



BOROUGH OF DORMONT

1444 Hillsdale Ave.
Pittsburgh, PA, 15216-2019
TEL:(412)561-8900
FAX: (412) 561-7805
www.boro.dormont.pa.us

BOROUGH MANAGER
BENJAMIN ESTELL

MAYOR
PHILROSS

SOLICITOR
CAFARDI FERGUSON WYRICK WEIS +
SOTLER LLC

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL
JOHN MAGGIO, PRESIDENT
DREW LEHMAN, VICE PRESIDENT
KATE ABEL
JEFF FABUS
JOAN HODSON
ROBERT PALMIERI
DANIELE VENTRESCA

**Regular Meeting
February 6, 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:

Phil Ross Mayor

Benjamin Estell Borough Manager

John Rushford

Mike Bisignani Chief

Mat Davis Chief

4. Registered Comments from the Public

- a. Solar City Presentation(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council)

Solar City Employees, Kendall and Gail RE: Presentation on Solar City and what the company offers. Started out in California.

5. Committee Reports

Property, Supplies and Planning: There was no meeting in January because of the holiday. Fabus briefed on a project plan for holiday decorations along West Liberty and Potomac Avenues. Fabus informed that he has been working with Main Street to develop the plan; they provided a diagram.

Fabus briefed on the Traffic and Parking Planning and Planning Commission meetings he attended last month; they are working together on the Comprehensive Plan.

He also attended the Zoning Hearing Board.

Fabus informed that the next Property, Supplies and Planning meeting will be held on February 23 and encouraged the public to attend; members include Joan Hodson and Bob Palmieri.

Public Safety/Service: Abel briefed on some minor changes that her and Fabus are going to make regarding their committee duties and responsibilities.

Fire Chief Davis stated that the applications to fill his former position are due Friday, February 10. Davis informed that for the month of January the DVFD had 24 incidents and 68 man hours of training.

Abel informed that the Public Safety/Service Committee will have another meeting once the applications are closed and the Civil Service Commission meets to review the applications.

Community Affairs/Recreation: Ventresca briefed on prior and future committee meetings; meetings are the 1st Thursday of the month. Ventresca briefed on upcoming

events; April is Autism awareness Month, the committee is trying to schedule an event at the Hollywood Theater.

Finance and Legal: Lehman informed that both the current budget and last years budget are on the website for the public to view at any time.

6. Comments from the Mayor

Mayor Ross introduced and swore in Junior Council Member Haley Orlofske.

7. Council President's Report

Maggio briefed on an article in the South Hills Messenger regarding a Dormont resident, Charles Boone, for attaining Eagle Scout.

He also mentioned that fact that the Dormont does need volunteers for many committees and organizations.

Maggio informed on a bill that the state passed last month regarding Property Tax Reform for Firemen.

8. Borough Manager's Report

Estell briefed on the Agenda and the process; Consent Agenda, Action Items, Public Hearing, Discussion Items, Citizens' Comments and Adjournment.

Estell stated that there was a change to the Motion of Recommendation from the Borough Engineer for the Yearly Sewer Contract from Insight Pipe to Miller Pipetech. Estell informed that there was a calculation error and Insight Pipe was not the lowest bidder. The Motion of Recommendation is now for Miller Pipetech with a total cost of \$46,870.00 coming from the Sewer Fund.

Estell briefed on the recent protesting in the Borough.

Rushford briefed on the recent protesting in the Borough and the 1st Amendment.

Estell briefed on the increase in the garbage bill.

9. Consent Agenda

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

- a. Motion to Approve the Council Meeting Minutes from December 5, 2016(Requested by Vickie McGurk, Borough Council)
- b. Motion to Approve the Council Meeting Minutes from December 19, 2016(Requested by Vickie McGurk, Borough Council)
- c. Motion to Approve the Council Meeting Minutes of Tuesday, January 3, 2017(Requested by Vickie McGurk, Borough Council)
- d. Warrant List December Addendum(Requested by Sherri Pruce, Administration)
- e. Warrant List January 2017(Requested by Sherri Pruce, Administration)
- f. Motion to Approve January 2017 Code Enforcement Report(Requested by Monica Dahlkemper, Administration)
- g. Motion to Approve Manager's Report for December 2016 and January 2017(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council)
- h. Motion to Approve January 2017 Engineer's Report(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council)
- i. Motion to Accept the Police Department Report for December 2016(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council)
- j. Motion to Accept the Police Department Year End Report for 2016(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council)
- k. Motion Solicitor's Report December 5, 2016(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council)
- l. Motion to Accept the Solicitor's Report January 3, 2017(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council)
- m. Motion to Approve Solicitor's Report for January 2017(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council)
- n. Motion to Approve the Fire Department Report November 2016(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council)
- o. Motion to Accept the Fire Department Report December 2016(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council)
- p. Motion to Approve the Fire Department Report January 2017(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council)
- q. Motion to Approve the Zoning Review Report for January 2017(Requested by Vickie McGurk, Borough Council)

- r. Motion to Approve the Purchase of Thirteen (13) Hon 6540 Series Chairs for Use in Council Chambers and Ten (10) Allsteel Mimeo Chairs for Use in the Conference Room from Mt. Lebanon Office Furniture for \$11,000.(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council)
- s. Motion to Approve the Purchase of Eleven (11) Herman Miller Aeron Chairs from Continental Office for \$9,200.(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council)
- t. Motion to Authorize the Borough Manager to Enter into a Lease Agreement for Certain Park Maintenance Equipment with John Deere Credit and Deere & Company(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council)
- u. Motion to Approve the Purchase of a 300 TC Thermal Sprayer from Pittsburgh Spray Equipment Company for \$16,190.(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council)
- v. Motion to Approve the Purchase of a Mauldin MR4000 Series Compact Roller from Groff Tractor at a Price of \$17,900.(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council)
- w. Motion to Accept the Resignation of John Sparvero from the Traffic and Parking Planning Commission(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council)
- x. Motion to Accept the Resignation of Willard McCartney from the Dormont Stormwater Authority(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council)
- y. Motion to Appoint Joshua Haskins to Zoning Hearing Board(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council)
- z. Motion to Appoint Lauren Schmitt to Planning Commission(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council)
- aa. Motion to Appoint Jason Walsh to Planning Commission(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council)
- ab. Motion to Retroactively Approve the Borough Manager's Purchase of Two HVAC Units for the Dormont Municipal Building, Totaling \$18,968(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council)
- ac. Motion to Approve 2017 Sewer Preventive Maintenance Contract(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council)
- ad. Motion to Approve Change Order #1(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council)
- ae. Motion to Approve Quote from Pampena, LLC for \$16,830.00 for Replacement of Pop Murray Wall.(Requested by Wayne McVicar, Administration)
- af. Motion to Accept the Recommendation of the Recreation Director to Set the 2017 Summer Recreation Employee Pay Rates and Hire the Following Individuals: Bridget Curry and Kristin Kaminski.(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council)
- ag. Motion to Approve the Resignation of Chief Mat Davis From, and the Appointment of Deputy Chief Jeff Stakich To, the Position of Emergency Management Coordinator(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council)
- ah. Motion to Approve Entering into Agreement with Walker Parking Consultants to Perform an Econometric Study for the Potomac Avenue Parking Garage Project at a Cost of \$10,000(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council)

10. Action Items

- a. 1272 : Public Hearing for Planning Commission Recommendation - Vespaziani Subdivision(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council)

Estell OPENED the Public Hearing for the Vespaziani Subdivision.

Estell informed that this was advertised as a Public Meeting and was also an advertised meeting for the Planning Commission.

Estell stated that the Vespaziani family is looking to transfer a side yard from property to the side yard of the neighbors property. Estell informed that everything complies with modern zoning regulations and both yards meet the necessary side yard set backs. The administration recommended this to the Planning Commission and the Planning Commission came back with a recommendation for Council.

Estell asked if anyone from the public would like to speak on this public hearing.

Palmieri asked if the Borough was requiring a certified land survey.

Estell informed that the survey was already done.

Estell stated that these plans will need stamped from the Borough Engineer, Planning Commission, the Borough and the County.

Estell CLOSED the Public Hearing.

Motion by Fabus, second by to Approve the Vespaziani Subdivision. Motion carried.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jeff Fabus
SECONDER:	Joan Hodson
AYES:	Maggio, Lehman, Hodson, Fabus, Abel, Ventresca, Palmieri

- b. Motion to Approve Resolution Joining Allegheny County in Its Commitment to Participate in the Welcoming Cities and Counties Project(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Daniele Ventresca
SECONDER:	Kate Abel
AYES:	Maggio, Lehman, Hodson, Fabus, Abel, Ventresca, Palmieri

- c. Motion to Approve a Resolution Affirming the Borough of Dormont's Commitment to Being a Safe, Inclusive, and Welcoming Community for All(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council)

Abel gave a background on the resolution.

Adopted with the following amendments:

Adding the term "political affiliation" to paragraphs three and four.

Dr. Carla Chugani, 1125 Wisconsin Avenue RE: Voiced her support for the resolution.

Tara Pfeifer, 1128 Hillside Avenue RE: Voiced her support for the resolution.

Shirley Vespaziani, 3251 Pinehurst Avenue RE: Thanked Council for everything that they do for the community and for the resolution.

Jolene Johnson, 3232 Pinehurst Avenue RE: Voiced her support for the resolution.

Maggio read a letter from a resident. *Letter attached.*

RESULT:	ADOPTED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jeff Fabus
SECONDER:	Kate Abel
AYES:	Maggio, Lehman, Hodson, Fabus, Abel, Ventresca, Palmieri

- d. Motion to Approve a Resolution Authorizing SHACOG to Coordinate and Administer the Joint Bid for a Contract for Solid Waste Collection and Disposal Services for Member Municipalities(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council)

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Jeff Fabus
SECONDER:	Daniele Ventresca
AYES:	Maggio, Lehman, Hodson, Fabus, Abel, Ventresca, Palmieri

- e. Motion to Amend the 2017 Fee Schedule to Include the Following Under Dormont Dash: Fun Run Early Registration (On or Before May 12, 2017) \$10.00, Fun Run Registration (May 13 - May 27, 2017) \$15.00.(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council)

Ventresca briefed on the Fun Run.

Ventresca informed that the proceeds this year will benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

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

- f. Motion to Approve Rules for Executive Session(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council)

Hodson asked what the specific changes were.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Daniele Ventresca
SECONDER:	Kate Abel
AYES:	Maggio, Lehman, Hodson, Fabus, Abel, Ventresca, Palmieri

11. Citizens' Comments

None.

12. Discussion Items

Fabus informed that DABA will be having their Annual Night at the Races on February 25 at the Recreation Center.

Fabus asked Council to consider having guidelines put in place as to how the Borough gets out information and accepts applications for open boards/committees.

Hodson encouraged the public to join the membership for the Medical Rescue Team South Authority.

13. Adjournment

The meeting was closed at

- a. **Motion to:** Motion to Adjourn.

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