

**MINUTES
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 7, 2018**

The Downingtown Borough Council met in regular session November 7, 2018 at the Municipal Government Center, 4 W. Lancaster Ave., Downingtown, PA. Members present: President Gazzo, Vice President Rakoff, Councilors McGlone, Thomas and Feldman. Also attending were Mayor Maxwell, Solicitor O'Keefe and members of Borough staff. Councilor Dague did not attend.

President Gazzo called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. He announced the purpose of the Executive Session on October 17, 2018 was to discuss general legal issues.

Recognition/Awards – None

Approval of Expenditures (Period Ending October 31, 2018) – Councilor McGlone made a motion to approve the expenditures for the period ending October 31, 2018, Councilor Thomas seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Borough Council Minutes (October 17, 2018) – Councilor McGlone made a motion to approve the Borough Council minutes of October 17, 2018, Councilor Thomas seconded; motion carried 4-0. Councilor Feldman abstained.

Citizens to be Heard - None

Deferred Business - None

New Business

Interim Tax Collector Appointment – Borough Council discussed the two applicants interested in the interim tax collector position. Councilor McGlone made a motion to appoint Lisabeth Rakoff as interim tax collector, Councilor Thomas seconded. After discussion, Council voted to appoint Lisabeth Rakoff 3-1 (Councilor Feldman opposed, Vice President Rakoff abstained).

Resolution 2018-12 Interim Tax Collector Appointment – Councilor McGlone made a motion to adopt Resolution 2018-12 appointing Lisabeth Rakoff as interim tax collector, Councilor Thomas seconded; motion carried 4-0 (Vice President Rakoff abstained).

Conditional Use Decision/Order (R. D. Lilac Properties, LP) – Solicitor O'Keefe reported the conditional use application was submitted for a fee in lieu of parking (6 spaces). At the conclusion of a public hearing held on October 3, 2018, Borough Council voted to approve the conditional use application. Vice President Rakoff made a motion to approve the Decision/Order for R.D. Lilac Properties, LP, Councilor McGlone seconded; motion carried unanimously.

2019 Preliminary Budget Review – Borough Council reviewed and discussed the 2019 preliminary Borough budget. The budget is balanced and there will not be a tax increase for 2019. Councilor Thomas made a motion to advertise with the intent to adopt the 2019 Borough Operating Budget, Councilor Feldman seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Mayor & Council Updates

President Gazzo announced the November 28 Council meeting is cancelled, next Borough Council meeting will be held on December 5, 2018.

The Borough Holiday Party invitations were emailed, please respond by date requested.

Councilor Feldman asked that the contamination signs to be removed from Kardon Park.

Mayor Maxwell thanked everyone for their efforts on the 2019 preliminary Borough budget, a real estate tax increase will not be necessary to balance the budget.

Adjournment

Councilor McGlone made a motion to adjourn the Borough Council meeting at 7:40 p.m., Councilor Feldman seconded; motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



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