

HATFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL  
WORKSHOP MEETING  
April 1, 2009

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:

- (X) John H. Weierman, President
- ( ) Kenneth V. Farrall
- (X) John Kroesser
- (X) Bryan A. Moyer
- (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, Borough Manager, Michael J. DeFinis, Robert L. Kaler, III, Mayor, Borough Solicitor, Catherine M. Harper and Assistant Secretary, Linda L. Watts. Representatives from the media was present.

2. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA:

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Moyer to approve the Agenda of April 1, 2009. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Stevens and unanimously approved with a vote of 4-0.

3. PUBLIC INPUT: President Weierman asked if there were any comments or questions. There were none.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS: President Weierman reviewed the announcements.

- Hatfield Chamber of Commerce Business Mixer is April 7, 2009 from 5 to 7PM, hosted by the Bucks Mont Indoor sports Center at their facility at 2278 North Penn Road, off of Unionville Pike, in Hatfield.

It was the consensus of Council to present a \$25 gift certificate for the Hatfield Chamber of Commerce Business Mixer event.

- Northern Montgomery County Recycling Commission 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Recycling Awards Luncheon is May 1, 2009 at Indian Valley Country Club. RSVP by April 20, 2009.

Michael J. DeFinis, Manager and Mayor Kaler, III, will attend the event on behalf of the Borough.

- Public Meeting No. 2 – Draft Plan and Prioritization meeting is scheduled at the Volunteer Fire House to present the draft revitalization strategy and recommendations to the public on April 8, 2009 at 7:30 PM.
- North Penn Water Authority's Fire Hydrant Flushing schedule is enclosed. The fire hydrant schedule will be posted on HTV.

#### 5. REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES:

Public Safety: Councilmember Moyer informed Council Lieutenant Tierney from the Hatfield Township Police Department informed Mr. Moyer the Traffic Calming Study was finalized and sent off to McMahon for review.

President Weierman informed Council at this time it would be good idea to go over the reorganization of the Council Committees.

The Public Safety and the Planning, Building and Zoning Committees will remain the same.

- Public Safety - Chairman Councilmember Moyer with Committee member Stevens.
- Planning Building and Zoning - Chairman is Councilmember Farrall with Committee member Stevens.
- Public Works - Chairman Councilmember Moyer with Committee member Kroesser.
- Utilities – Chairman Councilmember Farrall with Committee member Weierman.
- Property and Equipment - Chairman Councilmember Stevens with Committee member Kroesser.
- Budget Finance and Labor – Chairman Weierman with Committee member Farrall.

Utilities: Mr. DeFinis informed Council the EIA 861 electric report information has been completed and will be in the mail in the next few days.

Mr. DeFinis will meet with Jim Havarilla regarding negotiations to extend the AMP-Ohio power agreement.

6. Motion – To Ratify Resolution No. 2009-08 – Honoring William Seasholtz on his receiving the Walter F. Hutt Memorial Award.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Stevens To Approve Resolution No. 2009-08 – Honoring William Seasholtz on his receiving the Walter F. Hutt Memorial Award. The motion was seconded

by Councilmember Moyer and unanimously approved with a vote of 4-0.

President Weierman and Moyer Kaler, III, presented the Walter F. Hutt Memorial Award to William Seasholtz.

7. Motion To Ratify Proclamation Honoring William Seasholtz as Firefighter of the Year.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Stevens to Approve Proclamation Honoring William Seasholtz as Firefighter of the Year. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Moyer.

Mayor Kaler, III, read and presented the Proclamation to William Seasholtz. Mayor Kaler, III, informed Council Mr. Seasholtz was Assistant Chief, became a life member, took time off and came back. Mr. Seasholtz has helped in endeavors and with today's technology has done a map showing vital statistics of the Borough and Township.

Mr. Seasholtz thanked Council and his constituents for all their hard work at the Fire Department.

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

8. Removed - Zoning Hearing.

9. MANAGER'S REPORT: Mr. DeFinis made the following announcements. General Report and Project Updates.

- Staff and Mr. Definis are currently cleaning up the Manager's office and recovering important documents. .
- Mr. DeFinis met with several consultants vital to Borough operations to review policies and procedures.
- Mr. DeFinis and Borough Engineer, Mark Mattucci met at the plaza & parking lot project. We are working on the cost for the LED lighting. Mr. Mattucci will update Council on issues found during construction.
- Two grant applications for the Green Fields/Green Towns Application, and the Chestnut Street Trail and Borough Crosswalk Installation. Mark Mattucci has delivered the applications to the County Open Space Program Administrator.
- The Revitalization draft plan will be presented April 8, 2009 at the firehouse. Anton Kuhner will drop off copies.
- Mr. and Mrs. Sweet are working on the Memorial Day parade.
- Assistant Secretary, Linda L. Watts and Utilities Clerk, Scott Smith is working on the DOE annual Survey EIA-861 Report. This report is due by April 30<sup>th</sup> each year.
- The Trolley Stop has requested permission for their employees to park at the 8N Market property. Several attempts to contact the owner of the property have

failed. Permission for the Trolley employees to park at Centennial Park has been granted.

- Committee meetings will need to be set up to address several issues that have been brought to my attention.
- The Public Safety Committee will address safety at the parks and step up the Town Watch program.

Mr. DeFinis answered questions regarding contact information for the Sweets family working on the Memorial Day Parade.

Mr. Definis answered questions regarding the Auto Museum hitting a gas line and the PA One call.

Borough Engineer Mark Mattucci informed Council that the storm water problem at the parking lot was due to a storm pipe that was ninety percent blocked. As a result of the project we will have effective storm-water drainage. Mr. Mattucci informed Council the defective pipe was removed and replaced.

Council thanked Mr. Mattucci for running the application to Norristown on the 30<sup>th</sup> and thanked Assistant Linda L. Watts for her hard work and long hours as noted by the Interim Manager.

#### DISCUSSION:

##### 10. Joint Hatfield Township-Hatfield Borough Liberty Bell Trail Project.

President Weierman reviewed the letter from Andrew Haines.

Mr. DeFinis informed Council that this is a joint project with Hatfield Borough for funds to construct a portion of the Liberty Bell Trail.

Borough Solicitor, Catherine M. Harper informed Council this is a DCNR program and would use State money.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Moyer to approve sending a letter of Support to Hatfield Township for the Greenways and Trails Program. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Stevens and unanimously approved with a vote of 4-0.

##### 11. Motion – Consideration to Approve Resolution No. 2009-09, Scheduling a Hearing on the Application of Justin DiPanfilo for a Conditional Use Application 11 S. Maple Avenue.

Borough Solicitor, Catherine M. Harper informed Council this is the second Conditional Use. One application requires Zoning Hearing Board relief so that one is going to the

Zoning Hearing Board and they gave us a Continuance. Under State Law you have to schedule a Conditional Use Hearing within sixty days and publicity advertise it. The date we are looking for is the April 15<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting date to hold a meeting at the request of Mr. DiPanfilo. The applicant wants to build an accessory structure. The first application says he wants to use it as an accessory building with an apartment. That use is not permitted. You can build a garage but not with an apartment in it. The applicant has slimmed down the garage, but it is still taller than fifteen feet. We schedule a date to advertise and come in. We will have the Zoning Officer at the meeting.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Stevens for Hatfield Borough Council shall hold a Public Hearing on the Application for Conditional Use Approval to build a residential accessory structure garage more than fifteen feet at 11 S. Maple Avenue. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Moyer for Approval of Resolution no 2009-09.

Borough Solicitor, Catherine M. Harper answered questions regarding the plan submitted by the applicant and the correct measurement of the height.

Mr. DeFinis asked that the minutes reflect that the Planning Commission minutes reflect the applicant was asked twice and said he would not turn the garage in to an apartment.

Borough Solicitor, Catherine M. Harper suggested Zoning Officer, Mike Galla be present at the Hearing, and conditions can be attached.

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

#### 12. Watershed Management – MS4 Operations.

Mr. DeFinis reviewed the report and informed Council some items can be done immediately. We can advertise on HTV and put in the Borough Newsletter. Mr. DeFinis will contact Borough Engineer, William Dingman and forward the report to Council for discussion.

#### 13. Utility Engineers – AMP-Ohio Contract Extension EPPG Group.

Mr. DeFinis informed Council he has reviewed the letter regarding comments from Interim Manager, William McCauley and Jim Havarilla offering to extend contract to 2015. Mr. DeFinis will be meeting with Jim Havarilla and Norm Baron and will contact Lee Mangan regarding extending the power contract. Mr. DeFinis will forward the information to Council.

#### 14. Earth Day – Volunteers are still needed.

Assistant Secretary Linda L. Watts informed Council Earth Day is April 18, 2009 from 8 - 11:00 AM.

15. Founder's Day – Volunteers are needed.

Assistant Secretary, Linda L. Watts informed Council Founder's Day is progressing very well.

16. Support For State Action To Ensure Prompt and Fair Payment To Ambulance Companies.

Agenda Item No. 16 will be on the April 15, 2009 meeting.

17. Other Business:

- Mowing Contract and Material Bids.

Mr. DeFinis updated Council on the Mowing Contract and Material Bids.

Agenda Item No. 17 will be on the April 15, 2009 meeting.

President Weierman reviewed the Emmanuel Evangelical Congregational Church letter requesting the waiving of fees.

Borough Solicitor, Catherine M. Harper answered questions regarding HERC.

Mayor Kaler, III updated Council on the National Mothers Twins registry letter.

18. ADJOURN:

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Moyer to adjourn the meeting of April 1, 2009. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kroesser and unanimously approved with a vote of 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:33 PM.

*Executive Session: Real Estate, Personnel*

Respectfully Submitted,  
Linda L. Watts, Assistant Secretary