



BOROUGH OF DORMONT

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE DORMONT BOROUGH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2016 7:00PM
IN THE DORMONT MUNICIPAL CENTER COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Council President Maggio called the Meeting of the Dormont Borough Council to order at 7:00PM

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

The following members of Council responded to roll call:

Robert Palmieri, Jeff Fabus, Kate Abel, Daniele Ventresca, Drew Lehman, Joan Hodson,
John Maggio

Also present: Borough Manager Ben Estell
Solicitor John Rushford
Mayor Phil Ross
Junior Council Member Dana Nardoizzi

REGISTERED COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Ventresca, second by Abel to break for Executive Session.
Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Ventresca, second by to Abel to resume from Executive Session.
Motion carried 7-0.

Estell stated that Executive Session was to discuss the Borough hiring an outside solicitor late last year to investigate an ethics violations involving a Borough employee and Council person. Estell briefed on the closing of this investigation.

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Ross informed that on January 7th he swore in the following Line Officers with the DVFD: Jeff Arnold, Rick Lagamba and Jerry McMahon; also sworn in were Associate Officers: Chuck Arrigo, Chris Lloyd, Joey

Schoenefeldt and Dan Stocker. The Board of Directors sworn in were: Kari Burnham, Jerry McMahon and Ray Colosimo.

Chief Bisignani informed that the Police Department responded to 245 calls for service during the month of January. Bisignani briefed on tax scams.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Maggio briefed on Graffiti Removal programs. Maggio read a proclamation from PSAB for "School Director Recognition Month" from January 2016. *See Attached.*

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Lehman, second by Ventresca to accept Consent Agenda Items A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L (A. Motion to accept the written report of the Borough Solicitor, B. Motion to approve the written reports of Borough Officials, C. Motion to approve the Minutes of the December 14, 2015 Special Council Meeting, D. Motion to approve the Minutes of the January 4, 2016 Council Business Meeting, E. Motion to approve the Warrant list for January 2016, F. Motion to accept the recommendation of the Manager to approve Agreement with EPD for Zoning Audit, G. Motion to accept the recommendation of the Manager to approve Agreement with Maher Duessel for FY 2015, FY 2016 and FY 2017 Audits, H. Motion to accept the recommendation of the Manager to approve James Hughes, of Boy Scout Troop #238 from St. Bernards, to complete a Storm Drain Stenciling project in the Borough of Dormont, I. Motion to accept the recommendation of the Engineer to approve Agreement with Gateway Engineers to conduct a Flow Isolation Study, J. Motion to accept the recommendation of the Manager to allow Friends of Dormont Pool to post two banners on Borough property to advertise the 10th Annual Friends of Dormont Pool Pub Tour, K. Motion to accept the recommendation of the Traffic and Parking Planning Commission to approve application for Reserved Accessible Parking Space located at 2828 Dwight Avenue for John Palermo, L. Motion to accept the recommendation of the Engineer to advertise for bids for 2016 Street & Alley Reconstruction and Resurfacing Projects). Fabus had a few questions.

Motion carried 7-0.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Estell briefed on the following topics:

Projects for Potomac Avenue,

Safety matters for all departments and purchases through Cintas for a new AED machine and first aid kits,

Staff meeting held last week with the department heads,

Water main breaks in the Borough throughout the past few days and informed that all the information has been put on the Borough's website.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Motion by Lehman, second by Ventresca to approve Resolution in support of House Bill 1394 (Lehman read the resolution).

- i. Council Discussion: Discussion on the above House Bill.
- ii. Public Comment: Richard Grubb, 2847 Glenmore Avenue RE: Stated that he agrees with the above motion and that it is just another option.
Seth Davis, 3061 Latonia Avenue RE: In support for the House Bill 1394.

Roll call: Palmieri, No; Fabus, No; Abel, Yes; Ventresca, Yes; Lehman, Yes; Hodson, No; Maggio, Yes.

Motion carried 4-3.

B. Motion by Lehman, second by Ventresca to advertise Ordinance #1614, Repealing Ordinance #1609 Creating a Stormwater Authority. Estell gave a presentation of the differences of having the authority or bringing in house.

- i. Council Discussion: Palmieri discussed separation of power.
Fabus asked about possibly tabling the motion until next month.
Abel asked about the Borough Engineer working with Stormwater and the Authority.
Abel asked about accountability to the public of what the Stormwater Authority is required to do. Abel asked how Council could remove a member of the Authority if they believe they aren't doing their job correctly.
Palmieri asked Rushford for a summarization, if one exists, for the State requirements that the Authority would have to be comply with.
Ventresca asked about a stipend for the Stormwater Authority Board and the projected year one costs for the Authority.
Estell informed that the year one cost for the Authority is \$949,760.35 and the projected income from the Authority is \$495,000.00.
Council discussed the deficit of the Stormwater Authority for the next 5 years.
Abel asked if it were possible to later dissolve the Authority if the Authority has debt.
Hodson believes in separation of power and wants more time to review the numbers.
- ii. Public Comment: Richard Grubb, 2847 Glenmore Avenue RE: Advertisement.
Bob Hutchison, 1332 Illinois Avenue RE: Population.
Michelle Ross, 3251 Beacon Hill Avenue RE: Millage raise versus Stormwater Fee.
Michael Maher, 1201 Illinois Avenue RE: Other Municipalities with Stormwater Authorities, separation of power.
Matt Hamilton, 3246 Waltham Avenue RE: Millage raise versus Stormwater Fee.
Discussion on Special Meeting dates and advertising of the Meetings.

Roll call: Palmieri, No; Fabus, No; Abel, Yes; Ventresca, Yes; Lehman, Yes; Hodson, No; Maggio, Yes.

Motion carried 4-3.

Motion by Abel, second by Fabus to hold a Special Meeting on Thursday, February 11th at 7pm.

Motion carried 7-0.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Bob Hutchison, 1332 Illinois Avenue RE: Complimented the Street Department for keeping the roads clean during snowfall.

Ventresca gave an update as the liaison of the Recreation Board; Dormont Dash May 28th, Open Gym on Fridays, Library's 80th Anniversary, Hollywood Theater events, Dormont Elementary fundraiser; Cub Scout Pack Pinewood Derby.

Lehman briefed on DABA sign ups.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Fabus, second by Abel to Adjourn.

Motion carried 7-0.