The Regular Monthly Meeting of Dupont Borough Council was called to order at 6:00pm on Tuesday evening, February 13, 2024 by Vice President Mark Kowalczyk.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

Mr. Knick – Absent	Mr. Kowalczyk – Present
Mr. Karkut – Present	Mr. Price – Present
Mr. Jones – Present	Mayor Lello – Present

MOTION TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 9TH REGULAR MEEITNG AND PLACE ON FILE
Motion: Mr. Karkut
Second: Mr. Jones
Roll Call Vote: Mr. Knick – Absent; Mr. Kowalczyk, yes; Mr. Karkut, yes; Mr. Price, yes; Mr. Jones, yes.
Motion Carried 4/0.

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE CORRESPONDENCE PRESENTED.
Motion: Mr. Price
Second: Mr. Jones
Roll Call Vote: Mr. Knick – Absent; Mr. Kowalczyk, yes; Mr. Karkut, yes; Mr. Price, yes; Mr. Jones, yes.
Motion Carried 4/0.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE BILLS FOR PAYMENT
Motion: Mr. Jones
Second: Mr. Karkut
Roll Call Vote: Mr. Knick – Absent; Mr. Kowalczyk, yes; Mr. Karkut, yes; Mr. Price, yes; Mr. Jones, yes.
Motion Carried 4/0.

MOTION TO APPOINT THE PART TIME POLICE OFFICERS FROM FEBRUARY 13, 2024 TO THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL WITH NO GUARANTEE OF WORK: Bryan Besecker, Duane Saunders, Jennifer Polemitis, Christopher Fargione, Michael Sniscak
Motion: Mr. Price
Second: Mr. Jones
Roll Call Vote: Mr. Knick – Absent; Mr. Kowalczyk, yes; Mr. Karkut, yes; Mr. Price, yes; Mr. Jones, yes.
Motion Carried 4/0.

REPORTS:
<u>Treasurer's Report:</u>
General Fund - $56,987.66
Payroll Fund - $8,955.06
ARPA FNCB Cash - $96,170.92
Admin Debit Card –$ 239.76
Police Debit Card – $89.03
Refuse Fund - $173,378.44

Sewer Fund - $346,629.07
Liquid Fuels - $205,524.50
Police Pension Fund - $1,082,758.23
Special Fund - $127,911.78

Tax Collector Report: No Report

Mayor Report: No Report

Police Report: Chief Doran reported the following for January: criminal aarrests-5; traffic citations issued-24; appearances in county court-7; appearances in magisterial court-20; motor vehicle accidents-6; assist to EMS/Fire-9; Assist to other police dept. – 7; alarms-1; thefts-6; vandalism-1; disorderly conduct-2; PFA Violations-3; domestic reports-8; suspicious activity-5; DUI Arrest-1; Assault/Harrasment-3; Drug Offense-2; Miscellaneous calls-32; Building Checks-41; Code Enforcement Notice-2. Car#1 F150 – 53,046; Car #2 Explorer-23,060; Car #3 – Explorer – 21,063. Magistrate Fines Collected - $1,733.24.

Fire Dept. – Chief Don Hudzinski reported the following for January – Total incidents-24; Paid Staff Responses-4; Volunteer Responses-20; Fire alarm-5; Structure Box-2; Motor Vehicle Accident-7; Vehicle Fire-1; Wires Down-1; Tree Down-2; EMS Assist-3; Omvestogatopm-2; Fuel Spill-1. Dupont Borough 14 calls, Hughestown Borough-8, Laflin-1, Turnpike-1.

Solicitor Report: No Report

Engineer Report: Bob Naegele reported the following: (1) Bob requested Patty contact Mr. Cigan and Mr. Battista to meet next week on site for the Gill Street pave/stormwater project to address their concerns (2) Bob asked Patty if she has the signed Agreement for the pave project from Penn DOT (3) Construction projects are pretty much done for the year. The Growing Greener is just about closed out. (4) Looking at getting a few projects out to bid within the next month or two.

Code Enforcement - 2 notice of violations, 1 rental inspection completed. Letters for this year's rental inspections were mailed and inspections will be starting shortly.

Crime Watch Report: Bob Price noted at the January meeting the officer read the report and discussed issues in town. The next meeting is February 27th at 7 pm. Bring your friends and neighbors and hope to grow the organization.

Council Vice President Report: Mark discussed the following: (1) Sale of the old packer, we advertised twice and received no bids. Denaples offered $5000 and the Borough accepted. (2) The Borough had an issue with the drainage pipes on the Township side of Suscon Road that was discovered during the bridge replacement project. There was a sewer pipe that was damaged. We will probably be in litigation over this issue. A property owner's sewer line was damaged and the contractor is denying responsibility for it. Bob Naegele added he had spoken with the Turnpike Commission project manager. The contractor stated the sewer line was not marked out. Mr. Posly asked who was the contractor and Bob explained he is not sure since there is a general contractor and subcontractors that do the work. (3)

Another pump station issue. That bill is $3900. We are trying to eliminate the pump station and that too can lead to a legal battle to eliminate the pump station and hook into public lines. Mr. Posly asked about the horse power and no one really knew. Bob Naegele explained it is a dual pump system up there and when one pump goes down the other one is on line. (4) The annual park cleanup is scheduled for March 16th and March 23rd. We are looking for volunteers and it is weather dependent. This is done usually a week before Easter which this year is March 31st. The Easter Egg Hunt is March 30th. We will get as many volunteers as possible including the Lions Club, the Dupont Youth Baseball Organization and the Borough workers and volunteers. There is 160 cubic yards of mulch to be spread around the new equipment. Mark will be there with his equipment to assist. (5) Veteran Monument update. Mark is working on finalizing the plans and materials. Some bricks are already paid for and we are looking for as many as possible to be part of the display of Veterans names to go along with the new monument which will have the names of Veterans that did not make it home. The monument replaces the white crosses. Everything will go back toward the project to make it sustainable for the future. Mr. Posly asked how many applicants does she have. Patty noted it just started so there are five bricks and Lou has two of them. (6) DPW is complaining about the weight limit of the trash bags. Be respectful, one person tries to lift these bags into the truck and they do it for eight hours. This will be enforced if it continues. The weight limit is 35 pounds.

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE REPORTS.
Motion: Mr. Karkut
Second: Mr. Jones
Roll Call Vote: Mr. Knick – Absent; Mr. Kowalczyk, yes; Mr. Karkut, yes; Mr. Price, yes; Mr. Jones, yes.
Motion Carried 4/0.

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE $5000 BID FOR THE 2007 INTERNATIONAL PACKER TO DENAPLES.
Motion: Mr. Price
Second: Mr.. Jones
Roll Call Vote: Mr. Knick – Absent; Mr. Kowalczyk, yes; Mr. Karkut, yes; Mr. Price, yes; Mr. Jones, yes.
Motion Carried 4/0.

Matters from Residents:

Ellen Price, addressed council on two grants opening up, one being Flood Mitigation which is due in May. This can be used for bank stabilization along Collins Creek. The other is the LSA grant which opens in July and is due by September. This can be submitted for improvements to paving of Commerce/Navy Way Road. Mark confirmed the grant can be submitted from July to September for Commerce Road because that road is starting to deteriorate and that cost is substantial. That is important.

MOTION TO APPROVE ENGINEER PREPARE THE NECESSARY COST ESTIMATES AND NARRATIVE FOR THE LSA GRANT FOR PAVING OF COMMERCE ROAD.
Motion: Mr. Karkut
Second: Mr. Price
Roll Call Vote: Mr. Knick – Absent; Mr. Kowalczyk, yes; Mr. Karkut, yes; Mr. Price, yes; Mr. Jones, yes.
Motion Carried 4/0.

Lou Posly – (1) The solicitor last month interjected himself into matters that was not called for. He apparently doesn't read his job description that much. He is not to interject himself into any discussion that goes along with this council that pertains to council if he is not called on to interject himself. I don't think he is a tax payer. Let him do his job and that is it. Don't interject into matters that concern the property owners of this town. (2) Last month I brought up about illegal aliens in this country. They are not people that are invited into this country. Joey Jones stated that has nothing to do with this Council or Dupont Borough. Mark allowed Mr. Posly one more minute. Lou stated it has a lot to do with Dupont because these people are coming into this country, are you reading your papers. They are coming in by the millions. They have no jobs or money. Erik stated he will interject his illegal self here because this has nothing to do with this council. Let it alone. Erik gave his illegal opinion. This should not be considered by Council. Mark stated this is a national problem. Where are you going with this. What is your direction Lou. Lou stated we should be aware of with these people. Mark stated what are you asking us to do with our small police force, I understand your frustration with the national problem. But Dupont has no control over it. Lou asked the Chief the job is to keep people in town safe. Mark stated there is enough communication between Council, police department, road crew, we keep everyone informed if there is an issue. We do that all the time. Chief Doran stated he does receive intelligence briefs daily that are not to be shared with the public. Lou asked a different way, is the town in jeopardy in any way. Chief stated at this point no. Chief and Mark stated at this current time there are no issues. Lou is happy the Chief is keeping up with the intelligence. Mark stated he shared information with council and the Mayor as needed and we share information with the department as needed. Feel safe, we have a professional chief and he has a good department and they are working hard everyday. Feel safe he is not going to let something go if something is out of place.

Matters from Council and Mayor:

Joseph Jones - Thank DPW for the great job with the storm today and past storms and Happy Valentines Day.

Joseph Karkut – Excellent job with the snow, positive comments. I heard negative comments about trash pickup. We had two trucks out on the road Monday and some residents complained they pickup their trash in the afternoon, but this Monday they were out earlier. Joe responded to put the trash out the day before.

Robert Price - Good job with the roads. Also everyone come out on the 16th and 23rd of March to help get the park cleaned and ready for the kids for the summer.

Mayor Elaine Lello - Thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and showing interest in the town. Also commented on the complaints about the time of trash pickup. Be thankful we are picking up the trash. I hope we solve all our problems. Have a great day tomorrow.

Mark Kowalczyk - Thanked the DPW for the great job with this storm. Other areas had heavier totals. Mr. Jones was out too and going back to what Mr. Posly said about communication between departments, Mr. Jones called me at 5am this morning. I was out since 11 pm last night with my job and he is calling me to communicate issues in town. That is what goes on with the departments. Some

information such as personal information we cannot share with the public. He is not a paid employee he is a councilman and he was out with the Ford plowing roads. He is communicating with me on what is going on in town. Thank you Mr. Jones, and the road department did an excellent job. Happy Valentines Day. Spring is coming soon.

With no further business before council, Motion to Adjourn at 6:30 was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia McDonald
Secretary

Adopted and Approved

Mark Kowalczyk
Vice President