

HATFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING

September 16, 2009

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:

- (X) John H. Weierman, President
- (X) Kenneth V. Farrall, Vice President
- (X) John Kroesser
- ( ) Bryan A. Moyer
- ( ) Lawrence G. Stevens
  
- ( ) 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, 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 Farrall to approve the Agenda of September 16, 2009 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 or questions.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Farrall to Approve the Minutes of August 19, 2009. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Stevens.

Councilmember Stevens suggested a wording change in the minutes.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Farrall to amend the motion to approve the wording change in the August 19, 2009 minutes. The motion was seconded by councilmember Stevens and unanimously approved with a vote of 4-0

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

- Next month's Council meetings are October 7, Workshop and October 21, Regular Meeting at 7:30 P.M.
- HERC will meet September 24, 2009 at 8:00 AM.
- The Planning Commission will meet on October 5, 2009 at 7:00 PM.
- Montgomery County Borough Association Monthly Dinner Meeting is Thursday, September 24, 2009. The next scheduled meetings are October 22 and the Holiday party is December 3, 2009.

Manager DeFinis answered questions regarding the Hatfield Borough holiday luncheon.

President Weierman thanked everyone that signed up to participate for the Community Awareness Night.

5. REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES AND MAYOR:

Manager DeFinis informed Councilmembers the schedule for Committee meetings is in their packet.

Public Safety: Lieutenant Schmitz thanked Council for signing up for the CAN event and informed Council Lieutenant Tierney will graduate next month from the FBI Academy.

Budget, Finance and Labor: President Weierman updated Council on the EIT and the year to date figures.

Solicitor Harper answered questions regarding the close-out resolved between Centax Tax Collectors and Berkheimer Tax Collectors.

Manager DeFinis answered questions regarding the county wide tax collections, and informed Council the Borough newsletter had an explanation of the tax collection.

Council discussed the new led traffic signals at Main and Vine Street.

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

- The Budget Finance and Labor Committee is scheduled to meet on September 23rd for the initial budget discussion. The proposed committee meeting scheduled is include.
- The Liberty Bell Plaza and parking area are inching to completion. A few items need to be resolved. The monument sign is the most pressing. Mark Mattucci and I reviewed the area and sight line issue. We determined reducing the size to 8 feet would resolve the issue, leaving the sign in the same area and achieving the look we are striving for. Planting were installed inside the planting boxes, the inside of the clock has been secured and jagged edges were secured. The

wording if approved would be Liberty Bell Trail and Plaza on the sign. A discussion ensued.

- The Ahlquist/Moyer Lot Line Adjustment Zoning Hearing is scheduled for October 19, 2009 at 7:00 PM. The approval letter for the lot line adjustment is included.
- Now that the summer is over the fall meeting season has exploded. I will be attending several meetings and seminars on wide ranging issues and topics.
  - September 10, 10:00 AM, PA Storm Water Management Ordinance with DEP Officials.
  - September 17, 1:00 PM Hazard Mitigation Outreach Session
  - September 21, 9:00 AM Revitalization Program
  - September 23, 1:00 PM Pension Plan Review
  - September 24, 7:00 PM Borough Association Dinner
  - September 28, 12:00 PM Chamber Monthly Meeting
  - October 1, 8:00 AM EMS Meeting, Rockledge

Manager DeFinis informed Council a lot of these meeting are information session and important to attend.

Manager DeFinis answered questions regarding approaching and accommodating the four major properties regarding signage for their properties. A discussion ensued.

Manager DeFinis updated Council on the letters from the Auditor General for the State Contribution to the pension fund which would reduce the Borough's contribution to the fund.

#### ACTION ITEMS:

7. Motion to Approve Resolution 2009-25 authorizing DVIT trustee Michael J. DeFinis to approve the New Privacy Liability Coverage by means of Mail Ballot.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Councilmember Farrall to approve Resolution 2009-25 authorizing DVIT trustee Michael J. DeFinis to approve the New Privacy Liability Coverage by means of Mail Ballot. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kroesser.

Solicitor Harper updated Council on the notice from DVIT regarding new coverage that is designed to protect people's privacy if you would loose the customer's personal information. The coverage that would be added to the policy would cover the Borough in the event of a mistake. The coverage is useful since the Borough collects electric and sewer billing information. The Resolution says Hatfield Borough is on board adding this coverage and directing the Manager to sign the Mail Ballot provided by the Delaware Valley Insurance Trust.

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

8. Motion to Approve Resolution 2009-26 Authorizing the Agreement between the Department of the Army Corps of Engineers and Hatfield Borough for the Design and Construction Assistance of the Hatfield Borough Sewer Collection Improvement Project Montgomery County, Pennsylvania.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Stevens to Approve Resolution No. 2009-26 Authorizing the Agreement between the Department of the Army Corps of Engineers and Hatfield Borough for the Design and Construction Assistance of the Hatfield Borough Sewer Collection Improvement Project Montgomery County, Pennsylvania. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Farrall.

President Weierman informed Council that the contract was previously reviewed.

Solicitor Harper updated Council on the terms and conditions of the contract. The Borough will do all the terms of the contract as specified. There is nothing unusual in the contract. The Army Corps of Engineers will work with the Borough Engineers.

Manager DeFinis informed Council that as of next week the Borough will have completed the five year program of televising and identifying problems in the main sewer line and repairing them. This will be the new approach of going after the laterals.

Manager DeFinis answered questions on the total reimbursements and design costs for the projects.

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

9. Motion To Authorize approval letter to the Borough's Zoning Hearing Board for the Ahlquist / Moyer Lot Line Adjustment Plan on behalf of Mayor Kaler III & Borough Council.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Stevens to authorize approval letter to the Borough's Zoning Hearing Board for the Ahlquist / Moyer Lot Line Adjustment Plan on behalf of Mayor Kaler III & Borough Council. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kroesser.

Manager DeFinis informed Council the Ahlquist property is next to the Moyer property. Mr. Moyer is giving the property to straighten out his property line. The Planning Commission reviewed and approved. The applicants would have to go to the Zoning Hearing Board for relief. The applicants are not building anything on the property only adjusting the lot lines.

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

## 10. Motion To Approve Payment of the September Bills.

Manager DeFinis answered questions regarding the bill list.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Farrall To Approve payment of the September Bill List as revised The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kroesser and unanimously approved with a vote of 4-0.

## DISCUSSION:

## 11. Mr. Weimar requested I notify Council of Hat Tricks Sports Bar &amp; Girll Second Anniversary party September 26, 2009.

Manager DeFinis updated Council on Hat Tricks event. Council is invited to attend on the 26<sup>th</sup>. Hat Tricks will be celebrating their second anniversary in borough. Code Enforcement Officer Randy Yardiuman has made Hat Tricks aware of the code. Hat Tricks has obtained a permit from the PLCB to have the picnic party outside.

## 12. Chestnut Street Trail / Bridge Grant. (removed from the agenda).

## 12. A. Lincoln Avenue Bridge.

Manager DeFinis informed Council the grant was not extended to the Borough.

Manager DeFinis informed Council the Chestnut Street Trail / Bridge Grant has been reviewed by the Borough Engineer and is ready to go out. The bid should go out in November and get done in December or early Spring.

## 13. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

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

Manager DeFinis reviewed the reports and answered questions.

## 14. OTHER BUSINESS:

There was no Other Business.

## 18. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Farrall to adjourn the meeting of September 16, 2009. The motion was

seconded by Councilmember Kroesser and unanimously approved with a vote of 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:23 PM.

Executive Session:

*Respectfully Submitted,*  
Linda L. Watts  
Assistant Secretary