

MINUTES
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 1, 2021

The Downingtown Borough Council met in regular session on December 1, 2021 at the Municipal Government Center, 4 W. Lancaster Ave., Downingtown, PA. Members present: President Gazzero, Vice President Rakoff, Councilors Howard, Van Dyk, Horstmann and Feldman. Also attending were Mayor Dague, Solicitor O'Keefe and members of Borough staff.

President Gazzero 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 labor contract and real estate.

Recognition/Awards- None

Approval of Expenditures for period ending November 30, 2021- Vice President Rakoff made a motion to approve the expenditures for the period ending November 30, 2021, Councilor Howard seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Borough Council Minutes November 3, 2021- Councilor Horstmann made a motion to approve the minutes of November 3, 2021, Vice President Rakoff seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Citizens to be Heard

John McMichael, 310 Mary St., commented on past projects and action taken by Borough Council.

Dawn McMichael, 310 Mary St., commented on concern with format and timeframe allotted for citizens to be heard portion of Borough Council meetings.

Steve O'Connor, 128 Brandywine Ave., inquired on status of FEMA assistance for Borough residents.

Rich Cardelli, 301 Church St., commented on hearing the Borough departments may be relocating, fire department budget and municipal complex repair costs.

John West, 1043 Glenside, commented on his concerns with high density developments, would prefer notification by developers to surrounding residents of proposed development and wants to see more open space. He thanked Council for their service.

Councilor Feldman stated it was difficult serving on Borough Council and thanked residents for the opportunity.

Representative from SBA reported there is a December 10th deadline for submitting applications to FEMA for disaster relief assistance.

Deferred Business

Ordinance 2021-03 Authorizing Borough Council to Establish Advisory Committees – Councilor Howard made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-03, Vice President Rakoff seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2021-08 Establishing Flood Advisory Committee – Vice President Rakoff made a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-08, Councilor Van Dyk seconded; motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Potential Relocation of Public Works Department – Solicitor O’Keefe reported Borough Council feels it is appropriate for the Planning Commission to be given an opportunity to weigh in and provide their comments on the most appropriate site. Councilor Feldman made a motion for the Planning Commission to review and consider potential locations for the Public Works Department, Vice President Rakoff seconded; motion carried unanimously.

2022-2025 AFSCME Non-Uniformed Contract – Councilor Feldman made a motion to approve the 2022-2025 AFSCME non-uniformed contract, Councilor Van Dyk seconded; motion carried unanimously.

2022 Borough Operating Budget – Vice President Rakoff made a motion to approve the 2022 Borough Operating Budget, Councilor Howard seconded. Councilor Feldman had several questions on specific department budget line items. After discussion, motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2021-09 Real Estate Tax 2022 – Councilor Horstmann made a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-09 with no tax increase, Councilor Van Dyk seconded; motion carried unanimously.

2022 Borough Public Meeting Schedule – Councilor Howard made a motion to approve advertising of the 2022 Borough public meeting schedule, Vice President Rakoff seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Municipal Award – Councilor Horstmann made a motion to award the bid for the skid loader to the highest bidder, Vice President Rakoff seconded; motion carried unanimously.

For the Good of the Order

Councilor Horstmann thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve on Borough Council.

President Gazzo thanked everyone for the opportunity to serve on Borough Council for 20 plus years.

Adjournment

Councilor Horstmann made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:06 p.m., Councilor Howard seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Millie Byerly
Assistant Borough Secretary