

HATFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
October 21, 2020

MINUTES

THIS MEETING WAS HELD ON ZOOM WITH THE PUBLIC
AVAILABLE BY ZOOM AUDIO

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:

- (X) John H. Weierman, President
 - (X) John Kroesser, Vice President
 - (X) Salvatore DiLisio Jr.
 - (X) Jason Ferguson
 - (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, Assistant Manager Jaime E. Snyder and Treasurer Diane A. Farrall.

1. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA:

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Kroesser to Approve the Regular Meeting Agenda of October 21, 2020. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ferguson and unanimously approved with a vote of 5-0.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Motion to Approve the Minutes of the Minutes of the September 2, 2020 Workshop & September 16, 2020 Regular Meetings

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Ferguson to Approve the Minutes of the September 2, 2020 Workshop & September 16, 2020 Regular Meetings. The motion was seconded by Councilmember DiLisio and unanimously approved with a vote of 5-0.

3. PUBLIC INPUT: President Weierman asked if there was any Public Input. The Public was allowed to comment from Zoom audio during this time. No Media Present.

Owen Wilcox, 32 E. School Street, addressed Borough Council and spoke about the need for transparency. Mr. Wilcox stressed that he would like to be able to join the Zoom Meetings via the video option and not just by audio and that recordings are placed on the website. Mr. Wilcox also stated that he believed the website could be organized a little better to make information easier to find and the addition of Borough Council contacts and Committee information along with email addresses would make for better transparency and the ability to contact Council outside of the meeting setting.

President Weierman stated that Council can look into recording meetings and posting them to the website.

Councilmember Stevens added that he agreed that the website could be updated for easier accessibility.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Manager DeFinis made the following announcements:

- Hatfield Chamber of Commerce will hold a ZOOM Meeting Program Monday, October 26th at Noon
- ZHB is scheduled to meet on October 29th at 7:00PM via ZOOM
- Movie Night in the Park October 29th at 6:00PM Halloween Theme
- Planning Commission is scheduled to meet on November 2, 2020 via ZOOM
- Borough Council Meetings Workshop November 4, 2020 & Regular Meeting November 18, 2020
- The Borough Office will be Closed Wednesday November 11th in Honor of Veterans Day
- HMHS is Scheduled to Meet Tuesday, November 24th via FACEBOOK
- The Borough Office will be Closed Thursday & Friday November 26th & 27th for the Thanksgiving Holiday

5. STANDING REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRS AND MAYOR:

Councilmember Ferguson stated that an updated five-year road plan and projects list was included in the packets and that the Public Works Committee would like feedback on this list and items in the budget. Councilmember Ferguson added to please let himself or Councilmember Stevens know of any adjustments or cuts you feel should be addressed.

Manager DeFinis highlighted the items on the lists such as the ADA Curb Ramp Projects, Road Paving Projects, Stormwater and Storm Sewer Projects.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Meeting with AMP President / CEO Jolene Thompson

Manager DeFinis stated that Jaime and I talked with Jolene Thompson President / CEO of AMP for an hour regarding our partnership with AMP. Manager DeFinis stated that this conversation was very productive and President Weierman added that he was happy that she would take time to have conversations with municipal partners.

7. OLD BUSINESS:

8. 2021 BUDGET REVIEW:

President Weierman stated at this point you are not seeing anything approaching the final version of the budget and the BF&L Committee has spent some significant time going over this budget and the General Fund. President Weierman added that any Committee Chair that sees anything in any line item that they want reviewed and addressed should contact the BF&L Committee. President Weierman added that the Capital Projects Fund, needs specific attention as this is where the majority of the Grant Projects are located. President Weierman stated that this budget needs to be looked at hard over the next few weeks and decisions and adjustments will need to be made as we are still looking at a projected approval date of the Workshop Meeting in December.

9. ACTION ITEMS: (the public was taken off mute for any comments)

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 Kroesser to approve payment of the bills. The motion was Councilmember Ferguson.

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.

11. MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Kroesser to adjourn the Regular Meeting October 21, 2020. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ferguson

and unanimously approved with a vote of 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:12PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jaime E. Snyder
Assistant Manager