

HATFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL
WORKSHOP MEETING
September 2, 2009

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:

- (X) John H. Weierman, President
- () Kenneth V. Farrall (arrived at 8:15 p.m.)
- (X) John Kroesser
- (X) 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, Borough Manager, Michael J. DeFinis, Robert L. Kaler, III, Mayor, Borough Solicitor, Catherine M. Harper and Assistant Secretary, Linda L. Watts.

2. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA:

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Stevens to approve the Agenda of September 2, 2009 with additions. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Moyer and unanimously approved with a vote of 4-0.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Manager, DeFinis reviewed the announcements.

- Next Council meeting is September 16, 2009, Regular Meeting at 7:30 P.M.
- Council will hold their annual retreat September 9, 2009 in Council Chambers starting at 5:00 P.M.
- HERC will meet September 24, 2009 at 8:00 A.M.
- The Planning Commission will meet October 5, 2009 at 7:00 P.M.

President Weierman informed Council the C.A.N., Community Awareness Night is September 19, 2009.

3 REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES:

Manager DeFinis informed Council meetings will be scheduled for Planning, Building and Zoning, Budget, Finance and labor Committee and Public Safety will be addressed after the Retreat.

President Weierman suggested Committee members should prepare a wish list for the Public Works Director.

Manager, DeFinis updated Council on the seven cameras that will be installed at the Trolley Stop Plaza and one camera at the Electric Plant Park for security due to vandalism. Hatfield Township Police Department caught three vandals. Two will go to juvenile panel where they will do community service, the third juvenile watched and was not involved.

Councilmember Moyer informed Council that kids were caught climbing the light poles at the Trolley Stop.

Manager, DeFinis contacted the Police Department again today regarding unruly kids. The Police Department is very responsive to the calls.

Manager, DeFinis answered questions regarding the viewing access to the cameras and the hook-up.

Recycling: Mayor Kaler III informed Council the Recycling Commission met on September 1, 2009.

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

General Report and Project Updates.

- At the request of the contractor the Plaza and Parking Lot project has received a sixty day extension. During this extension I have directed engineer Mark Mattucci to address some repair issues. The water drainage issue and the re-stamping has been addressed.
- Fred Leister and I will be attending the PMEA conference at State College September 30th to October 2nd.
- The Army Corps of Engineers Project Agreement is now available for review. Once the Agreement is executed the design phase will begin. The Borough Solicitor has reviewed the agreement. The agreement will be adopted at the next meeting and the borough can start to move forward with the lateral replacement in the borough.
- The Ahlquist/Moyer Lot Line Adjustment property has requested a Zoning Hearing. I have contacted the Solicitor, Christen Pionzio to schedule a date for the Hearing. The Planning Commission did approve the plan that was presented. The next step would be Zoning Hearing.
- The centerline rumble strips on West Broad Street are the result of the PennDOT project #84995. This is the same grant we received to do the LED Traffic Signals at South Main & Vine Streets.
- The tax bill paid for Wilson Avenue is for the cell tower. The Borough will be reimbursed for that expense.
- Several committee meetings need to be scheduled.

- Tri-State Grouting is scheduled for sanitary sewer line repair the week of August 31. As state previously this will conclude the contract to televise and repair the entire sanitary sewer main. The project will start next week due to other projects.
- Pole Replacement on Market Street - The Police Department North Penn Bus Transportation has been notified as well as residents and business in the Core Commercial area of the traffic congestion and lane closure through out the day. The pole back from the one that was knocked out is cracked. The pole has been secured and will be replaced on Tuesday, September 8. Everyone will be in, Verizon, Comcast, Public Works, and Carr and Duff. There will be flag men. There will be electric disruption for three home owners and possibly one business while the transformer is being disconnected.

Manager, DeFinis gave Council a brief update on the Police Accident report.

- Stream Spill – The Borough notified by a resident that there was a substance in the stream off of Chestnut Street. The information was turned over to Chief Robert Kaler IV. The Public Works Director and I walked the area. Chief Kaler, IV, called the DEP. The primary report is cooking greese. The DEP and Haz-Mat can't at this time determine where it came from. Code Enforcement Officer, Randy Yardiuman will inform business and monitor procedures to business. DEP and Haz-Mat will do an official investigation. The cost to the Borough will be around \$780.00 for the expense of boom work and containing the substance.

ACTION ITEMS:

- Handicapped Sign Request
- Hat Tricks Escrow Account
- James R. Kenney Check Request
- Handicapped Sign Request - Manager, DeFinis updated Council on the request for a Handicapped Sign. At this time it is not feasible. The parking lot would have to be redesigned. It was the consensus of Council to put in a temporary reserve spot on the Reed property for the handicap resident.

Solicitor, Harper suggested making sure it is made clear that the borough has received a request to accommodate Mrs. Fishman at this time for a temporary handicap spot because of her present condition.

- Hat Tricks Escrow Account - Manager, DeFinis informed Council that Hat Tricks has asked that he not to escrow \$1,500 and that he would pay the legal and services and engineering services when they come due. A discussion ensued.

Councilmember Moyer suggested not preserving the borough resolution would set thing in motion for favoritism. It has to be the same format for everyone.

Solicitor, Harper suggested informing Hat Tricks the borough can refund his money when he gets the certificate of occupancy, making sure his legal and engineer bills are paid, and preserving the Borough Resolution.

Manager, DeFinis will contact Hat Tricks.

- James R. Kenney Payment Request – Manager DeFinis informed Council James R. Kenney has submitted payment request #5. Payment request 3 and 4 have been paid and submitted to the County for reimbursement. Assistant Secretary, Linda L. Watts informed Council the Borough can expect to see reimbursement for #3 and #4 by mid September or early October. It was the consensus of Council to pay request #5 and submit to the County for reimbursement.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: Manager DeFinis reviewed the Discussion Items.

- R & L Carriers
- Army Corps of Engineers Project Agreement
- Parking issue at Heather Meadows
- Ahlquist / Moyer Zoning Hearing Application
- Changes to the Revitalization Program
- DVIT New Policy Issue

- R & L Carriers – Will be discussed in Executive Session.

- Army Corps of Engineers Project Agreement - Manager DeFinis informed Council this is the project to redo laterals next spring. The Army Corps of Engineers will work with Burshich on the project.

- Parking issue at Heather Meadows – Manager DeFinis notified the Police Department of the parking problem. A discussion ensued.

- Ahlquist / Moyer Zoning Hearing Application - Manager DeFinis informed Council the Planning Commission has approved the plans. Ahlquist / Moyer will be going to the Zoning Hearing Board as the next step.

- Changes to the Revitalization Program – Manager DeFinis informed Council himself and Assistant Secretary, Linda L. Watts will attend the seminar on Revitalization. The Task Force must now act on as on-going overseer of all revitalization efforts and must prepare an annual report of activities to the County. They want to see dedicated funding that is applied for in the future. These guidelines that are now being put out are very specific.

- DVIT – Borough Solicitor, Catherine M. Harper updated Council on the new policy regarding the loss of personal information and contacting the people. DVIT will offer insurance. The Manager will sign the new policy.

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Moyer to adjourn the meeting of September 2, 2009. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Farrall and unanimously approved with a vote of 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:27 PM.

Executive Session: Potential Litigation

Respectfully Submitted,
Linda L. Watts, Assistant Secretary