

**MINUTES
BOROUGH COUNCIL WORK SESSION
APRIL 26, 2023**

The Downingtown Borough Council met in a work session on April 26, 2023, at the Municipal Government Center, 4 West Lancaster Avenue, Downingtown, PA. Members present: President Rakoff, Vice-President Plaughner, Councilors Howard, Horstmann and Ferris. Also attending were Mayor Dague, Solicitor O'Keefe and members of Borough staff. Councilor Helm did not attend.

Approval of Borough Council Minutes (April 5, 2023)

Councilor Ferris made a motion to approve the minutes of April 5, 2023. Councilor Howard seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Recognition/Awards None

Citizens to be Heard - None

Deferred Business None

New Business

126 Wallace Avenue (Krug Architects Presentation) – Mr. Steve Krug summarized the plan options provided for Council to review. Option 1 is to renovate within the existing building for a budget of \$2 million and completion within 200 days. Option 2 would increase the size of the current building allowing for future growth for the Administration and Police Department. Option 2a avoids the existing stormwater system an estimated \$3.2 million and 18 month timeframe. Option 2b, encompasses a larger addition squaring off the building, relocating the existing stormwater facilities and constricts vehicle circulation at the back of the building to one lane. An additional approval process will likely be required. The estimated cost is \$3.8 million and an 18 month timeframe. Option 3a would be a hybrid combination to include a new building for the Police Department and locating the Administration at 126 Wallace Ave. with estimated costs of \$3.9 million and a 24 month timeframe. Option 3b would find a new site to construct a new building to house the Administration and Police Department. This is the most costly option at more than \$4.4 million, land development approval would be required and the timeframe is extended to approximately 24 months.

Council will review all the options presented and will revisit the proposed options during the May 3, 2023 Borough Council meeting.

Disc Golf Tournament - September 3 (Mass Gathering Application) – Kirk D'Angelo, informed Council there will be approximately 72 participants and the event is scheduled from 8am to 4pm. They are planning on gathering donations and promoting local businesses. Volunteers will assist with parking. A local restaurant will be used for player's lunch and after event party. Councilor Howard made a motion to approve the application, Councilor Horstmann seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Summer Jam – June 17 (Mass Gathering Application) – Councilor Ferris made a motion to approve the application, Councilor Horstmann seconded; motion carried unanimously.

2023 Road Resurfacing Program – Jack Law, Public Works Director, reviewed the streets to be completed this year, pending final bids. To include the 400 block of Washington Ave., 400 block of Jefferson Ave., entire length of Whiteland Ave., Pennsylvania Ave. between Manor Ave. and the Pennsylvania Ave. bridge, Chestnut Street in front of Pomodoro's (water main repair patch). Improvements and/or upgrades to several ADA ramps within the scope of the above streets will be dependent on final costs and engineering. Mr. Law requested Council approval to move forward with advertising for bids. Councilor Howard made a motion to move forward with advertisement for bids, Councilor Ferris seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Proposal - Meyner Center for the Study of State & Local Government (Police Chief - Search) – Mr. Smith reviewed the proposal submitted by Nicole Beckett and the breakdown of costs associated with each component of the search process not to exceed \$12,100. Mr. Smith informed Council the search process would begin during June with a timeframe of September to extend an employment offer to a new police chief. Councilor Howard made a motion to proceed with the police chief search proposed by the Meyner Center with a cost not to exceed \$12,100, Councilor Ferris seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Proposal - Truck Restriction Study on Chestnut St. & Whiteland Ave. – Matt Bush, Borough Engineer, provided additional information pertaining to conducting a truck restriction study on Whiteland Avenue and Chestnut Street. Proposals were received from three consultants, Mr. Bush recommended the proposal submitted by Albert Federico Consulting, LLC. After discussion, Councilor Howard made a motion to accept the proposal submitted by Albert Federico Consulting, LLC and move forward with the truck restriction study, Vice President Plaugher seconded; motion carried unanimously.

For the Good of the Order

Councilor Ferris notified Council the Shade Tree Commission partnered with Restore Our Roots and planted 11 new trees in Kerr Park on Sunday.

The Log House will be open for tours on Sunday, May 7 from 1-4 pm.

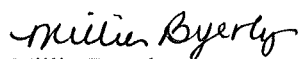
The Downingtown Library is holding a fundraising designer bag bingo at Raymour & Flanagan, details for the event are available at www.downingtownlibrary.org.

Acting Police Chief Powell stated a Bike Safety Rodeo for kids ages 3-13 is scheduled to be held on Saturday, May 20 from 10am to noon at Kerr Park. This was a very successful event last year and the kids enjoyed it. You must register to attend, details are available on the Borough website www.downingtown.org.

Adjournment:

President Rakoff asked for a motion to adjourn into Executive Session to discuss personnel, Councilor Horstmann moved the motion, Councilor Ferris seconded; motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Assistant Borough Secretary