

Minutes
Regular Meeting
Hummelstown Borough Council
Thursday, April 16, 2020
7:30 p.m.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the April 16, 2020 Workshop Meeting of the Hummelstown Borough Council was conducted via Skype. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Council President, Brian Foster. Members in attendance remotely in different areas of the Borough building included; Brian Foster, Bob Weber, Chief William Ryan, Finance Director Deb Hummer, Borough Manager Mike O'Keefe and Solicitor Jon Yost. Dee VanGavree, Chad Lister, Patti Krow, Randy Lutz, EMA Coordinator Bob Martindill, and Mayor Dave Roeting attended the meeting remotely from home.

Approval of Agenda

Mike O'Keefe noted that one correction needed to be made. Under New Business, Motion A. the originally declared date should be changed to March 16th, not March 19th.

A motion to approve the agenda with that change was made by Bob Weber, second by Randy Lutz. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of the following meetings:

Workshop Meeting of April 9, 2020

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

Regular Meeting of March 19, 2020

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

Citizens Hearings

There were none.

Staff Reports

Manager's Report

Mike O'Keefe said that at 4:00 PM PennDOT issued a release stating that they will be doing a pipe replacement on a portion of Governor Road. This could affect traveling. The work will begin on April 20th.

Last week at the meeting he and Steve Wyld suggested deferring action on the Roadway Capital Improvement Plan so he and Steve could continue working on it. They have spent a lot of time this week and will be spending time next week. They should have more information for Council at the May meeting.

Zoning Officer's Report

The Zoning Officer's report was accepted as submitted.

Police Report

Chief Ryan reported that the department is seeing more frustrated residents and they are responding to more domestic issues than usual and harassment calls are up. They have had a handful of calls related to the Governor's list of businesses that can and cannot be open. They are dealing with these on a case by case basis.

Fire Company Report

Scott Simonetti reported they had 20 fire calls for the month and 69 for the year. They also had 249 training hours in March.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Roeting reported he has not been busy due to the cancellation of many activities. He was on the phone this week with Rep. Mehaffie, Senator DiSanto and County Commissioner Pries. They discussed business concerns and how Governor Wolf will start opening up some of these businesses. A lot of the closings don't make sense and things are not very clear. Things have to make sense for the governor to have the support of the public.

Financial Report

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

Tax Collector’s Report

A motion to accept the tax collector’s report was made by Patti Krow, second by Chad Lister. Motion carried.

Tax Exoneration & Exemption Report

There was none.

Recreation Board

Mike O’Keefe reported the meeting was cancelled. He also said that the summer rec program is in question.

Emergency Mgmt. Oversight Committee

Dee VanGavree reported that there was nothing new to report. She will continue to update council as information becomes available regarding COVID-19.

Bob Martindill, EMA Coordinator, reported that EMA is following the directions of the county. Beginning Monday as far as PPE goes he must file a weekly report with the County of things needed or not needed. On Monday the Chief went to the County warehouse and picked up some PPE. A radio has been ordered for EMA with the Act 147 funds.

Dave said he will thank Steve Libhart, Dauphin County’s emergency management director, tomorrow for all he is doing for the Borough in regards to PPE.

Shade Tree Commission

Mike O’Keefe reported their meeting was cancelled. Arbor Day has been cancelled.

COG Meeting

Brian Foster reported that the meeting was cancelled.

New Business

Motion: To approve a Continuation of a Disaster Emergency Declaration, originally declared March 16, 2020 and extended on March 19, 2020, effective immediately and to be continued indefinitely until further action is taken by the Hummelstown Borough Council

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

Motion: To approve participation in a “Water Resources Study” with the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Baltimore District (NAB) to conduct an assessment condition of the Borough’s MS4 assets and to agree to share costs of said study 50/50 between the Corp and the Borough (current estimated costs of the study are \$60,000 – Borough share \$30,000)

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

Motion: To approve a proposal from HRG Engineers, dated April 9, 2020 in the amount of \$3,000 for the preparation and submittal of a HATS Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) Implementation Grant Application for the potential extension of the Quarry Road sidewalk from Division St. to the Rt. 322 Overpass.

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

Motion: To endorse Resolution No. 2020-10 approved by the Dauphin County Commissioners on April 1, 2020 and concur with the waiving of the 5% and 10% penalties for 2020 real property taxes for the balance of 2020 for the residents of the Borough of Hummelstown..

Motion made by Patti Krow, second by Bob Weber. Motion carried.

Motion: To appoint Christopher E. Black, 101 Duck Creek Road to Borough Council to fill the unexpired term of Ryan Taggart, who passed away on March 27, 2020. Said term to expire December 31, 2021.

Motion made by Randy Lutz, second by Patti Krow. Motion carried.

Other Business

There was no other business

Approval of bills payable dated April 16, 2020

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

Executive Session

There was no need for an Executive session.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Hummer