

HATFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
October 19, 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 October 19, 2016 with additions. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Farrall and unanimously approved with a vote of 5-0.

2. Public Hearing Regarding Ordinance No. 524 Amending the Code of Ordinances of the Borough of Hatfield Relating to "Vehicle Weight limits Established on Certain Streets & Bridges"

Ordinance 524
PROCEEDINGS

PRESIDENT JOHN WEIERMAN: We now have a public hearing regarding Ordinance No. 524 Amending the Code of Ordinances of the Borough of Hatfield Relating to "Vehicle Weight limits Established on Certain Streets & Bridges"

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 copy of Ordinance No. 524 which amends and restates sections of Chapter 15 relating to vehicle weights and weight limits on roads and bridges in the Borough and truck traffic restrictions on certain streets in the Borough. Exhibit B2 is a copy of the colored map which shows the streets

that are restricted for weight and truck traffic with a legend located on it. Exhibit B3 is a copy of the ad that was printed in the North Penn Reporter giving notice of tonight's hearing. Noted for the record, but not to be marked as an exhibit is this Ordinance is based on the McMahon Traffic Study called "The Hatfield Borough Truck Weight and Restriction Traffic Study" dated June 2016. The Ordinance does reference the study because to be enforceable we must prove we did complete a traffic study.

SOLICITOR HARPER: Borough Council is familiar with this Ordinance. It is not much different then it was before just establishing maximum weight limits on specific Borough Roads. We also established anything other than a passenger car except for local deliveries is prohibited on the following streets listed in the Ordinance.

SOLICITOR HARPER: Noted for the recorded that there is not public in attendance at the hearing.

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

COUNCIL MEMBER STEPHEN KEIB: Asked about following up the Ordinance with post able signage.

SOLICITOR HARPER: Yes, now that it is enforceable signage will be posted. To be enforceable, we must post the signs.

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

This public hearing is closed. (at 7:44 PM the hearing was closed)

3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Motion to Approve the Minutes of the September 7th Workshop and the September 21st Regular Meetings

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Farrall to Approve the Minutes of the September 7th Workshop and the September 21st Regular Meetings. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kroesser and unanimously approved with a vote of 5-0.

4. PUBLIC INPUT: President Weierman asked if there was any Public Input.
No Public Input.

Media Not Present.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Manager DeFinis made the following announcements:

- Next month's Council Meeting's November 2nd Workshop & November 16th Regular Meeting @ 7:30PM at the HVFC
- HERC is scheduled to meet October 26th @ 8:00AM at the HVFC
- The Planning Commission is scheduled to meet October 31st @ 7:00PM at the HVFC

6. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Ordinance No. 523 Discussion

Solicitor Harper stated that she wrote up the Ordinance with the comments from the Workshop Meeting in mind but then they got the MCPC comments and she does not have any objection to them. Council should look at them and see if they want them added to the Ordinance.

Solicitor Harper stated that one of the big changes that was made that this Ordinance is all residential since this is where we are receiving most requests and since we are the electric provide who wants to permit it but we will not be taking the electric back. A discussion ensued amongst Council and the liability issue arose about notifying emergency responders of the equipment.

Solicitor Harper stated that she sent a memo along regarding the MCPC comments and FCC laws regarding limitations on satellite dishes. She added that the only portion left in the Ordinance is getting it removed if it is not in use. A discussion ensued amongst Council; the time frame decided on the Ordinance was thirty days.

Solicitor Harper stated that our Engineer recommended that since we have a table in the commercial district we should just add a table in each residential zoning district to address impervious coverage. Solicitor Harper and Council discussed that values that were addressed in the model ordinance vs. what Solicitor Harper and the Borough Engineer put in this Ordinance.

B. Northern Montgomery County Recycling Committee Remittance

Manager DeFinis mentioned the check that we received from the Northern Montgomery County Recycling Commission.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Multimodal Grant

Manager DeFinis stated that we did not receive the PennDOT Multimodal Grant and we are still waiting on the CFA Multimodal Grant Awards to be announced.

B. Electric Disconnects

Manager DeFinis stated that there will be electric disconnects in November due to the number of people who have failed to pay their October due bill.

C. Memo from Utility Engineers

Manager DeFinis mentioned the memo from Utility Engineers addressing the AMP Solar Project.

8. ACTION ITEMS:

A. Motion to Approve Resolution 2016-26 Authorizing the Application to the PA Small Water & Sewer Grant for Sanitary Sewer Repair.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Farrall to Approve Resolution 2016-26 Authorizing the Application to the PA Small Water & Sewer Grant for Sanitary Sewer Repair. 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.

B. Motion to Approve the Support Letter for Resolution 2016-26.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Farrall to Approve the Support Letter for Resolution 2016-26. 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 with a vote of 5-0.

C. Motion to TABLE 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 TABLE 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.

D. Motion to Approve Resolution 2016-28 Recognizing the Retirement of Rick Lee from DVIT.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Farrall to Approve Resolution 2016-28 Recognizing the Retirement of Rick Lee from DVIT. 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 Adopt Ordinance No. 524 Amending the Code of Ordinances of the Borough of Hatfield relating to "Vehicle Weight Limits Established on Certain Streets & Bridges"

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Farrall to Adopt Ordinance No. 524 Amending the Code of Ordinances of the Borough of Hatfield relating to

“Vehicle Weight Limits Established on Certain Streets & Bridges.” 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.

9. 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.

10. MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Keib to adjourn the Regular Meeting of October 19, 2016. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Farrall and unanimously approved with a vote of 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:17PM.

Executive Session Personnel, Litigation and Real Estate

Respectfully Submitted,
Jaime E. Snyder
Assistant Secretary