

**MINUTES
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 7, 2023**

The Downingtown Borough Council met in a regular session on June 7, 2023, at the Municipal Government Center, 4 West Lancaster Avenue, Downingtown, PA. Members present: President Rakoff, Vice President Plaughner, Councilors Horstmann, Ferris and Helm. Also attending were Mayor Dague, Solicitor O'Keefe and members of Borough staff. Councilor Howard did not attend.

Executive Session

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

Approval of Expenditures (Period Ending May 31, 2023) – Councilor Horstmann made a motion to approve the expenditures for period ending May 31, 2023, Councilor Ferris seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Borough Council Minutes (May 3, 2023) – Councilor Helm made a motion to approve the minutes of May 3, 2023, Councilor Horstmann seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Recognition/Awards None

Citizens to be Heard

John McMichael, 310 Mary St., commented on posting current Borough Council minutes on the Borough website and events for Good Neighbor Day. He asked why there will not be any fireworks or amusement rides. President Rakoff responded Good Neighbor Day is not a Borough sponsored event, it is sponsored by a private entity.

John West, 1043 Glenside Rd., commented on the River Station development and felt road frontage was taken from Rt. 322 to meet the setback requirements. He would like improved communication to the community regarding future developments and asked Borough Council to work with surrounding municipalities regarding future development.

Rich Cardelli, 301 Church St., commented on a right to know request he submitted requesting information on insurance coverage and registration for Minquas EMS vehicles. He had provided documents to Borough Council and had not received a response from any Council member. He also commented on funds paid to Minquas EMS from surrounding municipalities. He also asked why Borough Council meeting minutes posted on the website were not current.

Drew Harris, 200 Washington Ave., commented on remarks posted by Mayor Dague on social media which could result in a negative impact on his business. He stated he was doing his job, contracted by the diner owner, when towing vehicles which were illegally parked in a private lot.

Jamie Bruton, 403 E. Lancaster Ave., (Good Neighbor Day Race Coordinator), commented on the event calendar which is posted on www.goodneighborday.com. He stated the amusement rides vendor retired and other ride vendors will not set-up for a single day event. Also, he confirmed the fireworks have been cancelled this year. He stated Good Neighbor Day is possible due to community volunteers, local business supporters and donations.

Deferred Business - There was no deferred business.

New Business

Hiring Part-Time Emergency Management Coordinator – Vice President Plaughter made a motion to extend an offer of employment to Mark Force, Councilor Horstmann seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Hiring Public Works Employee – Councilor Helm made a motion to extend an offer of employment to Joshua Mumaw, Councilor Ferris seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2023-09 Designating Members to Administrative Board of Appeals/UCC Board – Vice President Plaughter made a motion to adopt Resolution 2023-09, Councilor Horstmann seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Board/Commission Reappointments

- Historic Commission – Councilor Ferris made a motion to reappoint Jay Byerly and Jay Bird to new terms on the Historic Commission, Councilor Helm seconded; motion carried unanimously.
- Civil Service Commission – Vice President Plaughter made a motion to reappoint Val DiLuigi to a new term on the Civil Service Commission, Councilor Horstmann seconded; motion carried unanimously.
- Planning Commission – Councilor Helm made a motion to reappoint Joe Ferris to a new term on the Planning Commission, Vice President Plaughter seconded; motion carried 5-0. Councilor Ferris abstained.
- Administrative Board of Appeals/UCC Board – Councilor Horstmann made a motion to reappoint Dan Castaldi and Ross Stuart to new terms on the Administrative Board of Appeals/UCC Board, Councilor Helm seconded; motion carried unanimously.

For the Good of the Order

Councilor Helm encouraged everyone to check out all the events and activities provided to the community by DARC.

Councilor Ferris reported the Log House will be open on Sunday, June 4th for tours. He also reminded everyone to purchase tickets for the duck race on Good Neighbor Day.

Mayor Dague stated the St. Joe's Festival will be held on June 20-24 and they will have fireworks.

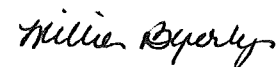
Items for Next Work Session

President Rakoff asked Council members if they had specific items to be discussed during the upcoming June 21 Council work session. Councilor Ferris stated he would like to pursue addition information pertaining to the tree wells discussed at a prior meeting. Vice President Plaughter responded he would like to discuss the Comp Plan Update and economic development downtown.

Adjournment

Councilor Helm made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session, Councilor Horstmann seconded; motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Assistant Borough Secretary