

HATFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING

April 15, 2009

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:

- (X) John H. Weierman, President
- (X) Kenneth V. Farrall, Vice President
- (X) John Kroesser
- (X) Bryan A. Moyer
- (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 Borough Manager, Michael J. DeFinis, Mayor Robert L. Kaler, III, and Borough Solicitor Catherine M. Harper.

1. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA:

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Moyer to approve the Agenda of April 15, 2009 as revised. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Farrall and unanimously approved with a vote of 5-0.

2. PUBLIC INPUT: President Weierman asked if there were any comments or questions. There were no questions or comments.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Farrall to Approve the Minutes of March 4 and March 18, 2009 minutes as revised. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Moyer and unanimously approved with a vote of 5-0

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Manager DeFinis reviewed the announcements.

- The Montgomery County Boroughs Association Dinner/Meeting is April 23, 2009, hosted by Bryn Athyn & Rockledge Borough.
- Next month's Council meetings are May 6 and May 20, 2009.
- The Hatfield Revitalization Task Force will meet on April 23, 2009 at 7:00 PM.

- The Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for May 4, 2009 but may be changed to May 11, 2009.
- HERC will meet on April 23, 2009 at 8:00 AM.
- Earth Day is scheduled for April 18, 2009, volunteers are still needed.

5. REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES AND MAYOR:

Mayor Kaler informed Council that the Township will be collecting recyclables at their Public Works facility on Earth Day, April 18, 2009, from 8 am to noon. He also updated Council on the Montgomery County Recycling Commission:

- Financial statements for 2 years are released.
- Luncheon is scheduled for May 1, 2009.
- They are required to file a liability claim. The ordinance was not changed.
- Their next meeting is scheduled for the first Tuesday in May.

President Weierman reminded Council that today, April 15th, is tax day. He also questioned whether or not Berkheimer had sent out their quarterly forms. Mr. DeFinis will follow up on this. An information letter may be sent out to the payroll departments of area businesses to inform them of the change in collectors.

5a. CONDITIONAL USE HEARING AUTHORIZING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A RESIDENTIAL ACCESSORY STRUCTURE AT 11 S. MAPLE AVENUE:

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Moyer to open the Hearing for the Application for Conditional Use for 11 South Maple Avenue. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Farrall and unanimously approved with a 5-0 vote.

Mr. Justin DiPanfilo, the owner of the property at 11 South Maple Avenue, and Zoning Officer Mike Galla were both present and sworn in under oath by Solicitor Harper. Copies of the proposed plans were passed out to Council.

A1: Conditional Use Hearing Application

A2: Hand drawn exhibit

B1: Proof of advertising in newspaper

B2: Picture of property with notice posted

Details of the plan were discussed.

The applicant, Mr. DiPanfilo is seeking permission to enlarge his garage at 11 S. Maple Avenue, which will exceed 15 feet in height. He testified that there would be a deck off the second floor with outside steps and a carport underneath. The addition would be used for storage for both him and his tenants of his duplex. The garage is currently 15 feet high and with the addition it would reach 22 feet high. Mr. DiPanfilo acknowledged that the structure could not be used as a separate dwelling unit under the Borough Zoning Code, and his drawings showed no intent for running water or bathroom facilities. The

garage does have electricity. No neighbors appeared to oppose the application, and Mr. Galla testified there were no other zoning issues with regards to the application.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Farrall to close the Hearing for the Application for Conditional Use for 11 S. Maple Avenue. This was seconded by Councilmember Moyer and unanimously approved with a 5-0 vote.

6. MANAGER'S REPORT: Manager DeFinis made the following announcements:

- The Traffic Calming Study is complete. Funding must now be identified. Councilmember Farrall requested a copy.
- The Revitalization Draft Plan is also complete. Any changes to the plan must be made by April 23, 2009. The final public meeting is set for May 13, 2009.
- The electric power agreements extension negotiations are continuing.
- The Borough received \$49,751.16 liquid fuels money.
- The Hatfield Auto Museum Plan was recorded with the County. The escrow and fees were paid.
- The dissolution of HERC as a corporation is now complete.
- The Shanley subdivision will be ready for the developer's agreement.
- The spring Informer is set to go out the first week of May, the website needs Council member updates, HTV is getting quite popular.
- Curbside Chipping is scheduled for Monday, May 4, 2009.

Manager DeFinis turned the floor over to the Borough's Engineer Mr. Mattucci who updated Council on the work being done to the Liberty Trail Plaza & Parking Lot. His memo addressed the following issues and/or adjustments:

- Upgrades to the clock from 2 face to 4 face with chime. Exhibit B also shows a decorative brick planter with no railing or fencing. This will add extra seating.
- Upgrades to the monument sign.
- Provide a paved handicap ramp area between Trolley Stop & Crystal Rose.
- The radio tower behind Crystal Rose, along with a random telephone pole will be removed. The price originally quoted was for removal **and** salvage.
- Upgrade of 10 LED light fixtures.

Mr. Mattucci will prepare the appropriate change order.

ACTION ITEMS:

7. MOTION - Consideration to Approve Resolution No. 2009-10 Support For State Action To Ensure Prompt and Fair Payment To Ambulance Companies.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Moyer to Approve Resolution No. 2009-10 Authorizing Support For State

Action To Ensure Prompt and Fair Payment To Ambulance Companies. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Farrall and unanimously approved with a vote of 5-0.

- 7a. MOTION - Consideration To Approve Resolution No. 2009-12 Application of Justin DiPanfilo for Conditional Use Authorizing the Construction of a Residential Accessory Structure on His Property at 11 South Maple Avenue.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Moyer To Approve Resolution No. 2009-12 the Application of Justin DiPanfilo for Conditional Use Authorizing the Construction of a Residential Accessory Structure on His Property at 11 South Maple Avenue. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Farrall and unanimously approved with a vote of 5-0.

Solicitor Harper will send notice to the applicant in writing.

8. MOTION - Consideration to Approve Advertisement for Mowing Contract and Material Bids for the years 2010/2011.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Farrall To Approve Advertisement for Mowing Contract and Material Bids for the years 2010/2011. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Moyer and unanimously approved with a vote of 5-0.

The Material Bids include crack sealing and roadway weed spraying which must be bid out or price-quoted if the total cost falls under the price constraints.

9. MOTION - Consideration to Approve the April 2009 Revised Bill List.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Farrall To Approve the April 2009 Revised Bill List. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Moyer and unanimously approved with a 5-0 vote.

10. MOTION – Consideration To Approve the Waiver of Fees Associated With the Renovation of 41 Blaine Avenue Not to Exceed \$500.00.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Stevens To Approve the Waiver of Fees Associated With the Renovation of 41 Blaine Avenue Not to Exceed \$500.00.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Farrall and unanimously approved with a vote of 5-0.

11. Motion – Consideration to Approve Resolution No. 2009-11, Regarding the Dissolution of the Hatfield Economic Revitalization Committee.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Moyer For The Consideration to Approve Resolution No. 2009-11, Regarding the Dissolution of the Hatfield Economic Revitalization Committee. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Farrall and approved unanimously with a 5-0 vote.

According to Solicitor Harper, all remaining funds will go to the Borough and will be spent in accordance to what HERC stood for. Ad hoc HERC committee must now be appointed.

- 11a. Motion – Consideration to Appoint Seven Members to the HERC Committee, Larry Stevens, Sal DiLisio, Richard Ludwig, D Glenn Snyder, Scott Shull, Steven Keib, and Robert Kaler.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Moyer For The Consideration to Appoint Seven Members to the HERC Committee, Larry Stevens, Sal DiLisio, Richard Ludwig, D. Glenn Snyder, Scott Shull, Steven Keib, and Robert Kaler. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Farrall and approved with a 4-0 vote.

12. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE: President Weierman reviewed the Reports and Correspondence.

Hatfield Twp. Police Department Report
Monthly Investment Report (updated for meeting)
Monthly EIT Report (updated for meeting)
Public Works Department Report (updated for meeting)
Founder's Day Update

13. OTHER BUSINESS:

Motion - Consideration to Approve Application for Payment No. 1 Submitted by James R. Kenney Excavating & Paving, Inc., in the Amount of \$28,080.00, as Recommended by the Borough Engineer.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Farrall for the Consideration to Approve Application for Payment No. 1 Submitted by James R. Kenney Excavating & Paving, Inc., in the Amount of \$28,080.00, as Recommended by the Borough Engineer. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Moyer and approved unanimously with a vote of 5-0.

- 13a. Motion – Motion to Approve the Request by Steven Sweet for the Memorial Day Parade Route West on Broad Street to Koffel Road, Ending at the Hatfield American Legion.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Moyer To Approve the Request by Steven Sweet for the Memorial Day Parade Route, West on Broad Street to Koffel Road, Ending at the Hatfield American Legion. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Farrall and unanimously approved with a 5-0 vote.

The request to shut down Lincoln Avenue for overflow staging area was denied. A recommendation was made for the use of the area at Fretz & Diamond Street.

14. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Moyer to adjourn the meeting of April 15, 2009. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Farrall and unanimously approved with a vote of 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Executive Session:

Respectfully Submitted,
Christine A. Calhoun
Information Coordinator