The regular monthly meeting of Dupont Borough Council was called to order at 6:00pm on Tuesday evening, June 10, 2025 by President of Council Stanley Knick, Jr.

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 MAY 13, 2025 REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL AND PLACE ON FILE
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 TO ACCEPT THE CORRESPONDENCE PRESENTED.
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 APPROVE BILLS FOR PAYMENT
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 APPOINT THE PART TIME POICE OFFICERS FROM JUNE 10, 2025 TO THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL WITH NO GUARANTEE OF WORK: Bryan Besecker, Duane Saunders, Jennifer Polemitis, Christopher Fargione, Michael Sniscak, Brian Morris, Brian Jacobosky, Eric Danaher, Joseph Delaney.
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.

REPORTS:
Treasurer's Report: Ellen read the report for May submitted by Albert B. Melone Company
General Fund - $ 145,783.40
Payroll Fund - $9,944.35
ARPA FNCB Cash - $.38
ADMIN Debit Card - $ 195.24
Police Debit Card - $22.36
Refuse Fund - $181,954.33
Sewer Maintenance Fund - $395,089.70

Liquid Fuels - $150,642.30
Police Pension Fund - $1,180,257.90
Special Fund - $43,472.96
Clock Fund - $376.32
Fire Victims Fund - $60.06

Tax Collector's Report: Ellen read the May report submitted by Susan Gregory, Tax Collector
Balance Collectable Beginning of Month - $44,650.58
Less Face Collections for the month – $2,246.65
Less Discounts – $6.99
Check received and deposited in the General Fund - $2,239.66
Balance Collectable End of Month - $42,403.93

Stash noted this is property taxes, we still have EIT taxes to come in.

Mayor's Report - None

Police Report – Chief Doran read the statistical report for May as follows: criminal arrests-1; traffic citations issued-98; non traffic citations issued-1; appearances in county court-2; appearances in magisterial court-25; motor vehicle accidents-9; assist to EMS/Fire-5; Assist to other police dept. – 12; burglaries-1; thefts-2; vandalism-1; PFA violations/service-5; domestic reports-4; DUI Arrest-1; assault/harassment-3; Miscellaneous calls-51; building checks-42; code enforcement/rental inspections-30. Vehicle Mileage: F150 – 67,736; Exploreer#2-34,039; Explorer #3-32,367. Magistrate Fines Collected - $5,383.46.

Solicitor's Report: None

Engineer's Report: Bob Naegele updated the following: (1) Two grants were submitted one for Collins Creek and one for the Park (2) Left message for Astound contractor for roads in Quail Hill. Bob didn't notice any issues on Pittston Avenue. (3) Community Development projects for ADA Ramps and Demo – Mark Hurst was out of the office on medical and we are hoping now to get that moving and out for bid in July. Patty stated the money has to be spent by October. (4) Pennsy is milling and ready to pave Lidy Road, they did recommend base repair. Stan stated it was approved to do base repair. (5) Quail Hill lights is complete, we are waiting for the contractor to submit the pay apps and we will close out that grant. We will have to have one more meeting. (6) Hemlock Park – submittals came in for the acrylic for the basketball court and we are waiting on that to be scheduled. Once that is done they will topsoil and seed the other area (7) Walk Trail – Paving is done, they have to come back in and restore the edges. The other issue is the rock entrance. The question is what do you want to do there. Stan asked for the final number. Stan noted the gate was approved. If there is money, it can be paved. If not, the rock can stay. Bob suggested if the rock is being removed, he would suggest using it in the ditch to dress that up. Stan agreed that would good for the drain. Bob suggested if no money to pave entrance, he would recommend modified or smaller stone for the entrance. (8) Hose company project is almost done. There was a crane over there to set the two units. They have to put up the safety rails, test the system and then we will do the final inspection.

Fire Department Report: Chief Don Hudzinski Jr. read the May report: Total incidents-24; Paid staff responses-11; Volunteer responses-13; Incident Type: fire alarm-1; structure box-1; motor vehicle accident-8; public assist-1; fuel spill-1; FDinvestigation-1; brush fire-1; EMS assist-4; rental inspection-6. Jurisdiction: Dupont Borough-15; Hughestown Borough-3; Avoca Borough-4; PA Turnpike-2.

EMS Report - Joseph Jones noted that Hughestown responded into Dupont 27 times in May. They also sent out the reminder notices for the subscription drive. A full report by town and call type is on file.

EMA Report: Joseph Jones noted that Memorial Day the siren was tested twice. It worked fine. This test will be done every year on Memorial Day along with the start of the parade. VFW agreed. The siren at the hose company was also tested. There was one incident this month, a fuel spill at the Petro. It was contained inside the one travel center, about 60-90 gallons. An environmental company came out and I contacted DEP.

Code Enforcement Report - Joseph Jones reported that 27 notices of violation were issued, 7 rental inspections completed and 4 citations filed with the magistrate.

Stan asked Officer Tamburello if he has an update on the home that burned on Main Street. Officer Tamburello will reach out to the property owner. Last he heard they are waiting on word from the insurance company.

Crime Watch Report: Bob Price noted there was no meeting in May due to the Memorial Day holiday and other conflicts. The next meeting is June 24th at 7:00pm in the council chambers.

Council President's Report: Stan reported: Trash – 69.81 tons; Comingle - 5.55 tons; Paper 6.81 tons. One slip is missing from May 29th. Mileage: 550 is back at Key Ford; Green pickup 10,427; 3500 – 19,798; 6500 – 1,443; Packer - 8,929; Recycler - 46,803.

Stan updated on the following: DPW has been cutting brush and weeds all over town. Soon they have to get into the creek channel because the inspection is coming up. We received a grant for the pump station but right now we are looking into an attorney first to see if we can hook into Avoca lines. If not we will get the pump station redone through the grant. We received a grant for the Oak Street monument. In July, the ADA ramps will go out for bid. Bob noted hopefully be opened in July. We are looking for donations for three benches to go over at the site of the walk trail. If anyone wants to donate or pay for a bench let us know. The cost is $525.00 each. Thank you to Jan Lokuta for painting the Mill Creek Project sign.

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE REPORTS.
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.

Matters from Residents:

Joe Cigan - Is there an update on the Junk Yard, LAG 124 Main Street Dupont. What have you heard. Are they getting rid of it, removing cars and selling it? No real update.

Stan Warunek - Minutes on computer are outdated. Why not updated. Last minutes posted was January. Ellen added that there is always a copy in the office you can stop in and see.

Matters from Council and Mayor:

Joseph Jones – IWORQ system will be introduced to the town shortly. The County EMA will hold a training here sponsored by the Borough. August 13th 6 pm. Open to all elected officials or borough/municipal employees from surrounding towns. It is a better understanding of emergency situations and what the roles are.

Mark Kowalczyk - Be patient with the Street Department. I am working with them everyday and they are working good. There are priorities. I know everyone has a pothole or something. We are moving forward with the projects and we will get to everything but we have to prioritize everything. Second have a Happy Fourth of July, its here already soon, and before you know it it will be Labor Day and then we will talk about snow removal. Enjoy the summer.

Bob Price - Reminder of the crime watch meeting. Enjoy the summer.

Mayor Lello - Reminder of the food drive. Also can someone cut the bush next to the garage on Penn and Chestnut by the monument shop. Joey questioned Alberta if it was hers. Elaine explained the location. Elaine said I'll do it myself. Stan said let me know we will get pictures.

Joe Karkut – Happy Fourth of July. Happy Juneteenth.

Stan Knick - Happy Fourth of July. As Mark said, be patient, we are trying to get roads done, borough workers trying to do drains, we are doing a lot. There is a lot to be done. Also we appreciate the police and code enforcement.

Motion to Adjourn at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Ellen Price
Clerk

Adopted and Approved

Stanley Knick, Jr.
Council President