

HATFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
May 15, 2019

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:

- (X) John H. Weierman, President
 - () Kenneth V. Farrall
 - () Jason Ferguson – arrived at 8:00PM
 - (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. Council Member Ferguson arrived at 8:00PM.

1. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA:

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Stevens to Approve the Regular Meeting Agenda of May 15, 2019 with additions. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kroesser and unanimously approved with a vote of 3-0.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Motion to Approve the Minutes of the April 3rd Workshop and the April 17th Regular Meetings

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

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

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Manager DeFinis made the following announcements:
- HERC is scheduled to meet May 22nd @ 8:00AM at the HVFC
 - The Borough Offices will be closed Monday, May 27th in Observance of Memorial Day
 - Next Planning Commission is scheduled to meet June 3rd @ 7:00PM at the HVFC
 - HMHS is scheduled to meet June 4th @ 7:00PM at the HVFC
 - Next month's Council Meeting June 12th Workshop & Regular @ 7:30PM at the HVFC

5. PUBLIC INFORMATION COORDINATOR UPDATE:

Lindsay Hellmann updated Borough Council on the cancelled Roll & Stroll event as well as the upcoming Founder's Day event scheduled for June 17, 2019. Ms. Hellmann also updated Council on the Fall Festival and her consideration of not having items in the registration bags but instead hand out hats or tee-shirts for participation.

Ms. Hellmann also asked Borough Council to consider a rain date for all 2020 events as well as using the funds left over from the Roll & Stroll event due to the cancelation of the event to purchase new banners for all events in 2020.

6. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Bentwood Drive Dedication Ordinance

Solicitor Harper stated that we have selected June 12th as the hearing date. Solicitor Harper added that per Borough Code property owners need to be notified individually which the Public Works Department will do along with a signed affidavit upon delivery provided by the Public Works Department. Solicitor Harper mentioned that the Borough Engineer is finished with the Legal Descriptions and the map and that the ordinance is set to be advertised in the paper twice for two consecutive weeks. Solicitor added that all the residents have signed off and none want anything for damages and that this ordinance includes no parking on one side and both sides during snow emergency.

B. Municipal Complex Relocation

Manager DeFinis updated Borough Council on the Municipal Complex schedule and stated that though the contract end date is May 23, the building will not be done construction at that time. Manager DeFinis laid at a move in plan for the last week in July through the first week in August with the Borough being closed on August 1st and 2nd and reopening at full function for August 5th.

C. AMI Member Scheduling

Manager DeFinis informed Council that this is the schedule we are working on with AMP with for the AMI Metering System.

D. Update PMEA

Manager DeFinis informed Council that the PMEA Executive Board has recommended a Solicitor and a conference call is scheduled at the end of the week for an official vote. Manager DeFinis added that the job advertisement for the new Executive Director will be published soon.

E. Electric Update

Manager DeFinis stated that we are setting the Borough reclosures to a three-trip system on Friday. Manager DeFinis added that the air brake that was faulty, it will be replaced with fuses and Carr & Duff believes this can take place with no power outage. Manager DeFinis stated that the back up generator information from Power Secure is still pending final numbers.

7. NEW BUSINESS:

A. McNees Engagement Letter – R.I.C.E. Project / BTM Generation

Manager DeFinis informed Council about the McNees Engagement Letter. Solicitor Harper stated that since this is a legal issue, it can be discussed in Executive Session.

B. Resolution 2019-11 R.I.C.E. Peaking Project

Manager DeFinis informed Council that this Resolution designates the Manager to be the signatory for this project.

C. Gross Escrow

Manager DeFinis informed Council that Marilyn Gross put in a request to have her escrow accounts closed with the Borough.

D. Borough Waterline Easement / Kroesser

Solicitor Harper stated that this easement would allow the Kroesser's waterline to occupy space on Borough Property alongside other utilities from the new municipal building. Solicitor Harper added that since the Kroesser's waterline will occupy this space, the Borough is taking control of the maintenance of the waterline.

A discussion ensued amongst Council about the waterline easement agreement.

8. ACTION ITEMS:

A. Motion to Consider Resolution 2019-06 Recognizing & Celebrating Police Week 2019.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Kroesser to Approve Resolution 2019-06 Recognizing & Celebrating Police Week 2019. 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 4-0.

B. Motion to Consider Resolution 2019-07 Authorizing the Closure of Certain Roads for the Memorial Day Parade.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Stevens to Approve Resolution 2019-07 Authorizing the Closure of Certain Roads for the Memorial Day Parade. 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 Resolution 2019-09 Updating the Borough of Hatfield Consolidated Fee Schedule.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Stevens to Approve Resolution 2019-09 Updating the Borough of Hatfield Consolidated Fee Schedule. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ferguson.

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 2019-10 Amending the Right to Know Law Providing Relief from Vexatious Requesters

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Stevens to Approve Resolution 2019-10 Amending the Right to Know Law Providing Relief from Vexatious Requesters. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ferguson.

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 Consider E.R. Stuebner Payment Request No. 14 in the amount of \$152,935.75

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Ferguson to Approve the E.R. Stuebner Payment Request No. 14 in the amount of \$152,935.75. 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 4-0.

F. Motion to Consider Resolution 2019-11 Authorizing the R.I.C.E. Peaking Project

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Ferguson to Approve Resolution 2019-11 Authorizing the R.I.C.E. Peaking Project. 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 4-0.

G. Motion to Consider the Engagement of McNees for the BTM Generation / R.I.C.E. Peaking Project

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Ferguson to Approve Engagement of McNees for the BTM Generation / R.I.C.E. Peaking Project. 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 4-0.

9. 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 4-0.

10. MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Kroesser to adjourn the Regular Meeting of May 15, 2019. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Stevens and unanimously approved with a vote of 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:42PM.

Executive Session Litigation and Personnel

Respectfully Submitted,
Jaime E. Snyder
Assistant Manager