

Minutes
Regular Meeting
Hummelstown Borough Council
Thursday, February 18, 2021
7:30 p.m.

Due to COVID-19 the Borough building was not open to the public. The Thursday February 18, 2021 regular meeting of the Hummelstown Borough Council was a hybrid type attendance for council. Council members had the option to attend via Skype or in person. The meeting was called to order by President Brian Foster at 7:30 p.m. Members in attendance included, Brian Foster, Bob Weber, Dee VanGavree, Patti Krow, Chad Lister, and Chris Black. Chief Justin Hess, Borough Manager Mike O'Keefe, Asst. Zoning officer Steve Wyld, Mayor Dave Roeting and Solicitor Michael Miller were also present. Council member Randy Lutz and Finance Director Deb Hummer attended the meeting remotely.

Approval of Agenda

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Bob Weber, second by Patti Krow. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of the following meetings:

Regular Meeting of January 21, 2021

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Dee VanGavree, second by Bob Weber. Motion carried.

Workshop Meeting of February 11, 2021

A motion to approve the minutes was made by Patti Krow, second by Bob Weber. Motion carried.

Motion: To appoint Officer Jamie Kopinetz to the position of Corporal of the Hummelstown Police Department effective February 20, 2021 at the Corporal position salary of \$76,235.

A motion to appoint Officer Kopinetz to position of Corporal was made by Bob Weber, second by Patti Krow. Motion carried.

Citizens Hearings

Chief Hess reported there were no concerned citizens attending virtually.

Staff Reports

Manager's Report

Mike O'Keefe reported the only major item there was to discuss or advise on was the Swatara Sewer Authority meeting that was held via Zoom on Monday, February 15th. Mike then turned the discussion over to Steve Wyld who has been the Borough's representative at that meeting for several years. Steve said during this meeting all the partners to the Authority make presentations on the items that happened in their municipalities the past year. He then read some of the bullet points from the report that he gave at the meeting. He did mention that after the completions of the Kokomo sanitary sewer project there has been a decrease in infiltration inflow at Pump Station #2. He also said the main topic of the meeting was the purchase of a new dryer. There has been an analysis of 2 dryers and at this point in time they are leaning toward the less expensive one. Over the past year there have been several new installations of this particular dryer and they are going to have some of their operators go to one of the plants and check out the installation. Swatara is still in the decision-making process. Engineering will take place in 2021 and installation in 2022.

Dave Roeting said along with the dryer is a cost of \$5.9 million and the Borough is responsible for approximately 10%. This will be a cash payment in 2022. He thinks Lower Paxton Township is looking for grant money. If they do secure grant money they must share it with the other municipalities.

Steve Wyld added that at the last meeting Councilman Lutz inquired as to when the new John Deere Gator would be delivered. He has a general idea of one to two months from now.

Dee asked if council has any say in what Swatara ultimately decides to do regarding the dryer. Mike O'Keefe explained that Swatara is the owner of the plant and we are a customer. We can have input but they make the final decision.

Zoning Officer's Report

The Zoning Officer's report was accepted as submitted.

Police Report

Chief Hess reported that on February 5th Sgt. Spencer, Corporal Kopinetz and Officer Kling responded to an overdose call and administered Narcan, saving the victim's life. On February 12 Officer Mason forced entry into an apartment and saved the life of a woman that had overdosed. Because of their actions Chief Hess presented each one of them with a Letter of Commendation.

Sgt. Spencer completed 16 hours of Open Source Intelligence training. This will aid in investigations that have an on-line or social media component.

Milton Hershey Security has donated a used speed trailer to the department. Retired Chief Ryan is to thank for laying the groundwork for this donation.

Chief Hess is also seeking Council's authorization to proceed with the testing of a full-time police officer through Standard and Associates for a fee of \$24.50 per written exam. Their test has been purchased by over 1,000 agencies.

A motion to authorize the purchase of the Standard and Associates test for police officer was made by Bob Weber, second by Patti Krow. Motion carried.

Fire Company Report

A report was submitted by the Fire Company for council's review. There were no members from the Fire Company present.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Roeting reported that February is a slow month. On the 9th he was at the Fire Company for the annual swearing in of the officers. He mentioned that in one of his articles in The Sun he talked about the Community Outreach program initiated by Chief Hess. It will need donations to get off the ground. He told the Chief he would like to donate \$200. The Chief reported the department has adopted a portion of Rte. 322 through PennDOT and will be picking up trash once in March and once in October. They are also planning on painting house numbers on curbs and helping the public works department by removing vegetation from street signs.

Brian Foster asked if COVID permitting, is the department planning on doing National Night Out. Chief Hess said he is not comfortable making a decision at this time. He will make a decision closer to the date.

Financial Report

A motion to accept the financial report was made by Bob Weber, second by Dee VanGavree. Motion carried.

Tax Collector's Report

A motion to accept the tax collector's report was made by Chad Lister, second by Bob Weber. Motion carried.

Tax Exoneration & Exemption Report

There was no report.

Recreation Board

Dee VanGavree reported that she and Mike O'Keefe met with Tim Bartholomew on February 9th regarding the possibility of having summer rec. They talked about guidelines set by the governor and CDC, issues regarding staffing, fieldtrips, insurance, etc. She expects in the next week or two they will be making a decision. Lower Dauphin has given them permission to use Nye Elementary.

She and Brian Foster had attended the second golf meeting. This is an important fundraiser. So far Chick's has donated over \$30,000 for the summer rec program. The date of the outing is May 23, not May 16th as she had originally reported.

Emergency Mgmt. Oversight Committee

EMA Director Bob Martindill reported on several things. On April 17th EMA will be having a BBQ at Chick's. Funds will be used to purchase PPE for EMA, Police and Borough employees. Act 147 funds are no longer available with the closing of TMI. He will be looking for other sources of funding for EMA purchases. They are looking into getting a vehicle to pull the EMA trailer. There will be a county-wide drill in April in lieu of the TMI drill. EMA is considering hosting CPA/Stop the Bleed training. There will be 25 individuals per class and the cost will be \$50/person. TMI is deciding what to do with the TMI sirens. They may be offered to the municipalities.

Dee VanGavree had a resolution that council needed to approve.

Motion To: Approve Resolution 2021-R-4 approving, adopting and placing into immediate effect the Emergency Operations Plan of Dauphin County.

Motion to approve Resolution 2021-R-4 was made by Dee VanGavree, second by Bob Weber. Motion carried.

Shade Tree Commission

The committee did not have a meeting.

COG Meeting

Brian Foster said that they did have a meeting but due to the weather it was a Zoom meeting. He doesn't have the minutes but he will share the minutes of that meeting when he gets them.

Communications Committee Report

Dee VanGavree reported that the committee is on hold. Hummelstown is Happening is not going away. The committee will be working on a Social Media policy, branding, etc. She thanked Melissa for all her hard work.

New Business

Motion: To approve Resolution No. 2021-R-1 eliminating contributions to the Uniformed Pension plan for 2021.

Motion made by Chris Black, second by Bob Weber. Motion carried.

Motion: To approve Ordinance No. 2021-2 adopting regulations for the operations of food trucks in the Borough.

Motion made by Chad Lister, second by Patti Krow. Motion carried.

Motion: To approve Resolution No. 2021-R-3 establishing inspection fees for food trucks in the Borough.

Motion made by Patti Krow, second by Chris Black. Motion carried.

Motion: To terminate the Professional Services Agreement for the Hummelstown Borough Communications Coordinator.

Motion made by Dee VanGavree, second by Patti Krow. Motion carried.

Motion: To authorize preparation and submission of a letter of support to the PA Historic Preservation Office, Keystone Preservation Historic Construction Grants for the Hummelstown Historical Society.

Chad Lister explained that the Historical Society hopes to secure a grant to fix the masonry at the Parish House.

Motion made by Bob Weber, second by Dee VanGavree. Motion carried.

Other Business

Dee VanGavree reported that the Downtown Revitalization committee met. She thanked Mike, Chris, Patti and Steve for sitting in on the Google Earth walkthrough that they had on Wednesday with HRG. They looked at Main Street and other sections of town. HRG will provide the committee with a brief, basic outline with their thoughts and recommendations.

Approval of bills payable dated February 18, 2021.

A motion to approve the bills was made by Patti Krow, second by Dee VanGavree Motion carried.

Executive Session – Personnel Matter

Council rose into Executive session at 8:20.

Adjourn

Council reconvened at 8:50 pm

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Respectively submitted,

Deb Hummer, Finance Director