

**MINUTES
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 6, 2019**

The Downingtown Borough Council met in regular session November 6, 2019 at the Municipal Government Center, 4 W. Lancaster Ave., Downingtown, PA. Members present: President Gazzo, Vice President Rakoff, Councilors Dague, Van Dyk, Thomas and Feldman. Also attending were Mayor Maxwell, Solicitor Thompson and members of Borough staff.

President Gazzo called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of the Executive Session was to discuss real estate.

Recognition/Awards - None

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

Approval of Borough Council Minutes (October 2, 2019) – Councilor Dague made a motion to approve the Borough Council minutes of October 2, 2019, Vice President Rakoff seconded; motion carried 5-0 (Councilor Feldman abstained).

Citizens to be Heard

Jeff Stevens, 403 Sunset Ave., commented on the condition in which the road was left after completion of the gas line work by the contractor.

Patti Zenetti, 404 Garfield Ave., commented on the residential parking situation and employees of Pomodoro's restaurants parking in residential areas. Mr. Sullins reported that stacked parking for employees was included in the plan approval, he will speak with the owner.

Jimmy Jackson, 206 Green St., commented on concerns of additional traffic congestion due to the development on Woodbine Rd. Councilors Dague and Van Dyk responded that significant improvements will be made at the intersection of Lancaster Ave. and Woodbine Rd., efforts to improve the traffic flow are on-going.

Thomas Frankovich, 144 Viaduct Ave., congratulated and thanked Councilor Van Dyk for conducting a clean, professional campaign.

Deferred Business

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

New Business

Resolution 2019-12 PennDOT Winter Services Agreement 2019-2024 – Vice President Rakoff made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-12, Councilor Feldman seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance 2019-03 Parks & Recreation Commission (membership) – Councilor Thomas made a motion to advertise with the intent to adopt Ordinance 2019-03, Vice President Rakoff seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance 2019-04 Plastic Bags & Plastic Straws Regulations – Vice President Rakoff made a motion with intent to adopt Ordinance 2019-04, Councilor Dague seconded. After discussion, Councilor Thomas made a secondary motion to table action on the ordinance, Councilor Feldman seconded. President Gazzo asked for a vote on the secondary motion; motion failed. Vice President Rakoff amended his motion to include advertise with intent to adopt with the changes discussed, Councilor Dague seconded; motion resulted in a tie vote. Mayor Maxwell voted to advertise with intent to adopt Ordinance 2019-04 motion carried 4-3 (Councilors Van Dyk, Thomas & Feldman opposed).

Resolution 2019-09 Chester County Tax Collection Committee Delegates – Councilor Dague made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-09, Councilor Thomas seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2019-10 Police Pension Contribution 2020 – Vice President Rakoff made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-10, Councilor Dague seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2019-11 Authorized Signatories for PennDOT Documents (Lancaster Ave. Bridge Reconstruction Project No. 060354) – Councilor Feldman made a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-11 with changes discussed, Councilor Thomas seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Municipal Vehicles/Property Sold – Councilor Thomas made a motion to award the bids to the highest bidder for each of the items sold, Councilor Dague seconded; motion carried unanimously.

2020 Borough of Downingtown Budget – Councilor Dague made a motion to advertise with the intent to adopt the 2020 Borough Budget, Councilor Thomas seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Mayor & Council Updates

President Gazzo asked everyone to respond to the invitation to the Borough Christmas party on December 6th.

The November 20 & 27 Borough Council meetings are cancelled, next meeting will be held on December 4th.

There was an unexpected vacancy on the Shade Tree Commission.

Adjournment

Vice President Rakoff made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m., Councilor Dague seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



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