

HATFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL
WORKSHOP MEETING
April 1, 2020
(Meeting was postponed till April 15, 2020)

MINUTES

THIS MEETING WAS HELD ON ZOOM WITH THE PUBLIC AVAILABLE
BY CONFERENCE CALL.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:

- (X) John H. Weierman, President
- (X) John Kroesser, Vice President
- (X) Salvatore DiLisio Jr.
- (X) Jason Ferguson
- (X) Lawrence G. Stevens

- () Mayor, Robert L. Kaler III

The record shows that five members of Council were present at roll call, as well as, 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 Kroesser to Approve the Workshop Meeting Agenda of April 1, 2020. The motion was seconded by Councilmember DiLisio and was unanimously approved with a vote of 5-0.

2. Public Hearing Regarding Ordinance No. 536 Amending the Code of Ordinances of the Borough of Hatfield Providing for a No Knock List

Ordinance 536
PROCEEDINGS

PRESIDENT JOHN WEIERMAN: We now have a public hearing regarding Ordinance No. 536 Amending the Code of Ordinances of the Borough of Hatfield Providing for a No Knock List

PRESIDENT JOHN WEIERMAN: At this time, I would like to call the public hearing to order.

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SOLICITOR HARPER: There are a few exhibits to mark for this Ordinance. First is B1, this is the proof of advertisement from March 23, 2020. The second is B2 this is the proof of notice of postponement of the April 1st Meeting. Last is B3 this is a full copy of Ordinance 536.

SOLICITOR HARPER: This was suggested by Lieutenant Jane Robertson from the Hatfield Township Police Department as this was something the Township added to their Solicitation Ordinance.

LIEUTENANT ROBERTSON: The Police Department would keep a list that residents and business owners can sign up for so they will not have solicitation at their doors or places of business.

PRESIDENT JOHN WEIERMAN: Are there any questions from the Public in attendance at this time? (Manager DeFinis unmuted the conference call and no questions were asked by the Public)

PRESIDENT JOHN WEIERMAN: No questions were raised.

PRESIDENT JOHN WEIERMAN: Are there any questions from Borough Council at this time?

PRESIDENT JOHN WEIERMAN: No questions were raised.

BOROUGH MANAGER MICHAEL J. DEFINIS: For the record this Ordinance is consistent with the Township Soliciting Ordinance.

SOLICITOR HARPER: I used a copy of the Township Solicitation Ordinance as a basis of what to add on to our current solicitation Ordinance.

LIEUTENANT ROBERTSON: This makes it easy for the officers if they have one specific Ordinance to follow for both municipalities for enforcement.

PRESIDENT JOHN WEIERMAN: This item is on for consideration later this evening on the Agenda.

PRESIDENT JOHN WEIERMAN: If there are no further comments or questions on this Ordinance, I would like to call the hearing to a close.

This public hearing is closed. (at 7:40 PM the hearing was closed)

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3. PUBLIC INPUT: President Weierman asked if there was any Public Input. Manager DeFinis unmuted the conference call and no questions were asked by the Public. No Public Input.
Media Not Present.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Next Council Meeting is April 15th Regular Meeting @ 7:30PM
- HCC is scheduled to Meet April 27th @ Noon
- HERC is scheduled to meet April 22nd @ 8:00AM
- The Planning Commission is scheduled to meet May 4th at 7:00PM

5. REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES AND MAYOR: NONE

6. MANAGERS REPORT: General Report and Project Updates. Manager DeFinis reviewed the Reports and made the following announcements:

1. Land Use & Development Updates:

- A. St. Mary St. Kyrillos Coptic Church / Sewer Escrow Under Review
- B. Hatfield Auto Museum / Nothing New
- C. 122 ½ Towamencin Ave. / Access to Property / Under Review
- H. Salter's – Bought Old Firehouse – Plans to renovate
- I. Edinburgh Square Subdivision / Extension Granted – wants to submit final plan
- J. 369 Edgewood Drive Fence Permit / Under Review
- K. SEPTA Property / Lease Agreement Terminated

2. Utility Billing Update:

- A. Staff continues to monitor past due Electric & Sewer accounts. Residents are being sent reminders for PAST DUE ACCOUNTS. Liens are going to issue for past due accounts.
- B. Email Billing available for Electric & Sewer Accounts. I encourage all account holders to take advantage of the cost-effective billing delivery opportunity.

3. 2020 Project Updates:

- A. East Lincoln Avenue Bridge – Meeting this morning – project moving forward
- B. Curb Ramp Bids are being reviewed

4. Items of Interest:

- A. PSAB Conference
- B. PSAB Voting Delegate
- C. HMHS Renovations

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- D/ Liquid Fuels Payments
- E. NPWA Construction Notices
- F. PSAB Golf Outing
- G. IVCC Golf Outing
- H. Asst. Manager Jaime Snyder attend PC Meetings

- 5. AMP R.I.C.E. BTM Peaking Project – spoke about previously
- 6. PMEA Update – Gross Receipts Tax
- 7. AMI UPDATE
- 8. HTMA Interceptor Update
- 9. CARES = Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act

7. NEW BUSINESS / DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. ADA Ramps & Curbs Bid Results

Manager DeFinis informed Council that it was discussed and recommended by the Borough Engineer and Solicitor to reject bids due to COVID-19.

President Weierman asked if any contractors can work during this time and Manager DeFinis stated that yes, some that are essential.

Manager DeFinis explained the criteria that the Borough is using along with other North Penn Managers with not accepting any new permits or allowing any new construction at this time unless it is on an emergency basis.

Solicitor Harper added that the list of life sustaining business from the Governor did not include construction unless they got a waiver.

B. Resolution 2020-06 Supporting the DVRPC Transportation and Community Development Initiative (TCDI)

Assistant Manager Jaime Snyder reviewed this grant for the Liberty Bell Trail Feasibility Study.

C. Resolution 2020-07 Allowing the Borough of Hatfield to Voluntary Comply with the Emergency Order Prohibiting Public Utilities from Terminating Utility Service

Manager DeFinis stated that this was put out by PMEA and it is their recommended position.

D. Resolution 2020-08 Supporting the CDBG Application for the Orchard Lane Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project

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Assistant Manager Jaime Snyder updated Council on this grant application and stated that we are on track for submission next week.

8. OLD BUSINESS:

A. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

Manager DeFinis and President Weierman updated and answered questions regarding the Reports and Correspondence. Lieutenant Robertson answered questions regarding the Police Report.

- Monthly Investment Report
- Monthly EIT / LST Report
- Police Department Report
- Fire Department Report
- Public Works Department Report
- Engineering Report
- Zoning Officer, Building Code, Property Maintenance Report
- Fire Marshal / Fire Safety Inspection Report
- Pool Advisory Board Report

9. ACTION ITEMS: (all action items were done by roll call and the public was taken off mute for any comments)

A. Motion to Consider Ordinance No. 536 Amending the Code of Ordinances of the Borough of Hatfield Providing for a No Knock List

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Ferguson Approve Ordinance No. 536 Amending the Code of Ordinances of the Borough of Hatfield Providing for a No Knock List. 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.

B. Motion to Consider Appointing Council Member Lawrence G. Stevens as the Borough of Hatfield Voting Delegate to the PSAB 2020 Annual Conference and Designating John H. Weierman as the Alternate

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Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Kroesser to Approve Appointing Council Member Lawrence G. Stevens as the Borough of Hatfield Voting Delegate to the PSAB 2020 Annual Conference and Designating John H. Weierman as the Alternate. 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 5-0.

C. Motion to Consider Resolution 2020-06 Supporting the DVRPC Transportation and Community Development Initiative (TCDI)

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Kroesser to Approve Resolution 2020-06 Supporting the DVRPC Transportation and Community Development Initiative (TCDI). 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.

D. Motion to Consider Resolution 2020-07 Allowing the Borough of Hatfield to Voluntary Comply with the Emergency Order Prohibiting Public Utilities from Terminating Utility Service

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Ferguson to Approve Resolution 2020-07 Allowing the Borough of Hatfield to Voluntary Comply with the Emergency Order Prohibiting Public Utilities from Terminating Utility Service. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kroesser.

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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 5-0.

E. Motion to Consider Resolution 2020-08 Supporting the CDBG Application for the Orchard Lane Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Ferguson to Approve Resolution 2020-08 Supporting the CDBG Application for the Orchard Lane Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project. 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.

10. 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 March 2020 Bills. The motion was seconded Councilmember Kroesser.

President Weierman asked if there were any comments or questions.

President Weierman stated to make sure heading is March on the bill list print out. President Weierman asked about SEPTA lease payments?

Manager DeFinis stated that March 1st the Borough will pay and April 1st the Borough will not pay because that is when the lease is terminated.

The motion was approved unanimously with a vote of 5-0.

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11. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Kroesser to adjourn the Workshop Meeting of April 1, 2020. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Stevens and unanimously approved with a vote of 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:12PM

Executive Session Personnel, Litigation and Real Estate

Respectfully Submitted,
Jaime E. Snyder
Assistant Manager