

HATFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
May 19, 2021

MINUTES

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

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:

- (X) John H. Weierman, President
- (X) John Kroesser, Vice President
- (X) Salvatore DiLisio Jr.
- () Jason Ferguson - arrived at 7:36PM
- (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 Andrew Knox; Timoney Knox LLP, Borough Manager Michael J. DeFinis, and Assistant Manager Jaime E. Snyder. Councilmember Ferguson arrived at 7:36PM.

1. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA:

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Kroesser to Approve the Regular Meeting Agenda of May 19, 2021. The motion was seconded by Councilmember DiLisio and unanimously approved with a vote of 4-0.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Motion to Approve the Minutes of the April 7, 2021 Workshop & April 21, 2021 Regular Meetings

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Stevens to Approve the Minutes of the April 7, 2021 Workshop & April 21, 2021 Regular Meetings. 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. The Public was allowed to comment from Zoom audio during this time. No Public Comment. No Media Present.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Manager DeFinis made the following announcements:

- HERC is scheduled to Meet Wednesday, May 26th @ 8:00AM
via ZOOM Registration Required
- Next Planning Commission Meeting is Scheduled for June 14, 2021 @ 7:00PM In-Person in Borough Council Chambers
- Next Borough Council Meeting is on June 16th the Workshop & Regular Meeting at 7:30PM via ZOOM Registration Required
- HMHS is scheduled to Meet Tuesday, May 25th @ 7:00PM via Facebook Live
Community Program We will remember them – ultimate sacrifice.
- The Borough Office will be closed on Monday, May 31st in Observance of Memorial Day

5. OLD BUSINESS / DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. Feral Cat Ordinance / Chapter 2

Councilmember Kroesser stated that after the last meeting, as promised, he did reach out to some residents regarding feral cats. Councilmember Kroesser added that he would like some more time to follow up with these residents and gather more information he can share with the board. Manager DeFinis added that this can go back to the Planning, Building, and Zoning Committee for further discussion and recommendation.

President Weierman stated that he feels any more information that can be gathered on the subject will only help aid in future discussion.

B. Sewer Lateral Repair Ordinance / Chapter 18 (Paragraph 4 has been revised after the discussion at the last meeting)

President Weierman outlined the changes made to paragraph 4, on page 3 and stated that he believes this will help capture the intent of the Ordinance. President Weierman asked for any questions.

Councilmember DiLisio stated that at the last meeting we spoke about adding commercial properties, was this done? President Weierman responded, yes, it stated all properties not just residential.

Councilmember Ferguson spoke about the lack of turnover on commercial properties knowing they do not go to settlement as frequently as residential and asked if something should be included indicating the need for lateral inspections on commercial properties sooner than described in this specific Ordinance. Solicitor Andrew Knox stated he would

reach out to the Engineer for recommendations on commercial timing for the Ordinance. Manager DeFinis added that this has been a topic of conversation in the past and believes this could be a stand-alone Ordinance addressed after this lateral Ordinance referencing the EDU calculations for the Borough. A discussion ensued amongst Council regarding the EDU calculations for Borough properties.

C. Edinburgh Square Subdivision Utility Locations

Manager DeFinis gave Council an update on the Edinburgh Square development referencing the moved utility locations and the need for a plan to be submitted to the Borough prior to the stop-work-order being lifted on the development. Manager DeFinis stated that the Borough Engineer has been in contact with the developer and his staff requesting plans and documentations for the changes.

6. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Tax Collector's Update

Manager DeFinis informed Council of the payments the Borough has received from the Tax Collector and added that the total will likely be less than budgeted as it is hard to determine who will pay in discount and who will pay during face but the Borough has a solid starting point.

B. Hatfield Township ZHB Notice George Didden Greenhouses Inc.

President Weierman explained the ZHB notice for Didden Greenhouses for a proposed building on their property in Hatfield Township located behind W. Vine Street in the Borough. Manager DeFinis added that most zoning is contained in the Township but the access would be off of W. Vine Street in the Borough. Manager DeFinis added that he doesn't think the Board would want to oppose any expansion of business but that there are some concerns that the Borough has such a truck traffic, stormwater, Liberty Bell Trail access, and that he would like to work with the Solicitor on a letter of support for Diddens but also mention some items that the Borough would like to see implemented and considered during the Land Development process. A discussion ensued amongst Council about the contents of the letter and Manager DeFinis was directed to work the with Solicitor to send a letter of support on behalf of the Borough.

President Weierman asked about the entrance and Councilmember Kroesser commented about truck traffic due to the proposed expansion. Manager DeFinis highlighted the plans to show the entrance. Councilmember Ferguson added that he would like to see a traffic study done on the area to address any concerns related access and increased traffic on W. Vine Street.

Councilmember DiLisio asked about the creek that runs along the property line and into the Borough and Manager DeFinis stated that this would need to be addressed during Land Development and more specifically a Stormwater Management Plan.

Manager DeFinis stated he will take all concerns addressed this evening and send a letter as directed to the Township ZHB. Manager DeFinis added that he will request that the Township and the Borough work simultaneously on the Land Development process if this application would move past the ZHB.

C. Change Order Request No. 1 for the 2021 ADA Curb Ramp Replacement Project

Manager DeFinis spoke about the pipe issue that was found during the ADA Ramp Construction at the corner of Blaine Avenue and S. Main Street.

D. Resolution 2021-11 Recognizing National Public Works Week

President Weierman highlighted the Resolution recognizing National Public Works Week adding it was on for consideration this evening.

E. Property and Equipment

Manager DeFinis stated that he is working on scheduling a meeting with the Property and Equipment Committee to evaluate a plan of action to return to in-person meetings in July.

7. ACTION ITEMS: (the public was taken off mute for any comments)

A. Motion to Consider Change Order Request No. 1 for the 2021 ADA Curb Ramp Replacement Project in the Amount of \$8,900.00 (eight thousand nine hundred dollars)

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Ferguson to Approve Consider Change Order Request No. 1 for the 2021 ADA Curb Ramp Replacement Project in the Amount of \$8,900.00 (eight thousand nine hundred dollars). 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 2021-11 Recognizing National Public Works Week

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Kroesser to Approve Resolution 2021-11 Recognizing National Public Works Week. 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.

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 Ferguson to Approve payment of the bills. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kroesser.

President Weierman asked if there were any comments or questions.

Councilmember Ferguson asked about the salt price and billing and Manager DeFinis stated this was from 2020 but the Borough just received it.

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

9. MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Kroesser to adjourn the Regular Meeting May 19, 2021. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ferguson and unanimously approved with a vote of 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jaime E. Snyder
Assistant Manager