



DALLAS BOROUGH

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***Dallas Borough Council
Work Session
October 18, 2021
Agenda***

1. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

2. RESIDENT QUESTIONS/CONCERNS:

- Resident requesting stop sign on Center Hill Road at intersection with Burndale Road.
- American Legion would like to renew the Hometown Hero's Banner Project once the new light poles are installed and our Downtown Project is complete.
- Business owner request to consider an Ordinance regulating and permitting food trucks.

3. BOROUGH CONSULTING ENGINEER: Report and project update:

- DEP MS4 compliance.
 - Notice placed on our website and mailed on September 17, 2021 to 162 participating households advising curbside yard waste collection ends October 26, 2021 and leaf collection begins the week of November 8, 2021.
- Downtown Project Update.
 - Brent Berger from Quad Three Group to provide an update on the project.
 - Extension request update.

4. POLICE DEPARTMENT:

- Executive Session needed for personnel purposes.

5. ROAD DEPARTMENT:

- Resurfacing work completed on section of Parrish Street on Tuesday, October 12, 2021.
- Resurfacing of a portion of Luzerne Ave and Susquehanna Ave pushed to spring of 2022 due to lack of asphalt truck drivers and availability of tack coat.
- Consider contracting with a uniform service for the Road Department and reducing the annual uniform allowance. Pricing received from Dempsey Uniform.

6. BUDGET:

- No millage increase included.
- BENECON renewal rate increase for 2022 will be 1.5%.
- DGK/EMC Insurance renewal rates will be received prior to November work session meeting.
- 2022 Certified Tax Base will not be known until mid-November.
- Review Police Department and Road Department budgetary inclusions.
- Correspondence received from Back Mountain Memorial Library requesting Council consider increasing our contribution to the library.

7. PENSION PLANS:

- Discussion of employee contributions for 2022 to remain unchanged at 2% for police and 1% for non-uniformed pension participants.
- 2021 State Aid allocation of \$52,770.10 was received on September 29, 2021. Overall decrease of \$1392.06 from 2020.
- 2021 MMO (smoothing) for the Police Plan is \$77,208.00 and \$9,854.00 for the Non-Uniformed Plan
- Authorization to forward the following to the pension funds:
 - Police Plan

\$ 42,916.10 in State Aid
\$ 34,291.90 in Borough General Funds
\$ 77,208.00 MMO
 - Non-Uniformed Plan \$ 9,854.00 in State Aid (full MMO)
- Discuss improvements to the NUF pension plan benefit calculation formula.
- Mr. Robert Richardson has decided to resign from the Pension Committee after many years of service.

8. VOLUNTEER FIRE RELIEF:

- Volunteer Fire Relief Association Allocation for 2021 in the amount of \$14,548.72 received on September 21, 2021. Full distribution to the Henry M. Laing Volunteer Fire Relief Association.

9. SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

10. MANAGER'S REPORT:

- Distribution of Compared to Budget Financial Reports for 01/01/21 to 10/18/21.
- Property Maintenance Actions Pending.
- Annual Commonwealth of Pennsylvania distributions received:
 - Public Utility Realty Tax (PURTA) Distribution of \$1,111.68.
 - General Municipal Pension System State Aid Distribution of \$52,770.10
 - Volunteer Fire Relief Association Distribution of \$14,548.72
- Curbside Yard Waste Collection concludes October 26, 2021 and leaf collection commences week of November 8, 2021 weather permitting.
- Act 65 of 2021 Sunshine Law Amendments:
 - All agendas posted at borough building and on website 24 hours in advance of meeting containing all items expected to be deliberated and/or acted upon.
 - New items may be added to the agenda by majority vote after stating the reason for the addition. Must vote to add the items to the agenda, discuss the item and then vote on the item. Exemptions to this require include:
 - Matters simply being discussed but not acted upon.
 - Emergency presenting a clear and present danger to life or property.
 - Matters arising less than 24 hours prior to meeting – must be minor, no expending of funds, no contracts or agreements.
 - Matters brought up by residents or taxpayers - must be minor, no expending of funds, no contracts or agreements.
 - Amend and repost the agenda at the building and on website within 24 hours of meeting having taken place.
 - Minutes must reflect all the above steps took place.

11. EXECUTIVE SESSION (if needed)

- An executive session for personnel purposes is needed.