

HATFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL  
WORKSHOP MEETING  
May 5, 2010

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:

- (X) John H. Weierman, President
  - (X) Kenneth V. Farrall
  - (X) John Kroesser
  - ( ) 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, Mayor, Robert L. Kaler, III, Borough Manager, Michael J. DeFinis, Solicitor, Catherine M. Harper and Assistant Secretary Linda L. Watts. The media was not present.

1. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA:

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Stevens to approve the Agenda of May 5, 2010 as amended. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Farrall and unanimously approved with a vote of 4-0.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Manager DeFinis made the following announcements.

- Next Council Meeting May 19, 2010 Regular Meeting at 7:30 P.M.
- HERC will meet May 26, 2010 at 8:00 A.M. The Committee is looking to have a wrap up meeting with the vendors that participated in the May 3, 2010 Taste of Hatfield and Chamber Business Card Exchange. The event was well attended.

3. PUBLIC INPUT: President Weierman asked if there were any comments or questions.

There were no comments or questions. The media was not present.

5. REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES:

Public Safety: Lieutenant Tierney introduced Hatfield Townships new Police Officer Scott Nowetner. Scott was a Police Officer with the University of Pennsylvania.

Officer Nowetner introduced himself to Council. Lieutenant Tierney and Officer Nowetner informed Council the May 3 event went very well and was well attended.

There were no incidents and everyone seemed to be enjoying themselves and having a nice time.

Recycling: Mayor Kaler, III informed Council there was a recycling meeting on May 4, 2010.

Solicitor Harper informed Council there is another issue with another Township that has a burning ordinance. Representative Godshall has been contacted and will have a meeting with DEP and the Township regarding the open burning issue. The consensus of the DEP is if you allow burning you are burning recyclables, which is against the law, therefore the DEP can keep the money. A discussion ensued.

#### 4. Special Presentation By State Senator Stewart Greenleaf

The Honorable State Senator Stewart Greenleaf presented Councilmember Lawrence G. Stevens with the State Senate of Pennsylvania Certificate of Recognition adopted unanimously and signed by the Secretary of the Senate for Councilmember Stevens many achievements and being chosen by the 2010 Outstanding Council Member of the Year by the Pennsylvania Borough Council Association. Senator Greenleaf congratulated Councilmember Stevens and informed Hatfield Borough Council it is quite an honor to be chosen for this prestigious award.

Senator Greenleaf answered questions on the Wambold Road project as well as the connection between 309 and Allentown Road project. Senator Greenleaf informed Council he would make it his priority regarding the truck traffic coming through the borough.

Senator Greenleaf updated Council on roadwork, infrastructure and repairing of bridges. .

May 3, 2010 Taste of Hatfield Even: President Weierman informed Council Borough resident, Joe Gadaleta congratulated the borough on a well attended and planned Taste of Hatfield and the Hatfield Chamber Business Card Event.

Manager DeFinis informed Council there were \$2,100.00 in sponsorships for the event and the total expense that were covered by the Borough were \$2,056.60. HERC will reimburse the restaurants for their cost, that will be part of the meeting scheduled for May 26 meeting. The Borough will cover the business card exchange. The budget process worked out well.

Councilmember Stevens thanked Council for sponsoring the Business Card Exchange. Several new members will be picked up during the event.

President Weierman informed Council HatTricks ramp, deck and fence was very nice and had a good attendance.

#### 6. MANAGERS REPORT: Mr. DeFinis made the following announcements:

- Please take time over the next several months to review ordinance updates for codification. We are close to the ordinance and codification. Manger DeFinis has been in contact with Keystate Publishers.
- Comcast negotiations are crawling to conclusion. I have contacted the law firm doing the negotiations and asked for a cost estimate to negotiate the pole attachment fee component of the agreement. I have contacted the attorney from the Cohen Group and asked them for an estimate negotiating the pole attachment fee. Lansdale Borough would like to share the cost. The Cohen Group has been made aware that we are not happy with the negotiator, and an outside contractor may be needed to negotiate the pole attachment fee. A discussion ensued.
- Founder's Day is quickly approaching. VOLUNTEERS are needed. Please contact your neighbors and friends for help with this event.
- In your packets is the West Vine Street Storm Water Project schedule. As previously discussed the road portion of the project will go out for bid. Materials for the section the Borough Public Works Dept is constructing will be purchased through various piggyback bids.
- Spring clean up of the streets and parks is in full swing. Due to Monday's festivities the Chipping program was delayed one day. I have instructed the Public Works Director to prioritize a list of areas for stream clean up. I will contact all necessary agencies for guidelines and procedure policies. Manager DeFinis updated Council on the old crank shaft fire truck that is stuck in the streambed. The stream banks are eroding away. A discussion ensued.

Solicitor Harper updated Council on stream bank restoration grants.

- Taste of Hatfield wrap up meeting immediately following the HERC meeting on May 26, 2010.
- Keep your calendars open for Harvest Day scheduled for early October. Harvest Day is tentatively scheduled for October 9, 2010. Rocktoberfest is October 2, 2010 at Snyders. The borough will set up a table at Rocktoberfest.

#### 7. ACTION ITEMS:

- A. Motion to advertise an Ordinance deleting certain provisions relating to fee and amending other provisions to refer to the setting of authorized fees by the way of a Consolidated Fee Schedule to be adopted by Resolution of Council.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Farrall to approve advertising an Ordinance deleting certain provisions relating to fee and amending other provisions to refer to the setting of authorized fees by the way of a Consolidated Fee Schedule to be adopted by Resolution of Council. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Stevens.

Solicitor Harper informed Council this is the fee ordinance the whole idea was to make sure every fee drafted can be subject to change by resolution.

Manager DeFinis and Solicitor Harper answered questions regarding plumbing fees, burning permit fees, property transfer certification fee and language. Manager DeFinis and Solicitor Harper will check with Hatfield Township regarding a false alarm fee.

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

B. Motion to Approve Resolution #2010-04 Appointing Linda Watts as the Human Resource Manager for Hatfield Borough.

Manager DeFinis informed Council the Resolution requirements are as suggested by DVIT.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Stevens to Approve Resolution #2010-04 Appointing Linda Watts as the Human Resource Manager for Hatfield Borough. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Farrall.

Manager DeFinis informed Council the discussion was whether to hold Linda Watts totally responsible for the Human Resources and the Borough Manager to have no responsibilities for Human Resources, and since Linda Watts is the Manager's Assistant Secretary so she can do things in my behalf when I am not here I should be Assistant Human Resource Manager so that I will be responsible and then we will both all have the records and communication.

Solicitor Harper suggested amending the first WHEAREAS in the Resolution to include "Under the Supervision of the Borough Manager", so if there is a situation we can send Manager DeFinis, if the situation would warrant instead of Linda Watts.

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

C. Motion to Approve Resolution #2010-05, Walter F. Hutt Memorial Award and Mayoral Proclamation.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Farrall to approve Resolution #2010-05, Walter F. Hutt Memorial Award and the Mayor Proclamation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Stevens and unanimously approved with a vote of 4-0.

## 8. DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- Zoning Modifications
- Grant Application Presentation

- Ordinances Updates / Stop Signs – Including Columbia Ave & Lincoln Ave, No Parking zones, Support of PENN DOT Truck Turning Restrictions, No Tractor Trailers on Lincoln Avenue, U&O for Resale Properties, Fire Fighter Workers Comp, SALDO Amendments Garages and Plan review time line and Garage Sale Permits.
- Storm Water project at West Vine and Edgewood
- Montgomery County Borough Association Dinner May 27<sup>th</sup>.
- North Penn Water Authority Banquet May 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Candidates for the Planning Commission.
- Creative Fuels
- Montgomery County Review & Correction Letter

Zoning Modifications: Manager DeFinis informed Council Peter Simone will send Solicitor Harper all the recommendations from the last three Council meetings. The zoning modification map has been mailed to Borough Engineer, Mark Mattucci.

Grant Application Presentation: Manager DeFinis informed Council the grant presentation on May 6, 2010 was well received. Members of the Committee congratulated Manager DeFinis and Council on the May 3 event and gave further recommendations on other sources to put in for grants.

Ordinance Updates / Stop Signs: Manager DeFinis reviewed the ordinance for stops sign including Columbia and Lincoln the no parking zones around the borough including the new no parking on East Lincoln and implementing the Heather Meadows issues.

Solicitor Harper updated Council on the Heather Meadows No Parking.

Manager DeFinis updated Council on the information the Borough received from PennDOT which is relative to this Ordinance. The reason we are including the support of PennDOT is because if it is in the Ordinance the Police can enforce it. Manager DeFinis Informed Council it was also discussed putting no trucks on Lincoln Avenue between Main and Market Street, because if they come up Market they can make a left or a right on Main Street from Lincoln Avenue thus avoiding the Broad Street / Main Street issue that PennDOT has already enacted.

Fire Fighter's Workers Comp. Ordinance: Solicitor Harper informed Council the Fire Fighter's Workers Compensation Ordinance is advertised for next week and updated Council on the circumstances under which a fire fighter can be insured while in the line of duties and activities. Solicitor Harper will work on the language. A discussion ensued.

Ordinance Amending the Existing Zoning Ordinance Regarding Parking Space Design for Multi Family, Two Family, and Attached Dwellings: Solicitor Harper updated Council on the desire to clarify the intent and meaning of the existing zoning ordinance regulating the ability to count a parking space within a garage as a required

parking space for multifamily, tow family, and other attached residential buildings in order to exclude the space within the garage from the calculation. A discussion ensued.

Subdivision and Land Development: Solicitor Harper updated Council on the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance suggested by the Montgomery County Planning Commission. It lengthens the time between when people submit plans and when they get on the Planning Commission agenda. The plan submission date will be stamped on the plan and the application for final plan approval shall be placed on the agenda for the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Borough Planning Commission no less than ten (10) day following the plan submission date.

Yard Sale Permits: Manager DeFinis informed Council that there are several places in the Borough that have constant yard sales. It was brought to the attention of Staff. The Planning Commission is not receptive this at all. So because of the fact this will be addressed thorough business codes. Code Enforcement Officer Randy Yardiuman will review the process.

Storm Water Project at West Vine and Edgewood: Manager DeFinis informed Council Borough Engineer Mark Mattucci forwarded the estimated schedule for the West Vine Street Drainage project. The bid document preparation to be completed by May 19, 2010 For consideration at the May Borough Council meeting. Bids could be advertised within one week of receipt of comments and / or approval of the bid document, May 26, 2010. Bid opening, review, and recommendation could be completed by mid June for consideration at the June Borough Council meeting. A discussion ensued.

Montgomery County Borough Association Dinner/Meeting: Manager DeFinis informed Council the Montgomery County Boroughs Association Dinner Meeting and the North Penn Water Authority Banquet are May 27, 2010.

Candidates for the Planning Commission: Manager DeFinis updated Council Stephen E. Keib has expressed his interest in serving on the Planning Commission.

Hearing Notice – Creative Fuels, LLC: Manager DeFinis updated Council on the application of Creative Fuels, LLC, which requests a variance from Section 282-145.0 to permit processing of solid waste, a waste separation/processing use , on the property located at 3030 Unionville Pike. The company would take refuse and turn it into piece of combustibile logs that would be burned in a steam plant in Collegeville. They would covert it all day long and transport at night, twenty four hours a day. A discussion ensued.

9. NEW BUSINESS: There was no new business.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Kroesser to adjourn the meeting of May 5, 2010. The motion was seconded by

Councilmember Farrall and unanimously approved with a vote of 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:17 PM.

*Executive Session:*

Respectfully Submitted,  
Linda L. Watts, Assistant Secretary