

HATFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
November 20, 2019

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:

- (X) John H. Weierman, President
 - (X) Salvatore DiLisio Jr.
 - () Jason Ferguson
 - (X) John Kroesser
 - (X) Lawrence G. Stevens
- (X) Mayor, Robert L. Kaler III

The record shows that four members of Council were present at roll call, as well as, Mayor Robert L. Kaler, III, Solicitor Andrew Knox; Timoney Knox LLP, Borough Manager Michael J. DeFinis, and Assistant Manager Jaime E. Snyder

1. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA:

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Kroesser to Approve the Regular Meeting Agenda of November 20, 2019 with additions. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Stevens and unanimously approved with a vote of 4-0.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Motion to Approve the Minutes of the October 2nd Workshop and the October 16th Regular Meetings

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Kroesser to Approve the Minutes of the October 2nd Workshop and the October 16th Regular Meetings. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Stevens and unanimously approved with a vote of 4-0.

3. PUBLIC INPUT: President Weierman asked if there was any Public Input. The media was not present.

Russel Snyder of 24 S. Wayne Avenue addressed Council regarding the following:

-Sidewalks on South Wayne Avenue: Mr. Snyder spoke about what improvements could be done and what could not be done. It was stated that they needed to be replaced or grinded by an acceptable contractor. Mr. Snyder brought it to the attention of Council that many people on the street have not done this work up to the stated standards or have done nothing.

Manager DeFinis stated that all sidewalks will be reviewed and if they do not meet the standards they will be rejected and must be replaced.

-Articles in the Newsletter and Lansdale Reporter: Mr. Snyder spoke about the write up about the Borough Building in the Borough Informer newsletter. Mr. Snyder also addressed and questioned why the Borough is never represented in the Lansdale Reporter.

President Weierman addressed Mr. Snyder's concerns and added that the Borough has no control over what the Lansdale Reporter chooses to cover and print in the newspaper. President Weierman informed Mr. Snyder that the Borough does advertise in the paper as required.

-Electric Rates: Mr. Snyder spoke about the electric rates in the Borough.

President Weierman stated that what the Borough has been doing and will continue to update the residents on the electric rates and highlight the electric system. President Weierman added that the Borough does not have the highest electric rates.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Manager DeFinis made the following announcements:

- The Borough Offices will be Closed November 28th and 29th for the Thanksgiving Holiday
- The Planning Commission is scheduled to meet December 2nd @ 7:00PM
- Next Month's Council Meetings December 4th Workshop & December 18th Regular Meeting @ 7:30PM
- Chamber Tree Lighting & Caroling December 7th @ 6:30PM
- Borough Brunch December 8th at PineCrest CC @ Noon
- MCBA Holiday Dinner December 12th 6:00PM Presidential Caterers

5. OLD BUSINESS:

6. NEW BUSINESS:

A. 2020 Preliminary Budget Presentation

President Weierman asked if anyone had any questions regarding the budget since last meeting.

No Councilmember or Mayor Kaler had any questions.

Manager DeFinis informed Council that this proposed budget was advertised in the Lansdale Reporter and has been available for review at the Borough Office.

President Weierman added that this budget will be on for consideration at the December Workshop Meeting. President Weierman stated that this proposed budget has no tax, electric, or sewer rate increase.

B. Resolution 2019-28

President Weierman stated that this Resolution is to honor our Citizen of the Year for 2019. President Weierman added that this will be presented at the 2019 Holiday Borough Brunch.

C. Resolution 2019-39

Manager DeFinis informed Council that this Resolution would allow the Borough to transfer funds from the Capital Reserve Managed Account with Key Bank into the Borough General Fund for the cost of the 2019 Roadway Resurfacing Project, the 2019 ADA Project, and the close out items for the municipal complex.

D. Resolution 2019-40

Manager DeFinis stated that this Resolution would allow the Borough to transfer funds from the Harleysville Bank Account into the Borough General Fund to ensure the interest payment with ESSA Bank.

E. MCBA Holiday Dinner

Manager DeFinis stated that the MCBA Dinner is scheduled for December 19, 2019 at 6:00pm. Manager DeFinis added that Lindsay Hellmann would be handling all reservations for the Borough.

7. ACTION ITEMS:

A. Motion to Consider Resolution 2019-25 Transfer of Funds

Motion:	A motion was made by Councilmember Kroesser to Approve Resolution 2019-25 Transfer of Funds. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Stevens.
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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 4-0.

B. Motion to Consider Resolution 2019-26 MC Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Stevens to Approve Resolution 2019-26 MC Hazard Mitigation Plan Update. 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 4-0.

C. Motion to Consider Resolution 2019-28 Citizen of the Year

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Kroesser to Approve Resolution 2019-28 Citizen of the Year. 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 4-0.

D. Motion to Consider Resolutions 2019-29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Kroesser to Approve Resolution Resolutions 2019-29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37. 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 4-0.

E. Motion to Consider Resolutions 2019-38 PA Small Water

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Kroesser to Approve Resolution 2019-38 PA Small Water. 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 4-0.

F. Motion to Consider Change Order Request No. 2 for the 2019 Roadway Resurfacing Project

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Kroesser to Approve Change Order Request No. 2 for the 2019 Roadway Resurfacing 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 4-0.

G. Motion to Consider a Payment Request No. 2 for the 2019 Roadway Resurfacing Project

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Kroesser to Approve Payment Request No. 2 for the 2019 Roadway Resurfacing Project. The motion was seconded by Councilmember DiLisio.

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

The motion was unanimously approved with a vote of 4-0.

H. Motion to Consider the Community Room Use Policy

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Kroesser to Approve the Community Room Use Policy. 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 4-0.

I. Motion to Consider a Contribution to the Hatfield Museum and Historical Society in the Amount of \$10,000.00 for Renovations to the New Facility

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Kroesser to Approve a Contribution to the Hatfield Museum and Historical Society in the Amount of \$10,000.00 for Renovations to the New Facility. The motion was seconded by Councilmember DiLisio.

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

The motion was approved with a vote of 3-0-1. Councilmember Stevens abstained from the vote.

J. Motion to TABLE Payment Request No. 17 to E.R. Stuebner for the Municipal Complex

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Stevens to TABLE Payment Request No. 17 to E.R. Stuebner for the Municipal Complex. 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 unanimously approved with a vote of 4-0.

K. Motion to Consider Resolution 2019-39 Allowing the Borough to Transfer Funds from the Capital Reserve Managed Account with Key Bank into the Borough General Fund

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Stevens to Approve Resolution 2019-39 Allowing the Borough to Transfer Funds from the Capital Reserve Managed Account with Key Bank into the Borough General Fund. 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 unanimously approved with a vote of 4-0.

L. Motion to Consider Resolution 2019-39 Allowing the Borough to Transfer Funds from the Harleysville Bank Account into the Borough General Fund

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Stevens to Approve Resolution 2019-39 Allowing the Borough to Transfer Funds from the Harleysville Bank Account into the Borough General Fund. 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 unanimously approved with a vote of 4-0.

8. 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 seconded Councilmember Stevens.

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

The motion was unanimously approved with a vote of 4-0.

9. MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Kroesser to adjourn the Regular Meeting of November 20, 2019. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Stevens and unanimously approved with a vote of 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 9:34PM.

Executive Session Litigation and Personnel

Respectfully Submitted,
Jaime E. Snyder
Assistant Manager