

HATFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
February 17, 2016

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:

- (X) John H. Weierman, President
- (X) Kenneth V. Farrall
- (X) Stephen E. Keib
- (X) John Kroesser
- (X) Lawrence G. Stevens

- (X) Mayor Robert L. Kaler, III

The record shows that five members of Council were present at roll call, as well as, Mayor Robert L Kaler III, Patrick M. Hitchens; Timoney Knox LLP, Borough Manager Michael J. DeFinis and Assistant Secretary Jaime E. Snyder.

1. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA:

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Farrall to Approve the Regular Meeting Agenda of February 17, 2016 with additions. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Keib and unanimously approved with a vote of 5-0.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Motion to Approve the Minutes of the January 4th 2016 Reorganization / Workshop Meeting and the January 20, 2016 Regular Meeting.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Farrall to Approve the Minutes of the January 4th 2016 Reorganization / Workshop Meeting and the January 20, 2016 Regular Meeting. 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. There was no public input. The media was not present.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Manager DeFinis made the following announcements:

- The Planning Commission is scheduled to meet Monday, February 1st @ 7:00PM
- Next Council Meetings March 2nd Workshop & March 16th Regular @ 730PM in Council Chambers
- HERC is scheduled to meet February 24 , 2016 @ 8:00AM
- MCBA Dates; No Dates February or March / Telford, Hatfield, Souderton April 28th

5. Public Hearing to Consider Ordinance # 521 An Ordinance of the Borough of Hatfield Code of Ordinances Amending Chapter 8 Titled “Floodplains” and replacing it with “Floodplain Management.”

BOROUGH OF HATFIELD

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MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PA

Ordinance # 521 Amending the Borough of Hatfield Code of Ordinances, Chapter 8 Titled “Floodplains” in its entirety and replacing it with a new Chapter 8 titled “Floodplain Management.”

Wednesday, February 17, 2016

Hatfield Borough Building
401 South Main Street
PO BOX 190
Hatfield, PA 19440

PRESENT:

John H. Weierman, President

Kenneth V. Farrall, Vice President

Stephen E. Keib, Councilmember

John Kroesser, Councilmember

Lawrence G. Stevens, Councilmember

Robert L. Kaler III, Mayor

Michael J. DeFinis, Manager

COUNCIL APPEARED AS FOLLOWS:

Patrick M. Hitchens, Timoney Knox LLP

Ordinance 521

PROCEEDINGS

MR. WEIERMAN: We now have a public hearing regarding Ordinance number 521 Amending the Borough of Hatfield Code of Ordinances, Chapter 8 Titled “Floodplains” in its entirety and replacing it with a new Chapter 8 titled “Floodplain Management.”

PATRICK HITCHENS, ESQ: At this time I would like to call the public hearing to order.

PATRICK HITCHENS, ESQ: Please let me mark some documents. The first document, B-1 is a copy of the entire Ordinance titled An Ordinance amending the Borough of Hatfield Code of Ordinances, Chapter 8 Titled “Floodplains” in its entirety and replacing it with a new Chapter 8 titled “Floodplain Management” and I did mark the document with number 521 in accordance with the Ordinance number. The second document, B-2 would be a copy of the legal notices advertised on February 2, 2016 and the second on February 9, 2016. I would also like to mark as B-3 a larger version of the Ordinance summary. I would like to mark as B-4 the document, letter with an attachment from FEMA Review Check List dated October 2014 and this is a review letter that the Borough had received dated February 16, 2016 stating that the proposed Ordinance under consideration this evening has been approved by FEMA and complies with their check list.

PATRICK HITCHENS, ESQ: Let the minutes reflect that there are no members of the public in attendance.

PATRICK HITCHENS, ESQ: This Ordinance is required by the county and required by FEMA and it is important that the Borough had passed an Ordinance allowing residents to receive flood insurance. The Borough’s proposed Ordinance is essentially a copy of the model Ordinance proposed by the County with minor revisions from Bursich, the Borough Engineer and the Solicitors Office. Having noted in B-4 this does meet all the qualifications from FEMA.

PATRICK HITCHES, ESQ: Are there any questions or comments?

MR. FARRALL: When we initially sent this out for review did we receive any comments back?

PATRICK HITCHENS, ESQ: Yes, the process was we were supposed to send it to the County for review and after the County it would go to DCED for review then once DCED approved it would be adopted and sent to FEMA for review. We received a response from County with approval, then we sent it to DCED and at our last meeting we did not receive a response from DCED but we decided to move forward because of the time frame. Since that meeting we have received review from DCED stating we are in full compliance. Assuming it is approved tonight the Borough Manager will then send a copy to FEMA showing the adoption.

MR. FARRALL: For the record, this does not change any floodplain lines, it is just procedural?

MANAGER DEFINIS: Floodplain lines are decided and drawn by FEMA they were addressed through this process with a floodplain map.

MR. FARRALL: The Borough does not have anything to do with establishing these floodplain lines correct?

PATRICK HITCHENS, ESQ: That is correct.

MR. FARRALL: I just wanted this on record that we did not create or revise the lines, this is done by FEMA we are just amending the procedures.

PATRICK HITCHENS ESQ: That is correct. FEMA decides what properties fall under the floodplain. All we are asked to do is set rules for those who fall in that area to abide by for flood insurance. You are correct; the Borough is not responsible for deciding what properties fall in or not in the floodplain.

PATRICK HITCHENS ESQ: If there is no further discussion on this Ordinance I would like to call the hearing to a close and note that the Borough will be voting on this Ordinance later this evening.

This public hearing is closed (at 7:45 PM the hearing was closed)

6. OLD BUSINESS:

7. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Resolution 2016-02 Kevin Claxon's achievement of Eagle Scout

Councilmember Farrall stated that Kevin would like this presented to him at his Eagle Scout Court of Honor scheduled for March 13th at 2:30pm at Trinity Lutheran Church. Councilmember Farrall stated that the Gazebo looks good and Kevin did a nice job on his project.

Councilmember Farrall spoke about two other Scout projects one completed and one which is in the process

B. Mayoral Proclamation Kevin Claxon's achievement of Eagle Scout

Council and Mayor Kaler looked over the Proclamation.

C. PSAB Conference Mailing

President Weierman spoke about the conference mailing for PSAB.

D. Grass Cutting Bid

Manager DeFinis stated this is the same bid used in previous years with the addition to item number 10 addresses equipment and employees.

8. ACTION ITEMS:

A. Motion to Adopt Ordinance # 521 An Ordinance of the Borough of Hatfield Code of Ordinances Amending Chapter 8 Titled "Floodplains" and replacing it with "Floodplain Management."

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Farrall to Adopt Ordinance # 521 An Ordinance of the Borough of Hatfield Code of Ordinances Amending Chapter 8 Titled "Floodplains" and replacing it with "Floodplain Management" The motion was seconded by Councilmember Keib.

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 Approve Resolution 2016-02 Recognizing Kevin Claxon's achievement of Eagle Scout.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Farrall to Approve Resolution 2016-02 Recognizing Kevin Claxon's achievement of Eagle Scout. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Keib.

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 Accept Mayoral Proclamation Recognizing Kevin Claxon's achievement of Eagle Scout.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Farrall to Accept Mayoral Proclamation Recognizing Kevin Claxon's achievement of Eagle Scout. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Keib.

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 Advertise the Grass Cutting Bid Packet for 2016 & 2017.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Farrall to Advertise the Grass Cutting Bid Packet for 2016 & 2017. 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.

E. Motion to Advertise the Towamencin Avenue Reconstruction Bid Packet.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Keib to Advertise the Towamencin Avenue Reconstruction

Bid Packet. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Farrall.

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.

F. Motion to Advertise for Public Works Summer Help.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Farrall to Advertise for Public Works Summer Help. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kroesser.

President Weierman asked if there were any comments or questions.

Councilmember Keib asked about the employment period and Manager DeFinis stated that per the union contract they cannot work more than 90 days.

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

G. Motion to Approve the Agreement for Professional Financial Advisory Services between the Borough of Hatfield and Public Financial Management, Inc.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Farrall to Approve the Agreement for Professional Financial Advisory Services between the Borough of Hatfield and Public Financial Management, Inc. 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.

9. 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 seconded by Councilmember Farrall.

President Weierman asked if there were any comments or questions.

President Weierman asked about a plumbing reimbursement and Manager DeFinis stated that the problem was proved to be the Borough's and we have a valid receipt.

The motion was approved with a vote of 4-0-1. Councilmember Weierman abstained from the vote.

10. MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Kroesser to adjourn the Regular Meeting of February 17, 2016. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Farrall and unanimously approved with a vote of 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55PM.

Executive Session Litigation and Personnel

Respectfully Submitted,
Jaime E. Snyder
Assistant Secretary