

HATFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
February 16, 2023

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, Assistant to the Manager; Kathryn Vlahos.

1. APPROVAL OF MEETING AGENDA:

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Kroesser to Approve the Regular Meeting Agenda of February 16, 2023. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Girard.

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

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

Motion to Approve the Minutes of the January 1, 2023 Workshop Meeting and the Minutes of the January 18, 2023 Regular Meeting.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Kroesser to Approve the Minutes of the January 1, 2023 Workshop and the Minutes of the January 18, 2023 Regular Meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Stevens and unanimously approved with a vote of 5-0.

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

Robert Boyer 462 Edgewood Drive- Mr. Boyer wanted to express his concerns to council about the new construction of a home that is going on Edgewood. He feels that the house is bigger than what the permit is for. Mr. Boyer was also concerned about whatever company that checked the utility poles for Verizon and the mess that they left behind for the homeowners to clean up.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Next Council Meetings March 1st Workshop and March 15th Regular Meeting 7:00PM in Council Chambers
- Planning Commission is Scheduled to Meet on Monday, February 27, 2023 at 7:00PM in Council Chambers
- HEROC is Scheduled to Meet February 22, 2023 at 8:00AM in Council Chambers
- HMHS is Scheduled to Meet Tuesday, March 28, 2023 at 7:00PM at the HVFC

5. 2021 Audit Presentation: Chris Herr, Maillie, LLP

Chris Herr from Maillie, LLP addressed Borough Council this evening to present the results of the 2021 Financial Audit. There were no instances of noncompliance, there were a few findings of the audit. These findings are just items that he feels that the borough can do better on. Mr. Herr did a general overview of all of the accounts and addressed the pension liability with Borough Council. Council thanked Mr. Herr for his presentation tonight.

6. REPORTS AND CORRESPONDENCE:

Manager Snyder explained that the following reports were included in the packet tonight that were not included in the workshop meeting packet.

- A. Monthly YTD Report
- B. Fire Company Report
- C. EMS Report

7. NEW BUSINESS / DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. UPDATED 2023 Draft ADA and Roadway Resurfacing Schedule

Manager Snyder explained that this was the updated draft schedule and on for consideration tonight is to advertise the bid project in the paper.

B. 2023 ADA Curb Ramp Project Bid Advertisement

Was combined with the Item A in New Business.

C. Neighbor Helping Neighbor (Hatfield Helpers) Program

Mayor Girard explained that she brought this program up to HERCO and they discussed problems that they had prior with this program. After some discussion it was decided that the borough was not going to continue with this program.

D. Zoning Hearing Board Meeting Announcement - 14 N. Market St.

Council reviewed the zoning hearing application that was turned in for 14 N Market and decided after some discussion that the solicitor does not need to attend the hearing to represent the boroughs opinion.

8. OLD BUSINESS:

A. 125th Anniversary Store

Manager Snyder reminded council that the store website was up and they added hats to the store.

9. ACTION ITEMS:

A. Motion to Consider Advertising the 2023 ADA Curb Ramp Project Bid Specifications

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 Girard.

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.

11. MOTION to ADJOURN: EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Kroesser to adjourn the Regular Meeting of February 16, 2023. The

motion was seconded by Councilmember Fagan and unanimously approved with a vote of 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Executive Session Personnel, Litigation and Real Estate

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathryn Vlahos
Assistant to the Manager