The Regular Monthly Meeting of Dupont Borough Council was called to order at 7:00pm on Tuesday evening, November 15, 2022 by President of Council, Stanley Knick Jr.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

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

Mr. Knick began with an apology regarding last months meeting and the statement made that recordings of meetings by the public is not allowed. After reviewing the topic and contacting the District Attorney's office, it was confirmed that recording of meetings is under the Right to Know Act and is permitted.
(no tape recording)

MOTION TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 13TH REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL AND PLACE ON FILE
Motion: Mr. Jones
Second: Mr. Karkut
Roll Call Vote: Mr. Knick, yes; Mr. Kowalczyk, Absent; Mr. Karkut, yes; Mr. Price, yes; Mr. Jones, yes.
Motion Carried 4/0.

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

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

MOTION TO APPOINT THE PART TIME POLICE FROM NOVEMBER 15, 2022 TO THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL WITH NO GUARANTEE OF WORK: Bryan Besecker, Duane Saunders, Jennifer Polemitis, Christopher Fargione, Robert Avvisato, Michael Sniscak, Gilbert Diaz
Motion: Mr. Karkut
Second: Mr. Jones
Roll Call Vote: Mr. Knick, yes; Mr. Kowalczyk, Absent; Mr. Karkut, yes; Mr. Price, yes; Mr. Jones, yes.
Motion Carried 4/0.

MOTION TO APPROVE CONTRACT CHANGE ORDER FOR PIONEER TO INCLUDE PAVING REMAINING PARKING LOT AS PART OF THE ADA RAMP PROJECT CONTRACT ADDENDUM
Motion: Mr. Jones
Second: Mr. Price
Roll Call Vote: Mr. Knick, yes; Mr. Kowalczyk, Absent; Mr. Karkut, yes; Mr. Price, yes; Mr. Jones, yes.
Motion Carried 4/0.

MOTION TO APPROVE SIGNING DOCUMENTS AND ISSUING FULL PAYMENT BALANCE FOR LAND PURCHASE BEHIND SENIOR HOUSING COMPLEX
Motion: Mr. Price
Second: Mr. Jones
Roll Call Vote: Mr. Knick, yes; Mr. Kowalczyk, Absent; Mr. Karkut, yes; Mr. Price, yes; Mr. Jones, yes.
Motion Carried 4/0.

MOTION TO PRESENT THE 2023 BOROUGH INSURANCE PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY JOYCE INSURANCE
Motion: Mr. Jones
Second: Mr. Price
Roll Call Vote: Mr. Knick, yes; Mr. Kowalczyk, Absent; Mr. Karkut, yes; Mr. Price, yes; Mr. Jones, yes.
Motion Carried 4/0.

Joyce Insurance - Renewal Quote 2023-24 $59,208 Expiring Premium 2022-23 $54,640
Property values increased by 4% inflation guard; Inland Marine increased by $129,919 for a total value of $1,111,925; The auto schedule had 5 new vehicles added and increased by 3 vehicles for a schedule value from $730,996 to $1,030,549; Police exposure increased by an additional full time and part time officer; The umbrella goes over the underlying GL, AL, POL, PPL, EPL; Workers Compensation: The experience MOD went from 88.7 to .85; Payrolls have increased by $50,002; PCRB recently approved class 989 has been added to VFD support staff.

MOTION TO ACCEPT AND APPROVE THE 2023 BOROUGH INSURANCE PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY JOYCE INSURANCE
Motion: Mr. Jones
Second: Mr. Price
Roll Call Vote: Mr. Knick, yes; Mr. Kowalczyk, Absent; Mr. Karkut, yes; Mr. Price, yes; Mr. Jones, yes.
Motion Carried 4/0.

MOTION TO PRESENT THE SECOND READING OF THE PROPOSED 2023 BUDGET
Motion: Mr. Jones
Second: Mr. Karkut
Roll Call Vote: Mr. Knick, yes; Mr. Kowalczyk, Absent; Mr. Karkut, yes; Mr. Price, yes; Mr. Jones, yes.
Motion Carried 4/0.

Mr. Jones read the budget second reading as follows: (no change from first reading)
No Tax or Refuse Increase. Sewer Maintenance Yearly EDU increase $10.00
General Fund Budget - $799,480
Refuse Fund Budget - $ 143,800
Liquid Fuels Budget - $ 97,000.00
Sewer Maintenance Fund Budget - $ 70,730.00
ARPA Fund Budget - $ 260,440.25
Special Fund Budget - $ 178,583.78
Total for All Operating Budgets - $ 1,550,034.03

MOTION TO APPROVE THE SECOND READING OF THE PROPOSED 2023 BUDGET
Motion: Mr. Jones
Second: Mr. Karkut
Roll Call Vote: Mr. Knick, yes; Mr. Kowalczyk, Absent; Mr. Karkut, yes; Mr. Price, yes; Mr. Jones, yes.
Motion Carried 4/0.

REPORTS:
Treasurer's Report – Submitted by Albert B. Melone, Business Consultants
General Fund- $ 86,968.15 ($20,000 paid to sewer maintenance for building remodeling loan)
Payroll Fund - $13,377.48
ARPA Fund - $ 260,980.99
Admin Debit Card - $ 89.24
Police Debit Card - $ 51.93
Community Development Fund - $ 63.18
Refuse Fund- $102,926.09
Sewer Maintenance Fund - $ 327,110.33
Liquid Fuels Fund - $ 199,154.94
Police Pension Fund - $ 982,244.91
Town Clock - $ 87.19
Special Fund - $ 178,673.81

Tax Collector's Report – Susan Gregory, Tax Collector submitted the following report for October.
Balance Collectable Beginning of Month – 17,287.61
Less Face Collections for the Month - $ 429.87
Plus Penalties - $ 42.98
Balance Collectable End of Month - $ 16857.74
Total Collected and Deposited into General Fund - $ 472.05

Mayor Report – Food Drive, Volunteers Needed, November 17th

Solicitor Report – None

Engineer Report – Submitted report for review. Excused from meeting.

Police Report – Chief Doran read the statistical report for October as follows:
Criminal arrests-2; traffic citations issued-39; appearances in county court-5; appearances in magisterial court – 24; motor vehicle accidents-12; assist to ems/fire-10; assist to other police dept – 5; alarms-2; burglaries-1; thefts-4; andalism-1; disorderly conduct-3; domestic reports-5; suspicious activity-1; dui arrest-1; assault/harassment-2; drug offense-2; miscellaneous calls-34; building checks-36. Magistrate fines - $1,454.82. Mileage: F150 – 39,197; Explorer #2 – 9,567; Explorer #3 – 7,892.

Crime Watch Report – Bob highlighted the great turnout at the trunk or treat event. Advised this year's Christmas Tree Lighting and Party is scheduled for December 10th at the borough bulding and the next Crime Watch meeting is scheduled for November 29th at 7 pm.

Council President's Report – Stan reported the following: 65.03 tons of trash; 8.14 tons cardboard recycled. Mileage: Packer-67,782; Recycler – 33,963; Green GMC Pickup- 4,484; C3500-1.410; C6500-474; Mack – 4,288; F550 – 42,786; Bucket Truck – 843. The C3500 is back in service as of October 25th following the accident. The ADA Ramp project concrete, door and railings are complete. Paving completed November 15th. Stormwater project on Walnut paving completed November 15th, sidewalks to be done weather permitting. 143 Demolition project completed by Brdaric. New phone system installed at building up and running. Brad from DPW started putting up street signs that were missing around town. Heidleberg bridge opened October 28th.

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

MOTION TO INTRODUCE MIKE FIORELLI, FIORELLI ASSOCIATES WITH THE PRESENTATION OF THE 2021 BOROUGH AUDIT.
Motion: Mr. Jones
Second: Mr. Karkut
Roll Call Vote: Mr. Knick, yes; Mr. Kowalczyk, Absent; Mr. Karkut, yes; Mr. Price, yes; Mr. Jones, yes.
Motion Carried 4/0.

Mike Fiorelli Associates presented information on the General Fund Fund Balance as of December 31, 2021. Revenue and Expenses, as well as a report on the American Rescue Plan Account and the Building Remodeling Fund Account.

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE 2021 DUPONT BOROUGH AUDIT PREPARED BY FIORELLI ASSOCIATES.
Motion: Mr. Karkut
Second: Mr. Jones
Roll Call Vote: Mr. Knick, yes; Mr. Kowalczyk, Absent; Mr. Karkut, yes; Mr. Price, yes; Mr. Jones, yes.
Motion Carried 4/0.

Stan called for a Motion to present Eastern Produce with a plaque in recognition of the donations given to the Trunk or Treat event over the past several years.
Motion: Mr. Price
Second: Mr. Jones
Roll Call Vote: Mr. Knick, yes; Mr. Kowalczyk, Absent; Mr. Karkut, yes; Mr. Price, yes; Mr. Jones, yes.
Motion Carried 4/0.

Matters from Residents in Attendance:

Lou Posly, 243 Lidy Road - Commented on last month's meeting, the statement about recording, the executive session held, and then brought up the ATV issue speaking about the LAW. Several comments and responses from Chief Doran, with comments from Stan Knick, Mayor Elaine Lello , Pina Hansen and others took part in this discussion.

Pina Hansen, 11 Ivy Lane – Illegal dumping problem in quail hill. Contacted Atty. Comitz and is waiting for a call back. Suggested blocking off the road way into where the dumping is occurring. She has walked the area and noticed a refrigerator and trash bags. Also someone in the development is cutting trees and dumping them. Erik stated it is a zoning matter and he will be meeting with Pat Dooley at the County and will discuss this issue. In the meantime, he noted the property owner (Comitz) will be cited or requested to clean up the dumping.

Ellen Price – Brought up a request of Michael Rankosky, 604 Spruce Street asking whether council would approve the construction equipment on his property being stored under a carport. Again Erik noted this is a zoning issue and should be discussed at the county. Ellen noted that Mr. Rankosky was notified by Patty of the many complaints of neighbors in the area with concerns of property values and questioning the equipment stored on the property. Mr. Rankosky stated he uses the equipment for personal use to work on his vehicle and plow the driveway.

Matters from Council and the Mayor: All wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and thank you to the Veterans.

Meeting adjourned unanimous vote at 7:56pm

Respectfully submitted

Ellen Price, Clerk
Patricia McDonald, Secretary

Adopted and Approved

Stanley Knick
Council President