



BOROUGH OF DORMONT

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE DORMONT BOROUGH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 6, 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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Maggio informed that there was an Executive Session to discuss a Personnel matter.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

The following members of Council responded to roll call:

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

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

REGISTERED COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance and Legal: Lehman briefed on the Committee Meeting held a week ago.

Property, Supplies and Planning: Fabus informed that they'll be having a Committee Meeting on June 20th.

Public Safety/Service: Abel briefed on a letter to the Police Chief from a resident, commending a crossing guard, John Varnum, for attending the elementary concert at the invite of one of the children he crosses. Abel informed that Mat Davis was accepted into the Nation Fire Academy's Executive Fire Officer Program. Abel informed that there was information in Council packets about placing a drug take back box in the Police Station.

Motion by Abel, second by Ventresca to install a drug take back box in the lobby of the Police Department.

- i. Council Discussion: None.
- ii. Public Comment: None.

Motion carried 6-0.

Abel informed that the Borough is going to start the process to hire a paid Fire Chief and another Police Officer; they will be having a meeting tomorrow with Bill Gamble and going over the process.

Community Affairs/Recreation: Ventresca briefed on the Community Yard Sale on August 13th, the Farmers Market, Name Tag Day was Saturday, June 4th, Dormont Day volunteers still needed and Movies in the Park. Ventresca informed that the next Rec Board meeting is July 7th at 6:00 PM. Ventresca commended Wayne Fontana who assisted the Library in obtaining a \$250,000.00 grant to repair the wall that is falling down behind their building.

COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR

Bisignani informed that during the month of May the Police Department responded to 254 calls for service; busy month with the weather changing. Bisignani commended the Fire Department with fighting a structure fire on Tennessee Avenue with some low water pressure.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Maggio read a letter commending the Police Department and Officers quick response time. Maggio read Senator Fontana's column in his last newsletter in regards to the grant obtained for the Dormont Library. *Letters attached.*

BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT

Estell briefed on a meeting he and the Police Chief attended with the school district, Green Tree, Castle Shannon and Mt. Lebanon.

Estell briefed on some issues regarding property assessments, under assessments and TIF.

Estell briefed on the Dormont Junction Project (TOD) with the Port Authority; it has been canceled. He also informed that he would like to start discuss plans for a parking garage off of Potomac Avenue with the Planning Commission.

Estell gave information on the new credit card machines and the chip reader regulations.

Discussion between Council and Estell regarding the West Liberty Redevelopment.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Fabus, second by Palmieri 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 May 2, 2016 Council Meeting, D. Motion to approve the Warrant list for May 2016, E. Motion to appoint Seth Davis to Borough of Dormont Vacancy Board, F. Motion to approve 2016 Open Cut Spot Repair recommendation of award to NIANDO Construction, Inc., G. Motion to accept recommendation of the Engineer to approve Contracting with City of Pittsburgh for Wenzell Avenue resurfacing at a cost of \$14,681.00, H. Motion to Amend the Borough of Dormont Financial Policies and Procedures Section 2, Authorizing Purchases Up to \$5,000.00 without prior consent of Borough Council, I. Motion to grant relief of outstanding sewer and trash fees for 2708 Broadway Avenue, J. Motion to Approve Purchase of Administrative and Police Computer Hardware and Software, not to exceed \$13,200.00,

as Budgeted, K. Motion to approve the Dormont Day Band Contract [Entertainment Unlimited, The Lava Game and the Four Townsmen Show], L. Motion to Approve Hiring Summer Staff 2016 – Pool Cashiers and Day Camp).

Council discussion and questions.

Motion carried 6-0.

ACTION ITEMS

A. Motion by Lehman, second by Abel to approve Jason Walsh for the Traffic and Parking Planning Commission.

i. Council Discussion: Fabus asked that Estell Call Ms. Brownlee and offer her another position on a vacant committee.

ii. Public Comment: None.

Motion carried 6-0.

B. Motion by Ventresca, second by Lehman to adjust the 2016 Fee Resolution to include a \$10.00 or \$15.00 Fee for the Community Yard Sale scheduled for August 13, 2016.

i. Council Discussion: Fabus asked if there was a yard sale ordinance. Maggio asked about the fee.

Abel informed that the proceeds go to the DVFD.

ii. Public Comment: None.

Motion carried 6-0.

CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Sterling, Owner of Sterling Yoga and Wellness Center, 1418 Potomac Avenue RE: Notifications when things are happening in the Business District; Signs on Potomac Avenue to inform that the businesses are open during construction; Traffic lights on Potomac Avenue; Flyers for Yoga in the Park. Estell and Bisignani addressed the issues.

Amie Downs, 1442 Edgehill Avenue RE: Volunteered to help with email newsletter.

Julia Mirek, 1511 Hillsdale Avenue RE: Volunteered to help with the email newsletter; Facebook groups.

Michelle Ross, 3251 Beacon Hill Avenue RE: Representative Dan Miller helped with the grant for the Dormont Library.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Fabus, second by Ventresca to Adjourn.

Senator Fontana's newsletter – May 24, 2016

Dormont Library

As a member of the Board of Directors for the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County, I was proud to support funding recently for the Dormont Library for a critical retaining wall project. In existence for 80 years and at their current location for over 50 years, this funding will help enable them to continue their mission of empowering, educating, and inspiring the members of the Dormont community and surrounding area through a wide offering of social, academic, and community-based programming. I look forward to continuing to work with the new, inspired leadership that is emerging in this great neighborhood.

