

**MINUTES
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 3, 2021**

The Downingtown Borough Council met in regular session on March 3, 2021 at the Municipal Government Center, 4 W. Lancaster Ave., Downingtown, PA. Members present: President Gazzo, Vice President Rakoff, Councilors Howard, Van Dyk, Horstmann and Feldman. Also attending were Mayor Dague, Solicitor O'Keefe and members of Borough staff.

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

Recognition/Awards – None

Approval of Expenditures for Period Ending February 28, 2021 – Vice President Rakoff made a motion to approve the expenditures for the period ending February 28, 2021, Councilor Van Dyk seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Borough Council Minutes (February 3, 2021) – Councilor Horstmann made a motion to approve the minutes of February 3, 2021, Vice President Rakoff seconded; motion carried 5-0 (Councilor Feldman abstained).

President Gazzo requested a motion to enter into Executive Session. Vice President Rakoff made a motion to enter into Executive Session, Councilor Horstmann seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Executive Session

President Gazzo reconvened the meeting; Solicitor O'Keefe announced the purpose of the Executive Session was to discuss a legal issue and potential litigation.

Citizens to be Heard – Randall Scott, 234 Highland Ave., commented on the Borough's hiring advertisement for police officers.

Deferred Business

523 W. Pennsylvania Ave. (Fence) – Councilor Horstmann made a motion to approve the request for a front yard fence, Vice President Rakoff seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Civil Service Commission Appointment – Vice President Rakoff made a motion to appoint Will Lally to a six year term, Councilor Van Dyk seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Trestle View Village (Conditional Use Hearing) – President Gazzo announced the opening of the conditional use hearing. Solicitor O'Keefe provided an overview of the hearing process, reviewed the conditional use application and presented the Borough's exhibits into the record. The applicant presented their exhibits, testimony and expert witnesses.

Solicitor O'Keefe asked if there were any additional comments from Borough Council, residents who requested party status or meeting attendees. There were no additional comments; Solicitor O'Keefe announced the hearing and record were closed.

Note: A transcript of the public hearing will be available for review at the Borough Administration office.

New Business

Resolution 2021-02 Borough Signatories – Vice President Rakoff made a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-02, Councilor Horstmann seconded; motion carried unanimously.

For the Good of the Order - None

Adjournment

Vice President Rakoff made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 p.m., Councilor Horstmann seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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