



BOROUGH OF DORMONT

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE DORMONT BOROUGH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 4, 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, 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

Mike Rairigh, 1472 Dormont Ave RE: Interested in purchasing the property at 1470 Dormont Avenue.

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Ross informed that the police department responded to 230 calls for the month of February 2016.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Maggio informed of letter he received from Mark Kopper, Eighth Grade US History Teacher, regarding an issue with getting Jeff Ellis to respond to his email for booking a pool party for his class. Manager Estell responded that the Recreation Director has taken care of this matter and the pool party has been booked for the date Mr. Kopper wanted free of charge. He also stated that the Borough of Dormont does all scheduling for any events for the Borough, not Jeff Ellis.

Maggio read a letter from Keystone Oaks school district's Superintendent asking residents for their support by contacting the Governor and State Legislators and requesting them to continue to push forward to pass the State Budget. Further details and information can be found on Keystone Oaks web site, also information is on Dormont Borough's web site. The letter also contained information on the expansion of the Best Buddies Club.

Maggio discussed the two signs in Dormont Park regarding use for residents only. He would like to have them removed; Estell agreed.

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Estell stated he has a recommendation for an addition to the Traffic & Planning Parking Commission, Mr. Jonathan Franks. He was not on agenda before due to his resume getting blocked by our Borough's spam filter. We were able to get a hard copy that was given to everybody.

Estell briefed on Borough Engineer Wayne McVicar's motion for the 2016 Street & Alley Reconstruction and Resurfacing Projects Contracts A & B. McVicar is working on the cost for the Vet lot.

Estell briefed on a request for a Proclamation naming April 2016 as National Autism Awareness Month in the Borough of Dormont.

Estell briefed on Rushford's request for a motion to approve the sale of the Conservatorship Property at 2708 Broadway Avenue to Upstreet Properties, LLC for a price of \$28,000.00. Rushford commented that Allegheny County Common Pleas Court approved of this sale as of Friday 4/1/2016.

a. Potomac Project Presentation with Dr. John Snyder

Estell introduced McVicar who is joining through phone conference from New Orleans to discuss the Potomac Avenue Project. Estell gave a slide show of Phase I. Estell introduced Dr. John Snyder, local building owner, who is interested in investing in Dormont. He discussed his purchasing the PNC Building to move his podiatrist practice and possibly bringing in other commercial businesses. Estell continued to brief on Potomac Avenue Project Phase II that would bring two acres of green space to the rooftops.

Council Comments:

Maggio had a question regarding the sidewalks.

Palmieri also had a question regarding the sidewalks.

Maggio had a question regarding the street lights.

Hodson had a couple questions regarding the maintenance of the roadway, gross vehicle weight limits, and the fire departments access to the taller buildings.

Public Comment:

Monique Fontaine, 1454 Alabama Avenue RE: Question on the number of parking spaces on Potomac Avenue.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Ventresca, second by Fabus to accept Consent Agenda Items A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K (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 March 7, 2016 Council Meeting, D. Motion to approve the Warrant list for March 2016, E. Motion to approve the recommendation of the Traffic and Planning Parking Commission to approve the application for a Reserved Accessible Parking Space at 1128 Mississippi Avenue, F. Motion to approve the recommendation of the Traffic and Planning Parking Commission to approve the application for a Reserved Accessible Parking Space at 3114 Pioneer Avenue, G. Motion to accept the resignation of T.J. Conroy as Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator, H. Motion to accept the recommendation of the Manager to appoint James Koleski as the Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator, I. Motion to accept the Engineer's recommendation to approve bid of \$34,000.00 by R&B Contracting and Excavating Inc., for CD Year 41 Application, J. Motion to accept recommendation of the Manager to appoint Jonathon Franks to the Traffic and Planning Parking Commission, K. Motion to accept the recommendation of the Engineer to award 2016 Street and Alley Reconstruction and Resurfacing Projects Contracts A & B Base Bids to Mele & Mele & Sons, Inc.).

Motion carried 7-0, Hodson voted No for the March 7, 2016 Council Meeting Minutes.

ACTION ITEMS

- A. Motion by Fabus, second by Ventresca to approve the application for a Reserved Accessible Parking Space at 2956 Voelkel Avenue, which was not recommended by the Traffic and Parking Planning Commission.

i. Council Discussion: Estell gave update of one of the two existing spaces on Voelkel Avenue for the Reserved Accessible Parking was to be removed.

Hodson had questions RE: when the space has been assigned and approved, what is the protocol for renewing or removing the spaces. Estell informed of the annual renewal process. Maggio informed of the application process states no more than 2 spaces per block. Hodson RE: commented on why one of the applications was denied due to applicant did not drive. Maggio read the application stating applicants do not need a driver's license to have a Reserved Accessible Parking Space. Rushford acknowledged Maggio was correct.

ii. Public Comment: None

Motion carried 7-0.

Abel informed since there were not any committee reports that the Fire Department received a grant for \$500.00 for equipment from Penn American Water. Able stated that there is a NIMS Emergency Management training that all Council members are required to complete within one year of being sworn in, the Borough is currently in compliance.

Hodson informed that Mat Davis has been trying to get the Borough in compliance since 2010.

Estell briefed on the Emergency Management courses for Council.

- B. Motion by Abel, second Hodson to approve advertisement of Ordinance #1615, Amending Chapter 8 Section 39 of the Code of the Borough of Dormont, to create a method for hiring a Fire Chief through the Civil Service process.

i. Council Discussion: Abel informed they did not receive an updated ordinance in their packets of the last meeting change made by Estell. Estell commented it was just a wording change; suggested Abel can make the motion to amend on the floor. Abel, motion as noted.

ii. Public Comment: None.

Motion carried 7-0.

- C. Motion by Abel, second by Hodson to approve Resolution #4, 2016 adopting the Allegheny County Hazard Mitigation Plan, as required by Title 35 of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code.

i. Council Discussion: None.

ii. Public Comment: None.

Motion carried 7-0.

- D. Motion by Ventresca, second by Abel to approve Resolution #5, 2016, Establishing Procedures for Approval of Expenditure for the Dormont Stormwater Authority.

i. Council Discussion: Ross asked what the procedures of this resolution are. Maggio and Rushford discussed the protocol as to what could be approved. Rushford explained this is for the initial phase; to get the authority started and for essential items. Palmieri stated that the Stormwater is a separate entity and needs help to startup; by law it needs to be supported by the Borough. Rushford agreed. Abel asked if the borough would have the first lien on the Stormwater Authority money.

ii. Public Comment: None.

Motion carried 7-0.

- E. Motion by Ventresca, second by Hodson to approve Proclamation naming April 2016 as National Autism Awareness Month in the Borough of Dormont.
- i. Council Discussion: Maggio commented that KO expanding the program Best Buddies Club helps all children with and without special needs and children with Autism. Ventresca added she would like to have a fundraiser or some activity within the Borough next year during the month of April to promote Autism Awareness.
 - ii. Public Comment: None.
- Motion carried 7-0.
- F. Motion by Fabus, second by Hodson to approve the sale of the Borough of Dormont Conservatorship property located at 2708 Broadway Avenue to Upstreet Properties, LLC for the price of \$28,000.00.
- i. Council Discussion: Maggio thanked Rushford for bringing the Conservatorship Program to the Borough of Dormont.
 - ii. Public Comment: None.
- Motion carried 7-0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Ventresca gave updates on Borough's activities: Cub Scouts Scouting for Food, Library's many activities planned, the Library's 80th birthday party, Hollywood Theater, Friends of Dormont Pool Pub Tour, Rec Board Dormont Dash, Dormont Tennis Club, Spring Litter Pick Up, Dormont Day, DABA spring field clean up. Dormont Library, Friends of Dormont Pool and Friends of Hollywood Theater are set up as charities through Amazon Smile Program to shop. Ventresca has flyers for all activities mentioned above.

Hodson informed that Dan Miller is having a Community Development Round Table Discussion which will be held at Dormont Library on April 18th, 2016 at 10:00 A.M; Main Street will be sponsoring this event. Mt. Lebanon Economic Development Council, Mt. Lebanon Partnership, Brookline Chamber of Commerce, Castle Shannon Revitalization Corp will also participate in this discussion, it is open to public, if you would like to attend contact Representative Miller.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Juliann Reineke, 1136 Kelton Avenue RE: Illegal parking on Hillsdale & Mississippi Avenues, parking on wrong side of road, she is concerned that emergency vehicles won't be able to fit through. Also cars park on the sidewalk and the children have to walk in street. Ross commented she should contact police when she sees this. Estell also stated he will mention this to Police Chief in the A.M.

Bob Hutchinson, 1332 Illinois Avenue RE: Cars parked on Illinois with expired stickers, abandoned vehicles in Beggs Snyder Park and cars parked on Arkansas Avenue the wrong way. Rushford and Ross addressed this situation; Street Sweeping.

Maggio asked about lines being painted for parking on the streets. Maggio thinks the Stormwater Authority should be paying the Borough rent for the office space. Fabus asked about charging DABA, Main Street & Historical Society.

Fabus asked Ross about ticketing for street sweeping. Ross informed they will start ticketing in May.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Fabus, second by Ventresca to Adjourn.
Motion carried 7-0.