The Regular Monthly Meeting of Dupont Borough Council was called to order at 6:00pm on Tuesday evening, August 13, 2024 by President of Council Stanley Knick, Jr.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

Stanley Knick, Present	Mark Kowalczyk, Present
Joseph Karkut, Present	Robert Price, Present
Joseph Jones, Present	Mayor Elaine Lello, Present

MOTION TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 9, 2024 REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL AND PLACE ON FILE
Motion: Mr. Karkut
Second: Mr. Jones
Roll Call Vote: Mr. Knick, yes; Mr. Kowalczyk, yes; Mr. Karkut, yes; Mr. Price, yes; Mr. Jones, yes.
Motion Carried 5/0.

MOTION TO ACCEPT CORRESPONDENCE
Motion: Mr. Price
Second: Mr. Jones
Roll Call Vote: Mr. Knick, yes; Mr. Kowalczyk, yes; Mr. Karkut, yes; Mr. Price, yes; Mr. Jones, yes.
Motion Carried 5/0.

MOTION TO APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT
Motion: Mr. Jones
Second: Mr. Karkut
Roll Call Vote: Mr. Knick, yes; Mr. Kowalczyk, yes; Mr. Karkut, yes; Mr. Price, yes; Mr. Jones, yes.
Motion Carried 5/0.

MOTION TO APPOINT THE PART TIME POLICE OFFICERS FROM AUGUST 13, 2024 TO THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL WITH NO GUARANTEE OF WORK: Bryan Besecker, Duane Saunders, Jennifer Polemitis, Christopher Fargione, Michael Sniscak, Bryan Jacobosky, Brian Morris, Eric Danaher.
Motion: Mr. Jones
Second: Mr. Kowalczyk
Roll Call Vote: Mr. Knick, yes; Mr. Kowalczyk, yes; Mr. Karkut, yes; Mr. Price, yes; Mr. Jones, yes.
Motion Carried 5/0.

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF FULL TIME PATROLMAN KENNETH SALVO
Motion: Mr. Karkut
Second: Mr. Kowalczyk
Roll Call Vote: Mr. Knick, yes; Mr. Kowalczyk, yes; Mr. Karkut, yes; Mr. Price, yes; Mr. Jones, yes.
Motion Carried 5/0.

Reports:

Treasurer's Report: Submitted by Albert B. Melone Company
General Fund - $74,716.85
Payroll Fund - $9,870.23
ARPA FNCB Cash - $8,785.07
Admin Debit Card - $128.51
Police Debit Card - $232.92
Refuse Fund - $171,536.40
Sewer Maintenance Fund - $ 362,435.14
Liquid Fuels - $248,835.51
Police Pension Fund - $1,133,840.33
Special Fund - $83,814.29
Clock Fund - $6,400.00

Tax Collector Report: Submitted by Susan Gregory, Tax Collector
Balance Collectable End of Month July is $23,874.40
$1476.44 face collections, $147.64 penalties.
Received check in the amount of $1,624.08 deposited into general fund.

Mayor Report- Elaine Lello noted the food Drive August 22th at Holy Mother of Sorrows Hall. Truck arrives at 8:30.

Police Report – criminal arrests-1; traffic citations-65; non traffic citations issued-17; motor vehicle accidents-6; assist to ems/fire-12; assist to other police dept. -15; alarms-8; burglaries-1; thefts-3; vandalism-2; disorderly conduct-6; suspicious activity-10; assault/harassment-4; miscellaneous calls-51; building checks-29; code enforcement/rental inspection-33. Car#1 F150- 59,264; Car #2 27,840; Car#3 – 25,750. Magistrate Fines Collected $2,085.46.

Fire Department Report: Don Hudzinski Jr. read the July report as follows: Total incidents-18; Paid staff responses-9; Volunteer responses-9; Incident types: fire alarm-2; motor vehicle accident-5; fire dept. investigation-1; open burning complaint-1; tree down-1; pole/wires down-4; rental inspection-4; Jurisdiction: dupont-9, hughestown-4, avoca-4, laflin-1.

Solicitor Report – None

Engineer Report – (1) Basketball project bids being opened this meeting (2) Hose Company bids are advertised and will be opened at the September meeting (3) Drain work complete on Serling Street, Pennsy should be back to finish paving (4) Pennsy replaced the drain on Coolidge Street (5) Pennsy started the multimodal project looking at the ada ramps .

Crime Watch Report – Bob stated the July meeting discussed issues in town. The next meeting is August 27th at 7 pm.

Council President Report – Stan reported trash for July was 83.74 tons, comingle was 4.99 tons, paper was 8.3 tons. Mileage: Black Dump Truck - 12, 973, Packer – 5,734; Green Pickup 8,863; F550 – 52,716. (1) Boom mower rental to address overgrowth along commerce, navy way road, sunset, dolman, oak and other areas. (2) Ventrac mower used in same areas to address what the boom mower couldn't get at. (3) proposal from Hughestown emergency services

Code Enforcement Report:

Notice of Violation -8, Unfit for Human Habitation-0, Rental Inspections – 10, Closed Cases -0, Citations-6, Work Permits Issued -0.

EMA Report:

Siren test was successful. Both sirens and 1 horn functioning properly. Borough siren will be serviced in the fall. Was unable to grease it due to bees.

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE REPORTS:
Motion: Mr. Kowalczyk
Second: Mr. Karkut
Roll Call Vote: Mr. Knick, yes; Mr. Kowalczyk, yes; Mr. Karkut, yes; Mr. Price, yes; Mr. Jones, yes.
Motion Carried 5/0.

MOTION TO OPEN, READ AND AWARD THE BID FOR THE BASKETBALL/POCKETPARK PROJECT
Motion: Mr. Price
Second: Mr. Karkut
Roll Call Vote: Mr. Knick, yes; Mr. Kowalczyk, yes; Mr. Karkut, yes; Mr. Price, yes; Mr. Jones, yes.
Motion Carried 5/0.

Name:	Base Bid	Add Alt #1	Add Alt#2	Addendum#1	Bid Bond
Linde	242,284.00	10,731.00	3,450.00	yes	yes
Minichi	261,000.00	23,520.00	3,480.00	yes	yes
Amer Asphalt	272,970.00	23,320.08	5,000.00	none	yes
Multiscape	238,047.90	10,584.00	3,200.00	yes	yes

Discussed the grant award amount which was $239,000 for the basketball/pocketpark project noting the additional grant amount of $100,000 under statewide that can also be used for this project as well as for the walking trail that was planned for the large field behind the highrise.

MOTION TO AWARD THE BASE BID AND BOTH ADD ALTERNATES TO MULTISCAPE, THE LOW BIDDER UPON REVIEW OF SUBMITTAL BY THE ENGINEER
Motion: Mr. Kowalczyk
Second: Mr. Jones
Roll Call Vote: Mr. Knick, yes; Mr. Kowalczyk, yes; Mr. Karkut, yes; Mr. Price, yes; Mr. Jones, yes.
Motion Carried 5/0.

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF JOSEPHINE HANSEN FROM THE CODE APPEALS BOARD
Motion: Mr. Karkut
Second: Mr. Jones
Roll Call Vote: Mr. Knick, yes; Mr. Kowalczyk, yes; Mr. Karkut, yes; Mr. Price, yes; Mr. Jones, yes.
Motion Carried 5/0.

MOTION APPROVING 2025 BUDGET ANNUAL MUNICIPAL CONTRIBUTION FOR NON UNIFORM PENSION PLAN IN THE AMOUNT OF $3940 AND APPOINT STANLEY KNICK, JR. CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
Motion: Mr. Kowalczyk
Second: Mr. Price
Roll Call Vote: Mr. Knick, yes; Mr. Kowalczyk, yes; Mr. Karkut, yes; Mr. Price, yes; Mr. Jones, yes.
Motion Carried 5/0.

MOTION APPROVING 2025 BUDGET ANNUAL MUNICIPAL CONTRIBUTION FOR POLICE PENSION FUND IN THE AMOUNT OF $0 AND APPOINT STANLEY KNICK, JR. CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
Motion: Mr. Jones
Second: Mr. Kowalczyk
Roll Call Vote: Mr. Knick, yes; Mr. Kowalczyk, yes; Mr. Karkut, yes; Mr. Price, yes; Mr. Jones, yes.
Motion Carried 5/0.

MOTION APPOINTINT HUGHESTOWN EMERGENCY SERVICES AS PRIMARY AMBULANCE SERVICE FOR DUPONT BOROUGH EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2025
Motion: Mr. Kowalczyk
Second: Mr. Karkut
Roll Call Vote: Mr. Knick, yes; Mr. Kowalczyk, yes; Mr. Karkut, yes; Mr. Price, yes; Mr. Jones, abstain.
Motion Carried 4/1 abstention.

Matters from Residents:

Joe Cigan – Pave project status.

Lou Posly – Police Pension Plan, Holy Mother of Sorrows Property on Lidy Road, what is that zoned.

Wendy Bigar – Water issue in alley between Center and Harding, Rodent problem

Anna Romanoski – Supports walking trail, Rodent problem

Mark Kowalczyk – Spoke with pest company and they are hesitant to do a town wide treatment because of pets and also they would need property owner permissions. He noted residents have to be vigilant and report properties that are in violation of codes. Also suggested that residents set traps on their own property.

Mayor Elaine Lello – Asked if we are the only ones having this problem. It was noted it is all over.

Joseph Jones – Spoke about other towns and if the case goes to court they will ask if there is proof.

Ron Ziobro - Mentioned seeing skunks, asked about recycling noting the Lackawanna County Recycling Center increasing the fees for recycling

Lou Posly – suggested hiring an expert for guidance on how to get rid of the rodents

Marie Antonacci – Crime watch has speakers at their meetings, suggested council should have someone come speak on the issue.

Joe Cigan – Rumor has it HMS was planning a park in that area. Asked about the zoning.

Sharon Ziobro – Thanked fire department for quick response to alarm.

Matters from Council:

Mr. Jones – Nothing
Mr. Kowalczyk – Nothing
Mayor Lello – Astound salesman came to her home
Mr. Karkut – Astound salesman, aggressive, Joe kept asking questions and asked for literature.
Anna Romanoski stated it was probably the salesman, because she has Astound and it is $150 cheaper and her salesman was nice. He left the list of channels and business card.
Mr. Price – Nothing
Mr. Knick – Thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and explaining issues they are having.

With no further business, meeting was adjourned by unanimous vote at 6:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia McDonald
Borough Secretary

Adopted and Approved

Stanley Knick Jr.
Council President