

MINUTES
BOROUGH OF DOWNINGTOWN
WORK SESSION
JULY 20, 2011

The Downingtown Borough Council met in work session on July 20, 2011 at the Municipal Government Center, 4 W. Lancaster Ave., Downingtown, PA. Members present: President Bruton, Vice President Brinton, Councilors Smith, Feldman, Benner and Gazzerro. 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 Council Minutes (July 6, 2011) – Councilor Benner made a motion to approve the minutes of July 6, 2011; motion carried unanimously.

Citizens to be Heard

Melinda Winkler, 258 Church St., informed Council the Johnsontown Community Group is holding their second annual National Night Out on August 2nd from 6:00-8:00 p.m. They will also be holding an opening ceremony for the Born Learning Trail installed in Johnsontown Park, everyone is invited to attend.

Elaine Babcock, 215 Talucci Dr., asked that Council and residents interested in attending respond online at www.commun@johnsontowncommunity.com.

Sarah Brown, East Brandywine Twp., stated she had several questions for Mayor Maxwell. Mayor Maxwell informed Ms. Brown he will meet with her after the meeting to address her questions.

Deferred Business

Good Neighbor Award (Mayor Maxwell) – Defer to August 3

Ordinance 2011-07 Amendment to Residential Permit Parking – Councilor Gazzerro made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2011-07; motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Comcast Cable Franchise Agreement – Council discussed the pros and cons of joining several other municipalities to form a group that will participate in the negotiations for the Comcast Cable Franchise Agreement. The Borough's agreement will be renegotiated in three years. After discussion, Council decided not to take action until they have additional information whether joining a multi-municipal group will improve the Borough's bargaining status.

Stewart Hall, LP Easement Agreement – Councilor Gazzerro made a motion to approve the easement agreement for 141 Wallace Avenue; motion carried unanimously.

Chestnut Street Bridge Update – Mr. Sullins and Solicitor Rau informed Council that the appraisals are completed and PennDOT has signed off on all the appraisals. The Borough is on target to begin the next phase toward replacement of the Chestnut Street Bridge.

Green Street Update – Mr. Sullins informed Council that he has met with Mr. Hicks and plans are moving ahead regarding additional parking and other improvements on Green Street. Council requested Mr. Sullins provide an informational update detailing the specifics of the proposed improvements including the plans.

July 27th Borough Council Work Session – The work session scheduled on July 27, 2011 is canceled and the next regularly scheduled Borough Council meeting will be held on August 3, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment

Vice President Brinton made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m.; motion carried unanimously.

Stephen T. Sullins

Borough Secretary