

**MINUTES
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
APRIL 5, 2017**

The Downingtown Borough Council met in regular session April 5, 2017 at the Municipal Government Center, 4 W. Lancaster Ave., Downingtown, PA. Members present: President Gazzo, Vice President Rakoff, Councilors Dague and McGlone. Also attending were Mayor Maxwell, Solicitor O'Keefe and members of Borough staff. Councilor Thomas notified President Gazzo he would not be attending, Councilor Feldman did not attend.

President Gazzo called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of the Executive Session was to discuss legal and real estate.

Recognition/Awards – Dalton Strack, kindergarten student at Brandywine Wallace Elementary, was sworn in by Mayor Maxwell as “Mayor for the Day”.

Approval of Expenditures (Period Ending March 31, 2017) – Councilor McGlone made a motion to approve the expenditures for the period ending March 31, 2017, Councilor Dague seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Borough Council Minutes (March 15, 2017) – Councilor McGlone made a motion to approve the minutes of March 15, 2017, Councilor Dague seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Citizens to be Heard

Bobbie Jo Broomell, 302 N. Lake Dr., commented on trees to be planted as a buffer for the electronic billboard and the expansion on the Robert's property.

Georgio Malle, 149 E. Lancaster Ave., commented on the Downingtown Main Street Association and pay station revenues reviewed during the March 15 Council meeting. He also asked if background checks will be required for elected officials. Solicitor O'Keefe responded the ordinance does not include background checks for elected officials.

Charles Grugan, 224 Roosevelt Ave., asked how the public and property owners will be notified of the Historic Overlay District approved color chart. A notice will be posted on the Borough's website and the approved color chart will be available in the East Conference Room.

Jack Moyer, Forrest Ave., asked the status of the mid-block crosswalk on the 200 block of East Lancaster Ave. Mr. Sullins responded an engineer and PennDOT are reviewing the parking configuration by Georgio's Restaurant.

Deferred Business

Ordinance 2017-01 Volunteer Background Checks – Councilor McGlone made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2017-01, Councilor Dague seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2017-02 Amending Master Fee Schedule – Councilor McGlone made a motion to adopt Resolution 2017-02, Councilor Dague seconded; motion carried unanimously.

New Business

Historic Overlay District Color Chart – Ginny Pierce (Historic Commission), Hank Hamilton (DMSA) and Alex (CertaPro Painters) reviewed the color chart approved and stated their recommendation to Borough Council is to approve the colors selected. After discussion, Councilor McGlone made a motion to approve the colors on the chart, Councilor Dague seconded; motion carried unanimously. Letters will be mailed to property owners in the Historic Overlay District notifying them of the approved colors on the chart.

Councilor McGlone made a motion to approve black (for doors, shutters and trim) as a color on the chart, Councilor Dague seconded; motion carried unanimously.

East Branch Brewery (Update) – Sean McGettigan, reported he is helping as a consultant, the brewery is in the process of completing the final preparation phase and the brewery will hopefully be operational by the end of the month.

Pennsylvania Avenue Crosswalk (St. James Seniors) – Mayor Maxwell, on behalf of St. James Seniors, requested a sidewalk along Green Street and a crosswalk to Pennsylvania Avenue to ensure the public's safety. Mrs. Harris stated there are sidewalks creating hazardous conditions for pedestrians. Mr. Yuhas asked Mrs. Harris to contact him with the specific addresses and the Codes Department will take appropriate action.

Mayor & Council Updates

Councilor Dague asked Jack Law the status of the ponds cleanup. Mr. Law responded the Borough contracted with Solitude Lake Management, they are checking the water quality and monitoring the lakes on a monthly basis. Aerators were installed and treatment and cleanup process will continue

The Historic Commission hosted the Downingtown Historical Society and the Log House was open to visitors; more than 45 people toured the Log House.

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 reported two S.T.E.M. Academy students organized a fundraiser for “It’s On Us” campaign, helping to raise awareness and end sexual assaults of women and men on college and high school campuses. Mayor Maxwell will be presenting certificates to the students during the event for their efforts in helping the campaign.

Chester County Fund for Women and Girls is holding an event on April 24 at Victory Brewery, additional details at www.ccwomenandgirls.org.

Adjournment

Councilor McGlone made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m., Councilor Dague seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Millie Byerly
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