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Regular Meeting
January 3, 2017
7:00 PM

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call

Members:

Council President John Maggio

Council Vice President Drew Lehman

Joan Hodson

Jeff Fabus

Kate Abel

Daniele Ventresca

Robert Palmieri

Staff:

Benjamin Estell Borough Manager

Phil Ross Mayor

Mike Bisignani Chief

John Rushford

4. Consent Agenda

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Kate Abel
SECONDER:	Drew Lehman, Council Vice President
AYES:	Maggio, Lehman, Hodson, Fabus, Abel, Ventresca, Palmieri

- a. Warrant List December 2016(Requested by Sherri Pruce, Administration)
- b. Motion to Approve the Engineers Report(Requested by Wayne McVicar, Administration)
- c. Motion to Accept the Zoning Report for December 2016(Requested by Kristin Hullihen, Borough Council)
- d. Motion to Approve the 2017 Dormont Volunteer Fire Department Officer Nominations(Requested by Kristin Hullihen, Borough Council)
- e. Motion to Approve Request for Reserved Accessible Parking Space at 3251 Pinehurst Avenue(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council)

Ventresca asked why they weren't given a copy of the application and the recommendation from the Traffic and Parking Planning Commission.

Estell informed that because there is so much personal information in the application, he no longer will post it to the agenda. Estell stated that he did receive recommendation from the Traffic and Parking Planning Commission.

- f. Motion to Accept the Resignation of Dan Alwine from the Borough of Dormont Planning Commission(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council)
- g. Motion to Accept Recommendation of the Manager to Approve the Reappointment of Seth Davis to the Dormont Vacancy Board for a Term of One (1) Year(Requested by Kristin Hullihen, Borough Council)
- h. Motion to Accept Recommendation of the Manager to Approve the Reappointment of James Kraus to the Planning Commission for a Term of Five (5) Years(Requested by Kristin Hullihen, Borough Council)
- i. Motion to Accept Recommendation of the Manager to Approve the Reappointment of Bethani Diulus to the Recreation Board for a Term of Five (5) Years(Requested by Kristin Hullihen, Borough Council)
- j. Motion to Accept Recommendation of the Manager to Approve the Reappointment of Louise Pitcher to the Shade Tree Commission for a Term of Five (5) Years(Requested by Kristin Hullihen, Borough Council)
- k. Motion to Accept Recommendation of the Manager to Approve the Reappointment of Vickie McGurk to the Solid Waste Management Commission for a Term of Five (5) Years(Requested by Kristin Hullihen, Borough Council)
- l. Motion to Accept Recommendation of the Manager to Appointment Philip McEntee to the Stormwater Authority Board for a Term of Five (5) Years(Requested by Kristin Hullihen, Borough Council)

Fabus asked about the appointment of Philip McEntee to the Stormwater Authority.

Maggio informed that Philip McEntee contacted him about the open position..

Ventresca asked if there were any other applications for the vacancy.

Estell stated that no other applications were submitted.

Hodson asked if the vacancy was posted.

Estell informed that the vacancy was posted.

Fabus briefed on the open positions for the other Committees/Boards.

- m. Motion to Accept Recommendation of the Manager to Approve the Reappointment of Robert Tamburo to the Traffic Parking & Planning Commission for a Term of Five (5) Years(Requested by Kristin Hullihen, Borough Council)
- n. Motion to Accept Recommendation of the Manager to Approve the Reappointment of Pat Cooper to the UCC Board of Appeals for a Term of Three (3) Years(Requested by Kristin Hullihen, Borough Council)

5. Registered Comments from the Public

None.

6. Swearing in of the Fire Cheif and the DVFD Line Officers

Former Fire Chief Jeff Arnold, introduced the City of Pittsburgh's Fire Chief Dayrll Jones and Assistant Chief Tom Cook.

Mayor Ross swore in Fire Chief Mathew Davis.

Mayor Ross swore in the following Line Officers of the DVFD: Captain I Max Schoppen, Captain II Gerry McMahon, Lieutenant I Chuck Arrigo, Lieutenant II Ray Colosimo, Treasurer Dan Stoker and Secretary Chris Carr.

Jeff Arnold introduced the DVFD's former Secretary Joey Schoenfeldt, Line Officer Brad Sabolclik, Fire Apparatus Operator/Desk Officer Jeff Stakich, Former Vice President/Current Line Officer Mike Schoenfeldt and Retired member TJ Conroy.

Jeff Arnold commended the Dormont Police Department for all their help.

- 1. **Motion to:** Motion to Approve Resolution No. 1, 2017, a RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF DORMONT ALLEGHENY COUNTY COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA HONORING ALL THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED AS CHIEF OF THE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Resolution attached.

Lehman congratulated and commended former Fire Chief Jeff Arnold.

Jeff Arnold thanked the Dormont residents for all their support.

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7. Comments from the Mayor

None.

8. Committee Reports

Properties, Supplies and Planning: Fabus briefed on their last committee meeting.

Fabus asked Seth Davis, the Planning Commission Chairman, to give an update.

Planning Commission Chairman Seth Davis, 3062 Latonia Avenue RE: Gave updates and briefed on what the Planning Commission is working on. Informed that the Planning Commission currently has two open seats.

Estell gave a brief update on the Traffic and Parking Planning Commission. Estell informed that they're proposing that they no longer handle the recommendations for the Reserved Accessible Parking spaces. The recommendations would go through the Police Desk and Borough Manager.

Fabus informed that he will be trying to attend all the other board and commission meetings and encourage their members to attend the Council meetings and give updates.

Public Safety/Service: Abel informed the Public Safety/Service Committee and Community Affairs/Recreation Committee will be having a joint meeting on Thursday. The purpose of the joint meeting is to plan for the year ahead.

Abel informed that they received the year-to-date incident participation report from the Fire Department; they went on a total of 349 runs last year.

Chief Bisignani informed that the Police Department responded to 173 calls for service during the month of December. Bisignani also stated that the Police Department responded to 2,751 calls for service for the last year.

Bisignani gave his condolences to Trooper Weaver, a young State Trooper who lost his life at the end of 2016.

Community Affairs/Recreation: Ventresca briefed on some events in December and upcoming events.

Finance and Legal: Nothing at this time.

9. Council President's Report

Maggio briefed on an article in the winter issue of Municipal Reporter in regards to a newly passed legislation act that will affect the Fire Department Volunteers.

Maggio commended Estell on his vision for Potomac Avenue.

10. Borough Manager's Report

Estell informed Council on the upcoming ALOM event.

Estell thanked all the boards and commissions for their leadership and efforts.

Estell thanked the former Fire Chief Jeff Arnold, and the current Fire Chief Mathew Davis, for all their great work. Estell commended the Police Department for all their efforts. Mayor Ross praised Chief Bisignani for all he does as a working Chief.

Estell informed that there are multiple positions coming up for election, including four Council seats, Mayor and the Tax Collector.

Estell briefed on the State Ethics forms that must be completed by anyone in a decision making role with the Borough. Rushford informed that failure to file is a violation of the State Ethics Act.

Estell thanked all those who participated in the Potomac Avenue ribbon cutting ceremony and Council for seeing the project through. Estell briefed on Potomac Avenue, the completion of the project, and the next phase. Estell also thanked the residents and business owners for their patience with this project.

11. Action Items

- a. Motion to Approve Entering into Agreement with Turn Key Tax (Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council)

Abel asked about the risks with signing this agreement and the fee structure.

Lehman gave his input on the program and compared it to the MeterFeeder App.

Palmieri asked how the program works.

Turn Key Taxes employee Mark Shuster RE: Briefed on the program and its benefits.

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- b. Motion to Approve the Memorandum of Understanding for the Parking Garage Project(Requested by Kristin Hullihen, Borough Council)

Abel proposed the motion be tabled until there is a Feasibility Study completed.

Maggio suggested that if Dr. Snyder is in agreement, the MOU shall take effect once the Feasibility Study is completed.

Ventresca asked about new wording in the MOU.

Rushford stated that he can change the wording to clarify that the Borough will not be involved with the retail side of the mixed use project.

Ventresca asked if the Borough will have any additional costs or repercussions if nothing happens within the time frame..

Rushed informed that with the amendment to the MOU, the only obligation the Borough will have is to follow through with the Feasibility Study.

See attached MOU for amendments.

RESULT:	ADOPTED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]
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SECONDER:	Kate Abel
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12. Discussion Items

Ventresca informed that there are people parking illegally on Potomac Avenue.

Estell briefed on the parking stains that will be painted on when the weather cooperates.

Mayor Ross asked about the old Franco's Restaurant and who will be occupying it.

Fabus briefed on the Conservatorship property on Broadway Avenue.

Palmieri inquired about articles in the Borough Newsletter.

- a. Reserved Accessible Parking Application Process(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council)

Estell briefed on a recommendation made by the Traffic and Parking Planning Commission, to no longer be involved with the reserved accessible parking space decisions. Estell gave some options to Council to move forward with the process.

- b. Borough Website Update(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council)

Estell informed that he was contacted by a resident to help with the website design for free of charge. Estell gave some background on the resident volunteering her time. Estell briefed on the process with designing the website.

Council informed that they would like to move forward as quickly as possible with getting the new website completed.

Maggio stated that Estell can move forward in signing a contract with the lowest bidder MIBS.

13. Citizens' Comments

None.

14. Adjournment

The meeting was closed at