

**MINUTES
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 6, 2023**

The Downingtown Borough Council met in a regular session on September 6, 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 Thompson and members of Borough staff. Councilor Howard did not attend.

Solicitor Thompson announced the purpose of the Executive Session this evening was to discuss legal issues.

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

Approval of Borough Council Minutes (August 2, 2023) – Vice President Plaughner made a motion to approve the Borough Council minutes of August 2, 2023, Councilor Helm seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Recognition/Awards - None

Citizens to be Heard

Barry Cassidy, 211 Cherry St., commented on the Downing Ridge Dam removal project and questioned the allocation of funds the Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission received from PennDOT for the removal project. Mr. Cassidy implied the Borough received \$29,410 for the Downing Ridge Dam removal.

Deferred Business - There was no deferred business.

New Business

River Station Deed of Correction – Vice President Plaughner made a motion to accept the River Station Deed of Correction, Councilor Horstmann seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Minimum Municipal Obligation 2024 – Councilor Horstmann made a motion to approve the Borough's 2024 MMO for the Police Pension Plan for \$514,464, Councilor Ferris seconded; motion carried 4-0. Vice President Plaughner abstained due to a conflict of interest.

Councilor Ferris made a motion to approve the Borough's 2024 MMO for the non-uniformed defined contribution pension plan for \$180,000, Councilor Helm seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Dandelion Digital LLC (Website Consultant) – Mr. Smith reported a meeting was held with Ms. Linda Rooney, Dandelion Digital LLC, to discuss enhancing the Borough's website, etc. After discussion, Councilor Ferris made a motion to approve entering into a contract to be billed at \$65/hr., not to exceed \$1,500/month, Councilor Horstmann seconded; motion carried unanimously.

DVRPC Regional Streetlight Procurement Program – Mr. Smith reported this program will enable the Borough to explore the feasibility of implementing LED streetlights. This program will also assist the Borough in improving lighting quality, reduce light pollution and reduce lighting and maintenance costs. After discussion, Councilor Helm made a motion to sign the DVRPC's letter of intent to participate in the program, Councilor Ferris seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Flood Advisory Committee (Appointment) – Vice President Plaughter made a motion to appoint Jack Moyer as a member of the Flood Advisory Committee, Councilor Ferris seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Shade Tree Commission (Reappointment) – Councilor Helm made a motion to reappoint Joe Ferris to a new term as a member of the Shade Tree Commission, Councilor Horstmann seconded; motion carried 4-0. Councilor Ferris abstained.

DMWA Board (Reappointment) – Vice President Plaughter made a motion to reappoint Anthony D'Addezio to a new term as a member of the DMWA Board, Councilor Ferris seconded; motion carried unanimously.

For the Good of the Order

The Parks & Rec Commission's Disc Golf Tournament was a very successful event.

The Log House open house held on September 2nd was well attended.

Fall Fest is scheduled on Sunday, September 24th.

The Borough Tree Lighting will be held on November 25th.

The Christmas Parade will be held on December 9th.

Adjournment

Councilor Helm made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 p.m.; motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Millie Byerly
Assistant Borough Secretary