

**MINUTES  
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING  
NOVEMBER 2, 2016**

The Downingtown Borough Council met in regular session November 2, 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.

**Recognition/Awards** - None

**Approval of Borough Council Minutes (October 19, 2016)** – Councilor McGlone made a motion to approve the minutes of October 19, 2016 with corrections, Vice President Rakoff seconded; motion carried unanimously.

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

**Citizens to be Heard**

Georgio Malle, 149 E. Lancaster Ave., commented on Chapter 249 code revisions and citizens timeframe to speak on agenda items.

Sarah Brown, East Brandywine Twp., commented on the behavior of Council members during meetings.

**Deferred Business**

Ordinance 2016-06 Amendments to Chapter 249 Streets and Sidewalks – Councilor Thomas made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2016-06, Councilor Dague seconded; motion carried 5-1 (Councilor Feldman opposed).

**New Business**

Appointment of Interim Tax Collector – Councilor Dague made a motion to appoint Patricia Guy as the interim tax collector, Vice President Rakoff seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Downingtown Library (Update) – Deborah Miles, President of the Board of Directors, thanked the Borough for their support and announced the library was awarded a CRP grant for \$199,000 to be utilized toward exterior work at the library. Ms. Miles provided an update on the library's progress. A payment of \$100,000 was handed to the Borough per the Agreement of Sale.

Resolution 2016-13 Supporting Campaign to End Sexual & Domestic Violence – Councilor Dague made a motion to adopt Resolution 2016-13, Councilor McGlone seconded. Councilor Feldman suggested and reviewed some changes. After discussion, motion carried unanimously.

2017 Draft Preliminary Budget – Mr. Sullins provided Borough Council with a copy of the 2017 draft preliminary budget and asked Council to review the budget, it will be discussed during the November 16 Borough Council meeting.

Train Station Update – Mayor Maxwell reported there is a developer interested in acquiring the property of the proposed new Downingtown train station. Meetings were held in Harrisburg and an agreement of sale will be completed within the next few weeks.

### **Mayor & Council Updates**

Vice President Rakoff announced DARC is currently looking for a new Executive Director.

*Home for the Holidays* details will be available on the Borough's e-newsletter, residents may subscribe to the newsletter on the Borough's web site [www.downingtown.org](http://www.downingtown.org).

There was a discussion regarding additional expenses incurred by the Borough when there is no Borough Council quorum and meetings are canceled.

### **Adjournment**

Vice President Rakoff made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m., Councilor Thomas seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Millie Byerly  
Assistant Secretary