

**MINUTES
BOROUGH COUNCIL
REORGANIZATION MEETING
JANUARY 6, 2020**

The Downingtown Borough Council met for their reorganization meeting on January 6, 2020 at the Municipal Government Center, 4 W. Lancaster Ave., Downingtown, PA. Members present: Councilors Gazzo, Rakoff, Dague, Van Dyk, Horstmann and Feldman. Also attending were Solicitor Christman and members of Borough staff. Mayor Maxwell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Maxwell administered the oath of office to re-elected Councilor Lauren Van Dyk. The Honorable Jeffrey Valocchi administered the oath of office to newly elected Councilor Brad Horstmann, Beth Rakoff (Tax Collector) and re-elected Borough Council members Alex Rakoff and Phil Dague.

Mayor Maxwell called for nominations for Council President. Councilor Rakoff nominated Councilor Gazzo, Councilor Dague seconded. Councilor Feldman nominated Councilor Dague, no second. Councilor Feldman nominated herself, no second. There were no other nominations. Mayor Maxwell asked for a vote on the nomination of Councilor Gazzo for Council President. Councilor Gazzo was appointed President by a majority vote.

President Gazzo called for nominations for Council Vice President. Councilor Dague nominated Councilor Rakoff, Councilor Horstmann seconded. There were no other nominations. President Gazzo asked for a vote on the nomination of Councilor Rakoff for Council Vice President. Councilor Rakoff was appointed Vice President by a majority vote.

President Gazzo called for nominations for President Pro-Tem. Vice President Rakoff nominated Councilor Van Dyk. There were no other nominations. President Gazzo asked for a vote on the nomination of Councilor Van Dyk for President Pro-Tem. Councilor Van Dyk was appointed President Pro-Tem by a majority vote.

Appointments

President Gazzo requested a motion to reappoint Stephen Sullins, Borough Manager. Councilor Dague made a motion to reappoint Stephen Sullins, Borough Manager, Councilor Van Dyk seconded; motion carried unanimously.

President Gazzo requested a motion for the appointment of Borough Solicitor. Councilor Dague made a motion to reappoint Lamb McErlane, PC, Borough Solicitor, Councilor Feldman seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Borough Council Minutes (December 4, 2019) – Councilor Dague made a motion to approve the Borough Council minutes of December 4, 2019, Vice President Rakoff seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Expenditures (Period Ending 12-31-19) – Councilor Dague made a motion to approve the expenditures for the period ending December 31, 2019, Vice President Rakoff seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Deferred Business

Ordinance 2020-01 Plastic Bags & Plastic Straws Regulations – Deferred

Parking Lease Agreement – Deferred

New Business

Resolution 2020-01 Borough Signatories – Councilor Van Dyk made a motion to retain Councilor Dague and appoint Councilor Horstmann and President Gazzoer Borough Signatories, Councilor Dague seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Boards & Commissions Appointments

- Zoning Hearing Board – Councilor Feldman made a motion to reappoint Christopher Bopp and Tara Giordano to another three (3) year term on the Zoning Hearing Board, Councilor Dague seconded; motion carried unanimously.
- Planning Commission – Councilor Dague made a motion to reappoint Steve Henning, Eileen Moyer and Lauren Van Dyk to another four (4) year term on the Planning Commission, Councilor Feldman seconded; motion carried 5-0 (Councilor Van Dyk abstained).

Mayor & Council Updates

Mayor Maxwell announced his resignation as Mayor of Downingtown Borough effective January 7, 2020. Council members thanked him for his service.

President Gazzoer announced the next Borough Council meeting will be held on February 5th, there will be no additional meetings in January.

Adjournment

Councilor Dague made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:20 p.m., Vice President Rakoff seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



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