The Regular Monthly Meeting of Dupont Borough Council was called to order at 7:00 pm on Tuesday evening, May 10, 2022 by President of Council Stanley Knick Jr.

Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Mr. Knick, yes; Mr. Kowalczyk, yes ; Mr. Karkut, yes ; Mr. Price, yes; Mr. Jones, yes; Mayor Lello, Excused.

At this time, Mr. Knick called for an executive session to discuss personnel and legal matters.
Upon return from Executive Session, Mr. Knick introduced members of Troop 316 from Avoca for a special presentation. Troop 316 presented a plaque for Mayor Dan Lello in appreciation and thanks for the fifteen years of help to Troop 316, helping them with four different Eagle projects. Without Mayor Lello, that could not have been done. Matt FIno commented the Troop owes a lot to Dupont and wants to remain active with Dupont Borough. If the Borough has any needs, whether he has an Eagle coming up or not, they would like to work with the Borough on projects. Mr. Knick, as well as Mr. Kowalczyk thanked the Members of Troop 316 in attendance this evening. Members included Kylee Bree, Jason Phillips, Jacob Phillips, Joshua Phillips, and Matt Fino. Matt added Kylee was the first Eagle from the troop, both Phillips boys are Eagles also. Youngest brother is upon to cross over next year in June. Everyone applauded the Members.

MOTION TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 12, 2022 REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING AND PLACE ON FILE:
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 ACCEPT THE CORRESPONDENCE.
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 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 ACCEPT THE FULL TIME RESIGNATION OF CORPORAL BRYAN BESECKER AS OF MAY 10, 2022 AND CHANGE HIS STATUS TO PART TIME AS PER EXECUTIVE SESSION
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.

MOTION TO APPOINT THOMAS RUSHAK TO FULL TIME POLICE OFFICER AS OF MAY 11 2022 WITH BENEFITS AS PER EXECUTIVE SESSION
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 APPOINT THE PART TIME POLICE OFFICERS FROM MAY 10, 2022 TO THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF BOROUGH COUNCIL WITH NO GUARANTEE OF WORK: Bryan Besecker, Duane Saunders, Jennifer Polemitis, Christopher Fargione, Robert Avvisato, Michael Sniscak. New Hire: Robert Bartolomei.
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.

REPORTS:
Treasurer's Report:
General Fund - $76,812.83
Payroll Fund - $9,026.32
ARPA FNCB Cash - $120,004.19
Admin 42249 Debit Card - $120.57
Police 2121 Debit Card - $239.81
Community Development Fund - $63.18
Refuse Fund - $122,108.13
Sewer Maintenance Fund - $332,298.72
Liquid Fuels - $214,507.37
Police Pension Fund - $1,109,295.74
Town Clock - $87.19
Special Fund - $178,529.73

Tax Collector's Report:
Month of April 2022 - Check in the amount of $123,550.62 and check for $14.37 deposited in General Fund.
Balance Collectable Beginning of Month - $ 160,639.29
Face Collections for the Month - $126,072.23
Less Discounts: $2,521.51
Balance Collectable End of Month - $34,567.06

Police Report – Chief Doran read the April statistical report as follows: Criminal arrest-1; Traffic Citations Issued-122; Non Traffic Citations Issued-1; Appearances in county court-2; Appearances in Magisterial Court-31; Motor Vehicle Accidents-6; Assist to EMS/Fire-8; Assist to other police depts.-9; Alarms-3; Thefts-7; Vandalism-3; Disorderly conduct-1; Domestic Reports-5; Suspicious Activity-2; DUI AArrest-2; Assault/Harrasment-2; Miscellaneous Calls-26; Building Checks-102. Car 1 – F150 36,684 miles; Car 2 Explorer 2,643; Car 3 Explorer 858. Magistrate Fines - $2,394.35.

Solicitor Report - None

Engineer's Report - Bob updated Council on the three projects awarded to Piioneer Construction including the ADA Ramp, Walnut Street Stormwater, and the Inlet at PNC Bank. Inlet is done. They are waiting to do the final pave restoration. They submitted shop drawings for the other two projects. We are waiting for an actual schedule from them. Realistically the contracts were in place and they should have had the shop drawings submitted and materials ordered. (2) Flood Channel project bids to be opened tonight. (3) We are working with Patty on grants, including the multimodal grant for the final culvert on Walnut between Everhart and Gill. (4) Easements for the Growing Greener Grant. Bob noted we are ready to go with the Everhart/Holden part of the project if council wants to move forward. We need to finalize the easements for the other section and need to meet with the property owner and their attorney to discuss the changes they suggested and include them in the paperwork.

MOTION TO SEPARATE INTO TWO PROJECTS AND MOVE FORWARD WITH THE EVERHART HOLDEN WORK. THEN MOVE ON WITH THE ALMOND JACKSON STREET PROJECT ONCE THOSE EASEMENTS ARE FINALIZED.
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.

Crime Watch Report – Bob Price stated a meeting was held in April. The next meeting is scheduled for May 31st. Crime Watch will participate in the Memorial Day Parade. Equipment is on order to bridge the video system from the park to the borough building. Crime watch is working on speakers for the summer meetings.

Council President Report: Stan reported 9.05 tons cardboard collected; 70.11 tons trash collected. No mileage report from DPW this month. Vehicle maintenance included inspection and tags for bucket truck; F550 to Coccia for new fuel tank and mud flap was replaced; Packer needed fuel filter and mud flap replaced. Other issues included a hole opening on Walnut culvert between Everhart and Gill. That is the new grant being applied for. The bottom is washing out. The pre-construction meeting was held for the Mill Creek project and bids are being opened tonight.

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE REPORTS 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 OPEN, READ AND AWARD THE BIDS FOR THE DUPONT BOROUGH FLOOD CONTROL REPAIR PROJECT PHASE II
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.

The following bids were received:

Multiscape
Bid Bond Present
Base Bid $573,848.00
Alternate #1 $753,773.00
Alternate #2 $3016.00
Alternate #3 $6,347.00
Addendum – Acknowledged

Mar Allen Concrete Products
Base Bid $1,580,140.50
Alternate # 1 $1,646,690.00
Alternate # 2 $7,515.00
Alternate # 3 $ 9,210.00
Addendum - Acknowledged
Bid Bond – Present

Linde Corporation
Bid Bond Present
Addendum – Acknowledged
Base Bid $ 1,022,534.00
Alternate # 1 $ 845,847.00
Alternate # 2 $ 14,000.00
Alternate # 3 $ 19,200.00

Minichi, Inc.
Bid Bond Present
Addendum – Acknowledged
Base Bild - $611,000.00
Alternate # 1 $ 881,000.00
Alternate # 2 $ 3,000.00
Alternate # 3 $ 5,000.00

Bob stated there are two funding sources which he believes totals about $585,000. Multiscape is the low bid. Alternate 2 or 3 Bob noted are taking regular rebar and making it epoxy coated to last longer So it doesn't rust out. We also were told there is a lead time on epoxy coated rebar so that is why there is an option. Alternate # 2 goes with base bid and Alternate #3 goes with alternate #1. The difference between base bid and Alternate #1 is base bid is mainly doing all the channel floor where the cracking is and the heaving. Alternate #2 added in a majority of the side walls.

Patty and Bob discussed the grant award. After checking it was noted the grant is $507,926.00. There is no match. The remaining Phase I grant is $20,599 plus 15% $3,089.85 match for a total of $531,614.85. Total project for base bid and Alternate 2 = $ $576,864.00. Difference from Borough Funds (ARPA) = $45,249.15. Council and Engineer to review numbers and make motion later in the meeting.

MOTION TO APPOINT BRADLEY LARISH AS FULL TIME DPW DRIVER/LABORER AS PER EXECUTIVE SESSION
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.

MOTION TO ADVERTISE THE SITE CLEARANCE PROJECT FOR DEMOLITION OF 143 MAIN STREET (Second quote received, Mark Hurst to prepare cooperation agreement and five year lien on property)
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 CONTACT THREE CONTRACTORS FOR QUOTES TO WORK ON BANK STABILIZATION BEHIND 100-102 FLORENCE STREET AND BEHIND 300 HEIDI LANE PROPERTY. (Once quotes received, and decision on Borough covering costs, contact DEP for emergency permit)
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 ADOPT RESOLUTION 4 OF 2022 APPROVING SUBMITTAL OF MULTIMODAL GRANT APPLICATION FOR REPLACEMENT OF WALNUT STREET CULVERT OVER LIDY CREEK BETWEEN EVERHART AND GILL STREETS TOTAL PROJECT COST $280,039.50 Grant $196,027.65 Match $84,011.85.
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 APPROVING EMERGENCY REPAIR ON GROVE STREET TO FORTINI BLACKTOPPING $2850.
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.

Bob Naegele confirmed the grant amounts for the Mill Creek Project. $507,926 no match and $20,599 with 15% match. Bob suggested being it is over budget we can meet to see if we can trim some of the work. Patty was concerned with the amount of money being used as a match for the other projects in town and did not want to continue taking money from the sewer fund. Stan suggested council hold off until conversations with engineer on trimming the scope of work. Patty then added rather than using funds from the sewer account, the funds can be used from the ARPA fund. That total award was $280,000 with only $19,000 spent to date. The amount over the grant is $45,000 which can be used from the ARPA monies. Council then decided to agree and move forward.

MOTION TO AWARD THE BID FOR THE MILL CREEK PROJECT TO MULTISCAPE FOR THE BASE BID PLUS ALTERNATE #2 FOR A TOTAL OF $576,864.00 USING TWO GRANT FUNDING SOURCES, MATCH AND ARPA FUNDS.
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.

Matters from Audience.
Pina Hansen, Ivy Lane – Questioned with new hire how many full time and part time dpw workers do we have. Stan responded 3 full time, 1 part time and 1 as needed. Gene has been helping us out. We don't want to slight anybody. The workers are getting older and not everyone can get on the back of the packer. Pina asked about the rumor Joe Goula is retiring. One day he is the next he is not. There is no definite. We hired someone that can weekwack and other work. We have all been helping out. Gene has given this town a great hand and we hope he stays with us. He was hired to snow plow and he can be other places. Stan commended the people that came out to help.

Joe Cigan, Gill Street - With regard to the police pension plan, the financial advisor on the statement suggests that a yearly analysis be given on the account. What is the possibility of having him come to a meeting and discuss the pension fund. Mr. Cigan called Fidelity, but did not receive a call back. Stan will contact him to attend next meeting.

Matters from Mayor and Council.

Joseph Jones – Congratulate the police department for doing such a great job, especially with the incident on Main Street a couple weeks ago where the woman was held captive. Happy Memorial Day.

Mark Kowalczyk – Likewise, everyone enjoy Memorial Day and remember what it is about. It is for the ones that gave the ultimate sacrifice and we have many in this town you can see by the white crosses. Just remember that and enjoy the day with family and friends. Mark also addressed the Chief and thanked the police department. He has been working a lot in town lately and sees them on patrol. People notice it and for the right people it makes them feel more protected and the wrong people it gives them a message. Thank you guys and girls, doing an awesome job.

Mr. Price - Echo everyone else's comments with regard to Memorial Day. The parade is coming back this year and everyone come out and watch it. Kudos to the police department, we are getting a lot of good pr and a lot of well deserved pr for the work being done. Remember what Memorial Day is all about and enjoy time with family.

Mr. Karkut – Exactly what Mr. Kowalczyk said.

Mr. Knick – Announcements: Election Day is May 17th. Voting at VFW. Memorial Day Parade is May 30th with services following at the VFW. Dupont Youth Baseball opening day is this Saturday. Opening day was cancelled last week due to weather. Also Dupont Youth Baseball Organization Chicken BBQ tickets will be available at the borough office. Those guys are doing a great job. Some do not have children and dedicate their time. Stan also thanked the police department and the street department workers for all they do. We have a great group of people. Thank you.

Motion to Adjourn. Mr. Kowalczyk, Second Mr. Price. Unanimous. Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia McDonald
Secretary

Adopted and Approved,

Stanley Knick, Jr.
Council President