

Minutes
Workshop Meeting
Hummelstown Borough Council
Thursday, March 10, 2022
7:00 PM

The Thursday, March 10, 2022, workshop meeting of the Hummelstown Borough Council was called to order by Vice-President Bob Weber at 7:00 PM. Members in attendance included Dee VanGavree, Randy Lutz, Chad Lister, Chris Black and Kelly Williamson. Also in attendance were Theresa Eberly, Borough Manager, Michael Miller, Solicitor, Justin Hess, Police Chief, Deb Hummer, Finance Director and Zoning/Codes Officer Steve Wyld.

Presentations

A. Premier Project Award

Steven Deck, the Executive Director of Tri-County Regional Planning Commission explained that the Commission presented 5 recipients with a Dauphin County Premier Project Award. There were 24 entries in 5 categories. Dauphin County Redevelopment Authority received the Growing Our Communities – Over \$1 Million with the Rubber Soul Brewery Adaptive Reuse project. George Connor, the Executive Director of Dauphin County Community and Economic Development was present and thanked council and all parties involved with the project. Chris Black gave kudos to Rubber Soul and George Connor for the success of the project.

B. 3.21 For Life Event

Jo-Ann Pagano explained that the Hummelstown/Hershey group 321 for Life was formed in October of 2021. The event will be held on March 21, 2022 at Rubber Soul from 11 am – 9 pm. This family friendly event will celebrate World Down Syndrome Day. There will be food, drinks, raffles, face painting, music and other activities. The group realizes that parking will be an issue and will be taking out a full-page ad in The Sun that will provide details of the event and locations of parking. Copies of The Sun will also be distributed to all the residents on Poplar Avenue so that they will be aware of the event.

C. Stormwater Discussion – HRG

Bruce Hulshizer of HRG and HRG consultant Mike Callahan presented a proposal for stormwater fee implementation. Bruce reviewed the scope of services and discussed the importance of stakeholder meetings and public outreach. After a brief discussion council thanked them and will continue the dialogue on this subject.

Citizens Hearings

There were no citizens in attendance who wished to make any comments.

Administration

A. Discussion of Local Shares Grant Resolution 2022-R-3

Motion: to approve Resolution-2022-R-3 naming President Brian Foster and Manager Eberly as signatories of the Local Shares Grant application was made by Chris Black, second by Chad Lister. Motion was carried.

Manager Eberly explained that this grant of \$464,775 will help add to the funds necessary for the Hummelstown Pedestrian Safety Improvements project.

B. Discussion on updated Exhibit A: Park Rules

After some discussion council was in favor of the update.

Motion: to update Exhibit A: Park Rules as presented was made by Dee VanGavree, second by Kelly Williamson. Motion was carried.

C. Lower Dauphin School District - Zoning permit waiver

Manager Eberly explained that this is not a waiver for a zoning permit but a waiver for the application fee for a variance.

Motion to waive the zoning application fee for a sign permit by LDSA was made by Chad Lister, second by Chris Black. Motion carried.

D. Discussion on PayTime Proposal

Motion: to approve PayTime proposal for providing payroll services at a cost of \$83 per payroll plus set up charges was made by Dee VanGavree, second by Chris Black. Motion was carried.

Solicitor Miller stated that this will provide a good backup for Deb Hummer.

E. Discussion on Site Plan for Alexander Park

Manager Eberly told council that the cost of the improvement project will be approximately \$150,000. She is planning on applying for a grant that is a 50/50 match. Kelly Williamson asked why Alexander Park was selected for improvements and Manager Eberly explained that it is in dire need of repairs. Ann Yost of YSM will be at the regular meeting to answer any questions council may have.

F. Discussion on revisions to the Shade Tree Ordinance

Lisa Mackley and Pete Durantine, both members of the Shade Tree Commission were present and stated that there is a need to revise the Shade Tree ordinance as it dates back to 1972. In that ordinance the fine for removing a shade tree without a permit was \$25. The Commission would like to update the fine to \$1,000 per occurrence. The Commission hopes this will be a deterrent to homeowners that cut down healthy trees without a permit. The changes also include a diagram depicting the rights-of-way and an update in the list of permitted shade trees. Several council members feel it will be important to inform the Borough residents on these changes.

G. Discussion on Resolution 2022-R-4 concerning Police Pension Plan

Motion: to adopt Resolution 2022-R-4 regarding the Police Pension Plan was made by Chad Lister, second by Kelly Williamson. Motion was carried.

Police

A. Resignation of Officer Weaver

Motion: to accept the resignation of Officer Weaver as of February 27, 2022 was made by Chris Black, second by Randy Lutz. Motion was carried.

Chief Hess stated that he had a part-time applicant the Civil Service Commission will be interviewing on March 18th at 10 am. He also informed council that the new 2021 Tahoe was delivered and in use. It was detailed with ghost graphics and a blue stripe on each side.

Other Business

Chad Lister told Chief Hess that female students like the way our new officers look and find our police officers to be very approachable.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the public portion of the meeting closed and council adjourned to Executive Session for a personnel and legal matter at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra Hummer