

HATFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
September 20, 2023

MINUTES

THIS MEETING WAS HELD IN-PERSON & LIVE STREAMED
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, Public Works Director; Stephen S. Fickert, Junior Council Person; Aiden Wieder and Public Information Coordinator; Lindsay Hellmann.

1. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA:

Motion to Approve the Agenda for the Hatfield Borough Council Regular Meeting on September 20, 2023.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Stevens to Approve the Regular Meeting Agenda of September 20, 2023. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kroesser.

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

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Motion to Approve the Minutes of the August 16, 2023 Regular Meeting.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Girard to Approve the Minutes of the August 16, 2023 Regular Meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Stevens and unanimously approved with a vote of 5-0.

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

- Borough Resident Jerry Demas- 40 North Maple Avenue
Mr. Demas addressed Borough Council with concerns about the amount of money being spent on Utility Bills a year. Chairman of the Utilities Committee, Councilmember Girard, heard the concerns of the resident and agreed to investigate the numbers for Mr. Demas. He stated that he would reach out to him with the findings.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Next Council Meeting October 4, 2023 Workshop October 18, 2023 Regular Meeting @ 7:00PM in Council Chambers
- HEROC is Scheduled to Meet Wednesday, September 27, 2023 @ 8:00AM in Council Chambers
- HMHS is Scheduled to Meet Tuesday, September 26, 2023 @ 7:00PM at the Hatfield Borough Office, Council Chambers
- Planning Commission Meeting is Scheduled for October 2, 2023 @ 7:00PM in Council Chambers
- Hatfield Borough Fall Fest is scheduled for Saturday September 23, 2023 @ 3:00 pm on East Lincoln Avenue

5. HATFIELD POLICE STATION PRESENTATION

- The Hatfield Police Department did a Patch Presentation displaying the new Hatfield Police Department unifying the police department within the Township and Borough.
- Lt. Jane Robertson introduced new Hatfield Police Officers to Borough Council.
- Hatfield Township Manager Aaron Bibro and Hatfield Police Department Chief Bill Tierney presented the initial layout of the new Hatfield Police Station which will be located on Cowpath Road.

6. NEW BUSINESS / DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. Monthly Cash Report

Manager Snyder stated that the Cash report was located in the packet. She asked for questions, there were none.

B. Monthly YTD Report

Manager Snyder stated that the YTD report was located in the packet. Stated that the numbers are doing well for the first six months of the year.

C. Monthly Investment Report

Manager Snyder stated that the Monthly Investment report was in the packet. She stated that the electric 6-month matured and was reinvested at roughly 5.5%. She stated that the Sewer manage matures the next day and that they are looking to do the same.

D. Monthly EMS Report

Manager Snyder stated that the monthly EMS Report was in the packet. She stated that total zone calls were 15 and total EMS calls were 1,051, which means that roughly 1.5% of calls were in Hatfield Borough.

E. Monthly Engineering Report

Manager Snyder that the monthly Engineer Report was in the packet. She noted that the 2023 and 2022 Roadway Resurfacing Projects are just waiting for the certified payrolls from the contractor prior to making payment.

Bennett's Court has begun ENS controls and moving soil. She stated that residents in the area were notified that the project was about to restart.

F. Hatfield Borough Tax Collector Resignation

Manager Snyder presented Borough Council with the resignation of Tax Collector Mohammed Haque as he will be moving out of Hatfield Borough. It is on for consideration to accept his resignation. They will then be looking for a replacement to be appointed within 30 days. Solicitor Harper mentioned that the person would need to be appointed at a public meeting. She stated that there is currently a posting for a new Tax Collector posted on the website where they may mail in their qualifications to the Borough Office or drop them off to be considered. They will be accepted until September 29, 2023.

7. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Resolution 2023-12 Recognizing Public Power Week

Manager Snyder explained that this is an annual resolution that Council and the Mayor pass to recognize that Hatfield Borough provides electricity to the Borough.

B. Resolution 2023-13 Recognizing Fire Prevention Week

Manager Snyder explained that this is an annual resolution that Council and the Mayor pass that recognizes Fire Prevention Week.

C. Resolution 2023-14 Closure of Certain Borough Roads

Manager Snyder explained that this is an annual resolution that Council and the Mayor pass for the Fall Fest & Car Show.

8. ACTION ITEMS:

A. Motion to Consider Resolution 2023-12 Recognizing Public Power Week

Motion: A motion was made to approve Resolution 2023-12 by Councilmember Kroesser. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Fagan and unanimously approved with a vote of 5-0.

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 2023-13 Recognizing Fire Prevention Week

Motion: A motion was made to approve Resolution 2023-13 by Councilmember Stevens. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kroesser and unanimously approved with a vote of 5-0.

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 Resolution 2023-14 Closure of Certain Borough Roads for the Annual Fall Fest Event

Motion: A motion was made to approve Resolution 2023-14 by Councilmember Girard. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kroesser and unanimously approved with a vote of 5-0.

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 Accepting the Resignation of the Hatfield Borough Tax Collector Mohammed F. Haque.

Motion: A motion was made to Consider the Resignation of Hatfield Borough Tax Collector Mohammed F. Haque by Councilmember Stevens. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Girard and unanimously approved with a vote of 5-0.

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:

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

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 ADJOURN: EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Kroesser to adjourn the Regular Meeting of May 17, 2023. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Girard and unanimously approved with a vote of 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 PM.

There was no executive session due to the continuation of the Strategic Planning Meeting.

Executive Session Personnel, Litigation and Real Estate

Respectfully Submitted,
Lindsay Hellmann
Public Information Coordinator