

HATFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
September 15, 2021

MINUTES

THIS MEETING WAS HELD IN-PERSON
BOROUGH HALL 401 S. MAIN STREET, HATFIELD
THIS MEETING WAS RECORDED

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

- () Mayor, Robert L. Kaler III

The record shows that five members of Council were present at roll call, as well as, Solicitor Catherine M. “Kate” Harper; Timoney Knox LLP, Borough Manager Michael J. DeFinis, Assistant Manager Jaime E. Snyder, and Public Works Director Stephen S. Fickert, Jr.

1. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA:

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Ferguson to Approve the Regular Meeting Agenda of September 15, 2021. The motion was seconded by Councilmember DiLisio and unanimously approved with a vote of 5-0.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Motion to Approve the Minutes of the Minutes of the August 18, 2021 Workshop Regular Meeting

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Kroesser to Approve the Minutes of the August 18, 2021 Workshop Regular Meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Stevens and unanimously approved with a vote of 5-0.

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

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Manager DeFinis made the following announcements:

- Planning Commission is Scheduled to Meet Monday, October 4th @ 7:00PM in Council Chambers
- Next Council Meetings October 6th Workshop and October 20th Regular Meeting @ 7:30PM in Council Chambers
- HERC is scheduled to meet Wednesday, September 22nd @ 8:00AM via ZOOM
- HERC Summer Send Off Concert will be held Saturday, September 18th in Centennial Park / Movie in the Park Saturday, September 18th
- HMHS Meeting September 28th @ 7:00PM via FACEBOOK Live
- Strategic Planning Meeting Continued to October 6th @ 6:30PM

5. REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES AND MAYOR:

HTMA Flow Reports from Ida: Engineer is supplying a total review and will be discussed during the Utilities Committee Meeting.

Committee Meetings: List of committee meeting dates will be distributed next week.

6. 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 / Use Under Review
- B. Hatfield Auto Museum - Nothing New
- C. 122 ½ Towamencin Ave - Demo Permit / Address Edgewood / Up for Sale
- D. Salter's – Bought Old Firehouse - Open for Business
- E. Edinburgh Square Subdivision – Lots 3&4 NTP 1&2 Under Review
- F. SEPTA Property / License Agreement Executed
- G. 43 Roosevelt Avenue –Final Under Review - on for Action
- H. Bennett's Court – Revised Preliminary Plan Under Review
- I. 127 Penn Avenue - Sketch Plan Submitted - project on hold
- J. North Penn Industrial Center - Sketch Plan Submitted - October 4th PC October 6th Council

2. Utility Billing Update:

- A. Staff continues to monitor past due Electric & Sewer accounts. Residents are being sent reminders for PAST DUE ACCOUNTS.
- B. I encourage all account holders to take advantage of the cost-effective billing delivery opportunity.
- C. Electric Customer Portal now available

3. 2021 Projects:

- A. East Lincoln Avenue Bridge - Under Construction
- B. ADA Curb Ramp - Payment Request Received
- C. Roadway Resurfacing - Awarded in May / Construction October
- D. Stormwater Projects - Portion of Jade Completed

4. AMP R.I.C.E. BTM Peaking Project

- 5. PMEA Update - Website
- 6. AMI UPDATE – 1539 Meters installed / in-house prep for billing
- 7. HERC Update

8. Items of Interest

- A. NextERA Save the Date
- B. HMHS Grand Opening
- C. F. Lee Mangan Life Celebration
- D. Liquid Fuels

7. ASSISTANT MANAGERS REPORT:

- 1. Orchard Lane / Forest Way CDBG
- 2. Liberty Bell Trail Feasibility Study
 - September 29th 6:30PM - 8:30PM Public Meeting Hatfield Township Municipal Building 1950 School Road
- 3. 309 Connector Update Meeting - September 16, 2021

8. NEW BUSINESS / DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- A. Resolution No. 2021-19 Recognizing the American Legion Post No. 933 75th Anniversary

President Weierman reviewed the Resolution and stated it was on for consideration this evening.

- B. Resolution No. 2021-20 Recognizing AMP 50th Anniversary

President Weierman reviewed the Resolution and stated it was on for consideration this evening.

- C. Resolution No. 2021-21 Recognizing Public Power Week

President Weierman reviewed the Resolution and stated it was on for consideration this evening.

D. Resolution No. 2021-22 Recognizing Fire Prevention Week

President Weierman reviewed the Resolution and stated it was on for consideration this evening.

E. Montgomery County Consortium of Communities 2021-2022 Rock Salt Bid

Assistant Manager Jaime Snyder reviewed the MCCC Salt Bid and stated this was on for consideration this evening with a recommendation letter from the Engineer.

F. Halloween Walk Through 2021 (HERC Event)

President Weierman stated that this would be similar to what the Borough offered last year to the residents and it was a success so it is a go.

G. Act 50 Sample Ordinance

Manager DeFinis informed Council that this was brought up at the PMEA Conference and that Solicitor Harper has reviewed the proposed Ordinance provided by PMEA.

Solicitor Harper reviewed the proposed Ordinance and stated that if you enact this by the end of October your regulations will be set, if not, you may lose your chance to set regulations on how you are notified and where the small wireless communications can be placed throughout the Borough. Solicitor Harper stated the good news is you already have poles and can change fees for pole attachments and permits.

Solicitor Harper added that you need to look at a few things; the exemption listed on page five and the identity marker on page thirteen and the utility design standards. Solicitor Harper added that if you would move forward with this, it can always be amended.

Councilmember Ferguson asked for an example or picture of the small wireless facility and it was shared. Councilmember Ferguson also asked about the definition of pole in the ordinance and if other poles could be installed, specifically for these facilities.

A discussion ensued amongst Council regarding this Ordinance. Manager DeFinis added that we can also charge a stiped for the electric needed for connection.

H. Hurricane Ida Update

Manager DeFinis went over the time line for the storm with Council and spoke about communications him and staff have had and are continuing to have regarding damage from the storm and reporting it to the County to work through the PEMA/FEMA damage reporting process for reimbursement.

Councilmember Ferguson thanked all of staff for their hard work before, during, and after the storm.

9. OLD BUSINESS:

A. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

- Monthly Investment Report – spoke about ESSA account
- 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 Report

10. ACTION ITEMS:

A. Motion to Consider Resolution No. 2021-19 Recognizing the American Legion Post No. 933 75th Anniversary

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Kroesser to Approve Resolution No. 2021-19 Recognizing the American Legion Post No. 933 75th Anniversary
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.

B. Motion to Consider Resolution No. 2021-20 Recognizing AMP 50th Anniversary

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Kroesser to Approve Resolution No. 2021-20 Recognizing AMP 50th Anniversary. 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 No. 2021-21 Recognizing Public Power Week

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Kroesser to Approve Resolution No. 2021-21 Recognizing Public Power 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.

D. Motion to Consider Resolution No. 2021-22 Recognizing Fire Prevention Week

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Ferguson to Approve Resolution No. 2021-22 Recognizing Fire Prevention Week. The motion was seconded by Councilmember DiLisio.

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 Consider Awarding the Montgomery County Consortium of Communities 2021-2022 Rock Salt Bid to Morton Salt, Inc. at \$58.00 per non-delivered ton and at \$58.33 per delivered ton

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Kroesser to Approve Awarding the Montgomery County Consortium of Communities 2021-2022 Rock Salt Bid to Morton Salt, Inc. at \$58.00 per non-delivered ton and at \$58.33 per delivered ton. 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.

11. 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 Ferguson.

Manager DeFinis noted that the AMP Bill was no included on this bill list.

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

12. MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Kroesser to adjourn the Regular Meeting September 15, 2021. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Ferguson and unanimously approved with a vote of 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:48PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jaime E. Snyder
Assistant Manager