

**MINUTES  
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 2, 2020**

The Downingtown Borough Council met in regular session on September 2, 2020 at the Municipal Government Center, 4 W. Lancaster Ave., Downingtown, PA. Members present: President Gazzerro, Vice President Rakoff, Councilors Grugan, Van Dyk, Horstmann and Feldman. Also attending were Solicitor O'Keefe and members of Borough staff. Mayor Dague did not attend.

President Gazzerro called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Recognition/Awards** - None

**Approval of Expenditures for Period Ending July 31 and August 31, 2020** – Councilor Horstmann made a motion to approve the expenditures for the period ending July 31, 2020 and August 31, 2020, Councilor Grugan seconded; motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of Borough Council Minutes (July 1, 2020)** – Councilor Grugan made a motion to approve the minutes of July 1, 2020, Councilor Van Dyk seconded; motion carried unanimously.

**Citizens to be Heard** – Kellyn Handsforth, [REDACTED] and Emily Scott, [REDACTED], commented on creating a new department within the Borough to respond to mental health, domestic violence and addiction/overdose calls instead of armed Police responding. President Gazzerro stated he is not interested in having any conversation that would involve defunding the Police Department, who are highly qualified and trained to respond to these types of incidents. He suggested they speak with Chief Holland and/or Mr. Sullins.

**Deferred Business** - None

**New Business**

**Resolution 2020-07 ITS Project T-160 Applications Authorization** – Councilor Grugan made a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-07, Vice President Rakoff seconded; motion carried unanimously.

**Ordinance 2020-01 Zoning Amendment R-3 District** – Councilor Horstmann made a motion to advertise with the intent to adopt Ordinance 2020-01, Councilor Van Dyke seconded. After questions by Council to Mr. Taraschi and discussion, Council voted unanimously to advertise with the intent to adopt Ordinance 2020-01.

**2021 MMO's (Minimum Municipal Obligation) Police Pension and Non-Uniformed Defined Contribution** – Councilor Feldman made a motion to approve the 2021 Police Pension MMO in the amount of \$365,845, Vice President Rakoff seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Vice President Rakoff made a motion to approve the 2021 Non-Uniformed Defined Contribution MMO in the amount of \$107,800, Councilor Grugan seconded; motion carried unanimously.

**Municibid Bid Awards** – Councilor Grugan made a motion to award the bids for the four vehicles and other advertised items to the highest bidder, Councilor Horstmann seconded; motion carried unanimously.

RFP Borough Refuse & Recycling Contract – Councilor Feldman made a motion to advertise the Request for Proposal for the 2021-2024 Borough Refuse & Recycling Contract, Councilor Grugan seconded; motion carried unanimously.

RFP Borough Auditor – Councilor Horstmann made a motion to advertise the Request for Proposal for Borough Auditor, Vice President Rakoff seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Borough Public Meetings (Live Stream) – Mr. Sullins is researching the set-up, storage, hardware/software, etc. A system that is compatible with the Borough's website is a preferable option. Additional information will be provided as it is available.

Chestnut Street Bridge Update – Extra crews were brought in to work, they are laying the concrete roadway now, hopefully the project will be completed by late spring 2021. If it's a mild winter, completion could possibly be moved up to late December 2020.

### **For the Good of the Order**

President Gazzerro announced Borough trash/recycling pickup for the week of September 7 will be on Saturday, September 12 due to the Labor Day holiday.

Vice President Rakoff announced the Downingtown Municipal Water Authority received a grant for \$457,000 for the ground water well treatment facility project.

The Emergency Management Committee meetings have continued on a weekly basis. A discussion and decision will be made soon regarding whether the Borough will allow Trick or Treating.

### **Adjournment**

Vice President Rakoff made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m., Councilor Horstmann seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Millie Byerly  
Assistant Secretary