

**MINUTES  
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING  
FEBRUARY 15, 2017**

The Downingtown Borough Council met in regular session February 15, 2017 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 O'Keefe 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 (February 1, 2017)** – Councilor Thomas made a motion to approve the minutes of February 1, 2017 with correction noted, Councilor Dague seconded; motion carried unanimously.

**Citizens to be Heard** – Georgio Malle, 149 E. Lancaster Ave., commented on the planters placed on Armor Alley and access to surrounding businesses and emergency vehicles.

**Deferred Business** – No deferred business.

**New Business**

**Resolution 2017-01 Authorizing Approval of Chestnut Street Bridge/Amtrak Construction Phase Agreement** - Councilor McGlone made a motion to adopt Resolution 2017-01, Councilor Thomas seconded. Mr. Sullins reported this is the final agreement for the Chestnut Street Bridge reconstruction. The biggest impact of the agreement is Amtrak requires a three year environmental liability policy be provided by the Borough, we are waiting for environmental data pertaining to the preliminary testing completed. The data will be submitted with the policy application. After discussion, motion carried unanimously. After voting for the resolution adoption, Councilor Feldman requested to withdraw her vote. After discussion, Vice President Rakoff made a motion to reopen the vote to adopt Resolution 2017-01, Councilor Dague seconded; motion carried unanimously. Vice President Rakoff made a motion to adopt Resolution 2017-01 authorizing signatories for the Chestnut Street Bridge construction phase agreement, Councilor McGlone seconded; motion carried 5-1 (Councilor Feldman opposed).

**Historic Commission (Annual Report Update)** – Charlie Lang, Chairperson, provided Borough Council with an annual report summarizing the events, activities, fund raising efforts and projects the Historic Commission members participated in and provided to the community.

**Parks and Recreation Commission (Annual Report Update)** – Chris Brenborg, Vice Chairperson, provided Borough Council with an annual report summarizing the events provided by the Parks and Recreation Commission members during the year, fund raising efforts and the status of projects they are currently working on.

**Downingtown Main Street Association (Armor Alley Update)** – Steve Plaughter, Mike Wagner and Sarah Peck, DMSA, provided an update on funding and the status of renovations at Armor Alley which began during 2014. A conceptual plan of the proposed renovations and project timeline were presented to Borough Council. There was a discussion by Borough Council after the presentation.

President Gazzo requested a motion to recess into executive session. Councilor Dague made a motion to recess into executive session, Vice President Rakoff seconded; motion carried 5-1 (Councilor Feldman opposed).

President Gazzo called the meeting back to order. Solicitor O'Keefe announced the purpose of the executive session was to discuss legal matters.

Georgio Malle, 149 E. Lancaster Ave, commented on the Armor Alley conceptual plans presented and his concerns regarding access to businesses and emergency vehicles.

**DMWA Antenna Lease and License Agreement** – Councilor McGlone made a motion to approve the agreement, Councilor Dague seconded. Vice President Rakoff reported there will be two

antennas placed on the Public Works building allowing the water authority to read the meters remotely. After discussion, motion carried unanimously.

### **Mayor & Council Updates**

President Gazzo announced the February 22 Borough Council meeting is cancelled.

Councilor Dague reported “Readers on the Run” is scheduled on April 22, additional details available at [www.downingtownlibrary.org](http://www.downingtownlibrary.org).

The Downingtown Good Neighbor Christmas Parade committee is in the process of securing a permanent artificial tree to be utilized for an annual tree lighting.

The Bradford Avenue stormwater and streetscape project will be scheduled during the spring, resident notification and road closures will be announced well in advance of the project start date.

Residents interested in subscribing to the Borough newsletter may sign up via the Borough website [www.downingtown.org](http://www.downingtown.org).

Mayor’s 5K during October (Domestic Violence Prevention Month).

### **Adjournment**

Councilor Dague made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 p.m., Vice President Rakoff seconded; motion carried unanimously.

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