



# BOROUGH OF DORMONT

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

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Estell informed that the meeting is being live streamed on the internet (*Dormontpa.iqm2.com*) where the public can view the meeting, read agendas and meeting minutes.

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, Daniele Ventresca, Drew Lehman, Joan Hodson,  
John Maggio

Also present: Borough Manager Ben Estell  
Borough Solicitor John Rushford  
Mayor Phil Ross

## **REGISTERED COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

None.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Property, Supplies and Planning:** Fabus briefed on their last committee meeting; locations for the no smoking signs, benches for the park, Stormwater drains, Castle Park is due for a new stain next year, by-laws for the committee, empty Lifespan space

**Public Safety/Service:** Nothing.

**Community Affairs/Recreation:** Ventresca briefed on their last committee meeting and upcoming events; Community Yard Sale, Doggie Dip September 5<sup>th</sup>, two open spots on the Recreation Board, Cut-A-Thon fundraiser at the Recreation Center.

**Finance and Legal:** Lehman gave the totals on the general fund, liquid fuels fund and sewer fund.

### **COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR**

Bisignani informed that the Police Department responded to 290 calls for service. Bisignani briefed on vehicle break-ins throughout the Borough. Be sure to keep your car doors locked.

### **COUNCIL PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Maggio briefed on a letter from Senator Jay Costa to the Allegheny County Borough's Association, addressing two bills that are up in the House and Senate; one being House Bill #1154 regarding registration stickers, and House Bill #1394 allowing municipalities to charge a fee for Stormwater.

### **BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT**

Estell informed that he would like to have Item J removed from the Consent Agenda, until next month.

Estell briefed on the Zoning Hearing Board update from the last codification and informed that they are their own Board and Council has no say in their decisions. Estell briefed on the rules about only severing on one board. Estell informed that the Borough is in need of member for several board.

Rushford informed that the Zoning Hearing Board is in fact their own quasi-judicial body and that there is no oversight allowed from the Borough, except for appointing members to the board. Rushford informed that the Zoning Hearing Board has not been very active, so during the audit of the board it revealed that there are some members sitting on alternate boards.

Estell briefed on some of the motions added to the agenda.

Estell recognized and thanked Pat Kelly, who retired after many years working for Dormont Borough in Street Department, Volunteer Fire Department and as the Borough's Building Code Official.

Estell briefed on a meeting he had with Dr. John Snyder to discuss his project and the potential parking garage for the Borough.

Estell briefed on hiring a full time Fire Chief/Building Code Supervisor and the process.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Lehman, second by Hodson to accept Consent Agenda Items A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, R, S (A. Motion to approve the Minutes of the July 6, 2016 Council Meeting, B. Motion to approve the Warrant list for July 2016, C. Motion to Approve July 2016 Manager's Report, D. Motion to accept the written report from the Borough Engineer for July 2016, E. Motion to accept the written report for the Tax Collector for June 2016, F. Motion to accept the written report from the Fire Department for June 2016, G. Motion to approve the 2016 Road Reconstruction Project Payment #1, H. Motion to Authorize 2016 Alley Resurfacing Payment #1 I. Motion to Appoint Hope Abel to the Recreation Board, K. Motion to Accept Resignation of Jennifer Taylor, L. Motion to Approve Dormont Main Street Temporary Sign Application, M. Motion to Authorize the Friends of Dormont Pool and Sergio's to hold a Cut-A-Thon Fundraiser at the Thomas Lloyd Recreation Center to Benefit Dormont Pool, N. Motion to Authorize the Financing and Purchase of a 2016 Ford Interceptor Police Cruiser, with Police Lighting, Wiring, Striping, and Camera Packages, and the Trade-In of a Current Dormont Police Department Cruiser, at a Cost Not to Exceed \$42,000.00 Through an Authorized Cooperative Purchasing Agreement, O. Motion to Approve Civil Services Rules – Police as Adopted by the Civil Service Commission, P. Motion to Approve Civil Service Rules – Fire as Adopted by Civil Service Commission, Q. Motion to Approve Fire Chief/Building and Code Supervisor Job Description, R. Motion to Authorize the Borough Manager to Advertise for the Hiring of the Fire Chief/Building and Code Supervisor Position, S. Motion to Authorize the Borough Manager to Advertise for the Hiring of Two (2) Part-Time Employees for the Cleaning of Borough Facilities).

Fabus questioned if there were any other properties that the Borough would consider for Conservatorship. Fabus asked about invoices for grass cutting and debris removal and billing owners. Fabus inquired about the payment to Robinson Pipe Cleaning and the police vehicle payment plan.

Palmieri asked if the Broadway Conservatorship Property has sold and closed.

Hodson asked about the May 31<sup>st</sup> Special Meeting minutes.  
Motion carried 6-0.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

A. Motion by Fabus, second by Hodson to Approve Ordinance #1616, Amending the Borough of Dormont Code of Ordinances, Animals, to Permit and Regulate the Keeping of Chickens and Flightless Ducks Within the Borough.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

B. Motion by Fabus, second by Hodson to Approve Ordinance #1617, Amending Chapter 150 as Amended and Codified, as Chapter of the Code, Regulating Borough Parks and Recreation Areas to Prohibit Smoking and Tobacco Use in Public Parks and Recreation Areas.

- i. Council Discussion: there are some No Smoking signs up; not in good space
- ii. Public Comment: Jane Fontaine, 1564 Tolma Avenue RE: How and who will enforce; what kind of fine.

Motion carried 6-0.

C. Motion by Hodson, second by Lehman to approve \$7,600.00 to LaQuantra Bonci for Potomac Avenue Renderings.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

D. Motion by Ventresca, second by Lehman to approve use of the LifeSpan space for the Community Yard Sale on August 13th.

- i. Council Discussion: Fabus asked if this falls under our Insurance.
- ii. Public Comment: None.

Motion carried 6-0.

E. Motion by Fabus, second by Hodson to advertise for a hearing on Intermunicipal liquor transfer for the Hollywood Lanes.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

## **CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

Bob Hutchison, 1332 Illinois Avenue RE: 8 cars not moving for street sweeping. Residents putting garbage out too early.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Fabus, second by Lehman to Adjourn.