

**MINUTES
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 6, 2024**

The Downingtown Borough Council met in a regular session on March 6, 2024, at the Municipal Government Center, 4 West Lancaster Avenue, Downingtown, PA. Members present: President Rakoff, Vice President Plaughner, Councilors Howard, Horstmann, Ferris and Helm. Also attending were Mayor Dague, Solicitor O'Keefe and members of Borough staff.

Solicitor O'Keefe reported the Executive Session held this evening was to discuss litigation and real estate.

Approval of Expenditures (Period Ending February 29, 2024) – Councilor Ferris made a motion to approve the expenditures for the period ending 02-29-24, Councilor Howard seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Borough Council Minutes (February 7, 2024) – Councilor Horstmann made a motion to approve the Borough Council minutes of February 7, 2024 Councilor Helm seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Recognition/Awards - None

Citizens to be Heard - None

Deferred Business - There was no deferred business.

New Business

River Station Update – Neal Fisher (Hankin Group) provided a brief update of the progress to date and reported another phase of the project to construct a building providing residential/commercial space will be located in Downingtown Borough and a second building to be located in East Caln Township. To date, 70% of the residential space is occupied, a new restaurant will be opening soon and Twin Valley Coffee is already open.

Resolution 2024-05 Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan Brandywine Station, LP – Vice President Plaughner made a motion to adopt Resolution 2024-05, Councilor Ferris seconded. Matt Bush, Borough Engineer, reported there are a few waivers which have been discussed and will be approved. There were no items of concern noted. After discussion, Council voted unanimously to adopt Resolution 2024-05.

Lease Agreement East Caln Twp. (126 Wallace Ave.) - Solicitor O'Keefe reported the lease agreement, provided for Borough Council's review, had been drafted after discussion with East Caln Township's solicitor. This is a temporary arrangement while the East Caln Township building is being renovated. Vice President Plaughner made a motion to approve the lease agreement with East Caln Township, Councilor Helm seconded. Solicitor O'Keefe suggested the motion be amended to state agreement conditioned on final review and approval by both Downingtown Borough and East Caln Township solicitors; Vice President Plaughner moved to amend the motion, Councilor Helm seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Authorizing Advertisement of Road Resurfacing/ADA Ramps Bid – Councilor Howard made a motion to approve the advertising for the Road Resurfacing/ADA Ramps bid, Councilor Horstmann seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Police Software Update Records Management System – Chief Brazunas reported the Police Department's current system is outdated and due to another company acquiring the current provider, our system will no longer be supported. The Borough joined with six area police departments to review a new records management system and obtain benefits from a collective purchasing group. Vice President Plaughner made a motion to approve the purchase of the new Police Records Management System, Councilor Howard seconded; motion carried unanimously.

For the Good of the Order

The Parks & Rec Commission will hold an Easter egg hunt at Kerr Park on Saturday, March 23, 2024

DARC has many summer camps, bus trips and educational classes available click on the link below for their Summer Brochure:

https://downingtownpa.myrec.com/forms/5981_darc_2024_program_full_catalog_2162024_final.pdf.

2024 Good Neighbor Day will include pre-COVID events, activities and amusements, including fireworks.

Kimberton Whole Foods is offering Rounding Up at the Register to support the Downingtown Library this month. Additional information is available by clicking on the following link:

<https://www.kimbertonwholefoods.com/rounding-up-at-the-register/>.

Members of the Flood Advisory Committee will be participating in a walking tour of the Brandywine.

Mayor Dague extended condolences to the family of Jack Moyer. Borough resident and volunteer, who passed away suddenly.

Adjournment

Councilor Howard made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:23 p.m.; motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



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