

**MINUTES
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 6, 2021**

The Downingtown Borough Council met in regular session on January 6, 2021 at the Municipal Government Center, 4 W. Lancaster Ave., Downingtown, PA. Members present: President Gazzerro, Vice President Rakoff, Councilors 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 – Mayor Dague read a proclamation thanking Senator Andy Dinniman (attending via Zoom) for his support to the Borough over the past 14 years and wished him a happy retirement.

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

Approval of Borough Council Minutes (December 2, 2020) – Councilor Horstmann made a motion to approve the minutes of December 2, 2020, Vice President Rakoff seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Citizens to be Heard

Kellyn Handsforth, 309 Bradford Ave., commented on the Downingtown Community Focus Project and creating an unarmed crisis response team.

Randall Scott, [REDACTED] commented on a Borough paid staff of Alert/Minquas firefighters.

Dan Castaldi, 350 E. Lancaster Ave., thanked Borough Council for their service and commented on renaming the Chestnut Street Bridge after a Borough resident.

Francis Taraschi, 300 N. Buck Rd., commented on renaming the Chestnut Street Bridge to the Downingtown Citizens Bridge to acknowledge members of the community for their service.

Deferred Business

Ordinance 2021-01 Amending Chapter 146 Fire Prevention (residential recreational burning) – Vice President Rakoff made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-01, Councilor Van Dyk seconded; motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Resolution 2021-01 Council Member Appointment to Vacated Seat – Vice President Rakoff made a motion to appoint Dr. Angela Howard to fill the vacated Council member seat, Councilor Van Dyk seconded; motion carried unanimously. Mayor Dague thanked all the candidates for their interest.

Note: Dr. Howard will take the Oath of Office during the February 3, 2021 meeting.

Trestle View Village (Conditional Use Hearing) – Mr. Sullins reported the Trestle View Village conditional use hearing will be advertised and held during the February 3, 2021 meeting.

Civil Service Testing – President Gazzerro called for a motion to approve the start of the civil service testing process to fill a vacant police officer position. Vice President Rakoff made a motion to approve the start of the civil service testing, Councilor Van Dyk seconded; motion carried unanimously.

For the Good of the Order

President Gazzerro announced the next Borough Council meeting will be held on February 3, 2021.

Dr. Howard thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve on Borough Council.

Councilor Van Dyk thanked all the applicants interested in public service.

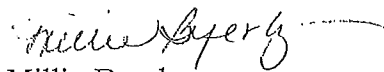
Councilor Horstmann thanked the Parks & Rec Commission for conducting the Holiday Decorating Contest and thanked all the participants.

Mayor Dague reported the Emergency Management Committee is continuing to meet on a weekly basis.

Adjournment

Vice President Rakoff made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m., Councilor Horstmann seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



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