

**DUBOISTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING  
THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 7 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, John McCormick

Public Comment Period 1

Jane Dauber – 2670 Sortman Ave addressed the council on their decision to not take action on petition from the residents of Sortman Ave in August Meeting to turn the street back to two way traffic.

Paul Kropp – 2690 Sortman Ave – would like the street also turned into a two way street again

Tim Greenabaum – 247 Valley St – is at the end of Sortman Ave and supports the two way traffic as well.

Motion #1 was moved and seconded (Jeff Kreger/Harry Rogers) to approve the previous month's council meeting minutes dated August 3, 2023.

Motion #1 carries by a Unanimous Vote (7-0)

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

The police report was read.

Fire Department report was reviewed with no questions.

The Sewer Report was reviewed with no questions.

Borough Manager Update – Report is included in the packet.

Codes report was given by Borough Manager .



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Motion #2 was moved and seconded (Jeff Kreger/ Norman Cowden/) to approve total expenditures total of 121,396.16

Motion #2 carries by a Unanimous Vote (7-0)

Name	Nomination	Motion	2 <sup>nd</sup>	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							

Tax Collector Dottie Mertz reported 90.55% of residents have paid real estate taxes to date.

Solicitor – follow up on Fire Agreement for Fire Service Update, Council has the copy of the revised agreement and solicitor asked what next steps council wanted him to take. Council has decided that they would like the solicitor to take the suggestion from the Mayor and revise the agreement with those and any other council input and give final draft to Borough Manager so they could do final review and agreement could be approved in the October meeting.

Motion #3 was moved and seconded (Shawn Millard/Mike Rodgers) to approve changing Sortman Ave from one way traffic to two way traffic.

Motion #3 carries by a Unanimous Vote (6-1)

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

Shawn Millard – wanted to get information on why we cannot have signs on Euclid that were no Jake brakes. The Borough Manager will follow up with what it cost to do a traffic study as this is a state road and will need to discuss who will enforce it. The Borough Manager will get the information on the Traffic Study cost and council



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can advise if we need to move forward with traffic study for jake brake and also to remove the stop sign on Brook and Arch to say stop except for right turn.

Motion #4 was moved and seconded (Shawn Millard/Norman Cowden) to approve moving forward with a junior council to start in 2024.

Motion #4 carries by a Unanimous Vote (7-0)

Name	Nomination	Motion	2 <sup>nd</sup>	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							

Borough Manager will get the information from PSAB to get all the documents around to be approved by end of 2023.

Public Comment Period #2

Rhonda Kropp – Do we have a cat ordinance and what can be done to enforce it?

Motion # was moved and seconded (Norman Cowden/Jeff Kreger) to adjourn at 7:37 pm

Name	Nomination	Motion	2 <sup>nd</sup>	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							
Mayor Knecht							

Approved: *Anna Marie Baker* Date: *Oct 5, 2023*  
 Motion: *John McCormick* Second: *Harry Rogers* Date: *Oct 5, 2023*