

**MINUTES
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 4, 2019**

The Downingtown Borough Council met in regular session September 4, 2019 at the Municipal Government Center, 4 W. Lancaster Ave., Downingtown, PA. Members present: President Gazzerro, Vice President Rakoff, Councilors Dague, Thomas and Feldman. Also attending were Solicitor O'Keefe and members of Borough staff. Mayor Maxwell and Councilor Van Dyk did not attend.

President Gazzerro called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of the Executive Session was to discuss potential lease of property.

Recognition/Awards - None

Approval of Expenditures for Period Ending August 31, 2019 – Councilor Thomas made a motion to approve the expenditures for the period ending August 31, 2019, Councilor Dague seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Borough Council Minutes (August 7, 2019) – Vice President Rakoff made a motion to approve the Borough Council minutes of August 7, 2019, Councilor Thomas seconded; motion carried 4-0 (Councilor Dague abstained).

Citizens to be Heard

Ginny Pierce, 346 Washington Ave., commented on the success of the Johnsontown Historic Walking Tour held on August 22nd. There were 50 volunteers and more than 350 attendees.

Deferred Business – None

New Business

Curtis Miller (Rep. Chrissy Houlahan's office) provided a summary of services available to residents. A schedule of locations for future town hall meetings will be posted on Rep. Houlahan's website <https://houlahan.house.gov>.

Downingtown Main Street Association Update - Colby Martin reported Phase 1 of the Armor Alley Renovation Project is complete; a dedication ceremony will be held on October 1, 2019.

Downingtown Library/D-town Brew Down October 26 (Beer Garden) – Councilor Dague made a motion to approve the beer garden, Councilor Feldman seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Borough Equipment For Sale – Councilor Thomas made a motion to approve the sale of the portable air conditioning units, Councilor Dague seconded; motion carried unanimously.

2020 MMO Police Pension – Councilor Feldman made a motion to approve the 2020 MMO for the Police Pension in the amount of \$341,688, Councilor Thomas seconded; motion carried unanimously.

2020 MMO Non-Uniformed Defined Contribution – Vice President Rakoff made a motion to approve the 2020 MMO for the Non-Uniformed Defined Contribution in the amount of \$101,500, Councilor Thomas seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Parks & Rec Commission (Reappointments) – Councilor Thomas made a motion to reappoint Ryan Handforth and Kirk D'Angelo for three year terms, Councilor Dague seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2019-07 East Caln Township Act 537 Sewage Facilities Plan 2019 Special Study – Councilor Thomas made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-07, Councilor Dague seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance 2019-02 International Property Maintenance Code, 2015 Edition – Vice President Rakoff made a motion to advertise with the intent to adopt Ordinance 2019-02, Councilor Thomas seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Mayor & Council Updates

The Historic Commission's Log House Art & Craft Show is September 14th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Shade Tree Commission's first meeting will be held on September 10th at 7 p.m. at the Borough Administration Building.

There has been progress with the restored canon and permanent placement near the Veteran's Memorial; fund raising efforts will continue.

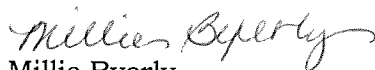
Chestnut Street Bridge – Mr. Sullins reported the demolition has not begun due to Amtrak delays, he is hoping the project will begin by October 1.

President Gazzerro reported Borough Council will return to meeting twice a month in October. The next Borough Council meeting is scheduled on October 2nd.

Adjournment

Vice President Rakoff made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session at 7:23 p.m., Councilor Dague seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,


Millie Byerly
Assistant Secretary