

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

The Downingtown Borough Council met in regular session September 6, 2017 at the Municipal Government Center, 4 W. Lancaster Ave., Downingtown, PA. Members present: President Gazzo, Vice President Rakoff, Councilors Dague, McGlone and Thomas. Also attending were Mayor Maxwell, Solicitor O'Keefe and members of Borough staff. 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 personnel.

Recognition/Awards – None

Approval of Expenditures (Period Ending August 30, 2017) – Councilor Dague made a motion to approve the expenditures for the period ending August 30, 2017, Councilor McGlone seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Borough Council Minutes (August 2, 2017) – Councilor Dague made a motion to approve the Borough Council minutes of August 2, 2017, Councilor McGlone seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Citizens to be Heard

Chris Dorgan, 410 E. Pennsylvania Ave., commented on a meeting held August 28 to discuss concerns with pedestrian safety and access in Downingtown and a list of recommendations drafted.

Mayor Maxwell, 219 William St., commented on concerns for pedestrian safety and accessibility by adding sidewalks, a midblock crosswalk on E. Pennsylvania Ave., as well as, providing additional lighting and signage.

Karen Harris, St. James Place Property Manager, commented on pedestrian safety and accessibility concerns for the seniors living at St. James Place.

Catherine Hernandez, 350 E. Pennsylvania Ave. and Evelyn Petrillo, St. James Place resident, commented on the need for a crosswalk also the raised curb at the corner of E. Pennsylvania Ave. and Dustin Dr. is difficult for anyone in a wheelchair or walker to maneuver off the sidewalk.

Sarah Brown, E. Brandywine Twp., commented on the proposed PennDOT Rt. 30 reconstruction project which may have an effect on Pennsylvania Ave. Also, she asked if there was a permit issued for the work being done on the skate park. Mr. Yuhas responded yes.

Deferred Business

Ordinance 2017-03 Amending Chapter 256 Subdivision & Land Development (Bikes & Pedestrians) – Solicitor O'Keefe opened the public hearing for Ordinance 2017-03, he summarized the changes, presented the Borough's exhibits and asked for comments or discussion from Borough Council. He also asked if there was any public comment, no comments were made and the hearing was closed. Councilor Dague made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2017-03, Councilor Thomas seconded; motion carried unanimously.

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

Ordinance 2017-04 Amending Chapter 287 Zoning (Bikes & Pedestrians) – Solicitor O’Keefe opened the public hearing for Ordinance 2017-04, he summarized the changes, presented the Borough’s exhibits and asked for comments or discussion from Borough Council. He also asked if there was any public comment, no comments were made and the hearing was closed. Councilor McGlone made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2017-04, Councilor Thomas seconded; motion carried unanimously.

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Ordinance 2017-05 Amending Chapter 150 Floodplain Management – Solicitor O’Keefe opened the public hearing for Ordinance 2017-05, he stated the ordinance is required by FEMA to incorporate newly generated flood insurance rate maps, as well as, impose certain requirements on construction and development within the Borough’s flood plain areas. He summarized the changes, presented the Borough’s exhibits and asked for comments or discussion from Borough Council. He also asked if there was any public comment, a question was asked. There were no additional questions or comments made and the hearing was closed. Councilor Dague made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2017-05, Vice President Rakoff seconded; motion carried unanimously.

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Ordinance 2017-07 Amending Civil Service Commission Rules & Regulations – Councilor Thomas made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2017-07, Councilor Dague seconded; motion carried unanimously.

New Business

2018 MMO’s (Police Pension and Non-Uniformed Defined Contribution) – Jim Kennedy, President/Owner of Thomas J. Anderson & Associates, explained why the Borough’s 2018 minimum municipal obligation increased. He recommended the Borough approve the 2018 police pension plan MMO based upon market value of assets in the amount of \$386,259 and \$98,820 for the non-uniformed defined contribution. After discussion, Councilor McGlone made a motion to approve the 2018 police pension MMO in the amount of \$386,259, Councilor Dague seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Councilor Thomas made a motion to approve the 2018 non-uniformed defined contribution in the amount of \$98,820, Councilor Dague seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Downingtown Police Association Collective Bargaining Agreement 2016-2019 – Councilor Thomas made a motion to approve the DPA Collective Bargaining Agreement 2016-2019, Vice President Rakoff seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 2017-09 Release of Mortgage Lien Downingtown Library – Councilor Dague made a motion to adopt Resolution 2017-09, Councilor McGlone seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Disc Golf Course – Council received a copy of the 18 basket disc golf course layout for review. After discussion, Councilor McGlone made a motion to approve the plans for the disc golf course, Councilor Thomas seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Borough Newsletter – Councilor McGlone stated we currently have 2,481 subscribers and events and updates for the Library, DMSA and Chamber of Commerce will also be included in the monthly newsletter.

Mayor & Council Updates

Mayor Maxwell reported there was an article in the Daily Local regarding the proposed development in the Borough by the Hankin Group to include residential, commercial, a pedestrian bridge into Johnsontown, access to the Chester Valley Trail System and relocation of the Amtrak/SEPTA train station.

The Log House was open for tours on September 3 and approximately 30 people stopped by. The Log House Art & Craft Show will be held on Saturday, September 9 from 9 am to 2 pm, additional information is available on the Borough website www.downingtown.org.

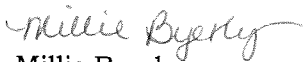
The Library Love event will be held at the Downingtown Country Club on September 28, additional information is available at www.downingtownlibrary.org.

Downingtown Fall Fest will be held on September 24, additional details and information available at www.downingtownfallfest.com.

Councilor McGlone reported the DASD currently has approximately 13,000 students enrolled and properties in the Borough are selling within a matter of days, typically at higher than asking price.

Adjournment

Councilor Thomas made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m., Vice President Rakoff seconded; motion carried unanimously.


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