

The Regular Monthly Meeting of Dupont Borough Council was called to order at 7:00pm on Tuesday evening, July 10, 2018 by President of Council, Stanley Knick Jr.

Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Mr. Knick – Present

Mr. Kaminski – Present

Mr. Karkut – Present

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Mr. Kowalczyk – Absent

Mrs. Hansen – Present

Mayor Lello – Present

Executive Session for personnel and legal matters.

MOTION TO ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 12, 2018 REGULAR MEETING AND PLACE ON FILE

Motion: Mrs. Hansen

Second: Mr. Kaminski

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Knick, yes; Mr. Kowalczyk, absent; Mr. Kaminski, yes; Mrs. Hansen, yes; Mr. Karkut, yes. Motion Carried 4/0.

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE CORRESPONDENCE PRESENTED. (copy attached)

Motion: Mrs. Hansen

Second: Mr. Karkut

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Knick, yes; Mr. Kowalczyk, absent; Mr. Kaminski, yes; Mrs. Hansen, yes; Mr. Karkut, yes. Motion Carried 4/0.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE BILLS FOR PAYMENT. (copy attached)

Motion: Mr. Kaminski

Second: Mr. Karkut

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Knick, yes; Mr. Kowalczyk, absent; Mr. Kaminski, yes; Mrs. Hansen, yes; Mr. Karkut, yes. Motion Carried 4/0.

MOTION TO APPOINT THE PART TIME POLICE OFFICERS FROM JULY 10, 2018 TO THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL WITH NO GUARANTEE OF WORK:

Duane Saunders, Jennifer Polemitis, John Urbanski, Todd Houghtlin, Thomas Sheehan, Christopher Fargione, Arnulfo Rivera, Robert Avvisato, Thomas Rushnak, Christopher Smith.

Motion: Mr. Kaminski

Second: Mrs. Hansen

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Knick, yes; Mr. Kowalczyk, absent; Mr. Kaminski, yes; Mrs. Hansen, yes; Mr. Karkut, yes. Motion Carried 4/0.

REPORTS:

Treasurer's Report:

Submitted by Albert B. Melone, Company – Business Consultants – Balances as of June 30, 2018

General Fund - \$94,733.75

Payroll Fund - \$8,179.56

Refuse Fund - \$38,845.34

Sewer Maintenance Fund - \$ 467,610.75

Liquid Fuels Fund - \$ 98,625.64

Police Pension Fund - \$ 915,177.00

Childrens' Fund - \$ \$827.75

Town Clock - \$ \$4,894.67 - Patty reported that the clock is paid for, the engraved plaques for the clock were paid for and both the clock and the plaques have been delivered. The balance will be used for the engraved pavers which should be done within the next two weeks at the monument shop.

Centennial Fund - \$ 5,404.70

Special Fund - \$ 202,816.75

Loan for School - \$ 210,435.66

Tax Collector's Report:

Submitted by Joy Tetlak Adelstein, Tax Collector for the month of June 2018.

Check deposited into the General Fund in the amount of \$8991.10

Balance Collectable – Beginning of Month - \$31,327.44

Less Face Collections for the Month - \$8994.32

Balance Collectable – End of Month - \$ 22,433.12

Penalties - \$ 47.65

Mayor Report: Not at this time.

Police Report:

Chief Doran read the June 2018 Statistical Report as follows: Criminal arrests-7; Traffic Citations Issued-68; Appearances in County Court-6; Motor Vehicle Accidents -5; Assist EMS-2; Assist Fire Department-2; Assist Other Police Department – 8; Alarms-8; Burglaries-1; Thefts-2; Vandalism-4; Domestic Reports-5; Suspicious Activity -4; Miscellaneous Calls-32; Building Checks – 112; Mileage: Explorer-12,558; Taurus-52,612; Crown Vic – 123,146. Magistrate Fines - \$4,014.38.

Solicitor Report: Nothing other than what was discussed in Executive Session.

Engineer Report: Bob Naegle updated on the following: (1) Flood Mitigation Grant Project - The project was held up due to questions from DEP regarding access to the flood channel and maintenance agreement. That is complete so the bids will go out now and due to be opened at the August meeting. (2) Our office is working with Patty on multiple grants and support documents for those grant applications. (3) Pictures and other conversations with Patty including washouts along Navy Way Road and the swales. He is not sure where it stands with Penn DOT and their responsibility. Penn DOT did not complete the issues outlined in the final meeting. Mr. Knick stated the Borough will send them a letter referencing the punch list and include pictures of the problem areas. Bob noted it has gotten worse. (4) Patty and Bob discussed Freeport Road paving and Bob stated no harm as long as the road markings are back where they were. Patty will check the area on Wednesday. Mr. Knick addressed the engineer as to Almond Street and the drainage/erosion issue. Bob noted that while Mike from his office stopped at the borough to review the grants with Patty, he was asked to check the Almond Street area. Mr. Knick asked the engineer to prepare specs to address the problem so that can be put out for bids. Mr. Knick stated from the drain down. Bob questioned the starting point and discussion on Penn DOT HOP or right of way came up. Bob will look at the HOP issue and ROW issue. He believes the pipe is under the sidewalk. Bob suggested a box be put there and connect the pipe. The lines were camera in the past and whether Penn DOT if questioned will say it is the Borough's responsibility. Bob mentioned that legislators are looking into the issue of drains on state roads and help to municipalities with some type of cooperative agreement. Patty asked if the video should be sent to Penn DOT to show the problem. Stan said we will get prices in and look at it from that point on.

Patty mentioned that Bob has the disc from Draintech for the two lines that were camera the one on Stanton and the one under the creek channel. Bob will look at those and report back to us at the next meeting.

Code Enforcement - Patty stated that Officer Jen has taken over Code Enforcement and has begun sending out letters. Patty has noticed some of the property owners have started responding. She gave seven days notice to comply. Patty also reported that 207 delinquent notices for sewer bills were mailed out today. Officer Jen will probably have a report for the next meeting.

Crime Watch Report - Bob Price reported at the June meeting the police officers received T-Shirts from the Crime Watch group for the summer. Bob also noted plans have started for the end of summer party to be held in line with the 5K on Labor Day weekend. The next meeting is July 31st and we are going to need help with the event so we hope to see you July 31st at 7:00pm.

Council President's Report – Stan Knick read the mileage report as follows: C3550 – 58,045; F550 – 16,355; 17,911 on Recycler. No mileage on Mack or Packer. Recycling tonnage for June – 28.44; Trash tonnage – 59.73.

Stan also reported the following: (1) Fred Lokuta is looking to donate a tree and plant it for the Christmas lighting. The sign for the railroad and the blocks can be moved. The monument I don't see moving that. We will have to look to see where the best place is to plant the tree and it has to be trimmed all the time and not get too big. (2) All American Rooter was in town cleaning drains and will be back to finish. He will give us a report on the condition of the drains and what has to be done if anything. The ones to be fixed we will look at whether or not the dpw can do it or if we have to contract it out. Hopefully it solved some problems. (3) Ed from DPW called out for stop sign down on Wyoming and Main, out and about for storm damage cleanup on the 4th of July, flags down, trees down, drains blocked. He's been out there going above and beyond. He was called out for broken glass after hours. (5) Grinder parts are in. They should be here the end of the week to install the chain feeder. (6) Someone used the school for fireworks display, no idea who did it. No one asked or notified the Borough. (7) The softball tournament will be July 20, 21 and 22nd. (8) 5K and annual party in the park is scheduled by the Lions Club and the party by the Crime Watch for September 1st. (9) Code Enforcement officer has started and she is working on getting it all cleaned up. (10) Railroad crossing will be closed from July 16 to July 20 on Main Street by Andy's. Everyone has been patient and we hope it gets done.

MOTION TO ACCEPT REPORTS PRESENTED.

Motion: Mr. Kaminski

Second: Mr. Karkut

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Knick, yes; Mr. Kowalczyk, Absent; Mr. Kaminski, yes; Mrs. Hansen, yes; Mr. Karkut, yes. Motion Carried 4/0.

Brought up before, the field behind the school, there 's a family in Dupont wants to rent it for a wedding. They did get some insurance – do we have a motion to let them use it or denial. We don't have a motion we will just have to call them let them know they can't use it.

MOTION FOR TWO OFFICERS THE AMOUNT OF TIME THEY HAVE IN TO INCREASE THEIR SALARY BASED ON EXPERIENCE (EXECUTIVE SESSION)

Motion: Mrs. Hansen

Second: Mr. Kaminski

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Knick, yes; Mr. Kowlaczyk, Absent; Mr. Kaminski, yes; Mrs. Hansen, yes; Mr. Karkut, yes. Motion Carried 4/0.

Matters from Audience:

Mr. Louis Posly, Lidy Road - Once again he is bringing up the signs and asked Mr. Knick if he has a schedule as to when they are going to be put up. Mr. Knick noted he has a doctor appointment on Thursday and if he is cleared he will get them up. The reason Mr. Posly is so concerned about the signs is the bulletin board out in the hallway fought for this country so you have the right to be chairman of this council and for all you council members to have the right to be is because of the sacrifices the veterans made. He further added the American Legion was established in this town in 1930. Unfortunately they did not have the membership to sustain it, so it disbanded. As you know there was money left in the bank which was distributed to a number of organizations in this town including the Lions Club and toward these signs. So addressing Mayor Lello as a Vietnam Veteran you should be behind this with me to get these signs finished. It has been three years since we started. Mayor Lello repeated that Stanley will check with his doctor on Thursday. Mr. Posly asked the Mayor not to raise his voice. Mayor Lello stated he talks loud because he cannot hear. Mr. Knick stated he started them, but then was hurt and he will get the other two signs up. He understands about veterans, he had two uncles killed six months apart and other uncles that were in the war. It is not that he doesn't want to do it, right now he doesn't want to hurt himself worse. It will get done. Lou stated because he is a veteran and because of the list on the bulletin board, your uncles, whoever, there are a lot of heroes in this town. Those signs should be up.

Mr. Gerard Gunari, Lidy Road - Owner of property at 111 Lidy Road and also a business Evergreen Garden Center at 153 Main. The recent rain storm has washed out his driveway coming off the bridge on Lidy Road. He is losing the battle. There used to be a curb which lastly loosely. He is asking for short term to refill to the driveway of the rock that washed out and is down on Main Street and also asking Council to look into a long term resolve for the problem. Mr. Knick will look at this area. Another item is the front of Evergreen along the sidewalk. He maintains his portion, but there are two other property owners who do not. It is all grown over and doesn't look good in the community. Patty noted that letters have been sent out to those property owners, and with no response, they will be cited. Finally, the property purchased five years ago at 143 Main Street across from Patty's house which is blighted. He purchased the property with knowledge of grants possibly available to remove blighted properties. He is requesting help with demolishing the blighted property. He has no current plans to build but his main goal is to get rid of that eyesore. He is putting rat poison out, its boarded up, he is keeping an eye on it. Mr. Knick stated right now there is no funding available, but we will look into it. Mr. Gurnari thanked Council for that consideration.

Mr. Ken Champ, Smith Street - Ken began with the drainage issue on Smith/Stanton Street. We are having a drainage issue. Sand, dirt, buildup and water like a lake going over the lot next to him into yard and house. Mrs. Champ added the sand and makes it impossible for her to be able to open windows and doors. Mr. Knick asked where it is coming from. Mr. Champ stated it is coming down Curtain McLean Suicide Hill to Stanton. Patty did see it. She came up to see it. It was posted on dupont grapevine so you can get a look at it. Every storm, the channel for the water is this wide. The railroad says it's the Borough, the Borough says it's the railroad. Mr. Knick stated one of the problems is the area behind Simpson in Pittston Township. They took a lot of vegetation down. Mrs. Champ added we had dirt before, but never this volume. Even the neighbor across the street was out with the hose to get the sand away because it is going in her house too. Mrs. Chaump stated she is not a young person to go out there with a shovel, but she has done that before in front of her house to get rid of

some of it. The storms are killer storms and it goes up on the sidewalk. It goes down by the rock on the end. Paula DeMark put all kinds of rocks at the end so it prevents the water from going over. Mr. Chaump added there is boards, ties, there. She stated the car went down the end of the street and ended up on the railroad tracks and she didn't want it to go turn around on her property. It is not her property to put up all these rocks. It has no place to go over. It is not only sand. That just started. It is a collection of dirt, rocks and everything else. Mr. Knick will have the engineer look at it. Mr. Knick will look at it also after work tomorrow. Mrs. Chaump stated her land is low lying and they paid a landscaper to try and build it up. Mr. Chaump stated his property is low. Stefanowicz is on one side a vacant lot and Goula on the other. His property is the low one. Secondly, this issue is the railroad property. There is one tree that will topple on his shed. The alley behind the property is narrow. There is a pile of dirt as well as a tree blocking the alley, which he would like access to. He has been talking with the railroad over the past four years. Mr. Knick will look into the issues.

Arthur Perrins – Asked Patty if she has pictures of the drain on McLean. Patty noted council was given pictures and raised the packet to show the amount of issues and pictures from the last storm. Bucky noted before it was cleaned out there was a plastic container. Now it is full with rocks. He couldn't even get into his car. It was just cleaned Saturday. It is filled up again. Mr. Knick stated he is waited for the report from All American Rooter and then we will talk to the engineer to see what we need to do to straighten this out. Bucky stated a man came into his yard to complain about the ditch. Bucky stated it is not his ditch. Bucky stated it has to be fixed. Mr. Knick will check this tomorrow also.

Eugene Szumski, Bear Creek Road – How many garbage bags can one put out. Gene noted he came late to the meeting and maybe this was already addressed but there is a property over here that has at least sixty garbage bags or more in the corner. Patty stated we are aware of it. It is nasty. Mr. Knick stated we didn't have a code enforcement officer, but now Officer Jen was appointed and she will be going around town and citing property owners. Mr. Szumski stated he dealt with this before when he lived on the main street.

Marcia Tomaszewski Roney, Wyoming Avenue - Wanted to make a point that five out of the last twenty five weeks their garbage was not picked up on time. She knows the garbage men work hard but if there is any way that if they cannot pick it up on Mondays can we split the town up in two. Part picked up on Monday and the other part on Tuesday. There are stray cats tearing up the garbage. Mr. Knick stated there are a lot of times they can, but in the summer time there is more out, when it rains, short handed if someone is off. Its been so hot so we can't take a whip to them and say you can't stop for a drink. If it continues, we will see what we can do about it.

Emmanual Ziobro, Hill Street - Corner of Highland and Hill, Sign on Highland Street is faded, except for right turn, can we get the sign replaced there.

Any other matters from the Audience. Matters from Mayor and Council.

Mayor Lello – Advised that anyone going on vacation or out of town can notify the police and they will check your property. There is a form to complete. Just stop at the station. Some times they are not there because they are patrolling, but you can give to Patty.

Mrs. Hansen – Questioned if a motion is needed to approve the rental of the brush hog. Mr. Knick stated we voted on it a couple of times but just couldn't get it. Mrs. Hansen asked if it one day or more than that. Patty stated just one day, she believes the only road would be Commerce. Mr. Knick stated if we need it we can get it, but one day for now.

Mr. Karkut – Nothing.

Mr. Kaminski – Nothing.

Mr. Knick - Glad that people showed up. If there are any complains please let us know. We will look into it and do our best to fix it. The pictures show certain things, but he would like to see it and where it is coming from.

With no further business before Council, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm by **Motion by Mrs. Hansen and Second by Mr. Karkut to adjourn followed by unanimous roll call vote.**

Respectfully submitted,

Adopted and Approved

Patricia McDonald
Secretary

Stanley Knick, Jr.
Council President

Bills July 10, 2018 Meeting						
All American Rooter				1650		
AmTrust			4689			
C-N-A			205			
C-N-A Growing Greener						665
C-N-A Growing Greener						480
C-N-A Mill Crk Grant						785
C-N-A MS4				565		
Comcast Office/all			322.64			
Comcast Police			106.8			
Drainateck				996.19		
Econo Signs watch children					96.2	
Falcon Oil			1111.58	588.5	475.66	
Fargione Firearms	trng		23.5			
Fargione Firearms			344.47			
First Funding Insurance			7246.19			
FS Solutions cdl testing				49.36		
Gain Fuel				64.52		
Geisinger Health Plan			3503.36			
Guardian			158.68			
Keystone Landfill	2017 mis			538.45		
Keystone Landfill				692.13		
Keystone Landfill				732.24		
Keystone Landfill				775.75		
Kost Tire	17 explorer		262.91			
Nationwide Insurance			99			
Northern Tier Research dpd			75			
Northern Tier Research dpd			350			
Paper Eaters				600		
PAWCo 150 commerce			44.27			
PAWCo 600 chestnut st			45.6			
PAWCO Hydrants			-98.73			
PNC Bank			2745.11			
Post Office stamps				250		
PP&L 611 Walnut			128.64			
PP&L all accts			700.56			
PP&L Cameras			31.41			
PP&L Cameras			29.37			
PP&L Garage			94.1			
PP&L Garage			82.32			
PP&L School			122.78			
PP&L St Lights			137.42			
PP&L St Lights			3342.57			
Pumping Solutions				260		
Quill Office Supplie Paper			59.98			
Responsible Recycling				675		

Skyliner Inspection F550					46.95	
Skyliner Ins packer	batteries		605.4			
Skyliner Inspection F550					46.95	
TA Operating LLC scales		11.5				
Times Leader		371.7				
UGI			67.35			
Verizon				42.95		
Verizon Wireless		40.01				
Wilkes-Barre Materials					208.54	
		General	Refuse	Sewer	Liq Fuels	Other

Correspondence

July 10, 2018 Meeting

1. Served by Sheriffs Dept. – Legal
2. Falcon Oil - Switching to credit cards for fuel purchases
3. LLVSA Meeting Minutes
4. Newspaper Article – Legal
5. PSAB Email – Legislative Update includes Member Alert – Action Needed on Stormwater Mgmt Bill
6. Email re: Flood Mitigation Program local match amount
7. Price List Pennsy Supply
8. PSAB - Keystone offers insurance solutions
9. PA American Water re: application to PUC for approval of alteration of crossing SR2035 Main Street for installation of a cured in place pipe liner within the existing 8 and 10 inch water mains
10. Penn DOT 2018 STIC Local Government Innovations Survey
11. DEP stream use evaluations – encourages visit to the eNotice website to stay informed of notifications and comment opportunities.
12. Penn DOT equipment show 2018 Lazy Brook Park, Tunkhannock PA July 26th 9 to 3.
13. Comcast Package Equipment Changes
14. LPL Financial Portfolio
15. NE Revenue - \$916.66 past due taxes receipt
16. Board of Revenue and Finance - \$1785.62 received fuel tax
17. CoStars requesting membership profiles be updated by July 13th
18. Membership Invitation from the Authorities PA Mun Auth Assoc.
19. Assessors notice 2 properties homestead exclusion removed – packer/Lackawanna
20. DEP reminds homeowners to check for mine subsidence risks using new DEP website.
www.pamsi.org
21. C-N-A streambank stabilization project drawing and price estimates – everhart and Jackson
22. Berkheimer revised public official bond updated from 2000 to 8000 LST.PSAB July update – Rec Tap Grants and list of upcoming workshops
23. Roto Rooter visit asking they be considered for various needs and left brochure .
24. Comcast Important Information on video services
25. Rental Brush Hog Agreement
26. Correspondence Legal – new
27. Greenways Grant update - presented at the September meeting for basketball courts
28. Quote for Lids for recycling containers \$3.26 each
29. Road Safe update RR project - Main St Dupont 7-16 to 7-20
30. Application response from employment ad
31. Insurance Certificate – legal – rental for July 28th
32. Response from Ethics Commission re: request for advisory opinion – denied – no authority to request advisory
33. Response from Mark Hurst Community Development - Cant proceed until receive cooperation agreement
34. Act 13 Grant Award – request whether project can be completed and where balance of funds will be coming from.
35. Disc from Drintech for Stanton and Creek camera
36. Several pictures within the borough after recent storms
37. PUC Letter re: PAWCO new water mains main street

38. PA One Call
39. All American Rooter drain report
40. Email from DEP regarding webinar to discuss county level planning to improve stream and river health in Chesapeake Bay Watershed