

**MINUTES  
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING  
APRIL 7, 2021**

The Downingtown Borough Council met in regular session on April 7, 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. Solicitor O'Keefe announced the purpose of the Executive Session this evening was to discuss potential land acquisition and the Trestle View Village Conditional Use application and hearing.

**Deferred Business**

Trestle View Village (Conditional Use Application) – Solicitor O'Keefe announced Borough Council discussed the Trestle View Village conditional use application granting approval of the conditional use application subject to compliance with the conditions stated in the decision. Solicitor O'Keefe read each of the conditions and stated the applicant will have a period of 10 days from this evening to review and accept the conditions set forth. Vice President Rakoff made a motion to approve the conditional use application contingent on compliance with the conditions read by Solicitor O'Keefe, Councilor Howard seconded; motion carried 5-1 (Councilor Feldman opposed).

**Recognition/Awards** – None

**Approval of Expenditures for Period Ending March 31, 2021** – Vice President Rakoff made a motion to approve the expenditures for the period ending March 31, 2021, Councilor Howard seconded; motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of Borough Council Minutes (March 3, 2021)** – Councilor Horstmann made a motion to approve the minutes of March 3, 2021, Vice President Rakoff seconded; motion carried unanimously.

**Citizens to be Heard** – Carolyn Thomas, 401 W. Prospect Ave., commented on the Trestle View Village construction and her opposition with the development.

Pat Cox, 405 W. Prospect Ave., commented on the Trestle View Village construction and her concerns with additional traffic and her opposition to the development.

Kellyn Handforth, 309 Bradford Ave., commented on her concerns with the Trestle View Village development causing additional storm water runoff and flooding. Also, her children's safety due to increased traffic; she is opposed to the development.

Randall Scott, 234 Highland Ave., commented on the Trestle View Village development causing additional storm water runoff and flooding, additional traffic and the housing will not be affordable, he is opposed to the development.

Councilor Feldman read an email from Suzanne Roberson, 108 Webster Ave., regarding her concerns with light pollution affecting migratory birds.

Councilor Feldman stated her opposition to the adopted zoning amendment ordinance and subsequent approval of the Trestle View Village conditional use application.

Lynn Whitman, 232 Brandywine Ave., commented on the increased traffic concerns, disappointment of Borough Council and her opposition to the development.

### **New Business**

59 W. Pennsylvania Ave. (Fence) – Amber Grove requested Borough Council’s approval to install a 48” black aluminum fence in her front yard. After discussion, Councilor Horstmann made a motion to approve the request to install a 48” black aluminum fence in the front yard, Councilor Van Dyke seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance 2021-01.1 Amending Chapter 146 Fire Prevention (residential recreational burning) – Vice President Rakoff made a motion to advertise with the intent to adopt Ordinance 2021-01.1, Councilor Horstmann seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Planning Commission Reappointments – Councilor Van Dyk made a motion to reappoint David Proctor, Geanine Castaldi and Joe Ferris to new terms as members of the Planning Commission, Councilor Feldman seconded; motion carried unanimously.

### **Executive Session**

After discussing possible land acquisition during the Executive Session. President Gazzerro asked for a motion to authorize the Borough Manager to purchase two parcels, 301 and 307 William St., at a purchase price not to exceed \$75,000, to ease parking in the area. Vice President Rakoff made the motion to authorize the Borough Manager to purchase two parcels, 301 and 307 William St., at a cost not to exceed \$75,000, Councilor Howard seconded; motion carried 5-1 (Councilor Feldman opposed).

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

Mayor Dague announced the Downingtown Library recently reopened their doors. National Library Week is April 4-10, 2021.

The DVRPC has scheduled two zoom meetings to continue discussions on the transportation study. The meetings are scheduled on May 18 at 2 pm and May 20 at 7pm. Details on the Zoom meeting at <https://www2.dvrpc.org/Mobility/Downingtown/>.

DMWA will be flushing hydrants on Tuesday, April 13 from Brandywine Avenue going east and Wednesday, April 14 from Borough Hall going west from 10pm to 8 am.

April is National Volunteer Month, we appreciate everyone who volunteers.

Planning Commission is starting work on the Comprehensive Plan Update.

The Chestnut Street Bridge has been reopened.

The next Borough Council meeting is scheduled on May 5, 2021.

### **Adjournment**

Vice President Rakoff made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:51 p.m., Councilor Horstmann seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Millie Byerly  
Assistant Secretary