

**MINUTES  
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING  
MAY 3, 2017**

The Downingtown Borough Council met in regular session May 3, 2017 at the Municipal Government Center, 4 W. Lancaster Ave., Downingtown, PA. Members present: President Gazzo, Councilors Dague, Thomas and Feldman. Also attending were Mayor Maxwell, Solicitor Thompson and members of Borough staff. Vice President Rakoff and Councilor McGlone notified President Gazzo they would not be attending.

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

**Recognition/Awards** – President Gazzo welcomed Jordan Guistwhite (Troop 83) attending the meeting to acquire his Citizenship in the Community badge (an Eagle Scout requirement).

**Approval of Expenditures (Period Ending April 30, 2017)** – Councilor Dague made a motion to approve the expenditures for the period ending April 30, 2017, Councilor Thomas seconded; motion carried 3-1 (Councilor Feldman opposed).

**Approval of Borough Council Minutes (April 5, 2017)** – Councilor Dague made a motion to approve the minutes of April 5, 2017, Councilor Thomas seconded; Councilor Feldman noted a correction. Councilors Feldman and Thomas abstained (they did not attend the meeting). Approval of minutes was deferred to the May 17, 2017 meeting.

**Citizens to be Heard** - None

**Deferred Business**

Pennsylvania Ave. Crosswalk (St. James) - Defer

**New Business**

Resolution 2017-03 Support of Citizen's Commission for Legislative & Congressional Redistricting – Councilor Feldman made a motion to adopt Resolution 2017-03, Councilor Dague seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Comcast Franchise Agreement (Renewal) – Councilor Thomas made a motion to approve the Comcast Franchise Agreement, Councilor Dague seconded. Solicitor Thompson stated there was a public hearing notice advertised on April 23, 2017 regarding the franchise agreement to allow for public comment. He asked if anyone wanted to comment, there were no comments from the public. The motion carried unanimously.

Zoning Hearing Board Appointment – Councilor Thomas made a motion to appoint Tara Caputo as an alternate member of the Zoning Hearing Board, per the recommendation letter received from the Zoning Hearing Board, Councilor Dague seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance Proposal (Brandywine Station) – Mr. Sullins explained the LERTA procedure stating the Borough is required to hold a public hearing to determine the boundaries of the LERTA District and an ordinance or resolution indicating the property to be exempt from taxation, the maximum value to be exempted from taxes and the maximum time period for the exemption. The proposal requires approval from the County, DASD and Borough. Councilor Dague made a motion to approve and proceed with the proposed LERTA District, Councilor Thomas seconded; after discussion the motion carried unanimously.

Rt. 30 Reconstruction and Improvement Projects (Public Meetings) – Mr. Sullins reported PennDOT has announced two public meetings and the notice will be posted on the Borough's website.

**Mayor & Council Updates**

James R. McGowan, Jr. passed away at the age of 94. He served as a member of the Planning Commission, Borough Council, Board of Directors of the Downingtown Municipal Water

Authority. A founding member of the Downingtown Historical Society, he served on the Board of Directors and as President.

The Log House will be open for tours on Sunday, May 7 from 1-4 p.m.

The Community Engagement Forum held on April 26 was a success and future meetings will be announced.

**Adjournment**

Councilor Dague made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 p.m., Councilor Thomas seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Millie Byerly  
Assistant Secretary