

HATFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
October 16, 2019

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:

- (X) John H. Weierman, President
  - (X) 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, Assistant Manager Jaime E. Snyder and Treasurer Diane Farrall.

SWEARING IN OF COUNCIL MEMBER  
SALVATORE DILISIO JR.  
HONORABLE PAT COONAHAM, PRESIDING

1. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA:

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Stevens to Approve the Regular Meeting Agenda of October 16, 2019 with additions. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ferguson and unanimously approved with a vote of 5-0.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Motion to Approve the Minutes of the September 4<sup>th</sup> Workshop and the September 18<sup>th</sup> Regular Meetings

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Ferguson to Approve the Minutes of the September 4<sup>th</sup> Workshop and the September 18<sup>th</sup> Regular Meetings. 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.

Howard Reid of 303 Wheatfield Circle addressed Council this evening and spoke about his interest to use the Community Room to hold one hour Making a Difference Life Leadership Workshops. Mr. Reid passed out a summary regarding the workshops and discussed details with Borough Council. A discussion ensued amongst Council and it was decided that a Community Room Use Policy was to be created to address these requests.

President Weierman thanked Mr. Reid for coming out to Council and stated that Council would consider his request after the Community Room Use Policy was adopted.

No Media Present.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Manager DeFinis made the following announcements:

- HERC is scheduled to meet October 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 8:00AM
- Hatfield Chamber of Commerce Meeting / Luncheon October 28<sup>th</sup> HT Bldg. Noon
- The Planning Commission is scheduled to meet November 4<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00PM
- Next Month's Council Meetings November 6<sup>th</sup> Workshop & November 20<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting @ 7:30PM
- HMHS Meeting November 19<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00PM at the HVFC
- Chamber Tree Lighting & Caroling December 7<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30PM
- MCBA Holiday Dinner December 12<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00PM Presidential Caterers

5. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Assessment 434 W. Vine Street

Manager DeFinis informed Council that there is no change in the assessed value of this property.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

A. 2020 Preliminary Budget Presentation

Manager DeFinis went over the 2020 proposed budget with Council. Manager DeFinis highlighted each fund; general, fire, electric, sewer, capital projects, sinking, capital reserve, sewer capital, highway aid, and ESSA (municipal complex) and answered questions from Borough Council. Diane Farrall, the Borough Treasurer was also available to answer questions.

Manager DeFinis then added that the changes suggested would be made and another budget would be shared with Council at the next meeting.

#### B. Resolution 2019-22 Supporting Circuit Trails

Manager DeFinis informed Council that Hatfield Borough, Hatfield Township, Upper Gwynedd Township, Lansdale Borough, and Franconia Township met with a representative from the Pennsylvania Environmental Council to discuss the Liberty Bell Trail. Manager DeFinis added that this Resolution and Resolution 2019-24, which is on later for discussion, is in support of the trail and connecting it throughout the region.

#### C. Hatfield Museum and Historical Society Building Update

Manager DeFinis stated that in the packets is the requested update from the Hatfield Museum and Historical Society of the progress of the building and the costs associated with each project.

#### D. Resolution 2019-24 Feasibility Study for the Liberty Bell Trail

Manager DeFinis stated that this Resolution goes along with Resolution 2019-22 for a grant for a feasibility study for North Penn Communities and the Liberty Bell Trail.

### 7. ACTION ITEMS:

#### A. Motion to TABLE Payment Request No. 17 to E.R. Stuebner for the Municipal Complex

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Kroesser to TABLE Payment Request No. 17 to E.R. Stuebner for the Municipal Complex. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Stevens.

#### B. Motion to Consider Resolution 2019-22 Supporting the Completion of 500 Miles of Circuit Trails in the Greater Philadelphia Region by 2025

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Stevens to Approve Resolution 2019-22 Supporting the Completion of 500 Miles of Circuit Trails in the Greater Philadelphia Region by 2025. 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.

C. Motion to Consider Resolution 2019-24 to Apply for a Feasibility Study Grant for the Liberty Bell Trail

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Ferguson to Approve Resolution 2019-24 to Apply for a Feasibility Study Grant for the Liberty Bell Trail. 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.

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 Ferguson 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 5-0.

9. MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Kroesser to adjourn the Regular Meeting of October 16, 2019. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Stevens and unanimously approved with a vote of 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 9:24PM.

*Executive Session Litigation and Personnel*

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jaime E. Snyder  
Assistant Manager