

**MINUTES
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 3, 2023**

The Downingtown Borough Council met in a regular session on May 3, 2023, at the Municipal Government Center, 4 West Lancaster Avenue, Downingtown, PA. Members present: President Rakoff, Vice President Plaughter, Councilors Howard, Horstmann, Ferris and Helm. Also attending were Mayor Dague, Solicitor O'Keefe and members of Borough staff.

Executive Session

President Rakoff announced the purpose of the Executive Session this evening was to discuss personnel.

Approval of Expenditures (Period Ending April 30, 2023) – Councilor Ferris made a motion to approve the expenditures for the period ending April 30, 2023, Councilor Horstmann seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Borough Council Work Session Minutes (April 26, 2023) – Councilor Howard made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 26, 2023 Council work session, Vice President Plaughter seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Recognition/Awards None

Citizens to be Heard

Ryan Kunley, 425 Sunset Dr., thanked the Police Department for providing his son with a ride to school. He had a few questions on the 126 Wallace Ave. plan options discussed during the April 26, 2023 work session. He expressed concern with the option where the Borough would have unused space and could possibly rent out space in the building and become a landlord.

Deferred Business

126 Wallace Ave. (Bids) – President Rakoff informed Council they had a choice to reject the bids received and re-advertise or select one of the options provided and reviewed by Mr. Steve Krug, Architect, during the April 26, 2023 work session. President Rakoff stated he would prefer option 2a due to the cost savings. Council discussed the pros and cons of options 1, 2, 2a and 2b and Mr. Krug and Matt Bush, Borough Engineer, provided their input as well. Mayor Dague asked Chief Powell his preference, Chief Powell stated he would prefer option 2b which provides additional space for growth and the vehicle pattern for the Police Department to enter and exit the property was improved. After discussion, Councilor Horstmann made a motion to reject bids for Option 1 and move forward with bids for Option 2b, Vice President Plaughter seconded; motion carried 5-1; Councilor Ferris opposed.

New Business

Conditional Offer of Employment (Police Department) – Councilor Helm made a motion to extend a conditional offer of employment to Cole Burkhardt contingent on successfully passing the medical and psychological testing, Councilor Ferris seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Codes Department Administrator – Councilor Howard made a motion to approve an employment offer to Robert Duncan, Councilor Horstmann seconded; motion carried unanimously.

DMWA Board Appointment – Vice President Plaughter made a motion to appoint Hank Hamilton as a member of the DMWA Board, Councilor Ferris seconded; motion carried unanimously.

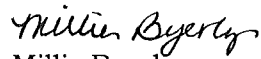
For the Good of the Order

- The Parks & Rec Commission is holding a Picnic in the Park (Kerr Park) on Sunday, June 24 from 2-5 pm.
- DARC is offering many summer programs and trips, additional information available on their website <https://downingtownpa.myrec.com/info/default.aspx>
- The Log House will be open on Sunday, May 7th from 1-4 pm to conduct tours.
- Alert Fire Company Annual Golf Outing at the Downingtown Country Club is scheduled on May 8, additional details available at www.alertgolfouting.org.
- The Designer Bag Bingo fundraiser for the Downingtown Library on May 12th is sold out.
- The Repair Café will be held on May 13th from 10am to 2pm at the Central Presbyterian Church, additional details are posted on the Borough website Events page www.downingworn.org.
- The Flood Advisory Committee will be meeting on May 8, the meeting scheduled on May 11 has been cancelled.

Adjournment

Councilor Horstmann made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m., Councilor Howard seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



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