



# BOROUGH OF DORMONT

## EXECUTIVE SESSION 6:00 PM

Personnel Matter

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## REGULAR MEETING OF THE DORMONT BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 2, 2015 7:00PM IN THE DORMONT MUNICIPAL CENTER COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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Council President McCartney 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:

Onnie Costanzo, Jeff Fabus, Joan Hodson, Drew Lehman, John Maggio, Val Martino,  
Bill McCartney

Also present: John Rushford, Borough Solicitor  
Mayor Phil Ross  
Connor Tokarsky

McCartney informed that there were a series of Executive Sessions held on February 9<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and March 2<sup>nd</sup> to discuss the Managers performance and actions.

Motion by Maggio, second by Martino to retain the firm of Strassburger McKenna Gutnick & Gefsky for a special investigation.

Motion carried 7-0.

The results of the investigation were presented to Council and Mr. Naftal. McCartney read over Jeffrey Naftal's resignation letter. *Letter attached.*

Motion by Maggio, second by Hodson to accept Mr. Naftal's resignation.

Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Hodson, second by Costanzo to retain Bit X Bit Forensic to perform a forensic analysis on Mr. Naftal's Borough owned electronics.

Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Hodson, second by Lehman to retain Rebecca Bradley as Interim Borough Manager for 10 hours per week at \$70.00 per hour.

Motion carried 7-0.

## **REGISTERED COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

None

## **COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR**

Mayor Ross gave the floor to Chief Bisignani. Bisignani informed that there were a registered 200 calls for service for the month of February; however, there was a server issue due to the cold weather and some calls were lost. He briefed on the new parking lot opening at Park Blvd and some of the Kiosks being broke during the cold weather.

## **COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Finance and Legal:** Nothing at this time.

**Community Affairs/Recreation:** Fabus briefed on the Easter Egg Hunt March 21<sup>st</sup>, 10 am to noon, with a rain date of March 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Public Safety/Service:** Hodson briefed on the shortage of road salt. The DVFD is asking residents to consider adopting a hydrant and shovel it out of deep snow. The DVFD responded to 34 calls for the month of February. Hodson informed of the power outage that occurred on Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup>; she was contacted by Mat Davis, Emergency Coordinator, informing of the possibility of using the borough building as a warming station. MRTSA responded to 61 calls for service in Dormont alone for the month of January; with a total of 823 in January.

Hodson briefed on Code Enforcement's process to get the USPS to remove the graffiti on the mailboxes and A Citizens Guide to Code Enforcement that will be ready for public viewing soon.

Lehman commended the Street Department for all their hard work on keeping the roads clear.

**Property, Supplies and Planning:** Nothing at this time.

## **COUNCIL PRESIDENT REPORT**

McCartney stated he is adding Item I to the Consent Agenda, Motion to appoint Valerie Martino to the Planning Commission.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Hodson, second by Costanzo to accept Consent Agenda Items A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I (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 February 2, 2015 Council

Business Meeting, D. Motion to approve the Warrant List for February, 2015, E. Motion to approve a temporary sign for the Bethany Lutheran Church for a Free Fish Fry, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, F. Motion to approve a temporary sign for the Friends of Dormont Pool for their annual Pub Tour, G. Motion to appoint Ms. Victoria Foster of 3070 Earlsmere Avenue to the Recreation Board effective March 2, 2015, H. Motion to appoint Ms. Michelle Ross of 3251 Beacon Hill Avenue to the Recreation Board effective March 2, 2015, I. Motion to appoint Ms. Valerie Martino of 1460 Tolma Avenue to the Planning Commission).

Motion carried 7-0 with Maggio voting No only on the Warrant List.

**President McCartney OPENED a PUBLIC HEARING on the Proposed Zoning Regulation.**

Randy Feden, 2895 West Liberty Avenue, Owner of Pittsburgh Tattoo Studio RE: Expressed concerns about regulations in reference to square footage, darkening of windows, station area size and sterilization.

Jaime Wilson-Spike, 1443 Potomac Avenue, and Owner of Alter Ego Studio RE: Stated that she was concerned because the code states that a tattoo shop cannot be within 500 feet of a church and all of the issues stated by the prior speaker.

Ken Green, 1449 Greenmount Avenue RE: Variance to the Zoning Hearing Board.

Seth Davis, 3061 Latonia Avenue RE: Expressed his ideas about the façade of the tattoo parlors in Dormont.

Motion by McCartney, second by Hodson to appoint Mr. Seth Davis of 3061 Latonia Avenue to the Planning Commission.

Motion carried 7-0.

**President McCartney CLOSED a PUBLIC HEARING on the Proposed Zoning Regulation.**

**ACTION ITEMS**

**A.** Motion by Fabus, second by Hodson to accept Zambelli Fireworks Manufacturing Co. contract for Dormont Day at a cost of \$13,500.00.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Council Discussion:** Dormont Day was run by a committee of volunteers for 100 years and now volunteers are needed to help Dormont Borough run it.

Motion carried 7-0.

**B.** Motion by Martino, second by Hodson to accept the Borough Engineer's recommendation to award Pop Murray Field Chain Link Fencing to Bob's Property Management, LLC for a quoted amount of \$1,833.98.

**Public Comment:** Bob McClellan, 2705 Philadelphia Avenue had a question about the contractor.

**Council Discussion:** Bob has done a lot of work for the boosters. The fence will run along the hillside of 1<sup>st</sup> base.

Motion carried 7-0.

**C.** Motion by Martino, second by Costanzo to accept the Borough Engineer's recommendation to award the 2015 Cured-In-Place Pipe Lining Contract to Insight Pipe Contracting, LP for a cost of \$102,233.88.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Council Discussion:** McCartney briefed on this Motion.

Motion carried 7-0.

**D.** Motion by Hodson, second by Martino to approve the Reserved Accessible Parking Space to Ms. Mary Ellen Hart at 1220 Kelton Avenue, as recommended by the Traffic and Parking Planning Commission.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Council Discussion:** None.

Motion carried 7-0.

**E.** Motion by Fabus, second by Hodson to accept the contract with Elite Runners Race Management for the 2015 Dormont Dash not to exceed \$2,500.00.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Council Discussion:** The race is May 23<sup>rd</sup> this year.

Motion carried 7-0.

**F.** Motion by Costanzo, second by Hodson to accept the Meter Reader pilot implementation program in the Borough.

**Public Comment:** Company employee briefed on the program; they will keep approximately 25% of the revenues.

Bob Hutchison, 1332 Illinois Avenue RE: Questions about the Meter Feeder.

Bob McClellan, 2705 Philadelphia Avenue RE: Questions about the Meter Feeder.

**Council Discussion:** Maggio asked about revenues.

Motion carried 7-0.

**G.** Motion by Martino, second by Hodson to adopt Resolution 2015-03 in support of the Community Infrastructure & Tourism Fund Grant Application for the Athens Alley Project; Grant application for \$250,000.00.

**Public Comment:** None.

**Council Discussion:** McCartney briefed on the grant.

Motion carried 7-0.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Naftal's resignation letter will be attached to the minutes.

Jeff Arnold, 1684 New Haven Avenue, Fire Chief RE: Commended Duquesne Light on their quick response with the power outage. Briefed on the process to notify the residents on the power outage.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Audrey Grubb, 2847 Glenmore Avenue RE: Asked if council members were allowed to get up and leave a meeting. Asked if council members are allowed to vote on their own suggestion.

*John Rushford briefed on Robert's Rules of Law and what is allowed and not allowed.*

Bob McLellan, 2705 Philadelphia Avenue RE: Truck parking in the Zoning Ordinance; asked if Jeffery Naftal would be getting severance pay.

Daniele Ventresca, 1453 Alabama Avenue RE: Traffic on West Liberty Avenue at Kelton Avenue crosswalk and Dormont Avenue crosswalk; Summer camp applications; asked why Naftal was going to be fired.

Bob McClellan RE: crosswalks

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

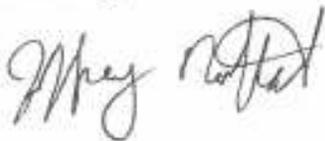
## **ADJOURNMENT**

TO: Borough Council, Borough of Dormont

Effective today, February 26, 2015, at 2 PM, I resign my position with the Borough as Borough Manager. It is my understanding that if I do not resign that I will be terminated at the Monday, March 2, 2015 Council Meeting.

It is also my understanding that with this resignation, I will be entitled to my accrued but unused sick, vacation and personal leave time, totaling 51 days as has been provided to other employees who have resigned in the past.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeffrey Naftal". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "J".

Jeffrey Naftal, ICMA-CM, IPMA-CP