



# BOROUGH OF DORMONT

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JOAN HODSON  
ROBERT PALMIERI  
DANIELE VENTRESCA

**Regular Meeting**  
**March 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:

Benjamin Estell Borough Manager

John Rushford

Mike Bisignani Chief

Phil Ross Mayor

Haley Orlofske Junior Councilmember

#### 4. Registered Comments from the Public

##### a. Public Speakers

Fred Schoenefeldt RE: Dirt dumped by a neighbor, within the right of way behind his parents house at 934 Albern Avenue.

Rushford informed that he investigated this case before the court hearing and came to the conclusion that the situation was rectified. Rushed stated that both the Borough Engineer and Building Official/Code Enforcement Officer informed him that the property had been abated.

Palmieri gave his opinion on this discussion.

Chuck Veri, 932 Albern Avenue RE: Borough of Dormont Codes in regards to the dirt dumped within the right of way behind his address. Stated that he contacted his home owners to report this.

1. Fred Schoenefeldt
2. Charles Veri

#### 5. Committee Reports

**Property, Supplies and Planning:** Fabus informed that his committee did not meet during the month of February. Fabus stated the committee will meet this month to discuss holiday decorations for West Liberty and Potomac Avenues. Fabus briefed on a parking survey that the Traffic and Parking Planning Commission is currently conducting.

**Public Safety/Service:** Abel briefed on Public Safety Day that will be held on October 7th in the Dormont pool parking lot. Abel informed that the DVFD will be participating again this year in the Sportsman's Bash. The DVFD will be holding an Open House on April 29th from 11:00 AM until 3:00 PM. The DVFD car raffle begins May 5th. Abel encouraged the public to Volunteer to help staff the raffle stand.

Chief Bisignani informed that the Police Department responded to 172 calls of service during the month of February. Bisignani stated that on April 29th the Police Department

will be participating in the annual drug take back program, held at the CVS on West Liberty Avenue. Bisignani informed that there is also a drug take back box in the Police Department lobby for drug disposal. Bisignani briefed on the open Police Officer position and the hiring process.

Chief Davis stated that during the month of February the DVFD had 21 incidents and 64 hours of training. Davis briefed on the open Fire Apparatus Operator/Desk Officer position and the hiring process.

**Community Affairs/Recreation:** Ventresca informed that the Street Fair has been moved up a week to Saturday, September 30th. Ventresca briefed on the Dormont Dash and registration. Ventresca briefed on an upcoming fundraiser event at the Hollywood Theater on April 2nd and encouraged the public to volunteer for this event. Ventresca informed that the Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, April 8th from 8:00AM - 12:00PM at the Thomas Lloyd Recreation Center; the rain date is Saturday, April 15th. Ventresca stated that the Recreation Board is looking for volunteers for the Easter Egg Hunt and asked Council if they would be willing to donate the water for that event. The litter clean up will be on Saturday, April 22nd. Dormont Day volunteers are needed. Next meeting ins March 30 at 6:30PM.

**Finance and Legal:** Lehman stated that the next committee meeting will be on Wednesday, March 15 at 7:00PM. Lehman briefed on the audit.

## **6. Comments from the Mayor**

Bisignani commended the Street Department for all their hard work in helping to clean and paint the holding cells in the Police Department.

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

Maggio briefed on an upcoming Disability/Mental Health Summit held by our State Representative Dan Miller.

Maggio presented some photos from a recent skating party in a neighborhood in Etna and briefed on the event.

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

Estell briefed on the CMU Study that the Borough was awarded to help organize the business community, to examine the Borough's side of the relationship with the businesses and how to tie those two together. Estell informed that the Borough was not awarded a LGA funded Intern, however we can still participate in the program.

Estell gave an update on the new website.

Estell briefed on the garbage contract bidding process with SHACOG.

Estell briefed on the Turn Key project and Tenant Registration.

Fabus asked about the road resurfacing for this year. Estell gave an update on the road resurfacing.

## 9. Consent Agenda

- a. Warrant List February 2017(Requested by Sherri Pruce, Administration)
- b. Motion to Accept February 2017 Minutes(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council) **Adopted**
- c. Fire Department Report for February 2017(Requested by Vickie McGurk, Borough Council) **Adopted**
- d. Motion to Accept February 2017 Code Enforcement Report(Requested by Monica Dahlkemper, Administration)
- e. Police Department Monthly Report for February 2017(Requested by Vickie McGurk, Borough Council) **Adopted**
- f. Motion to Approve the February 2017 Zoning Report(Requested by Kristin Hullihen, Borough Council) **Adopted**
- g. Engineer's Report – March 2017(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council) **Adopted**
- h. Motion to Approve Manager's Report for February 2017(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council) **Adopted**
- i. Motion to Approve Purchase and Financing of Fire Chief Vehicle and Equipment for \$40,100 from Woltz and Wind Ford(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council) **Adopted**
- j. Motion to Approve Purchase and Financing of Public Works Pickup Truck and Equipment for \$38,525 from Woltz and Wind Ford(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council) **Adopted**
- k. Motion to Approve Purchase and Financing of Police Cruiser and Equipment for \$43,000 from Woltz and Wind Ford(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council) **Adopted**
- l. Motion to Approve Purchase of 2018 7300 SFA 4X4 and Snow Plowing Equipment from Hill International Trucks NA LLC at a Cost of \$137,695.16 Under COSTARS Contract(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council) **Adopted**
- m. Approval of Tree Grate Quote(Requested by Abbey Hoetzlein, Administration) **Adopted**
- n. Motion to Approve the Zambelli Fireworks 3 Year Contract for Dormont Day.(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council) **Adopted**
- o. Motion to Approve the Fuzion Entertainment Contract for the Dormont Day Bands(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council) **Adopted**
- p. Recommendation of Award(Requested by Wayne McVicar, Administration) **Adopted**
- q. Motion to Appoint Amanda Hausman to the Traffic and Parking Planning Commission(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council) **Adopted**
- r. Motion to Approve Hiring of Jordan Zang for Summer Employment with the Parks Department(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council) **Adopted**
- s. Motion to Authorize the Manager to Advertise for Bids for Potomac Avenue Phase II Construction(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council) **Adopted**

- t. Motion to Authorize the Solicitor to File a Petition for Conservatorship Appointing Benjamin Estell Conservator for 2850 Glenmore Avenue(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council) **Adopted**

**10. Action Items**

- a. Motion to Approve the Jeff Ellis Management, LLC Services Agreement for 2017(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council) **Adopted**
- b. Motion to Approve Proclamation #2, 2017(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council) **Adopted**
- c. Motion to Approve Proclamation #3, 2017(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council) **Adopted**
- d. **Motion to:** 2017-76 Senator Wayne D. Fontana Proclamation**Adopted**
- e. 2017-77 : Cigarette Litter Resolution(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council) **Adopted**
- f. Motion to Appoint Rhiannon Haller to the Stormwater Authority(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council) **Adopted**
- g. Motion to Appoint Matthew Hamilton to the Stormwater Authority(Requested by Benjamin Estell, Borough Council) **Withdrawn**

**11. Discussion Items**

None.

**12. Citizens' Comments**

None.

**13. Adjournment**

The meeting was closed at

**14. Communications**

**A. General**

- 1. Letter from Councilman Palmieri to Friends of Dormont Pool