

DALLASTOWN BOROUGH
175 E. BROAD STREET
DALLASTOWN, PA 17313
BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES
April 8, 2024 – 7:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER

The April 8th meeting of the Dallastown Borough Council was called to order by Council President, Tom Metz, followed by the pledge of allegiance and roll call.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Tom Metz - President
Brad Capatch – Vice President
Gina Smith – President Pro Temp
Paul Liesman
Dave Simpson
Brian Brenneman
Doug Miller

ALSO PRESENT

Terry Meyers – Mayor
David Garabedian – Borough Manager
Steve Malesker – Borough Engineer
Peter Ruth – Stock & Leader Solicitor
Joe Joines – Borough Maintenance Manager

ABSENT

Scott DePoe – Zoning Officer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- April 23rd – General Election

FIRE COMPANY REPORT

Fire report given by Dave Stump.

- There were 82 calls for the month of March with 11 of those calls in the Borough.
- SAFER had a Purse/Gun bingo yesterday, it was a sold-out event.
- The merger with Yorkana is almost complete.

POLICE REPORT

Police report given by Chief Damon.

- Chief Damon went over some of the 2023 police report Council has the report to view in their packets. There were 2633 calls last year, this was an increase compared to 2022. Overall crime was down 11% compared to 2022. Miscellaneous calls were down by 23 calls from 2022. The average call response time was 6 mins. The most frequent crimes in the Borough are vandalism and theft.

APPROVAL OF 03/25/2024 MEETING MINUTES

Motion: Mr. Brenneman moved and was seconded by Mr. Liesman to approve the 03/25/24 meeting minutes.

Motion carried: 6-0

APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT OF BILLS

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

Motion carried 6-0

APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Motion: Mr. Liesman moved and was seconded by Mr. Capatch to approve the financial statements as presented.

Motion carried 6-0

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Meyer's had nothing to report.

VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENT

Bill & Deb Henry – Dallastown

Keith Metzler – 115 April Lane

Dave Stump – SAFER

Chief Damon – YCRPD

Matt Dorgan – BB4B – 30 E High St, Yoe PA

- Matt Dorgan – 30 E High St in Yoe. Mr. Dorgan is the Founder of BB4B. He started Building Bridges for Brianna, suicide prevention after his 15 year old daughter took her own life in 2020. June 22nd is their 4th annual Memorial ride and Festival. This year the festival will be held at Dallastown Community Park, there will be vendors, food trucks, and bands. Mr. Dorgan is asking Council for their approval for Wyndridge Farm to have alcohol at the park during this event. Wyndridge Farm will take care of everything that is on their end to have alcohol at the event and will be liable for anything that happens with having alcohol.

Motion: Mr. Brenneman moved and was seconded by Mr. Liesman to approve the consumption of alcohol at the park and Wyndridge will be liable for anything that happens with having alcohol.

Motion carried 6-0.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

The solicitor's report was given by Attorney Ruth.

- Attorney Ruth is waiting for the updated franchise agreement from Comcast, he is hoping to have more on that next month.
- The Refuse Collection Bid Specification will be advertised next month.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

The Engineer's report was given by the Borough Engineer Steve Malesker.

- Mr. Malesker received two quotes, one from Mr. Rehab in the amount of \$122,900, and the second quote was from Pipe Services in the amount of \$124,675 through Costars, for the 2024 Sewer Maintenance Program. Mr. Malesker is asking for approval from Council to award the 2024 Sewer Maintenance Program to Mr. Rehab in the amount of \$122,900.

Motion: Mr. Simpson moved and was seconded by Mr. Brenneman to award the 2024 Sewer Maintenance Program to Mr. Rehab in the amount of \$122,900.

Motion carried 6-0.

- Mr. Malesker looked for approval to have an architectural sub-consultant come in and design the Deller pumpstation due to the station's additional size and layout. Mr. Metz asked Mr. Malesker and council to table the item until further discussion on the sewer tapping fee/rate study.
- At the regularly scheduled council meeting last month, council was shown figures and scenarios on the sewer tapping fee and rate study that HRG had provided for the Colonial Heights public sewer project. Now that council had time to review the study, questions were asked about some of the options that were presented. Many of the options that were shown showed several increases throughout the life of the 20-year PENNVEST LOAN. Because of this, council asked Mr. Malesker if HRG could explore the low-pressure system option and see what the construction cost would be in relation to the current gravity system.

- Mr. Malesker spoke with York County Planning about the boroughs current CDBG project for stormwater rehab at the W. Chestnut St basin. The borough had also applied for the next round of funding to rehab and improve the stormwater management on W. Broad St. that leads to the W. Chestnut St. basin. The County currently has additional monies due to projects not being completed this year and mentioned that the borough may be able to utilize these funds if they are able to complete both projects in 2024. Mr. Malesker is asking for councils' approval to allow HRG to start engineering the W. Broad St. stormwater improvements project so it can be completed in 2024 with the additional monies through CDBG.
Motion: Mr. Brenneman moved and was seconded by Mr. Liesman to have HRG start engineering on the W. Broad St. stormwater improvement CDBG project.
Motion carried 6-0.

BUSINESS FOR ACTION

- Mr. Garabedian presented to council resolution 2024-06 for the certification of the volunteers for the tax forgiveness program. The list was submitted by the Fire Chief, Dave Stump, and needs to be approved by council. This will allow the certified names on the list to apply for tax forgiveness with the borough once they have filed and paid their real estate and earned income taxes for the 2023-2024 tax year.
Motion: Mr. Miller moved and was seconded by Mr. Simpson to approve resolution 2024-06, volunteer tax forgiveness certification.
Motion carried 5-0, Brian Brenneman abstains.
- Mr. Garabedian provided an estimate from JMT for the community park projects additional design work that will need to be done if the borough secures the statewide LSA grant that was applied for in late 2023. The grant money would allow the borough to add resilient surfacing to the playground, a 2-5 play structure, ADA improvements, and other amenities throughout the park that were removed from the master plan due to lack of funding. At this time, with the current cost increases the borough is going to see and is unaware of, council does not believe it is in the best interest of the borough to proceed with the additional designs.

BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION/INFORMATION

Mr. DePoe was not present to give the Zoning report.

- Zoning Officer Report was in packets and given to Council for them to review.
- Mr. Garabedian stated that they have been trying to contact the contractor of the property at 111 Maylyn Ave. without any success. 111 Maylyn had a fire back in 2020 and has an open building permit to rebuild the structure for several years now. The property has not progressed since an agreement was signed back in September 2023 for the contractor to use the fire escrow money the borough had been holding. Attorney Ruth asked David to make a final attempt to contact the contractor. If the borough does not hear back or receive a response, they will take the necessary steps and utilize the fire escrow money to at least complete the outer portions of the home.

REPORTS

- Police Reports
- Other

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Mr. Liesman moved and was seconded by Mr. Simpson to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried: 6-0 at 8:56PM

**Respectfully Submitted,
Carrie Faulkner**