

HATFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING

November 18, 2009

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:

- (X) John H. Weierman, President
 - () Kenneth V. Farrall, Vice President
 - (X) John Kroesser
 - () 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, Borough Manager, Michael J. DeFinis, Mayor, Robert L. Kaler, III, Borough Solicitor, Catherine M. Harper and Assistant Secretary, Linda L. Watts.

1. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA:

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

2. PUBLIC INPUT: President Weierman asked if there were any comments or questions. Mayor Kaler, III suggested presenting the Mayoral Proclamation to Jordan Matthew Brown on his accomplishment of becoming an Eagle Scout.

10. Motion To Approve Mayoral Proclamation Honoring Jordan Matthew Brown on becoming an Eagle Scout.

Motion: A motion was made by President Weierman To Approve the Mayoral Proclamation Honoring Jordan Matthew Brown on becoming an Eagle Scout. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kroesser and unanimously approved with a vote of 3-0.

Mayor Kaler, III, presented the proclamation to Jordan Matthew Brown and congratulated him on accomplishment and thanked him for his devoted service to the Hatfield Community. The rank of Eagle Scout is awarded by the Boy Scouts of America

to only those scouts, who have made the necessary sacrifices and exemplify the honorable traits of scouting.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Stevens to Approve the Minutes of October 7, 2009 Workshop and the October 21, 2009 Regular Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kroesser and unanimously approved with a vote of 3-0.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Borough Manager Michael J. DeFinis made the following announcements.

- Next month's Council meetings are December 2, Workshop and December 16, Regular Meeting at 7:30 P.M.
- HERC is scheduled to meet November 19, 2009 at 8:00 A.M.
- The Planning Commission is scheduled to meet November 30, 2009 at 7:00 PM.

5. REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES AND MAYOR:

Recycling: Mayor Kaler, III, informed Council the Northern Montgomery County Recycling Committee met last Tuesday. They are wrapping up the end of the year and everything is in place for the items that are required. The Legislatives lunch is on December 4, 2009. The Committee is waiting to hear back regarding the audit. The Borough should receive its share of Recycling funds by the end of the year or beginning of 2010. Any existing problems have been ironed out.

Public Safety: Mayor Kaler, III, informed Council he attended the hearing on issues within the Borough.

Budget, Finance and Labor: President Weierman informed Council the evaluation from the Montgomery County Board of Assessments of all property in the Borough ties in with the budget numbers for 2010.

6. MANAGER'S REPORT: Borough Manager, Michael J. DeFinis made the following announcements:

1. Please take time over the next several months to review ordinance update for codification.
2. Chris Calhoun is working on the winter newsletter. Any input please contact Chris prior to November 20th
3. The Borough Engineer Bursich is currently working on identifying the sewer lateral to be repaired under the Army Corps of Engineers project. Solicitor Harper is currently reviewing the Right of Entry for Construction Agreement.

4. Linda Watts and Chris Calhoun and I met with Mr. Ken Klothen from the County Economic Development program. Mr. Klothen toured the area and met with Bert Proulx from Crystal Rose Catering. Mr. Klothen suggested we direct Crystal Rose to look to the Business Development section of the program for funding.
5. The Solicitor has confirmed it to be acceptable to donate the old dump truck to the Vo-Tech School.
6. Linda Watts recently submitted three grant applications to the DVRPC. The grants are for projects related to the recently adopted Revitalization Plan.
7. Council reviewed the clock dial number style, color, and header font.
8. Manager DeFinis updated Council on the electric delinquent report and disconnection notices.
9. The Montgomery County Boroughs Association Holiday Dinner is December 3, 2009 at Pine Crest Country Club.
10. The Borough Brunch is December 6, 2009.
11. The Hatfield Chamber of Commerce Prayer Breakfast is December 5, at 8:00 A.M. and the Tree Lighting Ceremony at 7 P.M.

7. ACTION ITEMS:

- A) Motion to Approve Resolution #2009-29 Authorizing the Bank Conversion Agreement with TD Bank and Exhibit A.

President Weierman updated Council on the converting of operating and other banking business to TD Bank.

Manager DeFinis updated Council on the new guidelines.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Stevens to Approve Resolution #2009-29 Authorizing the Bank Conversion Agreement with TD Bank and Exhibit A. The motion was seconded by Councilmember and unanimously approved with a vote of 3-0.

- B) Motion to Approve Resolution #2009-30 Authorizing the opening of Money Market / Business Savings Account and Checking Account for the Transferring Funds at Harleysville Savings Bank for Non-Operating accounts and Exhibit A.

President Weierman updated Council on the opening of a money market business savings account.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Stevens to Approve Resolution #2009-30 Authorizing the opening of Money Market / Business Savings Account and Checking Account for the Transferring Funds at Harleysville Savings Bank for Non-Operating accounts and Exhibit A subject to

the Borough Solicitor review. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kroesser.

President Weierman updated Council on the primary reason for using two institutions.

And unanimously approved with a vote of 3-0.

C) Motion to Approve Resolution #2009-31 Accepting Reimel Landscaping as the low bidder for the Grass Cutting Contract.

Manager DeFinis informed Council Reimel references were checked and Reimel Landscaping was highly approved.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Stevens to Approve Resolution #2009-31 Accepting Reimel Landscaping as the low bidder for the Grass Cutting Contract. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kroesser and unanimously approved with a vote of 3-0.

D) Motion to Approve Resolution #2009-32 Preliminary / Final Approval for a Lot Line Adjustment for Land Located at 78 W. Vine Street and 76 W. Vine Street in Hatfield Borough.

Manager DeFinis informed Council the applicants are in attendance. The Applicants responded that they received the letter from Bursich Engineers.

Borough Solicitor, Catherine M. Harper gave Resolution 2009-32 to the applicants who responded that they have reviewed the resolution.

The applicants thanked Manager DeFinis, Council and Solicitor Harper for their help.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Kroesser to Approve Resolution #2009-32 Preliminary / Final Approval for a Lot Line Adjustment for Land Located at 78 W. Vine Street and 76 W. Vine Street in Hatfield Borough. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Stevens and unanimously approved with a vote of 3-0.

8. Approval of Ordinances

A) Motion To Approve Ordinance #478 Amending Chapter 5 Part 4 Entitled "Adoption of Property Maintenance Code" to provide for fees for Registration by Owners of Residential Properties and Non-residentially Used properties To Pay Costs of A Borough Inspection Program and Providing for Future Fees by Resolution.

Borough Solicitor, Catherine M. Harper updated Council on the changes of fees by Resolution and the Proof of Publication.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Kroesser To Approve Ordinance #478 Amending Chapter 5 Part 4 Entitled “Adoption of Property Maintenance Code” to provide for fees for Registration by Owners of Residential Properties and Non-residentially Used properties To Pay Costs of A Borough Inspection Program and Providing for Future Fees by Resolution. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Stevens and unanimously approved with a vote of 3-0.

B) Motion to Approve Ordinance #479 Amending Provisions of the Prohibition Against Disturbing the Peace Ordinance to Add the use of Trash Collection and Construction Equipment at Certain Times; Repealing Conflicting Provisions of the Code of Ordinances and Prescribing Penalties for the Violation Thereof.

Borough Solicitor, Catherine M. Harper informed Council there may be more revisions.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Kroesser To Approve Ordinance #479 Amending Provisions of the Prohibition Against Disturbing the Peace Ordinance to Add the use of Trash collection and Construction Equipment at Certain Times; Repealing Conflicting Provisions of the Code of Ordinances and Prescribing Penalties for the Violation Thereof. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Stevens and unanimously approved with a vote of 3-0.

9. Motion – To Approve Payment of the Bills.

Manager DeFinis reviewed and answered questions regarding the bill list.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Kroesser To Approve Payment of the Bill List. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Stevens and unanimously approved with a vote of 3-0.

11. Motion To Advertise the Preliminary Budget.

President Weierman and Manager DeFinis reviewed and answered questions regarding the 2010 budget.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Stevens To Advertise the Preliminary Budget. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kroesser and unanimously approved with a vote of 3-0.

DISCUSSION:

REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE: President Weierman reviewed the Report and Correspondence.

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

Manager DeFinis updated Council on the number of leaf bags collected by the Public Works Department and were taken to Clarke's Landscaping.

12. OTHER BUSINESS:

Manager DeFinis informed Council the Bid Opening results for the Chestnut Street Bridge Project will be on the December 16, 2009 Agenda for review.

Manager DeFinis informed Council the Reorganization meeting is scheduled for January 4, 2010 at 7 P.M. and will be advertised.

13. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Kroesser to adjourn the meeting of November 18, 2009. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Stevens and unanimously approved with a vote of 3-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:43 PM.

Executive Session:

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda L. Watts
Assistant Secretary