

MINUTES
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

APRIL 5, 2023

The Downingtown Borough Council met in regular session on April 5, 2023, at the Municipal Government Center, 4 West Lancaster Avenue, 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.

Approval of Expenditures (Period Ending March 31, 2023):

Councilor Ferris made a motion to approve the expenditures for the period ending March 31, 2023. Councilor Howard seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Borough Council Minutes (March 1, 2023):

Councilor Helm made a motion to approve the minutes of March 1, 2023. Vice-President Plaughner seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Recognition/Awards: None.

Citizens to be Heard: None.

Deferred Business: None.

New Business:

- a) Mayoral Proclamation- National Library Week-Mayor Dague proclaimed April 23-29, 2023, as National Library Week with the theme "There's More to the Story," bringing the community together for valuable resources such as: book clubs, story times, movie nights, crafting classes and lectures, providing technology access, literacy skills and support for businesses, job seekers and entrepreneurs.
- b) Appointment of Acting Police Chief- Vice-President Plaughner made a motion to approve Lee Powell as acting Chief of Police, Council Helm seconded; motion carried unanimously.
- c) Presentation on Street Trees from Michael Dunn- Mr. Dunn a consultant from Brandywine Urban Forest handed informational packets to the Council members regarding a plan for the street trees along Lancaster Avenue - assess, analyze and act. Tree infrastructure is an investment in the future. He spoke about the benefits of soil cell technology.
- d) April 19, 2023, work session moved to April 26, 2023.

For the Good of the Order:

Councilor Howard reminded everyone April 22 is Earth Day 10:00- 4:00 and there will be representatives at each entrance of the park. Come out and help clean up our parks. Thank you to Public Works for helping with this event.

Councilor Ferris commented that the timeline for the comprehensive plan update will take roughly 18 months. He'll be able to give updates on what the Planning Commission is accomplishing each month and what they're working on.

Vice-President Plaugher asked to adjourn to Executive Session regarding the Wallace Avenue property architect meeting plan update and the search for a new police chief. President Rakoff indicated these items will be discussed at the work session on 4/26/23.

Mayor Dague indicated that the Boy Scouts and some local nurseries will be planting a few trees at the Earth Day celebration. He also wished our friends a happy Passover who celebrate the holiday.

Adjournment:

President Rakoff asked for a motion to adjourn. Councilor Ferris moved the motion; motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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