



# BOROUGH OF DORMONT

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BOROUGH MANAGER  
BENJAMIN ESTELL

MAYOR  
JASON WALSH

SOLICITOR  
CAFARDI FERGUSON WYRICK WEIS +  
STOTLER LLC

MEMBERS OF COUNCIL  
KATE ABEL, PRESIDENT  
DANIELE VENTRESCA, VICE PRESIDENT  
JOANNA BOULDIN  
JEFF FABUS  
DREW LEHMAN  
JOHN MAGGIO  
JEN MAZZOCCO

**Regular Meeting**  
**January 2, 2018**  
**7:00 PM**

## 1. Swearing In

Magistrate Blaise Larotonda swore in Jason Walsh as Mayor.

Larotonda swore in Drew Lehman, Jen Mazzocco, Joanna Bouldin, and Jeff Fabus as Members of Council.

## 2. Call to Order

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

## 3. Pledge of Allegiance

## 4. Roll Call

### Members:

President Kate Abel

Vice President Daniele Ventresca

Councilwoman Joanna Bouldin

Councilman Jeff Fabus

Councilman Drew Lehman

Councilman John Maggio

Councilwoman Jen Mazzocco

**Staff:**

Jason Walsh Mayor

Benjamin Estell Borough Manager

Mike Bisignani Chief of Police

Mat Davis Fire Chief

John Rushford Solicitor

**5. Nomination and Election of Council President**

Motion by Abel, second by Fabus to Open the Floor for Nominations for Council President.

1. **Motion to:** Open the Floor for Nominations for Council President

Rushford Asked if there were any Nominations for Council President.

Maggio Nominated Drew Lehman.

Ventresca Nominated Kate Abel.

Motion by Fabus, second by Abel to Close Nominations.

Roll call for Drew Lehman: Abel, No; Bouldin, No; Fabus, No; Lehman, No; Maggio, Yes; Mazzocco, No; Ventresca, No.

Motion Defeated 1-6.

Roll call for Kate Abel: Abel, Yes; Bouldin, Yes; Fabus, Yes; Lehman, No; Maggio, No; Mazzocco, Yes; Ventresca, Yes.

Motion Passed 5-2

Abel and Walsh take their appointed seats.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Kate Abel, President
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Jeff Fabus, Councilman
<b>AYES:</b>	Abel, Ventresca, Bouldin, Fabus, Lehman, Maggio, Mazzocco

2. **Motion to:** Close Nominations for Council President

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Jeff Fabus, Councilman
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Kate Abel, President
<b>AYES:</b>	Abel, Ventresca, Bouldin, Fabus, Lehman, Maggio, Mazzocco

**6. Nomination and Election of Vice President**

1. **Motion to:** Open the Floor for Nominations for Vice President

Abel asked if there were any Nominations for Council Vice President.

Fabus Nominated Daniele Ventresca.

Lehman Nominated Joanna Bouldin.

Abel Made a Motion to Close Nominations.

Roll call for Daniele Ventresca: Bouldin, Yes; Fabus, Yes; Mazzocco, Yes; Abel, Yes; Ventresca, Yes; Lehman, Yes; Maggio, No.

Motion Passes 6-1.

No Roll Call Vote for Joanna Bouldin.

Abel Announces Danielle Ventresca as Council Vice President.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Jeff Fabus, Councilman
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Daniele Ventresca, Vice President
<b>AYES:</b>	Abel, Ventresca, Bouldin, Fabus, Lehman, Maggio, Mazzocco

2. **Motion to:** Close Nominations for Council Vice President

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Jeff Fabus, Councilman
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Daniele Ventresca, Vice President
<b>AYES:</b>	Abel, Ventresca, Bouldin, Fabus, Lehman, Maggio, Mazzocco

**7. Nomination and Election of President Pro Tempore**

1. **Motion to:** Open the Floor for Nominations for President Pro Tempore

Abel asked if there were any Nominations for President Pro Tempore.

Ventresca Nominated Jeff Fabus.

Roll Call: Bouldin, Yes; Fabus, Yes; Mazzocco, Yes; Abel, Yes; Ventresca, Yes; Lehman, No; Maggio, No.

Motion Passes 5-2.

Abel announces Jeff Fabus as President Pro Tempore.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Jeff Fabus, Councilman
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Jen Mazzocco, Councilwoman
<b>AYES:</b>	Abel, Ventresca, Bouldin, Fabus, Lehman, Maggio, Mazzocco

2. **Motion to:** Close Nominations for Council President Pro Tempore

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Daniele Ventresca, Vice President
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Jen Mazzocco, Councilwoman
<b>AYES:</b>	Abel, Ventresca, Bouldin, Fabus, Lehman, Maggio, Mazzocco

**8. Approval of SHACOG Representative and Alternate**

1. **Motion to:** Approve Council President's Nominees for SHACOG Representative

Abel announced Jeff Fabus as SHACOG Representative.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [5 TO 2]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Kate Abel, President
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Joanna Bouldin, Councilwoman
<b>AYES:</b>	Abel, Ventresca, Bouldin, Fabus, Mazzocco
<b>NAYS:</b>	Drew Lehman, John Maggio

2. **Motion to:** Approve Council President's Nominees for SHACOG Alternate

Abel asked who would like to be the Alternate SHACOG Representative.

Abel announced Ventresca as the alternate.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [6 TO 1]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Kate Abel, President
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Jen Mazzocco, Councilwoman
<b>AYES:</b>	Abel, Ventresca, Bouldin, Fabus, Lehman, Mazzocco
<b>NAYS:</b>	John Maggio

3. **Motion to:** Appoint Ben Estell as the Borough Secretary

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Kate Abel, President
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Jeff Fabus, Councilman
<b>AYES:</b>	Abel, Ventresca, Bouldin, Fabus, Lehman, Maggio, Mazzocco

**9. Registered Comments from the Public**

None.

**10. Comments from the Mayor**

Chief Bisignani informed that the Police Department responded to 170 calls for December and 2,286 calls total for 2017. Approximately 234 reported crimes in 2017; down from 287 from 2016 (preliminary numbers).

Chief Davis informed that the Fire Department responded to 51 incidents for December and 354 calls total for 2017. Chief Davis commends his career staff for their hard work with installing 90 smoke detectors affecting 60 residences since October 1st.

**11. President's Report**

Abel assigned Committees:

Finance and Legal will be chaired by Fabus; Members Lehman and Ventresca.

Recreation and Community Affairs will be chaired by Ventresca; Members Maggio and Bouldin.

Public Safety and Building and Code Enforcement will be chaired by Mazzocco; Members Ventresca and Maggio.

Property, Supplies and Public Works will be chaired by Maggio; Members Fabus and Mazzocco.

Planning, Sustainability and Inclusion will be chaired by Bouldin; Members Fabus and Lehman.

Business District Relations and Development will be chaired by Lehman; Members Bouldin and Mazzocco.

Executive Committee will be chaired by Abel; Members Ventresca and Fabus.

Mazzocco mentioned the Public Safety Forum is postponed until February 19th at 7pm.

Abel announced the new dates for meetings.

First Monday is the Council Voting Meeting.

Second Monday will be the Recreation and Community Affairs Committee at 6:00 pm, Recreation Board at 7:00 pm.

Third Monday Traffic and Parking Planning Commission at 6:00 pm, Public Safety and Building and Code Enforcement Committee at 7:00 pm.

Last Monday the Council Agenda Meeting.

First Tuesday will be open in case the council meeting needs to move for a Monday Holiday; or Zoning or Civil Service meeting. There will be a Civil Service Commission meeting tomorrow, Wednesday, January 3, 2018.

Second Tuesday will be Business District Relations and Development at 6:00 pm, Finance and Legal at 7:00 pm.

Third Tuesday will be Planning, Sustainability and Inclusion at 6:00 pm, Planning Commission at 7:00 pm.

Last Tuesday Property, Supplies and Public Works at 7:00 pm.

The Borough Offices are open on Mondays 8:30 am to 8:00 pm, on a trial basis.

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

Estell added an Executive Session to the Agenda Item #14, Personnel, was able to finish the Police Contract with the Dormont Police Commission.

The borough will continue contract negotiations with the Teamsters Union; the union changed bargaining representatives and that has delayed the process.

Estell mentioned the Borough Engineer wanted to point out Item U on the Consent Agenda Reconstruction of Potomac Avenue is to the good.

Estell thanked everyone involved in the Hanukkah Event; there was a great turn out.

### 13. Consent Agenda

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [6 TO 1]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Daniele Ventresca, Vice President
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Jeff Fabus, Councilman
<b>AYES:</b>	Abel, Ventresca, Bouldin, Fabus, Maggio, Mazzocco
<b>NAYS:</b>	Drew Lehman

- a. Motion to Approve Minutes for December 4, 2017 Council Meeting(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council)

Maggio commented on his statements from the December meeting.

- b. Warrant List December 2017(Requested by Sherri Pruce, Administration)
- c. Motion to Approve Manager's Report for December 2017(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council)
- d. Engineer's Report(Requested by Wayne McVicar, Administration)
- e. Motion to Accept the Fire Department Report for November 2017(Requested by Vickie McGurk, Borough Council)
- f. Motion to Approve the Police Report for November 2017(Requested by Vickie McGurk, Borough Council)
- g. Motion to Accept the December 2017 Zoning Report(Requested by Kristin Hullihen, Borough Council)
- h. Motion to Accept the Retirement of Officer Ralf Zawischa Effective February 1, 2021.(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council)
- i. Motion to Approve the 2018 Election Results for Dormont Volunteer Fire Department(Requested by Kristin Hullihen, Borough Council)
- j. Motion to Hire Bethany Bachman as Community Events and Communications Coordinator(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council)
- k. Motion to Accept the Resignation of Jason Walsh from the Traffic and Parking Planning Commission(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council)
- l. Motion to Accept Resignation of Jason Walsh from the Planning Commission(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council)
- m. Motion to Re-Appoint Kim Palmer to Recreation Board(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council)
- n. Motion to Re-Appoint John Abel, Jr. to Traffic and Parking Planning Commission(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council)

Abel abstained, John Abel is her father.

- o. Motion to Re-Appoint Janine Wenzig to Zoning Hearing Board(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council)
- p. Motion to Re-Appoint Dee Krugh to Shade Tree Commission(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council)
- q. Motion to Re-Appoint Mary Cothran to Civil Service Commission(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council)
- r. Motion to Re-Appoint Gary Klimowicz to Stormwater Authority(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council)
- s. Motion to Re-Appoint Seth Davis to Vacancy Board(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council)
- t. Motion to Appoint John Abel, Jr. as Alternate for Civil Service Commission(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council)

Abel abstained.



- u. Reconstruction of Potomac Avenue Change Order #1(Requested by Wayne McVicar, Administration)

**14. Action Items**

- a. Motion to Approve Employment Agreement for Borough Manager Benjamin Estell(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council)

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Daniele Ventresca, Vice President
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Jeff Fabus, Councilman
<b>AYES:</b>	Abel, Ventresca, Bouldin, Fabus, Lehman, Maggio, Mazzocco

- b. 2018-22 : Resolution 1, 2018 Fee Resolution(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council)

Estell gave a brief description of the Resolution. The garbage bill has been lowered by \$5.00 and available for quarterly payments.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED AS AMENDED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Jeff Fabus, Councilman
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Daniele Ventresca, Vice President
<b>AYES:</b>	Abel, Ventresca, Bouldin, Fabus, Lehman, Maggio, Mazzocco

- c. **Motion to:** Motion to Accept the Changes as Noted

Residential: \$50

Commercial: \$100

Sign Permit: \$100

Temporary Sign: \$10

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Jeff Fabus, Councilman
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Daniele Ventresca, Vice President
<b>AYES:</b>	Abel, Ventresca, Bouldin, Fabus, Lehman, Maggio, Mazzocco

- d. Motion to Approve Resolution 2, 2018, a RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF DORMONT ESTABLISHING RATES OF PAY and BENEFITS FOR NON-UNION BOROUGH OF DORMONT EMPLOYEES FOR THE YEAR 2018.(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council)

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Joanna Bouldin, Councilwoman
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Jeff Fabus, Councilman
<b>AYES:</b>	Abel, Ventresca, Bouldin, Fabus, Lehman, Maggio, Mazzocco

- e. 1592 : Resolution 3, 2018(Requested by Wayne McVicar, Administration)

Estell elaborated on the Resolution for the Three Rivers Wet Weather Working Group for the Regional Source Reduction Study for ALCOSAN.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Joanna Bouldin, Councilwoman
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Daniele Ventresca, Vice President
<b>AYES:</b>	Abel, Ventresca, Bouldin, Fabus, Lehman, Maggio, Mazzocco

## 15. Discussion Items

Abel stated that the Executive Session will be after Citizens' Comments.

- a. Comments from Councilman Maggio(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council)

Maggio discussed the actions of Council Members Abel, Ventresca, and Fabus at the Council Meetings in June and July of 2017, along with Mayor Ross.

Lehman elaborated on the actions of the Council Members in the meetings.

Abel stated there are a number of members here who would like to move Dormont in a good direction.

## 16. Citizens' Comments

Lindsay McElroy, Manager at Hollywood Lanes RE: Fashion Show January 20th at 7:00 pm for the Children's Hospital; invited all of council to the show.

James Houk, 1302 Bellaire Place, Hollywood Lanes Fashion Show Coordinator RE: Fashion Show.

Representative from Dan Miller's office RE: Congratulations to Joanna Bouldin and Mayor Walsh.

Richard McGann, Board of Trust for Hollywood Lanes RE: Fashion Show and Interpreter Expense Responsibility.

Abel stated that Council will break for an Executive Session regarding the Police Contract.

### 17. Executive Session-Personnel

1. **Motion to:** Approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the Borough of Dormont and the Dormont Police Association Covering the Years January 1, 2018 thru December 31, 2021.

Fabus abstained, brother in law is on the Police Force.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [6 TO 0]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Joanna Bouldin, Councilwoman
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Drew Lehman, Councilman
<b>AYES:</b>	Abel, Ventresca, Bouldin, Lehman, Maggio, Mazzocco
<b>ABSTAIN:</b>	Jeff Fabus

### 18. Adjournment

The meeting was closed at

- a. **Motion to:** Adjourn

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Jeff Fabus, Councilman
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Jen Mazzocco, Councilwoman
<b>AYES:</b>	Abel, Ventresca, Bouldin, Fabus, Lehman, Maggio, Mazzocco