

MINUTES
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
MARCH 2, 2022

The Downingtown Borough Council met in regular session on March 2, 2022 at the Municipal Government Center, 4 W. Lancaster Ave., Downingtown, PA. Members present: President Rakoff, Vice President Plaughner, Councilors Howard, Ferris and Helm. Also attending were Mayor Dague, Solicitor O'Keefe and members of Borough staff.

Solicitor O'Keefe reported the purpose of the Executive Session this evening was to discuss potential real estate acquisition.

Recognition/Awards- None

Approval of Expenditures for period ending February 28, 2022 - Councilor Howard made a motion to approve the expenditures for the period ending February 28, 2022, Councilor Ferris seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Borough Council Minutes February 2, 2022 - Councilor Helm made a motion to approve the minutes of February 2, 2022, Vice President Plaughner seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Citizens to be Heard

John West, 1043 Glenside, commented on the public notice notification process for residents, concerns with ongoing development within the Borough and possibility of convenience store being located in the middle of town.

Rich Cardelli, 301 Church St., commented on the vacant Council seat posted on the Borough's website, interest in becoming a member of Flood Advisory Committee and requested monthly updates be provided during Borough Council meetings by Chief of Police and Fire Chief and commented on odor from wastewater treatment plant.

Deferred Business - No business was deferred

New Business

Borough Council Resignation Acceptance - Councilor Ferris made a motion to accept Lauren Van Dyk's resignation from Borough Council effective February 2, 2022, Vice President Plaughner seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2022-04 Borough Councilor Appointment - President Rakoff reported letters of interest for the vacated Council seat were received from Brad Horstmann and Rich Cardelli. He asked each of them to provide some background information or qualifications. After each spoke, President Rakoff asked for a motion. Vice President Plaughner made a motion to adopt Resolution 2022-04 and appoint Brad Horstmann to fill the unexpired 2 year term vacated by Lauren Van Dyk, Councilor Howard seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Dague administered the Oath of Office to Brad Horstmann.

DASD Downingtown West High School Expansion (Land Development Waiver) - Dale Lauver, Director of Facilities, Planning & Management, reviewed the facility study and proposed conceptual plans provided to Council and stated this will assist with the lunch and learn program concept. The Planning Commission reviewed the facility study and provided a recommendation to Borough Council supporting approval of the waiver request for the land development process. After discussion, Vice President Plaughner made a motion to approve the land development waiver for the DWHS expansion, Councilor Helm seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2022-05 Renewable Energy Advisory Committee – Mayor Dague requested the name be changed to the Sustainability Advisory Committee. Councilor Howard made a motion to adopt Resolution 2022-05, Vice President Plaughter seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2022-06 Vision Partnership Program Grant Application (Comprehensive Plan Update) – David Proctor, Planning Commission Vice Chairperson, informed Council the grant funds will assist the Planning Commission with the upcoming Comprehensive Plan Update for the Borough. Councilor Helm made a motion to adopt Resolution 2022-06, Councilor Horstmann seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance 2022-01 Condemnation of Property (260 Norwood Rd.) – President Rakoff reported the Planning Commission reviewed the ordinance and supports Borough Council's decision to relocate the Public Works Department to this location. Vice President Plaughter made a motion to advertise with the intent to adopt Ordinance 2022-01, Councilor Howard seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Planning Commission Reappointments – Councilor Ferris made a motion to reappoint Adrian Martinez as a voting member for another four year term expiring February 2026 and reappoint Caroline O'Connor as an ex-officio member for another four year term to expire February 2026, Councilor Howard seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Flood Advisory Committee Appointments – Vice President Plaughter made a motion to appoint Alex Rakoff, Phil Dague, Matt Bush and Max Howard as members of the Flood Advisory Committee for the two year term, Councilor Howard seconded; motion carried unanimously.

For the Good of the Order

Councilor Horstmann thanked everyone for the opportunity to fill the vacated Council seat and serve on Borough Council again.

Downingtown Library Readers on the Run will be a virtual event this year and will be held on April 22-24, 2022. The library is also accepting books for their annual book sale until March 21, 2022.

Downingtown-Thorndale Regional Chamber of Commerce is accepting nominations for their 2022 Civic Awards. Their annual dinner will be held on April 28, 2022.

Fall Fest is scheduled on September 25, 2022.

Adjournment

Councilor Howard made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m., Councilor Ferris seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



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