

HATFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
September 21, 2022

MINUTES

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

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL:

- (X) Jason Ferguson, President
- (X) Richard Girard, Vice President
- (X) James Fagan
- (X) Michelle Kroesser
- (X) Lawrence G. Stevens

- (X) Mayor Mary Anne Girard

The record shows that five members of the Council were present at roll call, as well as, Mayor; Mary Anne Girard, Solicitor; Catherine M. “Kate” Harper; Timoney Knox LLP, Borough Manager; Jaime E. Snyder, Public Works Director; Stephen S. Fickert, Jr. and Assistant to the Manager; Kathryn Vlahos.

President Ferguson announced that Council held a brief executive session before the meeting to discuss a matter of personnel and safety concerns.

1. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA:

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Stevens to Approve the Regular Meeting Agenda of September 21, 2022. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kroesser.

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

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Motion to Approve the Minutes of the August 17, 2022 Workshop Regular Meeting

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Girard to Approve the Minutes of the August 17, 2022 Workshop Regular Meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Fagan and unanimously approved with a vote of 5-0.

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

Owen Wilcox, 32 East School Street had a request for Council to think about when they are working on next year's budget. His request was that included in the bid package for next year paving to also pave the ally way behind his house. He feels that it will be a helpful partnership with the residents on East School and the residents will appreciate it. Mr. Wilcox commented on the bill list some entries just say TD Bank Card, he would like to know who the merchants are. Solicitor Harper commented that ally ways are not usually publicly dedicated streets, they belong to the neighbors. Mr. Wilcox clarified that he would like the ally to be included in the bid package the residents will pay for their portion of the ally to be paved. He feels that the cost will be much lower if it was included in the bid package as an alternative, compared to the residents going out and getting a contractor on their own. Manager Snyder commented that she will talk to the engineer to discuss what they can do and that she cannot guarantee that his neighborhood is on for 2023 but it is next on the list for roads to be paved. Manager Snyder also stated that she will talk with the treasure to get more details on the bill list for the TD Bank Card.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Manager Snyder made the following announcements:

- Next Council Meetings October 5th Workshop and October 19th Regular Meeting 7:30PM in Council Chambers
- HEROC is Scheduled to Meet on Wednesday, September 28, 2022 @ 8:00AM in Council Chambers
- Planning Commission is Scheduled to Meet on Monday, October 3, 2022 @ 7:00PM in Council Chambers
- HMHS is Scheduled to Meet on Tuesday, September 27, 2022 @ 7:00PM at the HVFC
- Hatfield Borough Fall Fest is Scheduled for Saturday, September 24th @ 3:00PM on E. Lincoln Avenue

5. Public Hearing for Ordinance No. 546 for Codification of the Ordinances the Borough of Hatfield and Adoption of the Code of Ordinances

President Ferguson suspended the Regular Scheduled Public Meeting and opened for the Scheduled Public Hearing. A Court Reporter was present and the Public Hearing closed at 7:59 PM.

Official Court Reporter Minutes for this Public Hearing can be requested at the Hatfield Borough Office.

6. Bennetts Court Presentation by Prestige Builders for Final Subdivision and Land Development Approval for Maple Avenue in the Borough

Kris Reiss engineer for Bennetts Court explained that there were not many changes that were made to the plan since Council has last seen it. The changes that were made were requested by the Borough Council and the Borough Planning Commission. Mr. Reiss explained that they widened the road to a 24-foot cartway and added additional parking spaces to the plan. The waivers that are being requested as the same as they were requested before. Mr. Reiss reviewed the waivers with Council.

Action Item 9. D, was moved up on the agenda

D. Motion to Consider Resolution 2022-29 Granting Final Land Development Approval for Prestige Property Partners LLC, Bennetts Court with Conditions

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Kroesser to Approve Resolution 2022-29 Granting Final Land Development Approval for Prestige Property Partners LLC, Bennetts Court with Conditions. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Stevens.

President Ferguson 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.

7. NEW BUSINESS / DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. Resolution 2022-30 Closure of Certain Borough Roads

Manager Snyder explained that this resolution is for the Fall Fest / Car Show on September 24th.

B. Monthly Cash Report

Manager Snyder stated that this report was not in the workshop packet so it was included in tonight's regular meeting packet.

C. Monthly YTD Report

Manager Snyder stated that this report was not in the workshop packet so it was included in tonight's regular meeting packet.

D. Monthly EMS Report

Manager Snyder stated that this report was not in the workshop packet so it was included in tonight's regular meeting packet.

E. Pool Advisory Report

Manager Snyder stated that this report was not in the workshop packet so it was included in tonight's regular meeting packet.

8. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Resolution 2022-27 Recognizing Public Power Week

Manager Snyder explained that this is an annual resolution that Council and the Mayor pass to recognize that Hatfield Borough provides electricity to the Borough.

B. Resolution 2022-28 Recognizing Fire Prevention Week

Manager Snyder explained that this is another annual resolution that Council and the Mayor pass that recognizes Fire Prevention Week.

9. ACTION ITEMS:

A. Motion to Consider Ordinance No. 546, providing for Codification of the Ordinances for the Borough of Hatfield and Adoption of the Code of Ordinances

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Girard to Approve Ordinance No. 546, providing for the Codification of the Ordinances for the Borough of Hatfield and the Adoption of the Code of Ordinances. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Fagan.

President Ferguson 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 2022-27 Recognizing Public Power Week

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Kroesser to Approve Resolution 2022-27 Recognizing Public Power

Week. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Stevens.

President Ferguson 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 2022-28 Recognizing Fire Prevention Week

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Stevens to Approve Resolution 2022-28 Recognizing Fire Prevention Week. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Kroesser.

President Ferguson 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 Resolution 2022-30 Closure of Certain Borough Roads for the Annual Fall Fest Event

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Girard to Approve Resolution 2022-30 Closure of Certain Borough Roads for the Annual Fall Fest Event. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Fagan.

President Ferguson 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.

10. MOTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF THE BILLS:

President Ferguson and Manager Snyder reviewed and answered questions regarding the bill list.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Stevens to Approve the payment of the bills. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Fagan.

President Ferguson 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.

12. MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Kroesser to adjourn the Regular Meeting of September 21, 2022. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Girard and unanimously approved with a vote of 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 PM.

Executive Session Personnel, Litigation and Real Estate

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathryn Vlahos
Assistant to the Manager