The Regular Monthly Meeting of Dupont Borough Council was called to order at 7:00pm on Tuesday evening, February 8, 2022 by Council President Stanley Knick. The meeting was held via Zoom.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

Mr. Knick, Present
Mr. Karkut, Present
Mr. Jones, Present
Mr. Kowalczyk, Present
Mr. Price, Present
Mayor Lello, Present

MOTION TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 3RD REORGANIZATION MEETING AND THE JANUARY 11TH REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL AND PLACE ON FILE.
Motion: Mr. Kowlaczyk
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 ACCEPT THE CORRESPONDENCE PRESENTED.
Motion: Mr. Kowalzyk
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 THE BILLS FOR PAYMENT.
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 APPOINT THE PART TIME POLICE OFFICERS FROM FEBRUARY 8, 2022 TO THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL WITH NO GUARANTEE OF WORK: Duane Saunders, Jennifer Polemitis, Christopher Fargione, Robert Avvisato, Thomas Rushak, Michael Sniscak
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.

REPORTS
Treasurer's Report:

General Fund - $ 44,580.28
Payroll Fund - $ 7,112.62
ARPA FNCB Cash - $ 119,994.49
Admin 4249 Debit Card - $ 169.09
Admin 2121 Debit Card - $ 239.81
Community Development Fund - $255.18
Refuse Fund - $190,517.57

Sewer Maintenance Fund - $ 324,709.31
Liquid Fuels - $169,774.51
Police Pension Fund - $1,109,295.74
Town Clock - $ 87.19
Special Fund - $ 178,515.30

Tax Collector Report – No Report

Police Report – Officer Ruschak read the monthly report for January as follows: criminal arrests-2; traffic citations issued-10; appearances in county court-9; appearances in magisterial court-23; motor vehicle accidents-13; assist to fire/ems-7; assist to other police depts. – 6; alarms-3; burglaries-1; thefts-2; vandalism-1; pfa violations-3; domestic reports-6; suspicious activity-6; assault/harassment-2; miscellaneous calls-21; building checks-61;. Mileage: Explorer-64.233; taurus-87,938; F150-33,384. Magistrate Fines Collected $1,695.41.

Solicitor's Report - No Report

Engineer's Report – Bob Naegele updated Council on the following: (1) His office did sewer mark outs for PA One Call (2) Assisted with the Chapter 94 Report which is the annual sewer update report and gets submitted to LLVSA and then from there forwarded to DEP as part of the Compliance Report. (3) Inlet replacement project is done for now. Inlet is in and everything is tied together, all the pipework. They filled it with flowable fill which is a loose concrete which was approved by PennDOT as the backfill. They will come back and do the final restoration, the curb and sidewalk when the weather permits. (4) Two projects opening tonight for public bid, one is Walnut Street which is the change order from the culvert which covers paving and sidewalk and storm pipe and inlets at the intersection and the second which is the ADA Ramp which is part of the community development funding through the county. We still have Almond Street, Everhart and Holden and the flood channel. Everhart /Holden and the creek and by Almond we need a few easements signed. We gave a few exhibits to Patty along with a draft blanket easement letter. Patty and Erik will work on the easements. Without the easements we cannot bid out the project. It is to benefit the residents, I think they will cooperate. Erik needs to review the language on the easements to make sure he is comfortable . Once they are signed by property owners, we can go out to bid. Plus putting four or five projects out at one time would put Patty into retirement. Patty and Erik will meet next week to go over the easements.

Code Enforcement - Patty commented on a number of letters recently sent out to new property owners with regard to work being done without permits. We are going to come out with a packet that goes out to new home owners.

Crime Watch Report – Bob reported the January meeting was held and well attended. They are looking into having events in town this year. The cameras are in place at the pavilion and they will move on linking the cameras to the Borough. The next meeting is Feb. 22 in the council chambers.

Council President's Report – Mileage: F550 has 37,233; C3500 has 2,278; Mack – 4,068; Packer – 61000; C3500 2008 – 76,557; Backhoe – 190 hrs. We have a new 3500 chevy out back with a plow. Trash 75.32 tons. Paper recycling – 10.27 tons. (1) Road conditions and potholes at Petro Truck Stop entrance Grove Street (2) Midlantic Engineering asked that we plow and salt Garden Road so they can get into their garage (3) To date we used 100 tons of salt, plus we had 40 tons left from last season (4) We called PennDOT with complaints from residents on Main Street (5) Council can meet tomoro

morning at 10 am for a tour of the housing building (6) We will bid out the c3500, volvo loader and water buffalo (7) Talked to the Chief about parking issues on Liberty Street on Friday and Saturdays from Brickhouse patrons. There are no parking signs in the area, but they are parking there and it can be a problem for emergency vehicles to get through.

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE REPORTS AS PRESENTED.
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 APPROVE AMENDMENT TO NOISE ORDINANCE AS ADVERTISED
Motion: Mr. Jones
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 TO APPROVE AND SIGN AGREEMENT WITH UGI FOR GAS SERVICE TO BOROUGH BUILDING AND ONE TIME FEE OF $4010.49 AND SEEK COST ESTIMATES FOR INSTALLATION
Mark questioned the estimates for installation noting that there should be no cost to bring the line to the borough. That has nothing to do with running the line into the building. They cover $3000 for the line. There should be no problem running the line here. The cost estimates Patty explained would be for the boiler work. Also it was questioned as to where the gas line is for the borough building and it most likely on Elm Street side. Bob Naegele wanting to make sure it would not affect the ADA ramp project.
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 OPEN, READ AND AWARD BID FOR THE ADA RAMP PROJECT
Motion: Mr. Price
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.

Bob explained the bid sheet has the bidders that took out plans. Everyone submitted a bid except H & K and American Asphalt. Three numbers, base bid, bid alternate one which is the difference between a poured concrete foundation or block foundation for the ramp which can be a plus, minus, or zero. We gave the option to go with a poured or block foundation. Alternate 2 is to finish and pave the other part of the parking lot if there is enough money.

Five Bids Received:	Base Bid	Alt 1	Alt 2		
Bognet Inc.	192,613.50	no bid	21,535.00	Addendum #1	Bid Bond
H & P Const.	179,008.00	4,300	10,800.00	Addendum #1	Bid Bond
Multiscape	173,772.00	80,000	22,500.00	Addendum # 1	Bid Bond
Pioneer Const.	131,063.00	68,900	43,775.00	Addendum # 1	Bid Bond
Sean Bryne Const.	149,146.50	(3,500)	24,115.00	Addendum # 1	Bid Bond

MOTION TO AWARD THE BID FOR THE ADA RAMP PROJECT TO PIONEER CONSTRUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF $131,063.00 BASE BID ONLY (BID TO BE REVIEWED BY ENGINEER)
The amount of the Grant from Luzerne County Office of Community Development is $125,000. Balance to be paid from General Fund as part of Building Maintenance.
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 OPEN, READ AND AWARD BID FOR THE WALNUT STREET STORMWATER PROJECT
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.

Nine Bids Received:

American Asphalt	118,481.75	Addendum # 1	Bid Bond
Columbia Excavating, Inc.	181,277.59	Addendum #1	Bid Bond
Fehlinger Construction	113,128.00	Addendum #1	Bid Bond
James T. O'Hara	130,800.00	Addendum #1	Bid Bond
Linde Corporation	136,261.00	Addendum #1	Bid Bond
Multiscape, Inc.	146,138.00	Addendum #1	Bid Bond
NESL New Enterprise	172,331.00	Addendum #1	Bid Bond
Pioneer Construction	98,348.00	Addendum #1	Bid Bond
Stafursky Paving	109,779.25	Addendum #1	Bid Bond

Bob and Patty were discussing the balance in the grant. There was no definite amount ready for the meeting, but Patty believed prior conversation was about $90,000. Being stormwater is part of the project some monies if needed can come from sewer fund. Stan stated we can use sewer money and lets get it done before we have major problems. Mr. Kowalczyk agreed it would cost us more in the long run if we wait and it gets worse. Stan said we are actually rolling the dice now because it is bad. Bob noted it includes sidewalks from the housing project where we left off at the culvert down on the baseball side to the corner. It ties into the whole corner, paving, sidewalks, driveway cut out for bleachers and for the pavilion entrance or tower. That area will look good and the road will be paved which is a mess. It will be paved up to Heidi Lane. Three drains at intersection, one at Heidi and one at ball field. Total five drains and 200 feet of pipe. Bob noted Pioneer ended up with both projects just so council is aware. Patty asked that a letter be sent out to all bidders with the results and Mike from Bob's office will take care of it.

MOTION TO AWARD THE BID FOR THE WALNUT STREET STORMWATER PROJECT TO PIONEER CONSTRUCTION IN THE AMOUNT OF $98,348.00 (ENGINEER TO REVIEW BIDS) (Sewer Fund to be used for stormwater portion if needed outside the grant.)
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 ADVERTISE FOR SALE THE C3500 DUMP TRUCK, AND COMPOST VOLVO LOADER AND WATER BUFFALO
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 APPROVE 911 CHANGE THE NAME OF GROVE STREET TO PETRO LANE FROM SR2059 TO THE PETRO TRUCK STOP ENTRANCE DRIVEWAY Stan Knick discussed the conversation from 911 with regard to Petro using 98 Petro Lane or 98 Grove Street as address. Patty sent a letter to Petro and received a call back from Steve Bartlett who is the new manager. He responded he would like to use 98 Grove Street. Patty explained that gps usually uses the first address and if it were to stay 98 Grove Street there would be no reason to change the name of the street to Petro Lane. She suggested 98 Petro Lane, Grove Street Dupont and will check with 911 to see if that is acceptable. Mr. Bartlett did explain that he is from Stroudsburg and when he entered 98 Grove into his gps he was directed into Avoca. 911 also questioned the 4 residences on Grove Street and whether their address will stay Grove Street. Patty stated yes they will stay as Grove Street. Bob Naegele said the interesting part is you are breaking the name of the road without a distinct intersection so there can be some confusion there. If you get to the end of Grove and it continued this would be Petro Lane. The other way Stash said it would be SR2059 to Petro Lane to Grove Street. Bob commented it would have to be Petro Lane first for gps and made the motion based on 911 approval. Mr. Jones questioned getting street signs made.
Motion: Mr. Price
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.

Stan noted the next motion was regarding property at 201 Lincoln. We met with the property owner and his attorney and we are holding off on that right now until it is looked into a little further.

MOTION TO APPROVE DUMPSTER FOR COMINGLE RECYCLING DROP OFF LOCATION BEHIND BOROUGH BUILDING. Several comments from Council regarding trial period for two or three months, who is going to monitor it, problems having trash mixed in with the recycling, cost of curbside pickup vs drop off, Joey asked cost of dumpster and disposal fees, etc. Patty estimated the cost for curbside pickup a year was $18,000 and drop off would be about $3000. It is currently taking two and one half days for trash/comingle pickup. Stan stated the weight slips for just trash is 13 tons and now with comingle it is 8 ton. Mark asked about the truck doing that. With no decision being agreed upon, Council
Joey – cost for dumpster
Mark – afraid it will be nightmare back there
Joe K. – have to give 2 or 3 month trial especially with weather
Stan – If people throw garbage in there, it is gone.
Bob P – Put out release what can go in it, and it will cease if anything else goes in there.
Tan – sign Recycling only
Mark - what if they start putting cardboard and paper in there, then it goes to single stream price which is $75 compared to comingle $25 per ton

Joe K – Concerns of residents going green, asking for option, if we give option and it backfired, we tried, it. Joe mentioned problems in Mountaintop and they had stuff left by the dumpster.
Mark – most goes to landfill and we are paying them to handle it, a middle person

MOTION TO TABLE:
Motion: Mr. Karkut
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 GRANT APPLICATION UNDER DCNR FOR RECREATION IMPROVEMENTS TO HEMLOCK/SPRUCE PARK AREA APPLICATIONS ARE DUE APRIL 6, 2022
Stan – We usually put in for the basketball courts, we can try again to get paved and fencing
Mark – Is there limits on the grant
Stan – Playground Equipment
Patty – The last grant we submitted was $250,000
Mark – What is the latest on the field behind the new complex.
Erik – They were getting the appraisal
Bob – We were getting appraisal
Joe K – Go for the max amount of money, and if we get it, we can make a nice park
Patty – We can take the previous applications and update them and resubmit
Stan – You usually need something in writing to submit and if we don't have an appraisal how do you put that in for a grant.
Mark – The point is upgrades to the basketball recreational area on Spruce and Hemlock, make it general and if that comes through and if we get the grant we can really upgrade that whole area but leave it open to say $250,000 and put amendment over to this park. They should not complaint if it is for recreation.
Patty – We do have a grant in for $250,000 under LSA for the basketball court areas. The next CFA meeting is March.
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.

Matters From Residents:

1. Crystal Mullen, Main Street – Can't we refuse the ramp project or is this something we have no choice and have to have the ramps put in. Stan stated we can refuse it, but responded currently the building is not ADA complian by their standardst, so we cannot have voting here. or anything. The other ramp is too steep. I hope that answered your question. Crystal then explained she meant the Turnpike easy on easy off ramp which was talked about at the crime watch meeting. Is that something we have to do? Mr. Knick noted that the Borough does not have a say on that project, they can exercise eminent domain if needed. They will take what properties they want.
2. Pina Hansen, Ivy Lane, - Noted the audio was not great in the beginning and asked if Stan can repeat what street he mentioned that had vehicles parked that was a problem. Stan stated Center Street and Patty noted it was Liberty Street. Also Pina asked what Patty was saying about packets and permits. Patty explained that several homes were purchased and remodeled without permits. There are homes advertised on Marketplace for rent with pictures

fully renovated and yet the borough has no record of permits. Patty wants to put together an information packet to mail to all new property owners in Dupont explaining what permits are needed, etc.

3. Danielle Perrins, Hemlock Street - With regard to the motion for sale of equipment, was that equipment purchased with grant money and if so, is the borough obligated to pay that money back. Mr. Knick stated no, once it is sold it is the boroughs money to use. The equipment is old and costing too much for maintenance.
4. Crystal Mullen, Main Street - If the Borough does have the dumpster out back for recycling is there still going to be curbside pickup. Stan stated we decided not to have it at the borough building and we will continue picking it up.
5. Pina Hansen, Ivy Lane – If the Borough decides to get the dumpster for drop off are you stopping pickups of plastics. Stan stated no, that would be for whoever wants to bring it here for recycling. Mark responded that no matter what we will still be picking up paper and cardboard every other week. None of that would be brought to that dumpster, just plastics and comingle. It is just an option for people to bring that.

Matters from Mayor and Council:
Mayor Lello – Food Drive Holy Mother of Sorrows Church Thursday, February 24th at 11 am. We need volunteers at 9 am. Thank you for my Birthday Celebration. Joe Karkut has the same birthday, same year, Happy Birthday Joe.

Stan – Happy Birthday Joe.

Bob Price - Happy Birthday to the gentlemen on either side of him.

Joe Karkut – Happy Birthday Mayor.

Mark Kowalczyk – Hope for Spring weather.

Joseph Jones - Happy Birthday Joe and Mayor. Thank you to Mr. Knick for helping out and driving the packer, since we are short a couple guys. . Suggested and asked Bob to start a facebook page under Dupont Borough. Any official information comes from an official borough page and we can share into the group. Mark agreed to have an official page and share into group, with one or two administrators. Joey stated we can have the website, hours, etc.

Stan Knick – Thank you to the road crew for all they do. We have been shorthanded. It has been rough. Thank you to council members Joey and Bob for helping out also. We continue to work together to keep this town going and also thanked the cops who go above and beyond. It is really appreciated. We are looking for new workers.

Any other matters:

Pina Hansen, Ivy Lane – Commented that Joey's suggestion for Dupont Borough facebook page is a great idea.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:55 by motion by Mr. Kowalczyk and seconded by Mr. Price.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia McDonald
Secretary

Adopted and Approved

Stan Knick, Jr.
Council President