

**HATFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
May 15, 2024**

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) Larry Burns
- (X) James Fagan
- (X) Michelle Kroesser

- (X) Mayor Mary Anne Girard

The record shows that five members of the Council were present at roll call, as well as, the Mayor; Mary Anne Girard, Solicitor; Catherine M. “Kate” Harper; Timoney Knox LLP, Borough Manager; Jaime E. Snyder, Junior Council Person; Aiden Weider and 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 May 15, 2024. 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 April 3, 2024 Workshop Meeting Minutes and the April 17, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Burns to Approve the Minutes of the April 3, 2024 Workshop Meeting Minutes and the April 17, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Girard and unanimously approved with a vote of 5-0.

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

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Next Council Meeting June 19th Workshop / Regular Meeting @ 7:00PM in Council Chambers
- Planning Commission is Scheduled to Meet on Monday, May 20, 2024, at 6:00PM in Council Chambers
- HEROC is Scheduled to Meet Wednesday, May 22, 2024, at 8:00AM in Council Chambers
- The Hatfield Borough Offices will be closed on Monday, May 27, 2024, in Observance of the Memorial Day Holiday
- The HMHS is Scheduled to Meet on Tuesday, May 28, 2024, at 7:00PM in Council Chambers
- Founder's Day is Scheduled for Saturday, June 15th from 12:00PM-4:00PM in Centennial Park

5. NEW BUSINESS / DISCUSSION ITEMS:

A. Ordinance No. 553 Amending Hatfield Borough Ordinances Relating to the Borough's Defined Contribution Plan to Revise the Borough's Contribution

Solicitor Harper explained that under state law the borough's has an obligation to periodically look at and update its defined benefit and pension requirements. They recommended an ordinance change to raise the boroughs contribution and it is on tonight's agenda for the ordinance to be advertised. This ordinance allows future updates to be made by resolution. Councilmember Fagan stated that he feels that since it is public funds, changes made to the defined benefit should still be made through an ordinance and not a resolution, that way it is advertised for the residents to see. After some discussion, the council decided that any changes to the defined benefit will continue to be implemented through ordinances.

B. Community Survey Results – This was discussed during the May 8, 2024 townhall and was removed from the agenda.

6. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Resolution 2024-07 Recognizing National Police Week

Manager Snyder stated that this is an annual resolution and is on for consideration tonight.

B. Resolution 2024-08 Recognizing National EMS Week

Manager Snyder stated that this is an annual resolution and is on for consideration tonight.

C. Resolution 2023-09 Recognizing Public Works Week

Manager Snyder stated that this is an annual resolution and is on for consideration tonight.

D. Resolution 2024-10 Recognizing George Didden Greenhouses 110th Anniversary

Manager Snyder explained that Diddens Greenhouses is celebrating their 110th Anniversary and this resolution congratulates them, this is on for consideration at tonight.

E. Resolution 2024-11 Recognizing Trolley Stop Deli 60th Anniversary

Manager Snyder explained that Trolley Stop is celebrating their 60th Anniversary and this resolution congratulates them, this is on for consideration tonight.

F. Resolution 2024-12 Closure of Certain Borough Roads

Manager Snyder stated that this is an annual resolution for the closure of the roads for the Founders' Day event, this is on for consideration tonight.

7. ACTION ITEMS:**A. Motion to Consider Resolution 2024-07 Recognizing National Police Week**

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Kroesser to Approve Resolution 2024-07 Recognizing National Police Week. 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.

B. Motion to Consider Resolution 2024-08 Recognizing National Police Week

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Kroesser to Approve Resolution 2024-08 Recognizing National Police Week. 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.

C. Motion to Consider Resolution 2024-09 Recognizing Public Works Week

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Fagan to Approve Resolution 2024-09 Recognizing Public Works 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.

D. Motion to Consider Resolution 2024-10 recognizing George Diddens Greenhouses 110th Anniversary

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Burns to Approve Resolution 2024-10 recognizing George Diddens Greenhouses 110th Anniversary. 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.

E. Motion to Consider Resolution 2024-11 Recognizing Trolley Stop Deli 60th Anniversary

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Burns to Approve Resolution 2024-11 Recognizing Trolley Stop Deli 60th Anniversary. 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.

F. Motion to Consider Resolution 2024-12 Closure of Certain Borough Roads for Hatfield Borough's Founders Day Event

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Kroesser to Approve Resolution 2024-12 Closure of Certain Borough Roads for Hatfield Borough's Founders Day 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.

G. Motion to Consider Advertising Ordinance No. 553 Amending Hatfield Borough Ordinances Relating to the Borough's Defined Contribution Plan to Revise the Borough's Contributions for a Public Hearing to be held on June 19, 2024, at 7:00PM.

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Fagan to Approve Advertising Ordinance No. 553 Amending Hatfield Borough Ordinances Relating to the Borough's Defined Contribution Plan to Revise the Borough's Contributions for a Public Hearing to be held on June 19, 2024, at 7:00PM. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Burns.

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.

8. 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 Girard to Approve the payment of the bills. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Burns.

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.

9. MOTION to ADJOURN: EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion: A motion was made by Councilmember Kroesser to adjourn the Regular Meeting of May 15, 2024. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Girard and unanimously approved with a vote of 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 PM.

Executive Session Personnel, Litigation and Real Estate

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathryn Vlahos
Assistant to the Manager