

HATFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
November 16, 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 Assistant Secretary Jaime E. Snyder.

1. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA:

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

2. KCBA Municipal Complex Presentation

Mark Buckelew, KCBA Architects presented to Borough Council the color scheme and suggested materials for the outside and inside of the new municipal complex. Mr. Buckelew stated that he met with staff members last week to get some preliminary ideas for the colors and materials which he presented in his presentation to Council.

Also discussed in the presentation was the layout of the space for the mechanical room including outside access, window coverings, electronic usage and glass materials.

Councilmember Farrall mentioned that the PBZ Committee met and agreed that the Borough should utilize the space in the mechanical room on the first floor, leaving more future space available on the second floor.

A discussion ensued amongst Council about the design and layout of the new municipal complex.

President Weierman Thanked Mr. Buckelew for his presentation and all of his work on this project.

3. Public Hearing Regarding Ordinance No. 525 Amending the Code of Ordinances of the Borough of Hatfield Fixing the Real Estate Tax Rate for the Year 2017.

Ordinance 525
PROCEEDINGS

PRESIDENT JOHN WEIERMAN: We now have a public hearing regarding Ordinance No. 525 Amending the Code of Ordinances of the Borough of Hatfield Fixing the Real Estate Tax Rate for the Year 2017.

SOLICITOR HARPER: At this time I would like to call the public hearing to order.

SOLICITOR HARPER: There are a few exhibits to mark. Exhibit B1 proof that the Ordinance and hearing were advertised in the North Penn Reporter. Exhibit B2 is a copy of Ordinance No. 525 Amending the Code of Ordinances of the Borough of Hatfield Fixing the Real Estate Tax Rate for the Year 2017 stating the general mills at 1.75 and the fire tax at .25 for a total of 2.0 mills per \$1,000 evaluation for 2017.

SOLICITOR HARPER: Noted for the record that there is no public in attendance at the hearing.

PRESIDENT JOHN WEIERMAN: Since there is no public in attendance are there any questions from Borough Council?

PRESIDENT JOHN WEIERMAN: If there are no questions on this Ordinance I would like to call the hearing to a close.

This public hearing is closed. (at 7:52 PM the hearing was closed)

4. Public Hearing Regarding Ordinance No. 526 Amending the Code of Ordinances of the Borough of Hatfield to set the Compensation of the Elected Tax Collector.

Ordinance 526
PROCEEDINGS

PRESIDENT JOHN WEIERMAN: We now have a public hearing regarding Ordinance No. 526 Amending the Code of Ordinances of the Borough of Hatfield to set the Compensation of the Elected Tax Collector.

SOLICITOR HARPER: At this time I would like to call the public hearing to order.

SOLICITOR HARPER: There are a few exhibits to mark. Exhibit B1 is proof that the Ordinance and hearing were advertised in the North Penn Reporter. Exhibit B2 is a copy of Ordinance 526 which will set the Tax Collectors Compensation at \$5,000.00

SOLICITOR HARPER: We need to do this now because next year is an election year and they need to be aware of what the salary is before running for election.

PRESIDENT JOHN WEIERMAN: This increase will be effective January 1, 2018. The last increase was January 1, 2006.

SOLICITOR HARPER: Noted for the record that there is no public in attendance at the hearing.

PRESIDENT JOHN WEIERMAN: Since there is no public in attendance are there any questions from Borough Council?

PRESIDENT JOHN WEIERMAN: If there are no questions on this Ordinance I would like to call the hearing to a close.

This public hearing is closed. (at 7:56 PM the hearing was closed)

5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Motion to Approve the Minutes of the October 5th Workshop and the October 19th Regular Meetings

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Farrall to Approve the Minutes of the October 5th Workshop and the October 19th Regular Meetings. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Keib and unanimously approved with a vote of 5-0.

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

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Manager DeFinis made the following announcements:

- Next month's Council Meetings December 7th Workshop & December 21st Regular Meeting 7:30PM at the HVFC
- The Planning Commission is scheduled to meet December 5th @ 7:00PM HVFC
- HERC is scheduled to meet December 21st @ 8:00AM at the HVFC
- The Borough Offices will be closed Thursday & Friday November 24th & 25th in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday

President Weierman reminded everyone to reply to the MCBA and Borough Brunch holiday invites.

Councilmember Stevens stated that the HERC December meeting is cancelled.

8. OLD BUSINESS:

A. AMP Solar Project List

Manager DeFinis stated we received an updated letter from our Utility Engineers which states this project would cost us more than we would be paying over the next five years on the existing contract - why incur more costs when we are cost sensitive. Manager DeFinis stated that there would be more opportunities in the future for cost saving measures.

B. List of 2017 Budget Discussion Q & A

President Weierman asked Council and the Mayor for any questions or comments for the 2017 budget.

President Weierman spoke briefly about the year end and projected numbers and the large expenditures for road and infrastructure projects for 2017.

There were no questions or comments from Council or the Mayor.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Hatfield Chamber of Commerce Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony

President Weierman stated this is the request letter from the Hatfield Chamber of Commerce for the Christmas Tree Lighting.

10. ACTION ITEMS:

A. Motion to Approve Hatfield Chamber of Commerce Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony Request for Saturday, December 3rd.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Farrall to Approve Hatfield Chamber of Commerce Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony Request for Saturday, December 3rd. 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.

B. Motion to Approve the 2017 Borough Council & Planning Commission Meeting Dates

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Keib to Approve the 2017 Borough Council & Planning Commission Meeting Dates. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Farrall.

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

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

C. Motion to Adopt Ordinance No. 525 Fixing the 2017 Real Estate Tax Rate

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Farrall to Adopt Ordinance No. 525 Fixing the 2017 Real Estate Tax Rate. 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 Adopt Ordinance No. 526 Amending Chapter 1 Section 121 / Tax Collector's Compensation

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Farrall to Adopt Ordinance No. 526 Amending Chapter 1 Section 121 / Tax Collector's Compensation. 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 DENY Resolution 2016-27 Authorizing the PSC (Power Sales Contract) between the Borough of Hatfield and the AMP (American Municipal Power) Solar Project II

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Farrall to DENY Resolution 2016-27 Authorizing the PSC (Power Sales Contract) between the Borough of Hatfield and the AMP (American Municipal Power) Solar Project II. 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.

F. Motion to Approve Resolution 2016-29 Appropriating Specific Funds for 2017.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Keib to Approve Resolution 2016-29 Appropriating Specific Funds for 2017. 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.

G. Motion to Approve Resolution 2016-30 Authorizing Employee Compensation.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Keib to Resolution 2016-30 Authorizing Employee Compensation. 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.

H. Motion to Approve Resolution 2016-31 Setting Electric Rates

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Farrall to Approve Resolution 2016-31 Setting Electric Rates. 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.

I. Motion to Approve Resolution 2016-32 Recognizing the Borough of Hatfield 2016 Citizen of the Year

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Farrall to Approve Resolution 2016-32 Recognizing the Borough of Hatfield 2016 Citizen of the Year. 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.

J. Motion to Support Mayoral Proclamation Honoring the 2016 Citizen of the Year.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Keib to Support Mayoral Proclamation Honoring the 2016 Citizen of the Year. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Farrall.

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 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 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.

12. MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Keib to adjourn the Regular Meeting of November 16, 2016. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Farrall and unanimously approved with a vote of 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:26PM.

Executive Session Personnel, Litigation and Real Estate

Respectfully Submitted,
Jaime E. Snyder
Assistant Secretary