

HATFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
May 17, 2017

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:

- (X) John H. Weierman, President
  - (X) Kenneth V. Farrall
  - (X) Stephen E. Keib
  - (X) John Kroesser
  - (X) Lawrence G. Stevens
- (X) Mayor, Robert L. Kaler III

The record shows that five members of Council were present at roll call, as well as, Mayor Robert L Kaler III, Solicitor Patrick M. Hitchens; Timoney Knox LLP, Borough Manager Michael J. DeFinis and Assistant Secretary Jaime E. Snyder.

1. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA:

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Farrall to Approve the Regular Meeting Agenda of May 17, 2017 with additions. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Keib and unanimously approved with a vote of 5-0.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Motion to Approve the Minutes of the April 5<sup>th</sup> Workshop Meeting and the April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Regular Meeting.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Farrall to Approve the Minutes of the April 5, 2017 Workshop Meeting and the April 19, 2017 Regular Meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kroesser and unanimously approved with a vote of 5-0.

3. PUBLIC INPUT: President Weierman asked if there was any Public Input.  
No Media Present.  
No Public Input.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Manager DeFinis made the following announcements:

- Next month's Council Workshop & Regular Meeting is June 21<sup>st</sup> @ 7:30PM at the HVFC
- HMHS Meeting is scheduled for May 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 7:00PM at the HVFC
- HERC is scheduled to meet May 24<sup>th</sup> @ 8:00AM at the HVFC
- The Borough Offices will be closed on Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup> in observance of the Memorial Day Holiday
- The Planning Commission is scheduled to meet June 5, 2017 @ 7:00PM at the HVFC
- Officer William J. Chapman Community Night Out is scheduled for June 9<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00PM and the Hatfield Aquatic Center
- Founder's Day is scheduled for Monday, June 12<sup>th</sup> 5:00PM – 8:00PM at Centennial Park

## 5. OLD BUSINESS:

### A. Borough Municipal Complex Change Order Review

Manager DeFinis stated that we asked KCBA to give us a change order in writing for redoing the new lay out for the municipal complex and it is located at your places. Manager DeFinis added that this was the same price that was previously quoted.

### B. Ordinance No. 528 Review

Manger DeFinis stated this Ordinance was placed in your packets and is the latest version since the last Borough Council Meeting which Solicitor Harper has updated with all suggested changes.

Councilmember Farrall asked for a review of the State law compared to the proposed Ordinance No. 528. Solicitor Hitchens addressed the question and a discussion ensued amongst Council.

### C. PIRHL Zoning Application

Manager DeFinis stated that the Zoning Hearing Board granted PIRHL in an order on May 10, 2017 their special exception application submitted to the board with thirteen conditions to allow the property to move from a biblical seminary use to 112 unit age restricted apartments and a variance from section 27-703 addressing the current height of the existing building approving with a vote of 2-1. Manager DeFinis added that this project is now moving forward.

## 6. NEW BUSINESS:

### A. ESSA Bank

Manager DeFinis stated that we have received an invoice from ESSA Bank for the interest payment and balance due of \$87,861.25. Manager DeFinis added that this will be placed on as an action item of loan repayment. Manager DeFinis described the loan structure and repayment schedule to Council.

President Weierman briefly spoke about the Borough's previous debt and loan repayment schedule.

#### B. AMP Newsletter

Manager DeFinis mentioned to Council a portion of the AMP Newsletter that addresses the PPL Transmission Rates. Manager DeFinis stated that in your packets are the transmission rates that the Borough Treasurer tracks and according to this article posted in the AMP Newsletter these rates could be as high as 50% increase on the current term rate.

A discussion ensued amongst Council about the impact that this would have on the Borough and what AMP is doing to try and diminish these increases.

#### C. Army Core of Engineers

Manager DeFinis stated that a letter was received from the Army Core of Engineer's regarding the project on West Vine Street referencing a reimbursement for the Borough in the amount of \$18,701.16 which we received on Monday.

### 7. ACTION ITEMS:

#### A. Motion to Advertise Ordinance No. 528.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Farrall to Advertise Ordinance No. 528. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Keib.

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 5-0.

#### B. Motion to Advertise the Borough Office Demolition Bid Specifications.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Farrall to Advertise the Borough Office Demolition Bid Specifications. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Keib.

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 5-0.

C. Motion to Consider Resolution 2017-08 Recognizing Police Week.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Farrall to Approve Resolution 2017-08 Recognizing Police Week. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Keib.

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 5-0.

D. Motion to Consider Resolution 2017-09 Recognizing the Retirement of Sgt. Dave McCreesh.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Farrall to Approve Resolution 2017-09 Recognizing the Retirement of Sgt. Dave McCreesh. 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 5-0.

E. Motion to Consider Resolution 2017-10 Authorizing the Hometown Heroes Banner Program in the Borough of Hatfield.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Keib to Approve Resolution 2017-10 Authorizing the Hometown Heroes Banner Program in the Borough of Hatfield. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Farrall.

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 5-0.

F. Motion to Consider a Change Order in the Professional Services Fee Agreement between the Borough of Hatfield and KCBA Architects.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Farrall to Approve a Change Order in the Professional Services Fee Agreement between the Borough of Hatfield and KCBA Architects. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Stevens.

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 5-0.

G. Motion to Consider the Transfer of Funds from the Harleysville Bank (HB) Account in the amount of \$88,000.00 to the TD Bank General Fund / Operating Account for the ESSA Bank & Trust Loan Payment due June 1, 2017.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Farrall to Approve the Transfer of Funds from the Harleysville Bank (HB) Account in the amount of \$88,000.00 to the TD Bank General Fund / Operating Account for the ESSA Bank & Trust Loan Payment due June 1, 2017. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Keib.

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 5-0.

#### 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 Stevens to approve payment of the bills. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Keib.

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

The motion was approved with a vote of 4-0-1. Councilmember Farrall abstained from the vote.

#### 9. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Farrall to adjourn the Regular Meeting of May 17, 2017. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Keib and unanimously approved with a vote of 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:12PM.

*Executive Session Litigation and Personnel*

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jaime E. Snyder  
Assistant Secretary