

**DUBOISTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
THURSDAY AUGUST 3 2023
6:00 PM**

MEETING MINUTES

The general council meeting was held in person at Borough Meeting Room and called to order by Vice President at 6:00 pm.

Present were Dori Rankinen, Norman J Cowden, Shawn Millard, Harry Rogers, Marc Drier, Kate Weaver, Mayor Richard Knecht, Jeff Kreger, Mike Rodgers Ann Marie Baker Borough Manager, ABSENT John McCormick

Public Comment Period 1

Doris Butts 222 Arlington Street – Very large trees at the apartment building that are in danger of falling on lines and homes. Follow up for the Borough Manager will be to contact PPL and advise of the tree ordinance in the borough and see if this can be resolved.

Motion #1 was moved and seconded (Dori Rankinen/Norman Cowden) to approve the previous month's council meeting minutes dated July 13, 2023.

Motion #1 carries by a Unanimous Vote (6-0)

| Name | Nomination | Motion | 2 nd | Yes | No | Abstain | Absent |
|----------------|------------|--------|-----------------|-----|----|---------|--------|
| John McCormick | | | | | | | X |
| Jeff Kreger | | | | X | | | |
| Harry Rogers | | | | X | | | |
| Dori Rankinen | | X | | X | | | |
| Mike Rodgers | | | | X | | | |
| Norman Cowden | | | X | X | | | |
| Shawn Millard | | | | X | | | |
| Mayor Knecht | | | | | | | |

The police report was reviewed with no questions.

Fire Department report was reviewed with no questions.

The Sewer Report was reviewed with no questions.

Motion #2 was moved and seconded (Jeff Kreger/Harry Rogers) change the deadline for Cochran Ave and Edgewood Ave Sewer Project to move the bids to be advertised in November, Open bids in December and Award Bid in January to start project early spring 2024 to complete by Fall 2024.

Motion #2 carries by a Unanimous Vote (5-1)

| Name | Nomination | Motion | 2 nd | Yes | No | Abstain | Absent |
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| Jeff Kreger | | X | | X | | | |

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| Harry Rogers | | | X | X | | | |
| Dori Rankinen | | | | X | | | |
| Mike Rodgers | | | | X | | | |
| Norman Cowden | | | | X | | | |
| Shawn Millard | | | | | X | | |
| Mayor Knecht | | | | | | | |

Motion #3 was moved and seconded (Norman Cowden/Dori Rankinen) to remove the tabled motion from last month on the Real Seal Quote.

Motion #3 carries by a Unanimous Vote (6-0)

| Name | Nomination | Motion | 2 nd | Yes | No | Abstain | Absent |
|----------------|------------|--------|-----------------|-----|----|---------|--------|
| John McCormick | | | | | | | X |
| Jeff Kreger | | | | X | | | |
| Harry Rogers | | | | X | | | |
| Dori Rankinen | | | X | X | | | |
| Mike Rodgers | | | | X | | | |
| Norman Cowden | | X | | X | | | |
| Shawn Millard | | | | X | | | |
| Mayor Knecht | | | | | | | |

Borough Manager Update – Report is included in the packet.

Update on DCNR projects on the park and pump station area.

Katie Cupto gave update on meeting she attended at ROBERT ALAN PORTER PARK and will be taking the place of Thomas J Deljanovan on the board.

Solicitor – Marc Drier – Working on the Heights documentation and progressing.

Marc will review and make changes to the Fire Service Agreement and give to council at the next meeting with the suggested changes from the Mayor and Council Shawn Millard.

The solicitor will check to see if there can be a franchise fee attached to the Fastbridge company that is doing fiber optic through the borough.

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Motion #4 was moved and seconded (Shawn Millard/Norman Cowden) to the quote from Real Seal and look into a committee to discuss the future purchase and need for tar buggy.

Motion #4 carries by a Unanimous Vote (6-0)

| Name | Nomination | Motion | 2 nd | Yes | No | Abstain | Absent |
|----------------|------------|--------|-----------------|-----|----|---------|--------|
| John McCormick | | | | | | | X |
| Jeff Kreger | | | | X | | | |
| Harry Rogers | | | | X | | | |
| Dori Rankinen | | | | X | | | |
| Mike Rodgers | | | | X | | | |
| Norman Cowden | | | X | X | | | |
| Shawn Millard | | X | | X | | | |
| Mayor Knecht | | | | | | | |

Motion #5 was moved and seconded (Norman Cowden/Jeff Kreger) to approve total expenditures total of 83,102.52

Motion #5 carries by a Unanimous Vote (6-0)

| Name | Nomination | Motion | 2 nd | Yes | No | Abstain | Absent |
|----------------|------------|--------|-----------------|-----|----|---------|--------|
| John McCormick | | | | | | | X |
| Jeff Kreger | | | X | X | | | |
| Harry Rogers | | | | X | | | |
| Dori Rankinen | | | | X | | | |
| Mike Rodgers | | | X | | | | |
| Norman Cowden | | X | X | | | | |
| Shawn Millard | | | X | | | | |
| Mayor Knecht | | | | | | | |

Petition was read by the Borough Manager from the residents on Sortman Ave that read as follows: As residents of Sortman Avenue, many for several years; we are requesting that Duboistown Borough Council consider reverting the one-way travel on our street and divert back to the way it was for several years being two way traffic. We feel this is a better option for all people travelling on this road. We Sincerely hope you will take this consideration seriously.

16 residents had signed the petition and one resident 2683 Sortman Ave asked to be removed from the petition via an email.

Motion #6 was moved and not seconded by Norman Cowden to approve Sortman Ave to change back to a two way street.

Motion #6 did not move.

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Public Comment Period #2

Motion # was moved and seconded (John McCormick/Norman Cowden) to adjourn at 7:47 pm

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| John McCormick | | | | | | | X |
| Jeff Kreger | | | | X | | | |
| Harry Rogers | | X | | X | | | |
| Dori Rankinen | | | X | X | | | |
| Mike Rodgers | | | | X | | | |
| Norman Cowden | | | | X | | | |
| Shawn Millard | | | | | | | |
| Mayor Knecht | | | | | | | |

Approved: Ann Marie Baker Date: Sept 7, 2023
 Motion: Jeff Kreger Second: Harry Rogers Date: Sept 7, 2023