

**MINUTES
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 7, 2016**

The Downingtown Borough Council met in regular session September 7, 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 Solicitor Thompson and members of Borough staff. Mayor Maxwell did not attend.

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

Recognition/Awards – None

Approval of Expenditures (Period Ending August 31, 2016) – Vice President Rakoff made a motion to approve the expenditures for the period ending August 31, 2016, Councilor McGlone seconded; motion carried 5-1 (Councilor Feldman opposed).

Approval of Borough Council Minutes (August 3, 2016) – Councilor Dague made a motion to approve the minutes of August 3, 2016, Councilor McGlone seconded; motion carried 5-0 (President Gazzo abstained, he did not attend the meeting).

Citizens to be Heard

Glenn Johnson, 157 Jefferson Avenue, commented on the petition submitted requesting residential parking permits for Jefferson Avenue residents.

Deferred Business

Ponds Management Contract (01-01-17 to 12-31-18) – Councilor Dague made a motion to authorize execution of the contract at a cost of \$33,552 for a period of two years, paid in 24 monthly installments beginning January 2017, Councilor McGlone seconded. After discussion, motion carried 5-1 (Councilor Feldman opposed).

Ordinance 2016-04 Amending Chapter 203 Parks & Playgrounds/Supporting Young Lungs at Play Program – Councilor Thomas made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2016-04, Councilor Dague seconded. After discussion, motion carried 5-1 (Councilor Feldman opposed).

Municipal Auction (Surplus Items) – Councilor Dague made a motion to ratify the sales for the items sold on Municipal Auction, Vice President Rakoff seconded; motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Toter Purchase Quote – Mr. Sullins reviewed the quote received from Toter for the purchase of 2,400/64 gallon Toters at a cost of \$105,708. The recycling lids will be yellow and will be interchangeable with the 96 gallon Toter. Councilor Dague made a motion to approve the purchase of the Toters, Councilor Thomas seconded; motion carried unanimously.

2017 MMO's (Minimum Municipal Obligation) Police Pension/Non-Uniformed Pension Plans – Councilor Dague made a motion to approve the 2017 Police Pension MMO for \$296,181, Councilor McGlone seconded. After discussion, motion carried 5-1 (Councilor Feldman opposed).

Vice President Rakoff made a motion to approve the 2017 Non-Uniformed Defined Contribution MMO for \$97,164, Councilor Dague seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2016-11 Hazard Mitigation Plan – Jim McGowan provided a summary of the Hazard Mitigation Plan and reported this is a multi-jurisdictional plan of Chester County. Councilor McGlone made a motion to adopt Resolution 2016-11, Councilor Dague seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2016-12 Emergency Operations Plan – Jim McGowan reported the state requires an Emergency Operations Plan be updated every two years. The EOP is for the prevention and minimization of injury and damage caused by a major emergency or disaster within the Borough. After discussion, Councilor McGlone made a motion to adopt Resolution 2016-12, Councilor Dague seconded; motion carried unanimously.

118 Brandywine Avenue (Loading Zone) – Mr. Sullins reported our current ordinance § 274-91 specifies the loading zone hours are between 6:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., we want to amend the hours to between 6:30 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. Vice President Rakoff made a motion to advertise with the intent to adopt Chapter 274 Vehicles & Traffic §274-91 extending the hours to 9:00 p.m., Councilor McGlone seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance 2016-05 Amending Chapter 274 Vehicles & Traffic (Metered Parking/Permits Borough Lots) – Mr. Sullins reported this is the third amendment to the parking ordinance to allow residents the first opportunity to apply for and purchase parking permits in Borough lots. Businesses will also have an opportunity to apply for and purchase parking permits. Councilor Dague made a motion to advertise with the intent to adopt Ordinance 2016-05, Councilor McGlone seconded. After discussion, motion carried 5-1 (Councilor Feldman opposed).

FallFest (Beer Garden) – Steve Plaucher, DMSA, reported that DMSA has received the PLCB permit approval to have a Beer Garden during FallFest event on September 25 and is requesting Borough Council's approval. Councilor Dague made a motion to approve the Beer Garden during FallFest, Councilor Thomas seconded. After discussion, motion carried 5-1 (Councilor Feldman opposed).

Mayor & Council Updates

The Log House held an open house on Sunday, September 1 and it was very successful. Also, the Historic Commission's Annual Arts & Craft Show will be held on September 17, additional information is available on the Borough website.

Library Love, fundraising event, will be held at the Downingtown Country Club on September 29 from 6-9 p.m., additional information is available at www.downingtownlibrary.org.

The Downingtown Borough E-Newsletter will be released this week, a link will be available on the Borough's website for residents to subscribe.

The DMWA meter replacements are underway, letters were mailed to inform residents.

The DMSA Summer Jam Series was very successful. Also, the Gazebo Restoration Project has been completed.

The next Borough Council meeting will be held on September 21, 2016.

Adjournment

Councilor Feldman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m., Councilor McGlone seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Millie Byerly
Assistant Secretary