

HATFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
April 17, 2019

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:

- (X) John H. Weierman, President
  - ( ) Kenneth V. Farrall
  - ( ) Jason Ferguson
  - (X) John Kroesser
  - (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, Mayor Robert L. Kaler, III, Solicitor Catherine M. Harper; Timoney Knox LLP, Borough Manager Michael J. DeFinis and Assistant Manager Jaime E. Snyder.

Solicitor Harper stated that on Action item 8B, SEPTA did not get the Borough the lease agreement so this can item can be removed from the Agenda.

1. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA:

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Stevens to Approve the Regular Meeting Agenda of April 17, 2019 with corrections and additions. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kroesser and unanimously approved with a vote of 3-0.

2. Public Hearing Regarding the Verizon Cable Franchise Renewal:

PRESIDENT JOHN WEIERMAN: We now have a public hearing regarding the Verizon Cable Franchise Agreement. The purpose of the Agreement is to get comments and review any past performance issues.

SOLICITOR HARPER: At this time, I would like to call the public hearing to order.

SOLICITOR HARPER: There is an exhibit to mark. Exhibit B1 proof that the hearing was advertised in the North Penn Reporter.

PRESIDENT JOHN WEIERMAN: Any comments on the above-mentioned items from the public?

STEVE BOWERS (510 W. VINE STREET): There is a pole outside my residence on W. Vine Street in need of replacement as it was hit by a car last week.

MANAGER DEFINIS: That pole was replaced this week and that pole was a Borough owned pole and is not a Verizon issue.

STEVE BOWERS: Thank you, I didn't know it was not a Verizon pole as Verizon poles in the past have taken longer to get replaced.

SOLICITOR HARPER: When a Borough pole is hit, the Borough tries hard to get the pole replaced as soon as possible and who ever hit the pole to pay for damages as it is expensive to pay for. If the Borough did not try and recoup the funds from the parties involved this could potentially raise the Borough rates but Manager DeFinis is good at completing this. If you see a pole hit, please contact the Borough with any information.

MANAGER DEFINIS: That pole hit was due to inclement weather.

PRESIDENT JOHN WEIERMAN: Any comments or questions from Council?

MANAGER DEFINIS: Jaime and I met with Verizon and the representative from Cohan to bring up issues collected over time such as distribution, correct Jaime?

ASSISTANT MANAGER JAIME SNYDER: Correct, as well as the locations of Verizon poles in the Borough that need replacement with a ranking of 1-10.

PRESIDENT JOHN WEIERMAN: Hearing no other comments or questions the hearing is closed.

This public hearing is closed. (at 7:47 PM the hearing was closed)

### 3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Motion to Approve the Minutes of the March 6<sup>th</sup> Workshop and the March 20<sup>th</sup> Regular Meetings

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Stevens to Approve the Minutes of the March 6<sup>th</sup> Workshop and March 20<sup>th</sup> Regular Meetings. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kroesser and unanimously approved with a vote of 3-0.

### 4. PUBLIC INPUT: President Weierman asked if there was any Public Input.

Edward Smith of 29A Fretz Street, talking about telephone poles, if someone hits the pole do you go after them and the insurance company?

Councilmember Kroesser answered Yes.

Steve Bowers and his wife, Kelly of 510 W. Vine Street addressed Council asking if there was anything that could be done about the property adjacent to them due to the condition of the property and the falling trees into the residence. Mr. Bowers asked about a maintenance agreement with the developer as he knows there is a lawn cutting agreement. Mr. Bowers added that he appreciated the Borough helping out with the racoon issue a few weeks prior.

Councilmember Kroesser stated that he believed the tree on the property was removed from the house and Manager DeFinis added that Code Enforcement has been made aware of the property condition. Manager DeFinis added that he did contact the developer to discuss the condition of the property. Manager DeFinis added that the Borough will not review any items on this development until the escrow account is funded and the property condition is addressed.

Solicitor Harper stated that it may help if the Bowers contact the developer by email requesting him to clean up the property.

The Bowers thanked Borough Council for their attention to this matter.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Manager DeFinis made the following announcements:

- Next month's Council Meetings May 1st Workshop & May 15th Regular Meeting @ 7:00PM at the HVFC
- The Planning Commission is scheduled to meet April 29th @ 7:00PM at the HVFC
- The Hatfield Chamber of Commerce Luncheon is scheduled for April 22nd @ 12noon at the Hatfield Township Community Room
- HERC is scheduled to meet April 24th @ 8:00AM at the HVFC
- MCBA Dinner in Royersford is scheduled for April 25th
- The Borough Offices will be closed on April 19th in Observance of the Good Friday Holiday

6. OLD BUSINESS:

A. SEPTA Lease

Solicitor Harper updated Council on the status of the SEPTA Lease as the Borough's temporary lease agreement runs out at the end of May. Solicitor Harper added that SEPTA needs to get the lease approved by their board and the federal agency that regulates railroads, which they are in the process of now. Solicitor Harper mentioned that

as soon as she receives the lease, she will get it to Council as it must be considered by the end of May.

#### B. Bentwood Drive

Manager DeFinis received communication from the Bentwood Drive spokesperson and all residents have signed the release giving the Borough the right to dedicate the road. Manager DeFinis added that the only thing in the letter that was stated different then discussed was to have the residents at the end of the street have an input on the landscape.

Solicitor Harper stated that she can work on an Ordinance to dedicate the road but a small landscaping plan would be helpful if the Engineer could get that to Council.

### 6. NEW BUSINESS:

#### A. ADA Ramps Invitation to Bid

Manager DeFinis stated that at your places is the invitation to bid for the 2019 ramp projects. Manager DeFinis highlighted the pre-bid and bid meeting dates and times along with the project timeline and needed easements.

Manager DeFinis added that he will have all the properties and easement information over to the Solicitor by the end of the week.

#### B. Resolution 2019-05 Recognizing the Retirement of Corporal Steve Cameron

President Weierman recognized the retirement of Corporal Steve Cameron with Resolution 2019-05.

#### C. PSAB Voting Delegate

Manager DeFinis stated that Councilmember Stevens will be attending the PSAB Conference along with Assistant Manager Jaime Snyder and Myself. Manager DeFinis added that Councilmember Stevens is on the Agenda for consideration to be the voting delegate with him on for consideration as the alternate.

### 7. ACTION ITEMS:

A. Motion to Consider E.R. Stuebner Payment Request No. 13 for the Municipal Complex in the amount of \$95,003.46

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Stevens to Approve E.R. Stuebner Payment Request No. 13 for the Municipal Complex in the amount of

\$95,003.46. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kroesser.

President Weierman asked if there were any comments or questions. There were no comments or questions.

The motion was approved unanimously with a vote of 3-0.

B. Motion to Consider Advertising the ADA Ramps Invitation to Bid.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Stevens to Approve Advertising the ADA Ramps Invitation to bid. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kroesser.

President Weierman asked if there were any comments or questions. There were no comments or questions.

The motion was approved unanimously with a vote of 3-0.

C. Motion to Consider Resolution 2019-05 Recognizing the Retirement of Corporal Steve Cameron

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Stevens to Approve Resolution 2019-05 Recognizing the Retirement of Corporal Steve Cameron. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kroesser.

President Weierman asked if there were any comments or questions. There were no comments or questions.

The motion was approved unanimously with a vote of 3-0.

D. Motion to Consider Appointing Lawrence G. Stevens as the 2019 PSAB Voting Delegate and Michael J. DeFinis as the Alternate

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Kroesser to Approve Appointing Lawrence G. Stevens as the 2019 PSAB Voting Delegate and Michael J. DeFinis as the Alternate. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Weierman.

President Weierman asked if there were any comments or questions. There were no comments or questions.

The motion was approved unanimously with a vote of 3-0.

8. MOTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF THE BILLS:

President Weierman and Manager DeFinis reviewed and answered questions regarding the bill list.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Kroesser to approve payment of the bills. The motion was seconded Councilmember Stevens.

President Weierman asked if there were any comments or questions. There were no comments or questions.

The motion was unanimously approved with a vote of 3-0.

9. MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Kroesser to adjourn the Regular Meeting of April 17, 2019. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Stevens and unanimously approved with a vote of 3-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20PM.

*Executive Session Litigation and Personnel*

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jaime E. Snyder  
Assistant Manager