

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

The Downingtown Borough Council met in regular session March 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 – Mayor Maxwell announced due to the passing of Jack Harris, producer of “The Blob” movie, he proclaimed today “Jack Harris Day”.

Approval of Borough Council Minutes (March 1, 2017) – Councilor Dague made a motion to approve the minutes of March 1, 2017, Councilor McGlone seconded; motion carried 5-0 (Vice President Rakoff abstained, he did not attend the meeting).

Citizens to be Heard – None

Deferred Business

Ordinance 2017-01 Volunteer Background Checks – Mr. Sullins reviewed the changes discussed by Borough Council during the March 1 meeting, he asked Council to confirm the ordinance represented their intended changes. After discussion, Councilor Dague made a motion to advertise with the intent to adopt Ordinance 2017-01, Councilor Thomas seconded; motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Resolution 2017-02 Master Fee Schedule Amending Resolution 2013-03 – Councilor McGlone made a motion to advertise with the intent to adopt Resolution 2017-02, Councilor Dague seconded. After discussion, motion carried unanimously.

Station Taproom (PLCB Beer Garden) – Mr. Sullins reported Station Taproom is planning an anniversary celebration on May 13. They have completed the required Borough forms and met with Chief Holland and Jack Law. Councilor McGlone made a motion to approve the beer garden pending PLCB approval of the one day special event license, Councilor Dague seconded; motion carried unanimously.

DMSA Parking Pay-Stations Update – Steve Plaughter provided an update of the Borough's parking revenues since the pay-stations were implemented during November 2015. The revenue earned was calculated based on each specific pay-station location on the East End, West End and Train Station vicinity. The total pay-station and other parking revenue for the period from November 2015 to November 2016 is \$133,734. The maintenance costs for the pay-stations was also discussed.

Mayor & Council Updates

The Downingtown Library fundraiser *Readers on the Run 5K* will be held on April 22, details are available at www.downingtownlibrary.org.

There will be a community engagement forum, town hall type event, on April 26 at 7:00 p.m. in the Annex, hosted by Councilor Thomas to discuss how we are communicating with the community and what else can we do to improve communication with the community.

Mayor Maxwell thanked everyone for their work during yesterday's snowstorm. He also announced he will be holding three town hall meetings during the upcoming months.

President Gazzo announced the March 22 Council meeting is cancelled, the next meeting will be held on April 5, 2017.

President Gazzo stated he has received many phone calls regarding sidewalks that have not been shoveled after the snowstorm. He asked Mr. Yuhas the timeline for issuing violations. Mr. Yuhas responded the snow and ice on the sidewalks must be removed within 48 hours after the snow has ended; the deadline is 5:00 p.m. on March 16.

Adjournment

Councilor Dague made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m., Vice President Rakoff seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Millie Byerly
Assistant Secretary