

**MINUTES**  
**BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**AUGUST 3, 2022**

The Downingtown Borough Council met in regular session on August 3, 2022 at the Municipal Government Center, 4 W. Lancaster Ave., Downingtown, PA. Members present: President Rakoff, Councilors Howard, Ferris and Helm. Also attending were Mayor Dague, Solicitor O'Keefe and members of Borough staff. Vice President Plaughner and Councilor Horstmann did not attend.

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

**Recognition/Awards** - None

**Approval of Expenditures for period ending July 31, 2022** – Councilor Howard made a motion to approve the expenditures for the period ending July 31, 2022, Councilor Ferris seconded; motion carried unanimously.

**Approval of Borough Council Minutes July 6, 2022** – Councilor Helm made a motion to approve the minutes of July 6, 2022, Councilor Howard seconded; motion carried unanimously.

**Citizens to be Heard**

John West, 1043 Glenside, commented on the Borough's rezoning process and suggested we research New York City's Uniform Land Use Review Process regarding rezoning.

**Deferred Business**

Resolution 2022-15 ICA Adoption Police Commission (Intergovernmental Municipal Agreement) – Councilor Ferris made a motion to adopt Resolution 2022-15, Councilor Howard seconded; motion carried unanimously.

126 Wallace Avenue Architect Approval (Krug Architects) – Councilor Howard made a motion to proceed and approve Krug Architects Architectural Services proposal pending settlement of the property, Councilor Helm seconded; motion carried unanimously.

**New Business**

Woodbine Road Speed Limit – Councilor Howard reported residents have contacted her with concerns of the 35 mph speed limit on Woodbine Rd., and proximity to the school, with the increased traffic due to new housing. She inquired if the speed limit could be reduced to 25 mph. Mr. Sullins responded a speed survey would need to be completed prior to implementing a speed limit reduction, as well as, an ordinance amendment. Chief Holland stated after completion of a speed survey and adopted ordinance amendment the Police Department would have the authority to enforce a reduced speed limit.

2022 Duck Race Winners – Ginny Pierce, Historic Commission, announced the winners of the Good Neighbor Day Duck Race: #3 Leo Getz \$25, #2 Kayleen Schoch \$50 and #1 Mike Allen \$100.

Resolution 2022-14 Traffic Signal Maintenance (DASD) – Councilor Ferris made a motion to adopt Resolution 2022-14, Councilor Helm seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Planning Commission Appointment – Councilor Howard made a motion to appoint Councilor Ferris as a voting member to fulfill the unexpired term vacated by Phil Dague (February 2023) on the Planning Commission, Councilor Helm seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Yard Waste – Mr. Sullins reported the yard waste dumpster located at the Borough has become problematic. The dumpster is to be used only by Borough residents; however, non-Borough residents and landscaping businesses are also dumping yard waste in the dumpster. The additional pickups required to empty the dumpster is resulting in increased costs to the Borough. He suggested setting a specific weekend day and mid-week day monthly so we can monitor the

yard waste is being dumped only by Borough residents. Councilor Ferris suggested looking into the brown bags other municipalities utilize. Councilor Helm suggested providing a flier to Borough residents notifying them of the service and process when a decision is made.

**For the Good of the Order**

Councilor Howard reported the Parks & Rec Commission is sponsoring a picnic in Kerr Park on Saturday, August 27.

Summer Jam will be held on Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup>.


The Alert Fire Company 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Chicken Bar-B-Q fundraiser will be held on Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup> from 4-7 pm, additional information available at [www.alertfire.org](http://www.alertfire.org).

The Flood Advisory Committee will meet on August 11 at 7pm, the public is invited to attend the meetings.

**Adjournment**

Councilor Howard made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m., Councilor Ferris seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Millie Byerly  
Assistant Borough Secretary