

HATFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
January 20, 2021

MINUTES

THIS MEETING WAS HELD ON ZOOM WITH THE PUBLIC
AVAILABLE BY ZOOM AUDIO AND VIDEO

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:

- (X) John H. Weierman, President
 - (X) John Kroesser, Vice President
 - (X) Salvatore DiLisio Jr.
 - () Jason Ferguson
 - (X) Lawrence G. Stevens
- () Mayor, Robert L. Kaler III - arrived at 7:40PM

The record shows that four 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. Mayor Kaler arrived to the meeting at 7:40PM.

1. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA:

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember DiLisio to Approve the Amended Regular Meeting Agenda of January 20, 2021. 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 December 2, 2020 Workshop & December 16, 2020 Regular Meetings

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Kroesser to Approve the Minutes of the December 2, 2020 Workshop & December 16, 2020 Regular Meetings. The motion was seconded by Councilmember DiLisio and unanimously approved with a vote of 4-0.

3. PUBLIC INPUT: President Weierman asked if there was any Public Input. The Public was allowed to comment from Zoom audio during this time. No Public Comment. No Media Present.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Manager DeFinis made the following announcements:

- ZHB is Scheduled for January 21st @ 7:00PM via ZOOM Registration Required
- HMHS is Scheduled to Meet Tuesday, January 26th @ 7:00PM via Facebook Live
- HERC is scheduled to Meet Wednesday, January 27th @ 8:00AM
VIA ZOOM Registration Required
- Next Planning Commission Meeting is Scheduled for February 1, 2021 @ 7:00PM VIA ZOOM and In-Person Registration Required
- Next Borough Council Meetings are the February 3rd Workshop Meeting & February 17th Regular Meeting both at 7:30PM via ZOOM Registration Required
- ZHB Hatfield Township

5. OLD BUSINESS / DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. Borough of Hatfield 2021 ZOOM Policy

President Weierman reviewed the Zoom Policies and stated they are on for consideration this evening.

B. Lincoln Avenue Bridge Replacement Project Bid Advertisement

President Weierman stated this is listed for consideration this evening and added that the bid opening is scheduled for February 25th at 11:00AM.

C. NEXtera Energy Public Power Summit Announcement

President Weierman stated the date for the Power Summit has changed to February 11th.

D. APPA Legislative Rally FAQs

Manager DeFinis stated the APPA Rally will be held virtually the 1st and 2nd of March.

E. HVFC NO. 1 Year End 12-31-2019 Financial Statements

President Weierman stated that the Borough has received the annual financial report which goes back to December 2019. Manager DeFinis added that there is a copy located at the Borough Office if anyone would like to look at it.

F. Teamsters Local Union No. 830 Contract Review & Letter of Understanding with Wages

President Weierman highlighted the changes in this agreement with Council. Manager DeFinis spoke about the additional letter of understanding that outlines the wage scale and the sunset of the defined benefit plan in December of 2023.

G. 308 West Broad Street ZHB Update

Solicitor Harper updated Borough Council on a proposed agreement with 308 W. Broad Street who has gone to the Zoning Hearing Board for a code violation of a pool that was installed without a permit and violates yard setbacks. Solicitor Harper stated that the proposed agreement would have the pool removed by Memorial Day and if it would be reinstalled, it would need to be placed where the Engineer survey determined. Solicitor Harper added that if they agree to take down the pool and allow the Borough access, the Borough will fix the stormwater pipe that is running through their yard in accordance with a grant the Borough has received for W. Broad Street storm and sanitary sewer work.

Councilmember Kroesser asked who was the closest neighbor and did they approve the plan? Solicitor Harper stated she believes the neighbor would be satisfied with this proposed plan agreement.

President Weierman asked if this agreement offered an easement for the Borough to access the property and Solicitor Harper stated Yes.

Solicitor Harper added that this will be on for consideration this evening but the motion must indicate upon signed agreement by the homeowner.

H. Resolution 2021-02 Transfer of Funds

President Weierman stated that this Resolution would issue a transfer from savings into the general account but it would be replenished back by the Borough later in the year after the Borough started to collect the yearly tax revenue.

I. SEPTA License Agreement

Manager DeFinis stated that this is something the Borough has been working with SEPTA on and is different than a full lease agreement. Manager DeFinis stated that this license agreement will be for \$1.00 and will allow the Borough to utilize the property for at least six months while looking for a fulltime tenant.

Councilmember DiLisio asked that during this agreement if something would happen at the property, who would pay for repair? Manager DeFinis stated the Borough would, but it does account for normal wear and tear.

6. NEW BUSINESS: (NONE)

7. ACTION ITEMS: (the public was taken off mute for any comments)

A. Motion to Consider Adopting the 2021 Borough of Hatfield ZOOM Policy

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Kroesser Approve Adopting the 2021 Borough of Hatfield ZOOM Policy. The motion was seconded by Councilmember DiLisio.

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 Advertising the Lincoln Avenue Bridge Replacement Project Bid Specifications

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Kroesser Approve Advertising the Lincoln Avenue Bridge Replacement Project Bid Specifications. The motion was seconded by Councilmember DiLisio.

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 2021-01 Approving the CBA with the Teamsters Local Union No. 830

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Kroesser Approve Resolution 2021-01 Approving the CBA with the Teamsters Local Union No. 830. The motion was seconded by Councilmember DiLisio.

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 the Letter of Understanding with the Teamsters Local Union No. 830

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Stevens Accept the Letter of Understanding with the Teamsters Local Union No. 830. 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 Consider Resolution 2021-02 Authorizing the Transfer of Funds \$70,000 from Harleysville Bank to the General Fund

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Stevens to Approve Resolution 2021-02 Authorizing the Transfer of Funds \$70,000 from Harleysville Bank to the General Fund. The motion was seconded by Councilmember DiLisio.

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 License Agreement with SEPTA

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember DiLisio Approve License Agreement with SEPTA. 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 Settlement Agreement at 308 W. Broad Street Contingent Upon the Homeowner Signing the Agreement

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Stevens Approve the Settlement Agreement at 308 W. Broad Street Contingent Upon the Homeowner Signing the Agreement. 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.

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 Councilmember DiLisio.

President Weierman asked if there were any comments or questions.

President Weierman commented on the Danella final payment for work on E. Lincoln Avenue.

The motion was approved unanimously with a vote of 4-0.

9. MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Councilmember DiLisio asked before adjournment about pole attachment agreements in the Borough. Manager DeFinis stated that we have them with Comcast and Sunesys but not with Verizon as they do not charge us, so we do not charge them. Manager DeFinis added that Verizon actually owns more poles in the Borough than the Borough does.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Kroesser to adjourn the Regular Meeting January 20, 2021. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Stevens and unanimously approved with a vote of 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:38PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jaime E. Snyder
Assistant Manager