

HATFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
March 16, 2022

MINUTES

THIS MEETING WAS HELD IN-PERSON
BOROUGH HALL 401 S. MAIN STREET, HATFIELD
THIS MEETING WAS RECORDED

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:

- (X) Jason Ferguson, President
- (X) Richard Girard, Vice President
- (X) James Fagan
- (X) Michelle Kroesser
- (X) Lawrence G. Stevens

- (X) Mayor Mary Anne Girard

The record shows that five members of the Council were present at roll call, as well as, Mayor; Mary Anne Girard, Solicitor; Catherine M. “Kate” Harper; Timoney Knox LLP, Borough Manager; Jaime E. Snyder, and Assistant to the Manager; Kathryn Vlahos.

1. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA:

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Stevens to Approve the Regular Meeting Agenda of March 16, 2022. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Girard.

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

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Motion to Approve the Minutes of the February 2, 2022 Reorganization / Workshop Meeting and the February 16, 2022 Regular Meetings.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Stevens to Approve the Minutes of the February 2, 2022 Reorganization / Workshop Meeting and the February 16, 2022 Regular Meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Fagan and unanimously approved with a vote of 5-0.

3. PUBLIC INPUT: President Ferguson asked if there was any Public Input. No Public Comment. No Media Present.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Manager Snyder made the following announcements:

- HEROC Is Scheduled to Meet Wednesday, March 23, 2022 @ 8:00AM in Council Chambers
- Next Planning Commission Meeting is Scheduled for April 4, 2022 @ 7:00 PM in Council Chambers
- Next Borough Council Meetings are the April 6, 2022 Workshop Meeting and April 20, 2022 Regular Meeting both at 7:30 PM in Council Chambers
- HMHS is Scheduled to Meet Tuesday, March 22, 2022 @ 7:00PM at the HVFC
- MCBA Reorganization Meeting will be held March 24, 2022 @ 7:00PM via ZOOM

5. PUBLIC HEARING:

Ordinance No. 545 Amending Chapter 27 Zoning on the Code of Ordinances Revising and Restating the Core Commercial District Regulations to Permit Outdoor Dining with Live Entertainment by Conditional Use.

President Ferguson suspended the Regular Scheduled Public Meeting and opened for the Scheduled Public Hearing. A Court Reporter was present and the Public Hearing closed at 8:15PM.

Official Court Reporter Minutes for this Public Hearing can be requested at the Hatfield Borough Office.

6. NEW BUSINESS / DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. Advertising 2022 Roadway Resurfacing Project

Manager Snyder explained that this is for the advertainment of the 2022 Roadway Resurfacing Project that is on for consideration for an action item.

7. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Resolution 2022-04 Hatfield Memorial Day Parade Road Closure

Manager Snyder stated that this resolution is to close certain roads in the Borough for the Memorial Day Parade. This resolution needs to be sent in with the PennDOT permit application.

B. Retain Special Consortium Counsel to Negotiate Comcast Franchise Renewal Agreement

Manager Snyder explained that this was discussed at the Workshop Meeting and will allow the Borough to obtain special council to negotiate the Comcast Franchise Renewal in the Borough.

8. ACTION ITEMS:

A. Motion to Consider Ordinance No. 545 Amending Chapter 27 Zoning in the Code of Ordinances Revising and Reinstating the Core Commercial District Regulations to Permit Outdoor Dining with Live Entertainment by Conditional Use

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Stevens to Approve Ordinance No. 545 Amending Chapter 27 Zoning in the Code of Ordinances Revising and Reinstating the Core Commercial District Regulations to Permit Outdoor Dining with Live Entertainment by Conditional Use. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Girard.

President Ferguson 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 Resolution 2022-04 Authorizing the Closure of Certain Borough Roads for the Hatfield American Legion Memorial Day Parade

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Stevens to Approve Resolution 2022-04 Authorizing the Closure of Certain Borough Roads for the Hatfield American Legion Memorial Day Parade. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kroesser.

President Ferguson 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 Retaining the Cohen Law Group to Represent the Borough of Hatfield to Negotiate the Comcast Franchise Agreement and Authorize Borough Manager, Jaime E. Snyder, to Sign the Engagement Letter

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Stevens to Approve Retaining the Cohen Law Group to Represent the Borough of Hatfield to Negotiate the Comcast Franchise Agreement and Authorize Borough Manager, Jaime E. Snyder, to Sign the Engagement Letter. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kroesser.

President Ferguson 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 Advertising the 2022 Borough of Hatfield Roadway Resurfacing Project

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Girard to Approve the Advertising the 2022 Borough of Hatfield Roadway Resurfacing Project. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kroesser.

President Ferguson 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 Ferguson and Manager Snyder reviewed and answered questions regarding the bill list.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Stevens to Approve payment of the bills. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Girard.

President Ferguson 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.

12. MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Stevens to adjourn the Regular Meeting of March 16, 2022. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Girard and unanimously approved with a vote of 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:23PM.

Executive Session Personnel, Litigation and Real Estate

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathryn Vlahos
Assistant to the Manager