



# BOROUGH OF DORMONT

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ROBERT PALMIERI  
DANIELE VENTRESCA

**Regular Meeting**  
**April 3, 2017**  
**7:00 PM**

## **1. Executive Session**

**a. 6:30 PM for Personnel/Contract Discussion**

## **2. Call to Order**

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

## **3. Pledge of Allegiance**

## **4. 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

Haley Orlofske Junior Councilmember

Benjamin Estell Borough Manager

John Rushford

Mike Bisignani Chief

Mat Davis Chief

## 5. Registered Comments from the Public

- a. Mary Jo Maggio, Steven McCormik and Andrew Bochicchio, Members of the KO Middle School Best Friends Club

Presentated to Ventresca and Council with a Certificate of Appreciation for their support with a fundraiser held at the Hollywood Theater.

Ventresca presented a check to the KO Middle School Best Friends Club for \$892.50.

## 6. Committee Reports

**Public Safety/Service:** Abel informed that there will be a Public Safety/Service Committee meeting on Monday, April 10 at 7:00PM. Abel stated that the DVFD will be having their first open house on April 29th from 11AM-3PM. The DVFD ticket booth is scheduled to open on May 5th.

Chief Bisignani gave an update on the hiring process for the new Police Officer; all test results are in. Bisignani briefed on the drug take back program being held on April 29th at the CVS, located at 3075 West Liberty Avenue; there is a drug take back box located at the Police Department for anyone that cannot attend the event.

Estell briefed on the hiring process with Civil Service Commssion for both the police and fire positions; the police had over 100 applications and the fire had a little over 20 applicants.

Chief Davis informed that desk position is down to one candidate for the fire position and stated that Council will be voting on that motion later in the meeting. Davis informed that the DFVD had 27 incidents and 51 man hours of training for the month of March. Davis informed that the DVFD received their \$15,000.00 State Grant this week and stated that it is being used for equipment.

**Community Affairs/Recreation:** Ventresca briefed on the fundraiser for the KO Middle School Best Friends Club that was held at the Hollywood Theater. She thanked all those who helped.

Ventresca briefed on some upcoming events including the Local Government Week at the schools and the Dormont Dash, .

Ventresca informed that there is a motion on the floor tonight to approve an Early Bird Discount for Dormont resident individual pool passes.

Ventresca stated that the committee meeting is canceled for April and the next one will be held on May 4th at 6:30PM.

Fabus briefed on the upcoming DABA field clean up and Open Day Parade, the Preschool Playdate and the Litter Clean Up.

**Finance and Legal:** Lehman briefed on the last committee meeting.

**Properties, Supplies and Planning:** Fabus informed that he has been requesting board and commission members to attend council meetings and give ideas on expanding their outreach to the residents; they will be putting something in the newsletter also.

Fabus briefed on the last committee meeting; discussion on Passive Park, holiday decorations on West Liberty Avenue, facility tour and the Vacant Commercial Property Ordinance.

Estell briefed on the Vacant Commercial Property Ordinance.

Fabus briefed on a discussion the committee had to put an off leash dog facility in Dormont Park. Fabus stated that the "residents only" sign at the tennis courts has been removed, however they plan to put it back up if there are complaints.

Fabus asked Planning Commission member Seth Davis and Traffic and Parking Planning Commission member Jason Walsh to give updates.

**Planning Commission:** Seth Davis gave an update.

**Traffic & Parking Planning Commission:** Jason Walsh gave an update.

Fabus recognized Jim Hodson for all his years spent on the Traffic & Parking Planning Commission and informed that he is resigning.

## **7. Comments from the Mayor**

Bisignani informed that the Police Department responded to 183 calls for service during the month of March.

## **8. Council President's Report**

Maggio briefed on a paper shredding event being held on Saturday, April 22.

Maggio informed that Dormont Borough was recognized as a Banner Community.

Maggio read an article on Conservatorships and how Dormont was the first community to go through the process. Maggio commended the Borough Solicitor for his help in the Conservatorship.

## **9. Borough Manager's Report**

Estell briefed on working with the boards/commissions to get information out to the public through social media and the Borough newsletter.

Estell gave dates to Council for the Borough facility tour.

Estell briefed on the Borough roads on the list for reconstruction this year.

Estell gave an update on the wall construction at the Dormont Library.

Estell briefed on street sweeping.

Estell informed that there is nothing new on the garbage bid and stated that he will give updates as he receives them; it's a long process.

Estell stated that the Borough Office will be closed on Thursday, April 13th for employee training and Friday, April 14th for the holiday.

Estell gave updates on the on the Glenmore Avenue property Conservatorship and a potential conservatorship property on Park Blvd.

Estell briefed on the Borough's financial reports and audits.

Estell presented some potential tree species for Potomac Avenue. He also discussed shrubs and flower boxes for Potomac Avenue.

## 10. Consent Agenda

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

- a. Motion to Accept the Council Meeting Minutes from March 6, 2017(Requested by Vickie McGurk, Borough Council)
- b. Warrant List March 2017(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council)
- c. Motion to Accept Manager's Report for March 2017(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council)
- d. Motion to Accept Solicitor's Report for March 2017(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council)
- e. Motion to Accept Resignation of James Hodson from Traffic and Parking Planning Commission(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council)
- f. Motion to Appoint Jack Abel to the Traffic and Parking Planning Commission(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council)
- g. Motion to Accept the Recommendation of the Parks Superintendent to Hire the Following Individuals for Seasonal Employment with the Borough of Dormont Parks Department for 2017: Timmy Ali, Ben Morton, Stephen Kelley, Dominic Constantini.(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council)
- h. Authorization to Advertise for Bid the 2017 Road & Alley Resurfacing Project(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council)
- i. Award 2017 Demonstration Project CIPP Lining Contract to Insight Pipe Contracting, LP for the Bid Amount of \$47,741.15.(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council)
- j. Motion to Approve the Purchase of a Marquee Sign for the Recreation Center from Precision Sign & Awning at a Price of \$21,420.33 at the Recommendation of the Parks Supervisor.(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council)
- k. RECOMMENDATION OF AWARD Potomac Ave. Phase I Tree Planting(Requested by Wayne McVicar, Administration)
- l. Motion to Approve Friends of Dormont Pool Temporary Sign Application(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council)

## 11. Action Items

- a. Motion to Approve Conditional Offer of Employment to James Barca for Position of Fire Apparatus/Desk Officer(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council)

Chief Davis introduced James Barca.

Mayor Ross swore in James Barca.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Kate Abel
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Joan Hodson
<b>AYES:</b>	Maggio, Lehman, Hodson, Fabus, Abel, Ventresca, Palmieri

- b. Motion to Approve PROCLAMATION #5, 2017 RECOGNIZING APRIL 2017 AS NATIONAL AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH IN THE BOROUGH OF DORMONT(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council)

Bisignani briefed on Project Lifesaver.

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<b>MOVER:</b>	Daniele Ventresca
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Kate Abel
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- c. Motion to Approve Advertising Ordinance #1621, AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF DORMONT AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 935 CHAPTER 20: FIRE DEPARTMENT TO ADD a SECTION TO REQUIRE ALL INSPECTION REPORTS BE PROVIDED THROUGH a THIRD-PARTY INSPECTION REPORTING SYSTEM, BRYCER, LLC.(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council)

Abel asked about the wording in the Ordinance in regards to the third party.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Kate Abel
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Joan Hodson
<b>AYES:</b>	Maggio, Lehman, Hodson, Fabus, Abel, Ventresca, Palmieri

- d. Motion to Approve Contract with Compliance Engine for Inspection Report Tracking(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council)

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Kate Abel
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Joan Hodson
<b>AYES:</b>	Maggio, Lehman, Hodson, Fabus, Abel, Ventresca, Palmieri

- e. Motion to Amend the 2017 Fee Resolution to Include a \$10.00 Early Bird Discount for Single Pool Passes(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council)

Ventresca informed that the motion is to read "for Dormont residents".

Monique Fontaine, 1454 Alamaba Avenue RE: Expressed her interest for the above motion and asked Council to look into this sooner for next year.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Daniele Ventresca
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## 12. Discussion Items

Rushford gave an update on the Conservatorships in the Borough.

Rushford briefed on the Connor property.

Abel asked if the borough received the parking study back.

Ventresca asked for a website update.

Estell informed that they are just waiting on more photos of the Borough for the website.

Fabus asked for a status on TurnKey Tax.

Estell stated that Mark Schuster from TurnKey Tax informed that the Borough is in good shape and they can't really do much for us.

Kiya with Representative Dan Miller's Office introduced herself.

Ventresca thanked Representative Miller for coming out to the fundraiser for the KO Middle School Best Friends Club.

## 13. Citizens' Comments

Michelle Ross, 3251 Beacon Hill Avenue RE: Trees on Potomac.

Monique Fontaine, 1454 Alabama Avenue RE: Hollywood Theater's 91st Birthday celebration on May 6th.

## 14. Adjournment

The meeting was closed at



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

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