

**MINUTES
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 1, 2017**

The Downingtown Borough Council met in regular session November 1, 2017 at the Municipal Government Center, 4 W. Lancaster Ave., Downingtown, PA. Members present: Vice President Rakoff, Councilors Dague, McGlone, Thomas and Feldman. Also attending were Mayor Maxwell, Solicitor O'Keefe and members of Borough staff. President Gazzo did not attend.

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

Recognition/Awards – None

Approval of Expenditures (Period Ending October 31, 2017) – Councilor Thomas made a motion to approve the expenditures for the period ending October 31, 2017, Councilor Dague seconded; motion carried 4-1 (Councilor Feldman opposed).

Approval of Borough Council Minutes (October 18, 2017) – Councilor Thomas made a motion to approve the Borough Council minutes of October 18, 2017, Councilor Dague seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Citizens to be Heard

Glenn Johnson, Jr. 157 Jefferson Ave., commented on the parking situation on Jefferson Ave.

Michelle Weatherly, 161 Jefferson Ave., commented on the parking situation on Jefferson Ave.

Deferred Business

Mural (122 E. Lancaster Ave.) – Mr. Sullins reported the artist who was interested in painting the mural has decided not to proceed with a mural at this time.

Ordinance 2017-09 Amending Chapter 274 Vehicles & Traffic – Councilor Dague made a motion to defer action on Ordinance 2017-09 to the November 15 meeting, Councilor McGlone seconded; motion carried unanimously. (Council requested a petition signed by Jefferson Ave. residents for on-street residential parking permits be ready for their review during the November 15 meeting.)

Pennsylvania Avenue Crosswalk – Mr. Sullins provided an update and a proposed crosswalk plan to include changing the entrance to the Ponds parking lot, eliminating the current entrance. Additionally, making Green St. & Pennsylvania Ave. a three way stop intersection. We would also need handicap ramps, curbing and sidewalk improvements, the project funding can be added as a 2018 capital budget project.

New Business

Preliminary 2018 Borough Budget – Mr. Sullins asked Council to review the preliminary budget for the next two weeks and then plan on a discussion during the November 15 meeting. The current preliminary budget would not require a tax increase.

Mayor & Council Updates

November 7th is Election Day, exercise your right to vote.

The Home for the Holidays house decorating contest will be held again this year, additional information available on the Borough's website www.downingtown.org.

The Historic Commission had 175 visitors to the Log House during the Parks & Rec Boo Bash. The last Log House open house will be held on Sunday, November 5 from 1-4 pm.

Councilor Dague state the ponds look great, the company we contracted with for clean up and maintenance is doing a fantastic job.

The Planning Commission will be meeting on November 14 with members of the Chester County Planning Commission to discuss the continuation of the Chester Valley Trail West expansion project.

Mayor Maxwell thanked Aardvark Animal Hospital for their donation to the Chester County Fund for Women & Girls, almost \$10,000 was raised during the Mayor's 5K several weeks ago.

Adjournment

Councilor McGlone made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m., Councilor Dague seconded; motion carried unanimously.



Millie Byerly
Assistant Secretary