

**MINUTES
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 4, 2017**

The Downingtown Borough Council met in regular session October 4, 2017 at the Municipal Government Center, 4 W. Lancaster Ave., Downingtown, PA. Members present: President Gazzo, Vice President Rakoff, Councilors McGlone, Thomas and Feldman. Also attending were Mayor Maxwell, Solicitor O'Keefe and members of Borough staff. Councilor Dague did not attend.

President Gazzo called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Recognition/Awards – None

Approval of Expenditures (Period Ending September 30, 2017) – Councilor Thomas made a motion to approve the expenditures for the period ending September 30, 2017, Councilor McGlone seconded; motion carried 4-1 (Councilor Feldman opposed).

Approval of Borough Council Minutes (September 20, 2017) – Councilor Thomas made a motion to approve the Borough Council minutes of September 20, 2017, Councilor McGlone seconded; motion carried 4-0 (Councilor Feldman abstained).

Citizens to be Heard

Georgio Malle, 149 E. Lancaster Ave., commented on grass clippings on the street, commercial vehicles without business identification and asked if the Borough owns a parcel next to 202 E. Lancaster Ave.

Deferred Business

Pennsylvania Avenue Mid-Block Crosswalk – President Gazzo reported options are being discussed.

Resolution 2017-10 LERTA – Solicitor O'Keefe opened the public hearing and stated the purpose of the resolution is to establish the boundaries of the proposed LERTA area. Solicitor O'Keefe presented the Borough's exhibits. Mike Malloy, Counsel for the Hankin Group, presented an exhibit and reviewed the proposed LERTA district. Solicitor O'Keefe asked if there were any public comments, no comments were made and Solicitor O'Keefe closed the public hearing. Councilor Thomas made a motion to adopt Resolution 2017-10, Councilor McGlone seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Ordinance 2017-08 LERTA – Solicitor O'Keefe opened the public hearing and asked if there were any comments from the public on the ordinance. No comments were made and Solicitor O'Keefe closed the public hearing. Councilor Feldman made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2017-08, Councilor McGlone seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Note: A transcript of the public hearings will be available for review at the Borough Administration office.

Parking Ordinance Amendments – After discussion, Councilor McGlone made a motion to advertise with the intent to adopt Ordinance 2017-09 Amending Chapter 274 Vehicles & Traffic, Councilor Thomas seconded; motion carried unanimously.

New Business

241 Prospect Avenue (Front Yard Fence) – Mr. Yuhas informed Council Ms. Rickard, property owner, installed a 6 ft. high vinyl stockade privacy fence on the side yards and continued to the front yard. She was not aware a permit and Borough Council approval was necessary for a front yard fence over 36 inches. After discussion, Vice President Rakoff made a motion to allow the 6 foot stockade fence on the side yard up to the sidewalk, as a pilot project, with the front yard fence (picket or cyclone) reduced to a height of 40 inches, Councilor Feldman seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Mayor & Council Updates

Alert Fire Company and Minquas Fire Company will be hosting their annual open house on Wednesday, October 11 from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Parks and Rec Commission Boo Bash will be held on Saturday, October 28th, starting at 4 pm in Kerr Park at the concert Gazebo, additional information available at www.downingtown.org.

President Gazzo announced the next Council meeting will be held on October 18.

Adjournment

Councilor Thomas made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m., Vice President Rakoff seconded; motion carried unanimously.



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