

MINUTES
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 4, 2023

The Downingtown Borough Council met in regular session on January 4, 2023 at the Municipal Government Center, 4 W. Lancaster Ave., Downingtown, PA. Members present: President Rakoff, Vice President Plaughner, Councilors Howard, Horstmann, Ferris and Helm. Also attending were Mayor Dague, Solicitor O'Keefe and members of Borough staff.

Recognition/Awards - None

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

Approval of Borough Council Minutes December 7, 2022 – Councilor Horstmann made a motion to approve the minutes of December 7, 2022, Councilor Helm seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Citizens to be Heard – Rich Cardelli, 301 Church St., commented on information he had previously provided to Borough Council pertaining to EMS, Borough contributions and expenses.

Deferred Business

Mayor Dague (Grant Funding Opportunity) - Deferred

New Business

Resolution 2023-01 Implementing Act 57 – Solicitor O'Keefe stated this resolution directs the tax collector to waive additional charges for real estate taxes in certain situations and comply with provisions of Act 57. Vice President Plaughner made a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-01, Councilor Horstmann seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2023-02 Real Estate Tax 2023 – Councilor Horstmann made a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-02, Councilor Ferris seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2023-03 Designation of Agent – The resolution designates Kerry Eltman as the authorized agent to execute documents pertaining to the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program. Councilor Howard made a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-03, Councilor Ferris seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2023-04 – Appointment of Interim Borough Manager – Vice President Plaughner made a motion to appoint Jack Law, Interim Borough Manager, Councilor Horstmann seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Act 537 Hydra Terra Professionals Proposal (Sewer Facilities Plan) – Councilor Horstmann made a motion to approve the Sewer Facilities Plan proposal submitted by Hydra Terra Professionals, Councilor Ferris seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Parks & Rec Commission Appointment – Councilor Howard made a motion to appoint Devon Killmer as a member of the Parks & Rec Commission, Councilor Horstmann seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Zoning Hearing Board Appointment – Vice President Plaughner made a motion to reappoint Maria O'Connor and Donnie Britton to new terms on the Zoning Hearing Board, Councilor Horstmann seconded; motion carried unanimously.

For the Good of the Order

The winners of the Christmas decorating contest were selected.

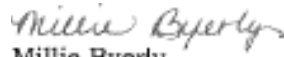
DARC is offering many winter programs and the bus trips will resume beginning in March.

The Flood Advisory Committee will be providing an update in the near future.

Adjournment

President Rakoff asked for a motion to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss personnel and real estate. Councilor Horstmann made the motion and Councilor Helm seconded; motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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