

HATFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING

March 18, 2009

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:

- (X) John H. Weierman, President
- () Kenneth V. Farrall, Vice President, (arrived at 7:40 PM)
- (X) John Kroesser
- (X) Bryan A. Moyer
- (X) Lawrence G. Stevens

- () Mayor, Robert L. Kaler III

The record shows that four members of Council were present at roll call, as well as, Interim Borough Manager, William J. McCauley, III, and Assistant Secretary, Linda L. Watts. Solicitor, Catherine M. Harper, (arrived at 7:38 PM).

1. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA:

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Stevens to approve the Agenda of March 18, 2009 as revised. 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 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 February 4 and February 18, 2009 minutes as revised. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Stevens and unanimously approved with a vote of 4-0

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS: President Weierman reviewed the announcements.

- The Montgomery County Boroughs Association Dinner/Meeting for March has been cancelled.
- Next month's Council meetings are April 1 and April 15, 2009.
- The Borough Office will be closed on April 10, 2009 in observance of the Holiday.

- HERC will meet on March 26, 2009 at 8:00 AM.
- Earth Day is scheduled for April 18, 2009, volunteers are needed.
- Hatfield Chamber of Commerce will hold its next luncheon on Monday, March 23, 2009 in the Hatfield Township Municipal Building Community Room. Urban Partners Economic Planners will present a program on Hatfield Borough's Revitalization Plan Update Project.

5. REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES AND MAYOR:

Budget, Finance and Labor: President Weierman updated Council on the EIT report. The Borough received \$49,125.00 from Centax in March, bringing the Borough in line with prior years.

Utility Reports: President Weierman reviewed the delinquent electric and sewer utility reports and thanked Assistant Secretary Linda L. Watts for staying on top of the collections.

Public Safety: Councilmember Stevens informed Council the Public Safety Committee will be looking at a Neighborhood Watch Program for Centennial Park.

The Hatfield Township Police Department informed Council there was nothing new to report.

Councilmember Stevens informed Council they should review the costs and receipts associated with Fire Inspection Program.

Hatfield Revitalization Task Force: Councilmember Farrall informed Council the Hatfield Revitalization Task Force public meeting was well attended. Questions should be forward to Councilmember Farrall.

Proposal for Efficient Growth for Growing Suburbs Grant: Interim Manager, William J. McCauley, III, updated Council on the 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. Mr. McCauley will touch more on the grant under the Manger's Report.

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/Secretary.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Moyer For The Approval of the Employment Agreement Appointing

Michael J. DeFinis as Manager/Secretary. 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

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 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's accounts.

Councilmember Moyer congratulated the Fire Departments and Police Department for their quick response regarding the fire at Heather Meadows . Only one house was lost from the fire.

14. OTHER BUSINESS:

There was no Other Business.

15. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Moyer to adjourn the meeting of March 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