

**MINUTES
BOROUGH COUNCIL
REORGANIZATION MEETING
JANUARY 2, 2018**

The Downingtown Borough Council met for their reorganization meeting on January 2, 2018 at the Municipal Government Center, 4 W. Lancaster Ave., Downingtown, PA. Members present: Councilors Gazzo, Rakoff, Dague, McGlone, Thomas and Feldman. Also attending were Solicitor McErlane and members of Borough staff. Mayor Maxwell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Honorable Bret Binder administered the oath of office to re-elected Mayor Maxwell. The Honorable Bret Binder also administered the oath of office to re-elected Council members Anthony Gazzo, Patricia McGlone, Ann Feldman and Patricia Guy (Tax Collector).

Mayor Maxwell called for nominations for Council President. Councilor Feldman nominated Councilor Rakoff. Councilor Rakoff nominated Councilor Gazzo. There were no other nominations. Mayor Maxwell asked for a vote on the nomination of Councilor Rakoff for Council President. Mayor Maxwell then asked for a vote on the nomination of Councilor Gazzo for Council President. Councilor Gazzo was appointed President by a majority vote.

President Gazzo called for nominations for Council Vice President. Councilor Feldman nominated Councilor Thomas. Councilor McGlone nominated Councilor Rakoff. There were no other nominations. President Gazzo asked for a vote on the nomination of Councilor Thomas for Council Vice President. President Gazzo then asked for a vote on the nomination of Councilor Rakoff for Council Vice President. Councilor Rakoff was appointed Vice President by a majority vote.

President Gazzo called for nominations for President Pro-Tem. Councilor Feldman nominated Councilor Dague. There were no other nominations. President Gazzo asked for a vote on the nomination of Councilor Dague for President Pro-Tem. Councilor Dague was appointed President Pro-Tem by a majority vote.

Appointments

President Gazzo requested a motion to reappoint Stephen Sullins, Borough Manager. Councilor McGlone made a motion to reappoint Stephen Sullins, Borough Manager, Councilor Thomas seconded; motion carried unanimously.

President Gazzo requested a motion to reappoint Kerry Eltman, Director of Finance. Councilor Thomas made a motion to reappoint Kerry Eltman, Director of Finance, Vice President Rakoff seconded; motion carried unanimously.

President Gazzo requested a motion for the appointment of Borough Solicitor. Councilor Feldman made a motion to appoint Sam Stretton; motion failed. Councilor Dague made a motion to reappoint Lamb McErlane, PC, Borough Solicitor, Councilor McGlone seconded; motion carried 5-1 (Councilor Feldman opposed).

New Business

Approval of Borough Council Minutes – Councilor McGlone made a motion to approve the Borough Council minutes of December 6, 2017, Councilor Dague seconded; motion carried 5-0 (Councilor Thomas abstained).

Approval of Expenditures – Councilor McGlone made a motion to approve the expenditures for the period ending December 19, 2017, Councilor Dague seconded; motion carried 5-1 (Councilor Feldman opposed).

Borough Signatories – Councilor McGlone made a motion to retain Councilors Dague and Thomas as Borough Signatories, Vice President Rakoff seconded; motion carried unanimously.

President Gazzo announced Borough Council will recess into Executive Session.

Executive Session

Borough Council reconvened and President Gazzo called the meeting back to order. The purpose of the Executive Session was to discuss personnel and legal matters. President Gazzo asked if there were any motions.

Councilor McGlone made a motion to approve the Non-Uniformed AFSCME Collective Bargaining Agreement for a four year term January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2021, Councilor Dague seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Vice President Rakoff made a motion to ratify the praecipe to withdraw the Kardon Park appeal, Councilor Dague seconded; motion carried 5-0 (Councilor Feldman abstained).

Mayor & Council Updates

President Gazzo announced there would be no additional Council meetings in January. The next Borough Council meeting will be held on February 7 at 7 p.m.

Councilor McGlone reported the winners of the Home for the Holidays decorating contest; first place 613 Highland Ave, second place 16 Lloyd Avenue and third place 620 E. Lancaster Avenue. Almost \$400 was raised to fund Parks & Rec Commission activities.

Mr. Sullins reported January 19 at 10 a.m. has been tentatively scheduled by Hankin for the implosion of the smokestacks at the proposed Brandywine Station development.

Adjournment

Councilor Dague made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m., Councilor Feldman seconded; motion carried unanimously.

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