

MINUTES

BOROUGH OF DOWNINGTOWN

APRIL 6, 2011

The Downingtown Borough Council met in regular session on April 6, 2011 at the Municipal Government Center, 4 W. Lancaster Ave., Downingtown, PA. Members present: President Bruton, Vice President Brinton, Councilors Smith, Feldman, Benner and Gazzo. Also attending were Mayor Maxwell, Solicitor Rau and members of Borough staff.

President Bruton called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Approval of Expenditures (Period Ending March 31, 2011) – Vice President Brinton made a motion to approve the expenditures for period ending March 31, 2011; motion carried 5-1 (Councilor Feldman opposed).

Approval of Council Minutes (March 23, 2011) – Vice President Brinton made a motion to approve the minutes of March 23, 2011; motion carried 5-0 (President Bruton abstained, he did not attend the meeting.)

Citizens to be Heard

No citizens to be heard.

Deferred Business

Boards and Commission Appointments – Defer

Ordinance 2011-03 Parking Violations/Fines – Vice President Brinton made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2011-03; motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2011-06 Fee in Lieu of Parking (Assign Dollar Value to Formula in Ordinance 2009-05) – Vice President Brinton made a motion to adopt Resolution 2011-06 setting a value of \$2,500 to “X” in the parking space formula; motion carried 5-1 (Councilor Smith opposed).

New Business

Main Street Program Update – Mayor Maxwell & Mr. Hank Hamilton provided a brief summary of Downingtown Main Street Association’s mission statement, timeline, wish list and revitalization projects completed and on-going.

Resolution 2011-05 Main Street Association Support – Councilor Smith made a motion to adopt Resolution 2011-05 supporting the Downingtown Main Street Association; motion carried 5-1 (Councilor Feldman opposed).

Resolution 2011-04 Setting Parking Fines/Designating Borough Parking Lots & Daily Parking Rates – Councilor Gazzo made a motion to amend Resolution 2011-04 to state the parking fee for the East End Parking Lot, when metered, will be .25 per 15 minutes; motion carried 5-1 (Vice President Brinton opposed).

Transfer of Vehicle – Fire Chief Nelms requested the transfer of a Ford Crown Victoria from the Police Department to the Fire Department. Vice President Brinton made a motion to approve the transfer of a 2007 Ford Crown Victoria to the Downingtown Fire Department; motion carried unanimously.

Sunshine Act Guidelines - Solicitor Rau provided an overview to Council of the Sunshine Act in reference to meetings conducted by Borough Council, boards and commissions. Going forward if the parking committee is not disbanded the meetings will be advertised.

361-363 E. Lancaster Ave. (Fence) - President Bruton recused himself and turned the meeting over to Vice President Brinton. Vice President Brinton referred to the informational update provided to Council by Mr. Yuhas stating his recommendation regarding Mr. & Mrs. Lehr's request after review of the ordinance. Councilor Gazzo made a motion to approve the existing chain link fence be removed, repaired and relocated to the property line to the rear and to the west of the parcel; motion carried 4-1 (Councilor Smith opposed).

For the Good of the Order

Chief McGowan, requested Council approval to close several streets for the Run for Victory 5K to benefit a scholarship fund on May 22, 2011; Council agreed by consensus.

Mayor Maxwell announced the Historical & Parks Commission Rock the House fundraiser to benefit the Log House will be held on April 8, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. Also, the annual Terri Muzzy 5K Run is scheduled on April 10, 2011 to be held at The Ponds.

Adjournment

Councilor Benner made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m.; motion carried unanimously.

Stephen T. Sullins

Borough Secretary