

HATFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
December 21, 2016

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:

- (X) John H. Weierman, President
  - (X) Kenneth V. Farrall
  - (X) Stephen E. Keib
  - (X) John Kroesser
  - (X) Lawrence G. Stevens
- (X) Mayor, Robert L. Kaler III

The record shows that five members of Council were present at roll call, as well as, Mayor Robert L Kaler III, Solicitor Catherine M. Harper; Timoney Knox LLP, Borough Manager Michael J. DeFinis and Treasurer Diane Farrall.

1. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA:

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Farrall to Approve the Regular Meeting Agenda of December 21, 2016 with additions. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Keib and unanimously approved with a vote of 5-0.

2. Hatfield Volunteer Fire Company Sign Presentation (located in the Fire Co. Meeting Room: still open to the public)

Bill Seasholtz from the Hatfield Vol. Fire Company presented their preliminary plan for the replacement sign outside of the Fire Co. Mr. Seasholtz stated that they are looking to replace the current sign with an electronic LED sign within the next year. Mr. Seasholtz showed examples of similar signs at Fire Co.s in the area and explained the reasoning behind the wanted sign change. Mr. Seasholtz stated that the primary use would be to recruit new volunteers into the company but he stated they would be advertising all events as well as municipal events on the sign.

Mr. Seasholtz went through the current sign and the proposed sign ideas with Borough Council.

President Weierman mentioned the sign ordinance in the Borough to Mr. Seasholtz who stated he has reviewed it to an extent.

A discussion took place the size and setbacks for the sign.

Councilmember Farrall mentioned a proposed sign in past years and the concern of it running all night in the residential areas. Mr. Seasholtz stated the Fire Co. is proposing a 75% reduction in light after midnight with no flashing and scrolling.

A discussion ensued among Council about the regulations and sign proposal and traffic conditions along with sign changes.

Mr. Seasholtz was thanked for the presentation and Council directed him to work with staff on the procedure for obtaining approval for the sign.

3. Public Hearing Regarding Ordinance No. 523 Amending the Code of Ordinances of the Borough of Hatfield Dealing with Solar Equipment, Satellite Dishes and Impervious Surface Limitations.

President Weierman opened the Public Hearing regarding Ordinance No. 523 and turned the floor over to the Borough Solicitor Catherine Harper.

Official Court Reporter Minutes for this Public Hearing can be requested at the Hatfield Borough Office.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Motion to Approve the Minutes of the November 2, 2016 Workshop Meeting and the November 16, 2016 Regular Meeting.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Keib to Approve the Minutes of the November 2, 2016 Workshop Meeting and the November 16, 2016 Regular Meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Farrall and unanimously approved with a vote of 5-0.

5. PUBLIC INPUT: President Weierman asked if there was any Public Input.  
No Public Input.  
Media Not Present.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Manager DeFinis made the following announcements:

- Next month's Council Meetings January 4, 2017 Workshop & January 18, 2017 Regular Meetings 7:30PM at the HVFC

- The Planning Commission is scheduled to meet Tuesday, January 3, 2017 @ 7:00PM at the HVFC
- The Borough Office will be closed Friday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> and Monday, December 26<sup>th</sup> in Observance of the Christmas Holiday. The Borough Offices will be closed Friday, December 30<sup>th</sup> and Monday, January 2, 2017 in Observance of the New Year Holiday.

## 7. OLD BUSINESS:

### A. Ordinance No. 527 Regulating Portable Storage Units Discussion

Solicitor Harper stated that she added all the suggestions into the Ordinance and they can be seen in red on the copy in your packets. Solicitor Harper added that the changes were allowance by permit and lengthens the time someone can have the Portable Storage Units and that someone can only have one located on a public street for a maximum of seven days.

A discussion ensued amongst Borough Council about the Ordinance and it is stated for advertisement later this meeting as an action item.

### B. Code Enforcement RFP Discussion

Councilmember Farrall stated that the Planning, Building and Zoning Committee asked for RFP's to be sent out for new services. Councilmember Farrall stated they received three responses and felt that Code Inspections Inc. was the appropriate fit for the Borough at this time.

A discussion ensued amongst Council regarding Code Inspections Inc. and their availability to service the Borough.

### C. Bursich Recommendation Letter for C&R Outdoor Payment Application No. 1 Request

President Weierman stated that this is for the Centennial Park sanitary sewer rehabilitation work.

### D. Clerk of the Works for the Borough of Hatfield Municipal Complex RFP Discussion

Councilmember Farrall stated that RFP's were sent out regarding this project and D. Glenn Snyder's proposal for the work is recommended by the Planning, Building and Zoning Committee due to his expertise, qualifications, and rate.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

9. ACTION ITEMS:

A. Motion to Adopt Ordinance No. 523 Dealing with Solar Equipment, Satellite Dishes and Impervious Surface Limitations.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Farrall to Adopt Ordinance No. 523 Dealing with Solar Equipment, Satellite Dishes and Impervious Surface Limitations. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Keib.

President Weierman asked if there were any comments or questions.

President Weierman asked about the contract and Solicitor Harper addressed the issue.

The motion was approved unanimously with a vote of 5-0.

B. Motion to Set Hearing Date and Advertise Ordinance No. 527 Regulating Public Storage Units for the January 18, 2017 Regular Meeting

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Farrall to Set Hearing Date and Advertise Ordinance No. 527 Regulating Public Storage Units for the January 18, 2017 Regular Meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kroesser.

President Weierman asked if there were any comments or questions. There were no comments or questions.

The motion was approved unanimously with a vote of 5-0.

C. Motion to Appoint CII (CODE INSPECTIONS, Inc.) as the Borough of Hatfield Fire Marshal, Fire Safety Inspector, Zoning Officer, Building Code Officer & Inspector and Property Maintenance Officer

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Farrall to Appoint CII (CODE INSPECTIONS, Inc.) as the Borough of Hatfield Fire Marshal, Fire Safety Inspector, Zoning Officer, Building Code Officer & Inspector and Property Maintenance Officer. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Keib.

President Weierman asked if there were any comments or questions. There were no comments or questions.

The motion was approved unanimously with a vote of 5-0.

D. Motion to Approve Payment Application No. 1 to C&R Outdoor Services for the Centennial Park Sewer Rehabilitation Project in the amount of \$37,519.65 (Thirty Seven Thousand Five Hundred Nineteen Dollars & Sixty Five Cents)

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Farrall to Approve Payment Application No. 1 to C&R Outdoor Services for the Centennial Park Sewer Rehabilitation Project in the amount of \$37,519.65 (Thirty Seven Thousand Five Hundred Nineteen Dollars & Sixty Five Cents). The motion was seconded by Councilmember Keib.

President Weierman asked if there were any comments or questions. There were no comments or questions.

The motion was approved unanimously with a vote of 5-0.

E. Motion to Appoint D. Glenn Snyder as Clerk of the Works for the Borough of Hatfield Municipal Complex Construction Project

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Farrall to Appoint D. Glenn Snyder as Clerk of the Works for the Borough of Hatfield Municipal Complex Construction Project. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Stevens.

President Weierman asked if there were any comments or questions. There were no comments or questions.

The motion was approved unanimously with a vote of 5-0.

10. MOTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF THE BILLS:

President Weierman and Manager DeFinis reviewed and answered questions regarding the bill list.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Farrall to approve payment of the bills. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Stevens.

President Weierman asked if there were any comments or questions. There were no comments or questions.

The motion was approved with a vote of 4-0-1. Councilmember Farrall abstained from the vote.

11. MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Kroesser to adjourn the Regular Meeting of December 21, 2016. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Farrall and unanimously approved with a vote of 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:32PM.

*Executive Session Litigation and Personnel*

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jaime E. Snyder  
Assistant Secretary