

**MINUTES  
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING  
JULY 6, 2016**

The Downingtown Borough Council met in regular session July 6, 2016 at the Municipal Government Center, 4 W. Lancaster Ave., Downingtown, PA. Members present: President Gazzo, Vice President Rakoff, Councilors Dague, McGlone, 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 review conditional use issues and personnel.

**Oath of Office (Chief Holland)** – Chief Howard Holland was officially sworn in as Chief of the Downingtown Police Department by Judge Thomas Tartaglio who administered the Oath of Office.

**Approval of Expenditures (Period Ending June 30, 2016)** – Councilor McGlone made a motion to approve the expenditures for the period ending June 30, 2016, Vice President Rakoff seconded; motion carried 5-1 (Councilor Feldman opposed).

**Approval of Borough Council Minutes (June 1, 2016)** – Councilor McGlone made a motion to approve the minutes of June 1, 2016, Councilor Dague seconded; motion carried unanimously.

**Citizens to be Heard**

Bobbie Jo Broomell, 302 N. Lake Dr., commented on Borough Council, Borough staff and the electronic billboard.

Catherine Hightower, 210 Brandywine Ave., submitted a petition signed by Jefferson Ave. residents requesting permit parking.

Jamie Bruton, 403 E. Lancaster Ave., commented on Dr. Riccardo's conditional use application and pending decision by Council.

Peg Mailliard, 137 Bradford Ave., asked the status of the stormwater project. Mr. Yuhas reported the survey information has been completed, design is the next step and he hopes the project will be completed during 2016.

Ginny Pierce, 356 Washington Ave., commented on Dr. Riccardo's conditional use application and pending decision by Council.

**Deferred Business**

Downingtown Outdoor, LLC – Defer

Conditional Use Order/Decision (Dr. Riccardo/Medical Office Building and Fee In Lieu of Parking) – Councilor Thomas made a motion to approve Dr. Riccardo's conditional use application with the stipulations that there is a right turn only exit and payment of \$20,000 for the fee in lieu of parking, Vice President Rakoff seconded. After discussion, motion carried 4-2 (Councilors Feldman and Dague opposed).

**New Business**

East Caln Twp. Map Amendment – Mr. Sullins reported that East Caln Twp. is proposing a map amendment and the MPC requires notification to adjoining municipalities. Mr. Yuhas reported the Planning Commission reviewed the plan and had one comment stating that the Trestle Bridge Trail Extension is not shown on the East Caln Twp. map. The Borough has 45

days to provide comments. Mr. Yuhas provided the Planning Commission's recommendation to Joel Swisher, East Caln Twp. Supervisor.

Parks & Recreation Commission Appointment – Councilor Thomas made a motion to appoint Ms. Ashley Orr to the Parks & Rec Commission, Councilor McGlone seconded. After discussion, motion carried 5-1 (Councilor Feldman opposed).

DMWA Board Appointments – Vice President Rakoff made a motion to amend the December 16, 2015 Borough Council minutes to reflect the name and term of each DMWA member appointed, Councilor Thomas seconded; motion carried 4-2 (Councilor Feldman opposed, Councilor Thomas abstained, he was not a Council member at that time).

Conditional Use Hearing (Morris Realty Advisors/Fee in Lieu of Parking) – Solicitor Thompson opened the public hearing, explained the procedure and presented the Borough's exhibits. Testimony was provided, Borough Council asked questions and there were no public comments. Solicitor Thompson asked if there were any additional comments, there were none and the hearing was closed. Borough Council will have an opportunity to discuss and a decision/order will be issued within 45 days of this evening.

*(Note: A transcript of the Conditional Use Hearing will be available for review at the Borough Administration office.)*

### **Mayor & Council Updates**

President Gazzo announced the July 20 & 27 Borough Council meetings are cancelled, the next meeting will be held on August 3, 2016.

Councilor McGlone asked if the crosswalk at E. Lancaster Avenue and Chestnut Street was approved by PennDOT. Jack Law reported PennDOT approved the crosswalk since the location is considered an intersection not midblock. The crosswalk lines have not been repainted due to budget cuts.

Ginny Pierce informed Council the Duck Race winners will be announced during the August 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

DMSA Update – Steve Plaugher reported the DMSA was awarded a grant from DCED for \$108,000 to be utilized for the Armor Alley pocket park improvements.

Councilor Thomas reported the Summer Jam Series held in Kerr Park on June 24 was a huge success. The next Summer Jam will be held on July 29<sup>th</sup> in Kerr Park.

### **Adjournment**

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

Millie Byerly  
Assistant Secretary