

MINUTES

BOROUGH OF DOWNINGTOWN

JULY 6, 2011

The Downingtown Borough Council met in regular session on July 6, 2011 at the Municipal Government Center, 4 W. Lancaster Ave., Downingtown, PA. Members present: President Bruton, Councilors Smith, Feldman, Benner and Gazzo. Also attending were Mayor Maxwell, Solicitor Verwey and members of Borough staff. Vice President Brinton did not attend.

President Bruton called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of the Executive Session was to discuss legal, real estate and personnel.

Approval of Expenditures (Period Ending June 30, 2011) – Councilor Benner made a motion to approve the expenditures for period ending June 30, 2011; motion carried 5-1 (Councilor Feldman opposed).

Approval of Council Minutes (June 15, 2011) – Councilor Gazzo made a motion to approve the minutes of June 15, 2011; motion carried unanimously.

Citizens to be Heard

None

New Business

Good Neighbor Award – Defer

Ordinance 2011-06 General Obligation Bond – Mr. Ed Murray (Boenning & Scattergood) and Mr. Tim O'Neill (Lamb McErlane, PC) presented the details and reviewed the specifics of the bond issue. After questions and discussion, Councilor Benner made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2011-06 General Obligation Bond; motion carried 4-1 (Councilor Feldman opposed). Councilor Feldman read an opposing statement attached.

There is a public hearing scheduled on July 20, 2011 at 6:30 p.m., at the Municipal Government Center, 4 W. Lancaster Ave., Downingtown, PA to discuss the proposed issuance of bonds. Additional information is posted on the Borough's web site www.downingtown.org and Administration Building lobby bulletin board.

Ordinance 2011-07 Amendment Residential Permit Parking – Councilor Gazzo made a motion to advertise with the intent to adopt Ordinance 2011-07; motion carried unanimously.

PennDOT Train Station Update – Mr. Bob Garrett (PennDOT) presented a summary of services desired for the Downingtown Train Station Relocation Plan. A work order has been issued including two phases of the relocation plan. PennDOT will be conducting a station area study to analyze potential sites for suitability and will select three locations for consideration. Mr. Garrett stated meetings will be held inviting the public to attend so they can provide input for evaluation during the preliminary information gathering process. Additional information is available on www.planthekeystone.com. After questions and discussion, Councilor Gazzo made a motion to approve and support the Downingtown Train Station Relocation Plan; motion carried unanimously.

Deferred Business

Ordinance 2011-05 Solar Energy – Councilor Gazzo made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2011-05 Solar Energy; motion carried unanimously.

For the Good of the Order

President Bruton thanked the Police Department, Fire Departments and all the volunteers for their work during Good Neighbor Day. There was a major fire on Wallace Avenue during the Good Neighbor Day activities and everyone who responded did an outstanding job.

President Bruton also stated that Mayor Maxwell was selected to travel to Washington, D.C. and meet with President Obama personally as part of a delegation of People For the American Way Foundation's Young Elected Officials Network.

Adjournment

Councilor Gazzo made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m.; motion carried unanimously.

Stephen T. Sullins

Borough Secretary