

HATFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
November 15, 2017

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:

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

The record shows that four members of Council were present at roll call, as well as, Mayor Robert L Kaler III, Solicitor Catherine M. Harper, 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 Keib to Approve the Regular Meeting Agenda of November 15, 2017 with additions. 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 October 4th and the October 18th 2017 Regular Meeting.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Keib to Approve the Minutes of the October 4th Workshop and the October 18th 2017 Regular Meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kroesser and unanimously approved with a vote of 4-0.

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

Steve Bowers from 510 West Vine Street addressed Borough Council and Mayor Kaler this evening. Mr. Bowers spoke about his concerns for the new homes being developed at

the corner of West Vine Street and Koffel Road. Mr. Bowers asked about the traffic study that was proposed for the development and when it would occur and who would be performing the study.

Manager DeFinis addressed Mr. Bowers concerns and informed him that McMahon Associates is the Borough's Traffic Engineer and that they would be performing the study and a cost proposal was submitted last week for signed approval. Manager DeFinis stated that there is a whole list of parameters to be followed for the study.

Mr. Bowers addressed his concerns for the parking that could occur from the development and suggested he would like to see no on street parking on West Vine Street from Koffel down to South Farview Avenue.

Solicitor Harper asked if Mr. Bowers has discussed this view with his neighbors and he stated that he has. Solicitor Harper stated that Borough Council can make a request to McMahon and the Borough Engineer to evaluate that suggestion and see if that is something that Borough Council should look further into. Solicitor Harper stated if the professionals think it is warranted, they will issue a letter to Borough Council suggesting the change to the no parking ordinance in the Borough. This is a separate issue from the development. A discussion ensued about the process and the onsite parking for the new development.

Mr. Bowers also addressed the Zoning Hearing Board decisions with Borough Council and requested to ask for a variance to have a fence placed to the street.

Solicitor Harper stated that Mr. Bowers could file an application requesting a variance for a fence to be placed in a location in which the ordinance does not permit.

Mr. Bowers thanked Borough Council for their time this evening.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Manager DeFinis made the following announcements:

- Next month's Council Meetings December 6th Workshop & December 20th Regular Meeting @ 7:30PM at the HVFC
- HERC is scheduled to meet December 20th @ 8:00AM at the HVFC
- The Planning Commission is scheduled to meet December 4th @ 7:00PM at the HVFC
- The Borough Offices will be closed Thursday & Friday November 23rd & 24th in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday
- The HMHS is scheduled to meet Tuesday, November 21st @ 7:00PM at the HVFC

5. OLD BUSINESS:

A. 2018 Budget Questions / Comments

President Weierman went over the 2018 proposed budget with Borough Council and Mayor Kaler.

Manager DeFinis stated that there would be a few minor changes including capital projects for the revised Towamencin Avenue project and uniform adjustments. Manager DeFinis stated these changes will not change any commitments Borough Council has stated to not raise taxes, electric and sewer rates.

President Weierman stated to please send all questions or comments to Manager DeFinis or Treasurer Diane Farrall and they will be addressed.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Hatfield Chamber of Commerce Tree Lighting Request

President Weierman stated the letter requesting the use of Railroad Plaza by the Hatfield Chamber of Commerce for the annual Tree Lighting was in you packets and on for consideration this evening as an action item.

B. Municipal Option to Prohibit Siting of Category 4 Casino

Solicitor Harper referenced her letter to Council dated November 13, 2017 addressing the expansion of gambling in Pennsylvania. Solicitor Harper addressed the two new types of casinos passed; mini casino and truck stop casino. Solicitor Harper stated that if the Borough did not want either of these facilities located in the Borough they have the right to opt out but it must be done prior to December 31, 2017 by Resolution at a public meeting. This can be withdrawn but the applicant cannot opt out at a later date. A discussion ensued amongst Council about this new legislation.

C. AMP Hometown Connections Inc.

Manager DeFinis stated that AMP is going to take over the ownership role of Hometown Connections Inc. and there is a letter at your places from Marc S. Gerken, President and CEO of AMP describing the process.

D. Legislative Call to Action – Build America Bonds

Manager DeFinis stated that the legislative call to action is to bring awareness to the concern over the elimination of the funding for Build America Bonds. A discussion ensued amongst Council about the significance of this pertaining to AMP. Manager DeFinis stated that Hatfield Borough is not involved in any AMP projects pertaining to the use of BAB's.

E. Recognition Program for Years of Service

President Weierman spoke about the recognition program for Borough Council, Committees and Employees and the Resolutions honoring everyone's years of service.

7. ACTION ITEMS:

A. Motion to Consider Authorizing the Hatfield Chamber of Commerce to hold the 2017 Tree Lighting Ceremony at Railroad Plaza on December 2, 2017 beginning at 6:30PM.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Kroesser Authorizing the Hatfield Chamber of Commerce to hold the 2017 Tree Lighting Ceremony at Railroad Plaza on December 2, 2017 beginning at 6:30PM. 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 4-0.

C. Motion to Consider Resolution 2017-22 Recognizing Hurricane Relief Assistance.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Keib to Approve Resolution 2017-22 Recognizing Hurricane Relief Assistance." 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.

C. Motion to Consider Resolution 2017-23 Opposing House Bill 1620 "Wireless Infrastructure Deployment."

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Keib to Approve Resolution 2017-23 Opposing House Bill 1620 "Wireless Infrastructure Deployment." 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.

D. Motion to Consider Resolution 2017-24 Recognizing the Borough of Hatfield 2017 Citizen of the Year.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Stevens to Approve Resolution 2017-24 Recognizing the Borough of Hatfield 2017 Citizen of the Year. 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 Vanic Co. Change Order # 1 an increase in the amount of \$9,975.00.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Keib to Approve Vanic Co. Change Order # 1 an increase in the amount of \$9,975.00. 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.

F. Motion to Consider Vanic Co. Final Payment Request in the amount of \$12,620.00 as referenced in the November 3, 2017 Bursich / Chad Camburn Letter.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Keib to Approve the Vanic Co. Final Payment Request in the amount of \$12,620.00 as referenced in the November 3, 2017 Bursich / Chad Camburn Letter. 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.

G. Motion to Advertise the Municipal Complex Bid Specifications Packet.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Keib to Advertise the Municipal Complex Bid Specifications Packet. 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.

H. Motion to Consider Resolution 2017-25 through 2017-37 Recognizing Years of Service.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Kroesser to Approve Resolution 2017-25 through 2017-37 Recognizing Years of Service. 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.

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 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.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion:

A motion was made by Councilmember Keib to adjourn the Regular Meeting of November 15, 2017. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kroesser and unanimously approved with a vote of 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:19PM.

Executive Session Litigation and Personnel

Respectfully Submitted,
Jaime E. Snyder
Assistant Secretary