

HATFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL  
WORKSHOP MEETING  
February 17, 2010

MINUTES

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, Solicitor, Catherine M. Harper, Mayor, Robert L. Kaler, III and Assistant Secretary Linda L. Watts.

1. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA:

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Moyer to approve the Agenda of February 17, 2010 as amended. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Stevens and unanimously approved with a vote of 4-0.

2. PUBLIC INPUT: President Weierman asked if there were any comments.

Julian Collice residing at 112 Columbia Avenue informed Council that he and residents were concerned with the volume of traffic at Towamencin and forty foot roads at Columbia Avenue and inquired if a stop sign could be erected to restrict the flow of traffic. The main concern of the residents were safety issues for neighbors and children. Mr. Collins updated Council on the two traffic studies that were performed and the one that is pending on the weather. Motorists are using the street as a short cut with some motorists going over the 25 mph speed limit in a reckless manner.

President Weierman and Manager DeFinis updated Council on the direction of the traffic and the concerns of the residents and the use of a stop sign on borough streets.

Solicitor Harper informed Council that PennDOT doesn't believe areas should use stop sign to slow people down. On State roads State Guidelines have to be followed. Local roads have more flexibility. Solicitor Harper updated Council on traffic calming and the use of temporary measures to see if they would slow down motorists.

Mayor Kaler, III, informed Council that the use of stop signs slow motorists down for a time. All roads in the Borough are 25 mph.

Manager DeFinis informed Mr. Collins that the situation will be discussed with the Public Safety Committee. Manager DeFinis will be in contact with Mr. Collins regarding the direction that will be taken.

### 3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Motion: To Approve the January 4, Re-Organization / Workshop and the January 20, 2010 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Stevens to Approve the January 4, Re-Organization / Workshop and the January 20, 2010 Regular Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Moyer and unanimously approved with a vote of 4-0.

### 4. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Manager DeFinis made the following announcements.

- Next Council meetings are March 3, 2010 Workshop and March 17, 2010 Regular Meeting at 7:30 P.M.
- HERC is scheduled to meet February 24, 2010 at 8:00 A.M.
- The Planning Commission is scheduled to meet March 1, 2010 at 7:00 P.M.

### 5. REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES:

Public Safety: Councilmember Moyer informed Council the Committee had a meeting February 17, and will have another one regarding the use of a stop sign.

President Weierman congratulated the Public Works Department on the good results on the snow plowing.

Manager DeFinis informed Council the Borough has received numerous calls from residents on the good snow plowing job by the Public Works Department.

Recycling: Mayor Kaler, III, informed Council the Borough should be receiving the 2007 check recycling check any time now. Mayor Kaler, III, updated Council on the circumstances that led to the delay in receiving the recycling check. The next recycling meeting is in March.

### 6. MANAGERS REPORT: Manager DeFinis made the following announcements: General Report and Projects Update

- Please take time over the next several months to review ordinance updates for codification. Manager DeFinis updated Council on the language of the Construction Ordinance.
- The Plaza ribbon cutting ceremony is tentatively scheduled for Monday, May 3, 2010. This event will coincide with the Hatfield Chamber of Commerce Business Card Mixer and the Taste of Hatfield Event now being developed. The event is starting to get interest with twelve businesses on board.
- The Public Works Department has been on overdrive with the accumulating snow. On top of that there are several sewer laterals and the sewer main on North Girard Terrace that require root removal. Thanks to cooperation from HTMA the Public Works Department was able to identify the source of the problem. Measures are being taken to resolve this obstruction. After televising and review with the property owners, the owner of the property on N. Girard Terrace have agreed to share the cost. Manager DeFinis updated Council on the process and the affect it does have on the Borough's Inflow and Infiltration. Going forward with the I&I program the Borough is doing with the Army Corps of Engineers the Borough should in the future cultivate a program to dedicate dollars to the laterals.
- Hatfield is one of the host's for the Borough Association Dinner scheduled for Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup>. Please RSVP to Linda Watts by Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup>
- R&L Carriers - R&L Carriers and PennDOT. Manager DeFinis met with PennDOT's sign representative will erect the signs where specified. Solicitor Harper and Manager DeFinis updated Council on the maintenance program. A discussion ensued.

#### 7. ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Motion to Appoint Salvatore DiLisio and Richard Ludwig to HERC for four year terms to expire December 31, 2013.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Moyer to Appoint Salvatore DiLisio and Richard Ludwig to HERC for four year terms to expire December 31, 2013. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Stevens and unanimously approved with a vote of 4-0.

- B) Motion to pay the Deputy Tax Collector Bond, Christine Calhoun, in the amount of \$325.00 for a four year term.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Moyer to pay the Deputy Tax Collector Bond, Christine Calhoun Bond in the amount of \$325.00 for a four year term. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kroesser and unanimously approved with a vote of 4-0.

C) Motion to Advertise Ordinance #481, defined contribution pension plan for the non-uniformed employees. The percentage shall be five percent (5%) for the Borough Manager and three percent (3%) for all other MEMBERS.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Moyer to Advertise Ordinance #481, defined contribution pension plan for the non-uniformed employees. The percentage shall be five percent (5%) for the Borough Manager and three percent (3%) for all other MEMBERS. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kroesser.

Solicitor Harper informed Council that this is a House Keeping Procedure for documentation and that the Borough Manager's have been receiving a five percent contribution.

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

D) Motion to Authorize Treasurer Diane Farrall to transfer funds from the Operating Account / General Fund the Capital Projects Sinking Fund and the Liquid Fuels Fund to the Harleysville Savings Bank Regular Business Money Account.

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President Weierman informed Council that the Liquid Fuels Fund have to be kept separate by the State Guideline and will be put in its own Liquid Fuels account.

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

E) Motion to Advertise Ordinance #482, "Conduct".

Solicitor Harper updated Council on the language in Ordinance #482 and reviewed the new additions. Ordinance #482 will be advertised for the March 17, 2010 meeting.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Moyer to Advertise Ordinance #482, "Conduct". The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kroesser and unanimously approved with a vote of 4-0.

8. Motion to Approve Payment of the Bills. Manager DeFinis answered questions regarding the bill list.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Moyer to Approve Payment of the Bills. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kroesser and unanimously approved with a vote of 4-0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: Manager DeFinis reviewed the discussion items.

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

- Monthly Investment Report
- Monthly EIT Report
- Police Department Report
- Fire Department Report
- Public Works Department Report

9. OTHER BUSINESS:

A. Borough Association Dinner / Pine Crest

Please contact Assistant Secretary, Linda L. Watts regarding the Borough Association Dinner Meeting.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Moyer to adjourn the meeting of February 17, 2010. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kroesser and unanimously approved with a vote of 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

*Executive Session: Litigation & Personnel*

Respectfully Submitted,  
Linda L. Watts, Assistant Secretary