AREA REGIONAL POLICE** – No representative was present.

**FIRE COMPANY REPORT** – Chief Ehrhart was not present

**MAYOR’S REPORT** – A written report for the month of November was distributed to all council members. There was nothing out of the ordinary to report.

**RECREATION ACTIVITIES**

Ms. Stokes reported that the last event of the year, the town lighting, Santa Claus coming to town and children’s Christmas party at the fire hall, was held on Saturday, November 24<sup>th</sup>. The weather was cold, but there was still a nice crowd. The event went well.

**VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT** – No comments

Chuck Wertz – 15 N. Park Street

**SOLICITOR’S REPORT**

- Stormwater Ordinance #2012-575, which was already approved by Council, was ready for signatures.
- The tax rates for 2013 will be remaining the same, at 1.65 mills, as discussed in the budget meeting. Ordinance #576 was prepared for adoption and signatures.

**Motion:** Mr. Bogart moved and was seconded by Mr. Metz to adopt Ordinance #576 for the 2013 Tax Rate.

**Motion carried 7-0.**

- The Dallastown Borough Budget for 2013 was ready for adoption as presented and advertised.

**Motion:** Mr. Bogart moved and was seconded by Mr. Kohler to approve the adoption of the 2013 Borough Budget as presented and advertised.

**Motion carried 7-0.**

- Resolution 2012-5 for the sewer increase in the amount of 31% was ready for approval. The proposed increase was as follows: domestic consumer flat rate went from \$90.00 to \$118.00; the flat rate for commercial, industrial, and educational went from \$137.00 to \$180.00; the metered rates for commercial, industrial and educational are now:

0 to 27,000 gal of water used – base \$180.00

27,001 to 50,000 gal of water used – base \$180.00 + \$0.00448 multiplier

50,001 to 999,999 gal of water used – base \$278.38 + \$0.0038 multiplier

Ms. Hoyt-Stewart was concerned that this was a huge increase for some of the residents. Mr. Bogart agreed, but also stated that the Borough really didn’t have a choice due to the state and federal mandates where the Borough needs to pay towards the upgrades at Springettsbury Township. Council did foresee this coming and had many discussions concerning it in the past. The Borough actually had been raising the rates a little bit at a time in the past, so that now the Borough is not seeing a 100% increase like some municipalities. Ms. Stokes stated that payment plans will still be extended to any residents experiencing hard times.

**Motion:** Mr. Metz moved and was seconded by Ms. Smith to approve Resolution 2012-5 for the sewer rate increase by 31%.

**Motion carried 6-1. (Mr. Markel opposed)**

- Resolution 2012-6 for the stormwater fee increase was ready for approval. This fee has never been raised since its inception. This was once again due to unfunded mandates handed down by the state government. The new residential fee will be \$20.00 annually and the new commercial fee will be \$40.00 annually.

**Motion:** Mr. Bogart moved and was seconded by Mr. Kohler to approve Resolution 2012-6 for the increase in stormwater rates.

**Motion carried 7-0.**

- There was nothing new to report concerning the amendment to the Mill Creek Inceptor.
- Mr. Bogart thanked Stock & Leader for their letter concerning donations to charities for Christmas.

### **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

- Ice pigging was done by Utility Services last Tuesday at the S. Duke Street pump station. This is a new procedure to the US. Slushy ice was pumped into the line to clean the force main. This was done free of charge to the Borough as a demonstration. Other municipalities were invited to view the demo also. The following day they also did a section of the water main on Ridgelyn. The procedure did remove a good bit of sediment from the lines, actually more than flushing would do, but it is not designed to remove the buildup of minerals in the line. It is a very costly procedure and would not be cost effective.
- The pump station has not been re-rated yet to see if cleaning of the force main had an impact. There is also an issue with the site tube that Hydra Numatic put in, so they are coming down to reinstall the site tube. Hopefully, by next month the pump station should be able to be re-rated to see if the cleaning made a difference.
- Kinsley Construction just submitted a final bill to C.S. Davidson today for the W. Maple Street Project. The Engineer did not agree with some of the dollar figures. The bill will not be paid until everyone is in agreement, which will probably be next year at this point.

### **BUSINESS FOR ACTION** – N/A

### **BUSINESS FOR INFORMATION/DISCUSSION**

- A postcard will go out to all Borough residents/property owners tomorrow concerning the sewer & stormwater increases. Each Council member was given a copy of the wording to review for any changes. It was decided that the heading should read “Notice of 2013 Rates for Dallastown Borough” and to add that there is no tax increase, with the mills remaining at 1.65 which is the same since 2006.
- Mr. Markel needs a head count for the Appreciation Dinner at the Fire Hall.

### **REPORTS**

- Yoe Ambulance
- Red Lion Ambulance
- Police Reports
- York Adams Tax Bureau

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION** – 7:28 PM TO 7:46 PM

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

**Motion carried 7-0. 7:47 PM**

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan A. Wertz