

**MINUTES  
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING  
MAY 5, 2021**

The Downingtown Borough Council met in regular session on May 5, 2021 at the Municipal Government Center, 4 W. Lancaster Ave., Downingtown, PA. Members present: President Gazzerro, Vice President Rakoff, Councilors Howard, Van Dyk, Horstmann and Feldman. Also attending were Mayor Dague, Solicitor O'Keefe and members of Borough staff.

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

**Recognition/Awards** – None

**Approval of Expenditures for Period Ending April 30, 2021** – Vice President Rakoff made a motion to approve the expenditures for the period ending April 30, 2021, Councilor Howard seconded; motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of Borough Council Minutes (April 7, 2021)** – Councilor Horstmann made a motion to approve the minutes of April 7, 2021, Councilor Van Dyk seconded; motion carried unanimously.

**Citizens to be Heard**

John McMichael, 310 Mary St., commented on the parcels located at 301 & 307 William St. and the Borough's plan to purchase the parcels, he is opposed to a parking lot.

Dawn McMichael, 310 Mary St., commented on letters she received pertaining to the parcels at 301 & 307 William St., and storm water management if a parking lot is constructed.

Pat Cox, 405 W. Prospect St., commented on expanding the methods in which the Borough communicates upcoming Borough Council meeting agenda items to residents.

**Deferred Business**

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

**New Business**

Administrative Update - Deferred

**For the Good of the Order**

Councilor Van Dyk reiterated the DVRPC and Chester County Planning Commission will host two online Zoom meetings to continue discussions on the Downingtown Area 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/>.

Councilor Van Dyk reported the Planning Commission met to discuss areas to address, and possibly update, for inclusion in a comprehensive plan amendment. Input from residents would be appreciated.

Councilor Feldman reported she attended the neighborhood meeting pertaining to the parcels on William Street and the residents do not want a parking lot constructed.

**Adjournment**

Vice President Rakoff made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:18 p.m., Councilor Horstmann seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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