

**MINUTES
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 4, 2020**

The Downingtown Borough Council met in regular session on March 4, 2020 at the Municipal Government Center, 4 W. Lancaster Ave., Downingtown, PA. Members present: President Gazzo, Vice President Rakoff, Councilors Dague, Van Dyk, Horstmann and Feldman. Also attending were Solicitor O'Keefe and members of Borough staff.

President Gazzo called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.; he announced he would be presiding as Mayor until the new mayor is sworn in.

Recognition/Awards - None

Approval of Expenditures for Period Ending February 29, 2020 – Vice President Rakoff made a motion to approve the expenditures for the period ending February 29, 2020, Councilor Horstmann seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Borough Council Minutes (February 5, 2020) – Councilor Dague made a motion to approve the minutes of February 5, 2020, Councilor Van Dyk seconded; motion carried 4-0 (Vice President Rakoff abstained).

Citizens to be Heard

Debbie Bookman, Coatesville City Council Member, Lorraine Tindaro, Coatesville, Khadijah Al Amin, Coatesville City Council Member and Kim Doan, Uwchlan Twp. Supervisor, commented in support of Phil Dague for Mayor.

Kevin Secher, 127 Lake Dr., commented on the water ponding problem in the parking lot at Kardon Park. President Gazzo stated there are improvements scheduled for this area in the future.

Deferred Business - None

New Business

Mayoral Candidates – Mr. Gazzo announced the following individuals had submitted letters of interest for the open Mayor position: Richard Bryant, Phil Dague, Ann Feldman and Michelle Smith and each person will have a few minutes to provide background information and answer questions from Council.

Councilor Feldman made a motion to recess into Executive Session, Councilor Dague seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Council reconvened and Mr. Gazzo called the meeting back to order. After each person spoke to Council and answered questions, Mr. Gazzo asked for a motion to appoint the mayor. Vice President Rakoff made a motion to appoint Phil Dague as Mayor, Councilor Van Dyk seconded; motion carried 3-1 (Councilor Feldman opposed, Mr. Gazzo was not eligible to vote.)

Boards/Commission Appointments

- **Planning Commission** – Councilor Van Dyk made a motion to appoint Adrian Martinez as a voting member, Councilor Feldman seconded; motion carried unanimously.

- Administrative Board of Appeals/Uniformed Construction Code Board – Vice President Rakoff made a motion to reappoint Dan Castaldi, Councilor Van Dyk seconded; motion carried unanimously.
- Shade Tree Commission – Vice President Rakoff made a motion to appoint Matthew Bradley, Councilor Van Dyk seconded; motion carried unanimously.
- Civil Service Commission – Vice President Rakoff made a motion to reappoint Anthony Gazzo, Councilor Van Dyk seconded; motion carried unanimously.
- Kerr Memorial Park Endowment Fund – Defer
- DMWA Board – Councilor Van Dyk made a motion to appoint Vito Taraschi board member, Councilor Horstmann seconded; motion carried unanimously.
- DMWA Board Reappointments – Councilor Van Dyk made a motion to reappoint, Anthony Gazzo, Alex Rakoff, Anthony D’Addeo and Hank Hamilton to the DMWA Board, Councilor Horstmann seconded; motion carried 2-1 (Councilor Feldman opposed). President Gazzo and Vice President Rakoff abstained.

East Branch Brewing Mural – After discussion, Councilor Van Dyk made a motion to approve the mural per the Historic Commission’s recommendation with the changes discussed (removing or changing the scale of the deer and changing the ears), Vice President Rakoff seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Ginny Pierce informed Council the Minquas Cannon Dedication is scheduled on Saturday, May 2 and will be held in Kerr Park at 1 p.m.

Milltown Garden Event (May 16) – Councilor Van Dyk made a motion to approve the Mass Gathering application contingent on all required approvals, Vice President Rakoff seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Station Taproom/Bottle House Anniversary (May 30) – Vice President Rakoff made a motion to approve the Mass Gathering application contingent on all required approvals, Councilor Horstmann seconded; motion carried unanimously.

2020 Paving Schedule – Mr. Sullins reported the Kardon Park parking lot, Whiteland and Jefferson at the intersection, Norwood House Road, a patch by Beaver Creek Elementary School and an unnamed alley between North Alley and Manor Ave. are on the list for paving this year.

Councilor Resignation – Mayor Dague submitted his resignation as a Borough Councilor. Vice President Rakoff made a motion to accept the resignation, Councilor Horstmann seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Vice President Rakoff made a motion to appoint Charles Grugan to fill the Councilor position, Councilor Horstmann seconded; motion carried 5-0 (Councilor Feldman abstained).

For the Good of the Order

Councilor Van Dyk reported DVRPC and other partners will be conducting a multi-municipal traffic study. Public meetings are tentatively scheduled in late May and early June.

River Station is looking for a summer start date, waiting on additional approvals.

Woodbine Road Lot #1 is ongoing.

Please complete the 2020 census.

Adjournment

Vice President Rakoff made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m., Councilor Horstmann seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Millie Byerly".

Millie Byerly
Assistant Secretary