

**BOROUGH OF DUNCANNON
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
December 22, 2015**

Members Present: President Duane Hammaker, Frank Eppley, Michael Bomberger, Kraig Nace, Fred Lauster, Roger Williams, Gerald Bell, and Mayor Jack Conrad

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Solicitor – Susan Smith, Borough Manager – Lynn Roche

Citizens Present: Kathy Smith, Dennis Hocker, & Deb Bomberger

President Hammaker opened the meeting at 6:00PM on December 22, 2015 with a moment of silence followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

Ordinance Amending Chapter 225 Zoning of the Code of the Borough of Duncannon, Perry County, Pennsylvania – The zoning amendment to include under Article VI-Residential-Single Family District-Permitted uses to add Historic Preservation Society. President Hammaker re-opened the hearing regarding Chapter 225 for public comment at 6:02PM. Solicitor Smith stated that the public comment was re-opened for the purpose of receiving the comments of the Perry County Planning Commission on this issue. The County held the position that the proposed use was already covered under the use of clubs and fraternal organizations. Solicitor Smith believes that the term is not defined in the ordinance and the definition of club or Fraternal Organization does not fit a Historical Society. Therefore it is more appropriate to set a specific use that would cover the Historic Society rather than assume that in the future it would be interpreted similarly. President Hammaker asked if there was any further public comment. Hearing none, the hearing was closed at 6:04PM.

Lauster/Bell – Motion to adopt and amend Chapter 225 zoning to include article 6 Residential Single-Family District, Section 225-2 to permit the addition of Historical Preservation Society – **PASSED**

Solicitor Smith added that the comments provided by the county contained a reference to a zoning provision that is not in the Duncannon Ordinance. They had referenced section C8 Article 5. She feels they meant to reference Article 6 sub-part H.

2016 Budget – Mr. Bomberger stated that since the last meeting, he has gotten word from the borough's insurance carrier that the rate for 2016 will drop significantly. There will be a sizeable decrease in workman's comp due to the fact that it has been three years since the last workman's comp claim.

Bomberger/ Bell – Motion to adopt the 2016 budget. – **PASSED**, Mr. Nace opposed.

2016 Tax Rate – the Tax rate needs to be set and advertised for public hearing. The rate will need to then be set by ordinance. Boroughs are the only type of government that set the tax rate by ordinance, all others set by resolution. The hearing must be advertised with at least seven days

notice. Mr. Hammaker deferred to Mr. Nace, Mr. Williams, and Mr. Eppley as returning council members. They would like the hearing set for January fourth at the reorganizational meeting. Mayor Conrad asked if the new Council should be sworn in before the hearing. Solicitor Smith said they should be sworn in before the hearing and can be sworn in at any time prior. The time for the re-organizational meeting will be advertised for 7:00PM on January 4, 2015. The hearing will be set for 7:30PM on January 4, 2015.

Bomberger/Bell – Motion to report the Tax Rate for 2016 at 3.1 mills, to be adopted by ordinance. – **PASSED**

Mr. Hammaker stated that it has been a pleasure serving Duncannon and returned his key to the building to Manager Roche.

Adjournment – **Williams/Bell** – Motion to adjourn at 6:13PM on December 22, 2015. - **PASSED**

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Bauer
Duncannon Borough Secretary

APPROVED