

**MINUTES
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 6, 2017**

The Downingtown Borough Council met in regular session December 6, 2017 at the Municipal Government Center, 4 W. Lancaster Ave., Downingtown, PA. Members present: President Gazzo, Vice President Rakoff, Councilors Dague, McGlone and Feldman. Also attending were Mayor Maxwell, Solicitor O'Keefe and members of Borough staff. Councilor Thomas did not attend.

President Gazzo called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Solicitor O'Keefe reported an Executive Session was held this evening to consider personnel matters and potential litigation matters.

Recognition/Awards – None

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

Approval of Borough Council Minutes (November 15, 2017) – Councilor McGlone made a motion to approve the Borough Council minutes of November 15, 2017, Councilor Dague seconded; motion carried 4-0 (Councilor Feldman abstained).

Citizens to be Heard

Paul Russo, 312 Bradford Ave., commented on two roosters who are loose in his neighborhood. He also commented on a property in the neighborhood and potential Code issues.

Michelle Weatherly, 161 Jefferson Ave., commented on the parking along Jefferson Ave., the resident petition to request residential permit parking and cost of Borough lot permit parking.

Glenn Johnson, Jr. 157 Jefferson Ave., commented on the petition for residential permit parking along Jefferson Ave.

Hank Hamilton, 216 Washington Ave., commented on the Brandywine Ave. approach to center square and moving the median to the west to create two lanes.

Deferred Business

2018 Borough Operating Budget – Councilor Dague made a motion to adopt the 2018 Borough Operating Budget, Councilor McGlone seconded. Councilor Feldman made a secondary motion to include a 2018 PSAB annual membership for \$600, Councilor Dague seconded. President Gazzo asked for a vote on the secondary motion, motion failed 2-3 (President Gazzo, Vice President Rakoff and Councilor McGlone opposed). President Gazzo asked for a vote on the original motion to adopt the 2018 Borough Operating Budget, motion carried 4-1 (Councilor Feldman opposed).

New Business

Ordinance 2017-10 Real Estate Tax 2018 – Councilor McGlone made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2017-10, Councilor Dague seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2017-12.1 Amending Resolution 2017-12 Clean Renewable Energy – Councilor Dague made a motion to adopt Resolution 2017-12.1, Councilor McGlone seconded; motion carried unanimously.

2018 Borough Public Meeting Schedule – Councilor McGlone made a motion to approve advertising the 2018 Borough Public Meeting Schedule, Councilor Dague seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2017-14 Prohibiting Mini Casinos in the Borough – Councilor McGlone made a motion to adopt Resolution 2017-14, Councilor Dague seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Mayor & Council Updates

President Gazzo announced there will be no Borough Council meetings on December 20 & 27. The Borough Reorganization Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 2, 2018 at 7p.m.

Steve Plaucher announced the new officers of the Downingtown Main Street Association.

The Log House Santa was a huge success, with over 100 visitors and the tree looks great.

The Home for the Holidays contest has approximately 20 homes participating, additional details available on the Borough website www.downingtown.org.

Mayor Maxwell reported surrounding municipalities are adopting the resolution adopted by Borough Council last year providing training to police officers and supporting campaign ending sexual and domestic violence.

The Downingtown Christmas Parade is scheduled on Saturday, December 9 at 3 p.m.

Councilor Feldman reported the Lego League Robotics competition will be held at the CCIU on Saturday, December 9.

Mayor Maxwell reported he is participating in a cleanup at Lindley Hill Cemetery (East Caln Twp.) one of the first African-American cemeteries dedicated to soldiers in Chester County who served in the Civil War.

Downingtown Main Street Association will be completing some repairs at the Veterans Memorial and replacing circuit breaker boxes for the gazebo.

Chief Holland reported January 25, Caln Twp. will be recognizing Officer Kevin Coyle for a life saving effort of a Caln Twp. officer who became disoriented at a house fire.

Adjournment

Councilor Dague made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m., Councilor McGlone seconded; motion carried unanimously.

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