

HATFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
November 21, 2108

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:

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

1. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA:

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Farrall to Approve the Regular Meeting Agenda of November 21, 2018 with additions. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kroesser and unanimously approved with a vote of 4-0.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Motion to Approve the Minutes of the October 3rd Workshop & October 17th Regular Meetings

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Farrall to Approve the Minutes of the October 3rd Workshop & October 17th Regular Meetings. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kroesser and unanimously approved with a vote of 4-0.

3. PUBLIC INPUT: President Weierman asked if there was any Public Input.
No Public Input.
Media Not Present.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Manager DeFinis made the following announcements:
- Next month's Council Meetings December 5th Workshop & December 19th Regular Meeting @ 7:30PM at the HVFC
 - The Planning Commission is scheduled to meet December 3rd @ 7:00PM HVFC
 - The Borough Offices will be closed Thursday & Friday November 22nd & 23rd in Observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday
 - The Borough Brunch will be held on Sunday, December 2, 2018 @ 11:30AM at Pine Crest
 - The MCBA Dinner will be held on Thursday, December 13, 2018 @ 6:00PM at Presidential Caterers

5. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Edinburgh Square

Manager DeFinis informed Council that the developer wrote a Resolution for Council to adopt his sewer plan module.

Solicitor Harper stated that she doesn't think Council could even adopt this knowing there is no sewer. Solicitor Harper asked where the progress was with HTMA and the Township.

Manager DeFinis stated that the Borough is waiting for the direction that HTMA wants to proceed; are they looking for a grant? What is the exact cost in-between 17% and 23%?

Solicitor Harper stated that one of the issues would be if you decided to approve a Resolution for this request, the developer could then proceed to sell the lots.

A discussion ensued amongst Council about the sewer capacity problem with HTMA, the time line, and the developer's request to get final approval on a sewer module plan.

B. Maple Avenue Development

Manager DeFinis stated that he had a conversation with the developer and he would like to push everything off until 2019. Manager DeFinis added that he is planning on closing on the property within the upcoming weeks.

C. 2019 Proposed Budget

President Weierman spoke to Council about the proposed budget and asked if there were any questions since the last meeting where we went over it in detail.

Manager DeFinis stated that some minor changes were made to the General Fund which includes more revenue from the tax evaluation, the SEPTA income was accounted for from the lease, and a reduction in transfer from the electric fund to the general fund. Manager DeFinis added that there is no increase to taxes, electric or sewer rates in this proposed budget.

A discussion ensued amongst Council regarding the budget and the advertising requirements and time line for the proposed budget.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Lot Line Adjustment

Manager DeFinis informed Council that in your packets is the information on the Heckler / Pletscher lot line adjustment. Manager DeFinis stated that this would be a simple lot line adjustment giving the Pletscher property an additional ten feet which will create a ten-foot buffer between the Pletscher property and the Heckler property. Manager DeFinis added that the Code / Zoning Officer sent this to the County and the Planning Commission will see this on the 3rd of December.

Solicitor Harper added to have the Zoning Officer and Engineer review this.

A discussion ensued amongst Council about the time frame for this consideration.

7. ACTION ITEMS:

A. Motion to Consider Authorizing the Hatfield Chamber of Commerce to hold the 2018 Tree Lighting Ceremony at Railroad Plaza on December 1, 2018 beginning at 6:30PM

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Farrall to Approve Authorizing the Hatfield Chamber of Commerce to hold the 2018 Tree Lighting Ceremony at Railroad Plaza on December 1, 2018 beginning at 6:30PM. 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 4-0.

B. Motion to Consider Resolution 2018-31 Amending the PMEA Bylaws, Dues Structure and Approving the Strategic Plan

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Farrall to Approve Resolution 2018-31 Amending the PMEA Bylaws, Dues Structure and Approving the Strategic Plan. 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 4-0.

C. Motion to Consider Resolutions 2018-32, 33, 34, 35 & 36 Recognizing Ten Years of Service to the Borough of Hatfield

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Farrall to Approve Resolutions 2018-32, 33, 34, 35 & 36 Recognizing Ten Years of Service to the Borough of Hatfield. 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 4-0.

D. Motion to Consider Resolution 2018-37 Recognizing the Borough of Hatfield 2018 Citizen of the Year

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Farrall to Approve Resolution 2018-37 Recognizing the Borough of Hatfield 2018 Citizen of the Year. 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 4-0.

E. Motion to Set Hearing Date and Advertise Ordinance No. 534 Fixing the 2019 Real Estate Tax for Consideration on December 5, 2018

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Farrall to Approve to Set the Hearing Date and Advertise Ordinance No. 534 Fixing the 2019 Real Estate Tax for Consideration on December 5, 2018. 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 4-0.

F. Motion to Consider Advertising the Availability of the Borough of Hatfield Budget Appropriating Specific Funds for 2019

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Farrall to Approve to Advertise the Availability of the Borough of Hatfield Budget Appropriating Specific Funds for 2019. 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 4-0.

G. Motion to Consider Advertising the 2019 Meeting Dates

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Farrall to Approve to Advertise the 2019 Meeting Dates. 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 4-0.

H. Motion to Consider payment No. 7 for the Municipal Complex to E.R. Stuebner in the Amount of \$317,052.00 (three hundred seventeen thousand fifty-two dollars) Plus \$230.00 (two hundred and thirty dollars) from a Previous Payment Approval

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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 4-0.

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 approved with a vote of 3-0-1. Councilmember Farrall abstained from the vote.

9. MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Kroesser to adjourn the Regular Meeting of November 21, 2018. The motion was seconded by Councilmember

Farrall and unanimously approved with a vote of 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:12PM.

Executive Session Litigation and Personnel

Respectfully Submitted,
Jaime E. Snyder
Assistant Manager