



# BOROUGH OF DORMONT

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE DORMONT BOROUGH COUNCIL  
HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2015 7:00PM  
IN THE DORMONT MUNICIPAL CENTER COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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**PUBLIC HEARING – Consolidation of parcels 141-C-180 and 141-C-178, located at 911 Parkside Avenue**

Council President McCartney opened the meeting.

Manager Estell gave a brief summary of the Planning Commission recommendation.

With no comments, McCartney closed the meeting

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Council President McCartney called the Meeting of the Dormont Borough Council to order.

**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: Borough Manager Ben Estell  
Borough Solicitor John Rushford  
Mayor Phil Ross  
Police Chief Mike Bisignani  
Junior Councilperson Connor Tokarsky

## REGISTERED COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Darren Stroh, 3101 Gaylord Avenue RE: Budget, TRID budgeted monies, 2015 Road Program, soon to expire bond, stormwater publicity, hiring of employee to lead stormwater projects and taxes, and Stormwater Authority.

## COMMENTS FROM THE MAYOR

Mayor Ross reminded everyone that this weekend is the Street Fair; Potomac Avenue will be closed from 12 noon until midnight. Also, Halloween is October 31; the police and fire departments will be out in full force.

Bisignani stated that the department had 274 calls for service; there were several car break-ins, all the cars were unlocked; a notice was put out on Facebook. Most happen between 2 and 4 am and you should call 911 immediately.

## COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Finance and Legal:** Costanzo gave a summary of the budget workshop meeting on September 28<sup>th</sup>; revenues were discussed along with the Potomac Avenue street and sidewalk construction, police SUV, new sign for the pool, new AC unit for the recreation center, tree removal and pruning, municipal center cleaning company, pool climbing wall, new truck for the street department, street sweeper, possibilities of funding for the Hollywood Theater.

There was a Finance and Legal Committee meeting on Wednesday, September 30 to discuss a potential Nuisance Ordinance. A follow up meeting will be set up with the landlords and the public.

The most recent budget report was summarized.

Thursday, October 22 will be a workshop of Historic Dormont.

**Community Affairs/Recreation:** Fabus stated that there will be 46 paintings at the Historic Dormont event. Fabus briefed on the Hollywood Theater events of the upcoming month. You can sign up for emails from the theater online.

The Street Fair is this Saturday; two bands will perform on stage; the weather should be beautiful. October 12<sup>th</sup> there is a community blood drive at the rec center. October 24<sup>th</sup> is Pitt Make a Difference Day – they will walk around and pick up litter, volunteers are welcome. The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual pet parade will be on Saturday, October 31<sup>st</sup> at 11:30 am in Dormont Park, followed by a children's costume parade and festival in the park and large pavilion.

Attendance at the pool increased by 27% this year over last year; revenue also increased.

The Library House Tour was Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. Connor Tokarsky was on Hometown HighQ this past weekend. Congratulations!!

The PG had a great article about an author from Dormont; he moved here from New York.

**Public Safety/Service:** Hodson stated that she attended the monthly MRTSA meeting; they responded to 72 calls in Dormont in the month of August. MRTSA received an award for their CPR classes and services. NIMS (National Incident Management System) is currently updating their training of all elected

and important officials for boroughs and townships. A 100% participation is needed in order to qualify for FEMA funding in a state of emergency.

**Property, Supplies and Planning:** the Planning Commission met to discuss possibilities for the Passive Park

## **COUNCIL PRESIDENT REPORT**

The Historic Dormont event is partially sponsored by the Dormont Historical Society and the art group at Lifespan.

McCartney gave a summary of the Consent Decree and the Saw Mill Run Watershed Authority; there will be a kickoff meeting on October 24<sup>th</sup> at the Hollywood Theater.

## **BOROUGH MANAGER'S REPORT**

Estell briefly discussed the Nuisance Ordinance and how it pertains to Dormont. He also discussed the pool numbers and the Public Hearing for Ordinances 1610 and 1611. Estell and the Engineer met with Kim Kunkel, Main Street President, regarding updates to the borough and how it affects the business community.

Estell discussed updates to the website, Facebook and twitter. Also, the new TV in council chambers will help with public communication. Estell would also like to put together some educational videos for the residents.

Estell briefly discussed the hiring of Jennifer Taylor as a part-time employee of the Borough for the Stormwater Authority startup. She's working closely with Wayne.

Rushford briefly discussed item m of the Consent Agenda and the selection of an agent for the sale of the Conservatorship property on Broadway Avenue.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Hodson, second by Costanzo to accept the Consent Agenda Items A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q, R, and S(A. Motion to approve the written report of the Solicitor; B. Motion to approve the written reports of the Borough Officials; C. Motion to approve the Minutes of the September 8, 2015; D. Motion to approve the Warrant List for September, 2015; E. Motion to accept recommendation of the Manager to approve Permit Parking on the 1500 block of Greenmount Avenue; F. Motion to accept recommendation of the Planning Commission to approve consolidation of parcels 141-C-180 and 141-C-178, located at 911 Parkside Avenue; G. Motion to accept the recommendation of the Traffic and Parking Planning Commission to approve Reserved Accessible Parking for Edward Krepley at 1103 Arkansas Avenue; H. Motion to accept the recommendation of the Traffic and Parking Planning Commission to approve Reserved Accessible Parking for Robert John Botting at 2946 Mattern Avenue; I. Motion to accept the recommendation of the Solicitor to waive garbage fees from 2011-12 for 3229 Gaylord Avenue, in the amount of \$422.40, due to property being sold at Sheriff's Sale with a free and clear title; J. Motion to accept the recommendation of the Chief of Police to approve Memorandum of Understanding by and between Dormont Police Department and Keystone Oaks School District; K. Motion to accept recommendation from Recreation Director to approve contract with Entertainment Unlimited, for Street Fair bands, in the amount of \$2,000.00; L. Motion to approve contract with Skelly and Loy to provide additional services to present Historical Grant findings at public event, in the amount of \$2,000.00; M. Motion to accept recommendation from Solicitor to authorize listing of Conservatorship property, located at 2708 Broadway Avenue, with Colleen Lehman at an appraised value of \$30,000.00;

N. Motion to set bond for Treasurer at state recommended level; O. Motion to accept recommendation of the Manager to approve contract extension through December 31, 2017 with Teamsters Local #249; P. Motion to accept recommendation of the Engineer authorizing Payment #3 – Final, in the amount of \$3,062.01, Niando Construction, Inc. for 2015 Sewer Repair Contract B Excavation; Q. Motion to accept recommendation of Engineer authorizing Payment #1, in the amount of \$1,147.50 to Remington & Vernick Engineers for Belrose Traffic Calming Study; R. Motion to accept recommendation of Engineer authorizing Payment #3, in the amount of \$6,221.04, to Robinson Pipe Cleaning for 2015 Sewer Repair Project Contact A Spot Line and Grouting; S. Motion to accept recommendation of Dormont volunteer Fire Department to approve appointment of applicant Josh Schumacher). Lehman will abstain on Item M and Maggio is voting no on Item D. Motion carried 7-0.

### **PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCES 1610 & 1611**

McCartney opened the Public Hearing on Ordinances 1610 and 1611.

McVicar explained **Ordinance 1610**, regulating non-storm water discharges to the storm drainage system to comply with National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System.

McVicar explained **Ordinance 1611**, to implement updated Stormwater management controls as required by federal and state regulations.

Seth Davis, 3061 Latonia Ave RE: retaining walls need sediment control when being rebuilt.

McCartney closed the Public Hearing.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Policy to send letters of notification to landlords following disturbances at their properties. Several questions from Council were discussed. Estell, Rushford and the police department will put together a policy to follow.

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

Ron Pardini, 2603 Voelkel Avenue property RE: Jordan Tax delinquent garbage bill.

Diane Moder, Philadelphia Avenue RE: Library funding and their computer lab free use to residents.

Bob McClellan, Philadelphia Avenue RE: potholes, utility holes, Lifespan parking spaces, 911.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Martino, second by Costanzo to adjourn. Motion carried 7-0.