

HATFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL
WORKSHOP MEETING
May 6, 2020
MINUTES

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

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:

- (X) John H. Weierman, President
- (X) John Kroesser, Vice President
- (X) Salvatore DiLisio Jr.
- (X) Jason Ferguson
- (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, Solicitor Catherine M. Harper; Timoney Knox LLP, Borough Manager Michael J. DeFinis, and Assistant Manager Jaime E. Snyder.

1. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA:

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Stevens to Approve the Workshop Meeting Agenda of May 6, 2020. The motion was seconded by Councilmember DiLisio and was unanimously approved with a vote of 5-0

2. PUBLIC INPUT: President Weierman asked if there was any Public Input. The Public was allowed to comment from Zoom audio during this time. Two participants registered for the meeting.
No Public Input.
Media Not Present.

3. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Next Council Meeting is May 20th Regular Meeting @ 7:30PM
- HMHS is scheduled to Meet May 19th @ 7:00PM - Facebook
- HERC is scheduled to meet May 27th @ 8:00AM - Zoom
- The Borough Office will be closed on Monday, May 25th in Observance of the Memorial Day Holiday
- The Planning Commission is scheduled to meet June 1st @ 7:00PM

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4. REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES AND MAYOR: NONE

5. MANAGERS REPORT: General Report and Project Updates. Manager DeFinis reviewed the Reports and made the following announcements:

1. Land Use & Development Updates:

- A. St. Mary St. Kyrillos Coptic Church / Sewer Escrow Under Review
- B. Hatfield Auto Museum / Nothing New
- C. 122 ½ Towamencin Ave. / Access to Property / Under Review
- H. Salter's – Bought Old Firehouse – Plans to renovate
- I. Edinburgh Square Subdivision / Extension Granted – wants to submit final plan
- J. 369 Edgewood Drive Fence Permit / Under Review
- K. SEPTA Property / Lease Agreement Terminated

2. Utility Billing Update:

- A. Staff continues to monitor past due Electric & Sewer accounts. Residents are being sent reminders for PAST DUE ACCOUNTS. Liens are going to issue for past due accounts.
- B. Email Billing available for Electric & Sewer Accounts. I encourage all account holders to take advantage of the cost-effective billing delivery opportunity.

3. 2020 Project Updates:

- A. East Lincoln Avenue Bridge – Meeting this morning – project moving forward
- B. Curb Ramp Bids are being reviewed

4. Items of Interest:

- A. PSAB Conference
- B. PSAB Voting Delegate
- C. HMHS Renovations
- D/ Liquid Fuels Payments
- E. NPWA Construction Notices
- F. PSAB Golf Outing
- G. IVCC Golf Outing
- H. Asst. Manager Jaime Snyder attend PC Meetings

5. AMP R.I.C.E. BTM Peaking Project – spoke about previously

6. PMEA Update – Gross Receipts Tax

7. AMI UPDATE

8. HTMA Interceptor Update

9. CARES = Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act

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Manager DeFinis stated that he received the news letter from NextEra supply growth and eclipse demand growth. Manager DeFinis added that last week he sat in on conference call about how quickly the natural gas market has changed from March to April.

Councilmember DiLisio asked about the Gambone Development whether it was gas or electric. Manager DeFinis stated the twelve homes in the Borough were both.

President Weierman brought attention to the PMEA Board of Directors on what was accomplished last year and the Executive Director.

Manager DeFinis and Councilmember Stevens spoke briefly about HERC's ideas and involvement with business grants during the COVID-19 pandemic.

6. NEW BUSINESS / DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. COVID-19 / Reopening SEPA

President Weierman shared statistics targeting the questionnaire that is implemented at Borough Hall. Manager DeFinis reviewed the Order from the Secretary of the Department of Health.

B. Snyder Townhomes Construction Release No. 7

Manager DeFinis updated Council on this escrow release and informed them that it was a letter of credit on for approval at regular meeting.

C. Planning Commission Appointment

President Weierman talked about considering appointing Kenneth Farrall to fill the vacant Planning Commission seat as he has expressed interest. President Weierman stated this was on for consideration this evening.

D. Resolution 2020-10 Real Estate Property Tax Relief

Manager DeFinis stated that this resolution was intended to extend the face amount of the bill till the end of the year and no penalty amount will be applied. Manager DeFinis added that to date the Borough has received 90% of taxes due and that is just over 2% less than this time last year.

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Solicitor Harper stated that this falls under Act 15 and allows this action to be taken but it's not required. Solicitor Harper added that the action must be delivered to tax collector by May 20th.

E. NEXTERA ENERGY Home Warranty Plan

President Weierman stated that the complete copy of this warranty offer was in your packets and you may have received post card in mail regarding this issue. President Weierman added that he had convo with the representative from NextEra and wanted to get answers to preliminary questions. Some questions raised were:

- How man mass mailings? 375,000 on this mass mailings. Only targeted to homeowners.
- How many enrollments as for today? No enrollments as of today.
- Would this be operating out of the Florida Office or Regional Office?
- What vendors for this region would handle the warranty work?
- How fair in the pricing compared to others in the same market?
- Does Hatfield Want to put a name on it as a partner to assist as Marketing?

Manager DeFinis stated that he had a discussion regarding this at the last power summit as this is a service that NextERA currently offers Florida residents.

Councilmember Ferguson shared his experiences with past home warranty services. A discussion ensued amongst Council regarding this issue.

F. Resolution 2020-11 National Police Week

President Weierman stated that this was in packets and is coming up May 10th through the 16th with 15th being Peace Officers Memorial Day. President Weierman added that this was on for consideration this evening.

G. Borough Events Schedule

President Weierman stated that the May movie night is cancelled. A discussion ensued amongst Council and it was decided that Founder's Day in June would be cancelled.

Councilmember Ferguson brought up the idea of having a drive-in theater event. A discussion ensued amongst Council.

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H. Memorial Day Parade

Manager DeFinis stated that the Memorial Day Parade is cancelled. Manager DeFinis added that the Legion would still like to have a wreath lying ceremony. Manager DeFinis stated that there is a call scheduled for that this Friday to work out details.

7. OLD BUSINESS:A. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

Manager DeFinis and President Weierman updated and answered questions regarding the Reports and Correspondence. Lieutenant Robertson answered questions regarding the Police Report.

- Monthly Investment Report
- Monthly EIT / LST Report
- Police Department Report
- Fire Department Report
- Public Works Department Report
- Engineering Report
- Zoning Officer, Building Code, Property Maintenance Report
- Fire Marshal / Fire Safety Inspection Report
- Pool Advisory Board Report

8. ACTION ITEMS: (all action items were done by roll call and the public was taken off mute for any comments)

A. Motion to Consider the Appointment of Kenneth V. Farrall to The Planning Commission to fill a Vacant Position with the term to expire on December 31, 2021

Motion:

A motion was made by Councilmember Kroesser Approve the Appointment of Kenneth V. Farrall to The Planning Commission to fill a Vacant Position with the term to expire on December 31, 2021. 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 5-0.

B. Motion to Consider Resolution 2020-10 Real Estate Property Tax.

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Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Kroesser to Approve Resolution 2020-10 Real Estate Property Tax. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ferguson.

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 Consider Resolution 2020-11 Honoring National Police Week 2020

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Kroesser to Approve Resolution 2020-11 Honoring National Police Week 202 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 5-0.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Kroesser to adjourn the Workshop Meeting of May 6, 2020. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ferguson and unanimously approved with a vote of 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 9:22PM

Executive Session Personnel, Litigation and Real Estate

Respectfully Submitted,
Jaime E. Snyder
Assistant Manager