



BOROUGH OF DORMONT

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE DORMONT BOROUGH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2015 7:00PM
IN THE DORMONT MUNICIPAL CENTER COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

Hodson called the meeting to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

The following members of Council responded to roll call:

Robert Palmieri, Jeff Fabus, Drew Lehman, John Maggio, Joan Hodson.

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

ACTING COUNCIL PRESIDENT REPORT

Hodson read a resignation letter from Councilmember's Valerie Martino and Yvonne Costanzo.
Letter Attached.

Motion by Fabus, second by Maggio to accept the resignation of Valerie Martino.

Public Comment: None.

Council Discussion: None.

Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Maggio, second by Lehman to accept the resignation of Yvonne Costanzo.

Public Comment: None.

Council Discussion: None.

Motion carried 5-0.

ACTION ITEMS

Motion by Maggio, second by Lehman to approve Ordinance 1612 Levying an Ad Valorem Real Estate Tax and Fixing the Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2016.

Motion by Lehman, second by Maggio to Amend Section 2 of Ordinance 1612 to correct the Millage to read 9.47 mills.

Public Comment: Michelle Ross, 3251 Beacon Hill Avenue, questioned how this will affect the Public Safety budget.

Council Discussion: Estell explained the budget and police staffing.

Fabus discussed an additional officer and a paid fire chief.

Rushford explained the scenario if no budget was approved by the end of the year.

Estell stated that the Borough Code must be updated to add the hiring of a paid fire chief.

Motion carried 5-0.

Motion by Maggio, second by Lehman to approve Ordinance 1612 Levying an Ad Valorem Real Estate Tax and Fixing the Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2016 (as amended in Section 2 above).

Public Comment: Ann McCartney, 3076 Earlsmere Avenue, raising the millage up one mill.

Council Discussion: Palmieri suggested businesses having a tax to give tax relief for the Borough residents.

Michelle Ross, 3251 Beacon Hill Avenue, line item for meetings and conferences.

Roll call: Lehman, Yes; Hodson, Yes; Fabus, No; Palmieri, No; Maggio, No.

Motion failed 3-2.

Motion by Fabus, second by Lehman to Levy the Ad Valorem Real Estate Tax at 9.59 mills for Fiscal Year 2016.

Public Comment: None.

Council Discussion: The average value of a house in Dormont is \$109,000.00.

Mat Davis, Fire Department member, questions on the department budget and funding for a new fire truck.

Palmieri asked about police hiring mid-way thru the year with the higher millage.

Roll call: Lehman, Yes; Hodson, Yes; Fabus, Yes; Palmieri, Yes; Maggio, No.

Motion carried 4-1.

Estell briefed on the adjustments to the budget.

Motion by Maggio, second by Fabus to approve the Fiscal Year 2016 Budget as developed by the Borough Manager and Council.

Public Comment: None.

Council Discussion: Maggio discussed the Borough's budget and potential deficit.

Roll call: Lehman, Yes; Hodson, Yes; Fabus, Yes; Palmieri, Yes; Maggio, No.

Motion carried 4-1.

Motion by Maggio, second by Lehman to adjourn.

Motion carried 5-0.