

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

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

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

Recognition/Awards – None

Approval of Expenditures for Period Ending October 31, 2020 – Vice President Rakoff made a motion to approve the expenditures for the period ending October 31, 2020, Councilor Van Dyk seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Borough Council Minutes (October 7, 2020) – Councilor Grugan made a motion to approve the minutes of October 7, 2020, Councilor Horstmann seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Citizens to be Heard – None

Deferred Business

Ordinance 2020-02 C-1 District Auto Sales by Conditional Use – Deferred

Ordinance 2020-03 Amending Chapter 274 Green Street Parking – Deferred

New Business

2021 Preliminary Borough Budget – Councilor Horstmann made a motion to advertise with the intent to adopt the 2021 preliminary Borough budget, Councilor Grugan seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Award Refuse/Recycling Contract (2021-2024) – Mr. Sullins reviewed the results of the bids opened for the Borough's refuse/recycling contract and recommended the bid be awarded to A.J. Blosenski in the amount of \$1,295,833.56 for the four year contract term. Vice President Rakoff made a motion to award the refuse/recycling contract to A.J. Blosenski for the 4 year contract period, Councilor Horstmann seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Note: There will be an increase of \$5.00/quarter beginning January 1, 2021 for refuse/recycling service.

Crossing Guard Appointment – Deferred

Residential Recreational Burning – After discussing amending the Borough Code, Chapter 146 Fire Prevention, to allow specific types of outdoor residential recreational burning Solicitor O'Keefe will draft an amended ordinance to include the specifics discussed.

Historic Commission Reappointment – Councilor Van Dyke made a motion to reappoint Jay Byerly to another term, per the letter of recommendation received from the Historic Commission, Councilor Horstmann seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2020-08 Endorsing Brandywine Creek Water Trail Feasibility Study – Councilor Grugan made a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-08, Councilor Van Dyk seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2020-09 Final Plan Approval 418-420 William Street – Councilor Van Dyk made a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-09, Councilor Horstmann seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Award Municibid Items – Councilor Horstmann made a motion to award the bids to the highest bidder for the items sold on Municibid, Councilor Grugan seconded; motion carried unanimously.

For the Good of the Order

Mayor Dague reported, he had received a suggestion from a Borough resident to rename the Chestnut Street Bridge when it is completed to the Bill Mason Bridge. Mr. Mason was a former Council member and is very involved in the community.

Councilor Grugan announced he will be resigning as a Borough Council member effective November 30, 2020; due to his move outside of the Borough. He thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve the community as a Borough Council member.

Vice President Rakoff announced the Downingtown Municipal Water Authority will not be increasing their rates during 2021.

President Gazzerro reported the Borough Christmas tree will be placed near the Log House, also some new decorations will be added this year.

President Gazzerro announced there will be no additional Borough Council meetings during November, the next meeting will be held on December 2, 2020.

Adjournment

Vice President Rakoff made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 p.m., Councilor Grugan seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,


Millie Byerly
Assistant Secretary