

HATFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING

February 18, 2009

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:

- () John H. Weierman, President (arrived at 7:48 p.m.)
- (X) Kenneth V. Farrall, Vice President
- (X) Bryan A. Moyer
- (X) Lawrence G. Stevens

- (X) Mayor, Robert L. Kaler III

The record shows that three members of Council were present at roll call, as well as, Interim Borough Manager, William J. McCauley, III, Mayor Kaler III, Joshua Ganz from Timoney Knox and Assistant Secretary, Linda L. Watts.

Vice President Kenneth V. Farrall started the meeting of February 18, 2009 at 7:35 P.M.

1. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA:

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Moyer to approve the Agenda of February 18, 2009. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Stevens and unanimously approved with a vote of 3-0.

Vice President Farrall informed Council the fire over the weekend at the Heather Meadows development was a devastating loss. The firefighters as well as firefighters from other areas came to help and did a tremendous job. Council thanked everyone for doing such an outstanding job.

Mayor Kaler, III informed Council that when he got to the scene the Police Department was on the scene trying to find a location to put the displaced families until the Red Cross got there to help the Fire Chief. Mayor Kaler, III was able to secure the banquet facility in the fire house. Mayor Kaler, III and Council thanked the Police Department for their great work and response.

2. PUBLIC INPUT: Vice President Farrall 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 Moyer to Approve the Minutes of January 7 and January 21, 2009 minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Stevens and unanimously approved with a vote of 3-0

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS: President Weierman reviewed the announcements.

- The Montgomery County Boroughs Association Dinner/Meeting is Thursday, February 26, 2009.
- The Hatfield Community Revitalization Task Force's next meeting is February 25, 2009 at 7:00 PM.
- Next month's Council meetings are March 4 and March 18, 2009.
- The Planning Commission is scheduled to meet on Monday, March 2, 2009 at 7:00 PM.
- HERC will meet on February 26, 2009 at 8:00 AM.
- Earth Day is scheduled for April 18, 2009.
- Borough Council Workshop meeting is March 4, 2009 at 7:30 PM.
- There will be a meeting on the Greenway Trails and Master Plan on March 11, 2009 at 7:30 PM at the Hatfield Township building.

5. REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES AND MAYOR:

Public Safety: Councilmember Moyer informed Council he received information from the Police Department regarding security cameras. The Public Safety Committee will review the information and forward a report to Council.

Recycling: Mayor Kaler, III informed Council the Borough received a check in the amount of \$8,837.83006 from the Northern Montgomery County Recycling Commission for the Calendar Year 2006 DEP 904 Grant Money Distribution. The Borough should be receiving another check in the same amount for this year for 2007.

The Spring recycling meeting is in April or May to recognize someone for their recycling efforts. This year's recipient is H.F. Group; which is the new name for the Library Bindery Company.

Hatfield Revitalization Task Force: Councilmember Farrall informed Council the Hatfield Revitalization Task Force public meeting was well attended. Please forward any questions to Councilmember Farrall.

Proposal for Efficient Growth for Growing Suburbs Grant: Interim Manager, William J. McCauley, III, informed Council at Council seats is a proposal from Peter Simone of Simone Collins regarding a proposed grant application to the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission. The Borough is not eligible for this program, but can participate with Hatfield Township. This will make their application stronger and get work done

that will benefit the Borough. The concept is that this would provide for the logical follow-up work from the new Revitalization Plan.

Vice President Farrall turned the floor over to President Weierman at 7:49 PM.

6. MANAGER'S REPORT: Interim Manager, William J. McCauley, III made the following announcements:

Proposal for Efficient Growth for Growing Suburbs Grant: Interim Manager William J. McCauley, III, updated Council that he received a proposal from Peter Simone Collins regarding a grant application. The Borough is not eligible for the program, but can participate with Hatfield Township. The Borough Council will need to provide a letter stating your commitment to participate in the project with Hatfield Township as the lead. The Borough will also have to commit to a portion of the match for the project. The maximum share for the Borough to apply would be \$615. The maximum possible match or the grant from the Borough would be \$2.500. The application is by March 13. The Township and Simone Collins want to know whether we are on board by March 1, 2009. The Borough will not receive any funds, but would receive services, as a lead Community Hatfield Township is responsible.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Farrall to provide a letter or support for the grant application. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Moyer and unanimously approved with a vote of 4-0.

- Interim Manager, William J. McCauley, III, provided Council with the original utility easement agreement for signatures.
- The Hatfield Lions Club will be holding its annual Easter Egg Hunt for the children of the Hatfield area (61st year) on April 4 or 5, 2009. The Lions Club will assemble the bags of candy and other egg hunt items on April 2 in the conference room.
- Anton Kuhner will address Council later in the meeting regarding the Traffic Calming grant at S. Main and Vine Streets.

Mr. Kuhner answered questions regarding why the street light at Main and Broad Street did not qualify.

Interim Manager, William J. McCauley, III, informed Council Hazardous House Waste Collection to Christine Calhoun to put on HTV as well as an announcement for the Pool Advisory Board.

ACTION ITEMS:

7. MOTION - Consideration to Approve Resolution No. 2009-04 Authorizing Submission of an Application to the Montgomery County Open Space Board for an Implementation Grant Under the Green Field/Green Towns Program.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Farrall to Approve Resolution No. 2009-04 Authorizing Submission of an Application to the Montgomery County Open Space Board for an Implementation Grant Under the Green Field/Green Towns Program. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Moyer and unanimously approved with a vote of 4-0.

8. MOTION - Consideration To Approve Ordinance 470, Fee For Certification Of Taxes.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Moyer To Approve Ordinance 470, Fee For Certification Of taxes. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Stevens and unanimously approved with a vote of 4-0. The Ordinance was duly advertised.

9. MOTION - Consideration to Approve the February 2009 Bill List.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Farrall To Approve the February 2009 Bill List. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Stevens.

Interim Manager, William J. McCauley, III, and Assistant Secretary Linda L. Watts answered questions regarding the February 2009 Bill List.

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

10. MOTION – Consideration To Take Appropriate Action on Draft Traffic Calming Study.

Anton Kuhner informed Council based on the last time they spoke we had an outline of a study and received additional feedback from Council. Tonight's outline follows the same print as the outline with existing conditions some general traffic calming measures that are typical and also looking at sight specific locations and recommendations. The final implementation plan would allow personal community feedback and recommendations.

Mr. Kuhner answered questions regarding further action that would be required.

Interim Manager, William J. McCauley, III, will contact the Volunteer Fire House to schedule for the next public meeting. It was the consensus of Council to schedule the public meeting for March 30, 2009 at 7:30 PM.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Moyer To Approve a Public Meeting on March 30, 2009 at 7:30 PM. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Farrall and unanimously approved with a vote of 4-0.

11. Motion - Approval of Employment Agreement Appointing Michael J. DeFinis as Manager.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Moyer For Approval of Employment Agreement Appointing Michael J. DeFinis as manager. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Farrall.

President Weierman informed Council the Borough has been looking for a manager for nearly a year, and reviewed dozens of resumes and conducted interviews with six candidates. The position was offered to a gentlemen from Ohio who had accepted it and then withdrew because of family and health issues. After some soul searching we realized we had a candidate right under our noses and asked Michael Definis to consider the position. We are delighted that Mr. DeFinis has accepted. President Weierman informed Council the Solicitors Office and Mr. DeFinis read the agreement last week and are in agreement and attachment of schedule of benefits that correspondence with previous manager benefit package. Council welcomed Michael J. Definis on board as Manager.

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

DISCUSSION:

12. Code Enforcement regarding 129 W. Lincoln Avenue.

President Weierman informed Council that no further action was required.

Joshua Ganz from Timoney Knox updated Council on the Judge's decision.

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

Monthly Investment Report.
Monthly EIT Report
Public Works Department Report
Fire Safety Inspection Report.
Earth Day Report
Founder's Day Report

Electric Delinquent Report
Sewer Delinquent Report
HTV Monitor

Founder's Day - Assistant Secretary Linda L. Watts answered questions regarding Founder's Day. It was the consensus of Council to schedule Founder's Day for June 22, 2009 from 5 - 8 PM. Founder's Day will be discussed further at the March 4, 2009 Council meeting.

HTV Monitor in Borough Office: It was the consensus of Council to complete the work.

Electric and Sewer Delinquent Reports: President Weierman thanked Assistant Secretary Linda L. Watts for the good work on the electric and sewer collections report.

Earth Day: Assistant Secretary, Linda L. Watts updated Council on the joint effort with Hatfield township for 2009 Earth Day.

President Weierman informed Council the Budget Financial and Labor Committee met with local branch managers to discuss fees associated with the borough accounts.

Councilmember Moyer congratulated the quick response of the Fire Departments and Police Department regarding the fire at Heather Meadows where only one house was lost.

14. OTHER BUSINESS:

There was no Other Business.

15. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Moyer to adjourn the meeting of February 18, 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,
Linda L. Watts
Assistant Secretary