

**MINUTES**  
**BOROUGH OF DOWNINGTOWN**  
**DECEMBER 7, 2011**

The Downingtown Borough Council met in regular session on December 7, 2011 at the Municipal Government Center, 4 W. Lancaster Ave., Downingtown, PA. Members present: President Bruton, Vice President Brinton, Councilors Gazzo, Benner, Smith and Feldman. 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 November 30, 2011)** – Vice President Brinton made a motion to approve the expenditures for period ending November 30, 2011; motion carried 5-1 (Councilor Feldman opposed).

**Approval of Council Minutes (November 16, 2011)** – Vice President Brinton made a motion to approve the minutes of November 16, 2011; motion carried unanimously.

**Citizens to be Heard**

None

**Deferred Business**

Ordinance 2011-10 Brandywine Ave. & 100 Block of Washington Ave. (Map & Zoning Change) – Defer

Ordinance 2011-11 DMWA Wells and Water Service – Pending

Ordinance 2011-13 Amend Zoning Ordinance re: Municipal Properties - Defer

**New Business**

Fire Department Update – Chief Nelms recommended to Council that the self-contained breathing apparatus bid be awarded to The Fire Store. After discussion, Councilor Gazzo made a motion to award the self-contained breathing apparatus bid to The Fire Store for \$315,754 and grant funds of \$174,800 contingent upon completion of funding sources; motion carried unanimously.

Fire Truck – The total amount with options of the new fire truck purchase from E One will be \$1,175,134.

Ordinance 2011-14 Quarry Crossing Protection District – Vice President Brinton made a motion to advertise with the intent to adopt Ordinance 2011-14; motion carried unanimously.

2012 Draft Budget Review – Ms. Walters reviewed the changes to the Fire Dept. budget. After review, Councilor Smith made a motion to eliminate the Professional Services from the General Fund line item 484-488; motion was opposed 4-2 (President Bruton, Vice President Brinton, Councilors Benner and Gazzo opposed).

Councilor Feldman made a motion to increase the Historical & Parks budget to \$3,500; motion was opposed 5-1 (President Bruton, Vice President Brinton, Councilors Smith, Benner and Gazzo opposed).

Councilor Feldman made a motion to increase the Education, Training & Travel budget line item 400-331 to \$5,000; motion was opposed 4-2 (President Bruton, Councilors Smith, Benner and Gazzo opposed).

After discussion, Vice President Brinton made a motion to advertise with the intent to adopt the proposed 2012 Borough Operating & Capital Budget; motion carried unanimously.

Vice President Brinton a motion to advertise Ordinance 2011-15 Real Estate Tax Millage for 2012 to 7.0; motion carried 5-1 (Councilor Smith opposed).

**For the Good of the Order**

Mayor Maxwell announced the Downtowntown Christmas Parade is scheduled for Saturday, December 10 at 3 pm. The Donner Dash, a new annual event, is a one mile run/walk. Visit [www.dtownchristmas.com](http://www.dtownchristmas.com) for additional details.

President Bruton stated the town looks great and thanked everyone who helped with the decorations.

Santa will be riding around the Borough on the fire truck on Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Adjournment**

Vice President Brinton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 p.m.; motion carried unanimously.

Stephen T. Sullins

Borough Secretary