

Minutes  
Hummelstown Borough Council  
Thursday April 19, 2018  
7:30 PM

The April 19, 2018 Meeting of the Hummelstown Borough Council was called to order at 7:40 PM by Council President Brian Foster. Members in attendance included; Randy Lutz, Patti Krow, Dee VanGavree, Brian Foster, Bob Weber, Ryan Taggart, and Amanda Donohue. Also present were Mayor Dave Roeting, Manager Mike O'Keefe, Police Sgt. Justin Hess. Audience members included scouts and their fathers from Troop 74 attending the meeting for a service badge; Bob Stuckey, a reporter from the Sun, family members of Sgt. Hess, Dave Gyger and Scott Fritz from Hershey VFW Post 3502 and Arthur Florio from Fair Districts PA.

Presentation to Sgt. Justin Hess from Hershey VFW Post 3502

Hershey VFW Post Commander Scott Fritz and VFW Past District Commander Dave Gyger were present to present several awards to Police Sgt. Justin Hess. The awards were;

- 1) Hershey Memorial VFW Post 3502 "Outstanding Law Enforcement Officer of the Year – Post Level
- 2) "Law Enforcement Award" – VFW District 18
- 3) "John Radko Award – Certification of Recognition" – Department of PA, VFW of the United States

Commanders Fritz and Gyger congratulated Sgt. Hess on his accomplishments and said they were very proud to present said awards. Sgt. Hess thanked the Commanders for his awards and thanked his family for their support of his work.

Presentation by Arthur Florio, Dauphin County Resolutions Coordinator of Fair Districts PA

Arthur Florio from "Fair Districts PA" addressed Council to discuss the purpose and goals of Fair Districts PA. He said that Fair District is a "non-partisan", citizen led, statewide coalition working to create a process for redistricting that is transparent, impartial and fair". The group was formed in December 2016 by representatives of organizations including Common Cause PA, the League of Women Voters of Pennsylvania, the Committee of Seventy, the Pa Council of Churches and others concerned about accountable government.

The group supports PA Senate Bill 22, a bipartisan proposal introduced in February 2017 that proposes to create an independent citizens commission in charge of both legislative and congressional redistricting. As of April 13, 2018 resolutions of support have been passed in 18 counties and 212 municipalities, representing approximately 48% of Pennsylvania's population of 12.94 million people. In Dauphin County, 13 municipalities have passed resolutions of support representing a population of over 200,000 representing 74% of Dauphin County's population.

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Mr. Florio asked Borough Council to consider passing a Resolution of support for legislative efforts to amend the PA Constitution to assign the redistricting process to an independent commission. Brian Foster advised Mr. Florio that Borough Council would take this matter under advisement at their next Workshop Meeting.

### Public Hearing to Receive Public Comment on Proposed Ordinance 2018-2 amending the Chapter 27 of the Code of Ordinances of the Borough of Hummelstown, "the Borough of Hummelstown Zoning Ordinance", Part 18, "Signs"

President Foster called the public hearing to order for public comment on Proposed Ordinance No. 2018-2. Zoning Officer Mike O'Keefe read the ordinance and the legal specifics into the record. There were no comments or questions from the public. The hearing was closed

### Approval of Agenda

Motion by Bob Weber, seconded by Patti Krow to approve the agenda as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

### Approval of Minutes of Regular Meeting of March 15, 2018

Motion by Amanda Donohue, seconded by Ryan Taggart to approve the minutes of the meeting of March 15, 2018 as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

### Approval of Minutes of Workshop Meeting of April 12, 2018

Motion by Randy Lutz, seconded by Bob Weber to approve the minutes of the workshop meeting of April 12, 2018 as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

### Citizen Hearings

President Foster introduced the scouts and parents in attendance from Pack 74. They included scout Austin Reeder with his father Mike Reeder and Elijah Mackey with his father Jason Mackey. They were in attendance to complete requirements for a service badge.

Manager's Report – There was no new items since the Workshop Meeting

Zoning Officer's Report – Accepted as submitted

### Police Report

Sgt. Hess reported the following

- 1) Calls for service have increased since the weather has improved
- 2) Currently Officers Kopinetz and Sherwin are injured (non work related) and unable to work. The department is going to train the recently hired part timers as soon as possible.

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3) There is an increase in telephone scams. So far, no resident has suffered financially.

Fire Company Report - There was no report for the month

### Mayor's Report

Mayor Roeting reported the following;

- 1) March 24 – the first wedding he performed
- 2) March 31 – attended the Easter Egg Hunt at the American Legion
- 3) April 14 – attended the Spring Bash, a fundraiser for the H-town Community Foundation
- 4) April 17 – attended the State of the County Address; said that Highspire sends their entire Council; he thinks that may be a good idea for next year
- 5) April 21 – will attend the Bark for Life event at Schaffner Park for the American Cancer Soc.
- 6) April 28 – will attend the Arbor Day event at 10:00AM
- 7) May 5 – opening day for baseball association
- 8) May 12 – Hunger Run
- 9) May 15 – Primary Election Day

### Financial Report

Motion by Bob Weber, seconded by Patti Krow to approve the Financial Report dated March 31, 2018 as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

### Tax Collector's Report

Motion by Patti Krow, seconded by Ryan Taggart to approve the Tax Collector's Report dated March 2018 as submitted. Motion carried unanimously.

### Recreation Board Report

Mike O'Keefe reported that the Recreation Board agenda was enclosed in the Council packet. He said their next event is the Memorial Day Parade. Dee was happy that their agenda was full.

### Emergency Management Oversight Committee

Chairperson Dee VanGavree reported the following;

- 1) March 29 – members of the EMA committee and the LD School District met to discuss safety and communications with the School District. It was a good meeting and she thinks strengthened communications will result.
- 2) April 23 – the EMA committee will meet to plan the agenda for the rest of the year
- 3) May – there will be an EPOC meeting with date to be announced
- 4) July 21 – chicken bbq fundraiser at firehouse for Police and EMA
- 5) S. Hanover Twp. has a new director. Efforts will be made to communicate with that director

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### Shade Tree Commission

Amanda Donohue reported the following;

- 1) April 28 – Arbor Day celebration; the tree planting will be dedicated to Ben Cooper, former Chairman of the Shade Tree Commission and teacher at LD whose contributions to the community were numerous. Painted Banners from Arts Festival will be given to the Borough.
- 2) Annual Tree Planting has started with about 9 trees being planted. Also continuing work on plan for tree planting at former 7-11

### COG Report

Bob Weber attended the last COG meeting and reported the following;

- 1) There were 22 people in attendance; the legislative report was reviewed;
- 2) The website is getting updated
- 3) There was a discussion about lack of volunteer firefighters. They are attempting a pilot program at Cumberland Valley HS to recruit volunteers. So far only a couple have joined.
- 4) are working on Cable Franchise agreement
- 5) Appearance by Rep. Kauffman was cancelled again

### Approval of Ordinance No. 2018-2 amending the Code of Ordinances of the Borough of Hummelstown, Chapter 27, Part 18 "Signs"

Motion by Amanda Donohue, seconded by Bob Weber to approve Ordinance No. 2018-2 amending the Code of Ordinances of the Borough of Hummelstown, Chapter 27, "The Borough of Hummelstown Zoning Ordinance", Part 18, "Signs". Motion carried unanimously.

### Approval of 2018 Resurfacing Program

Motion by Ryan Taggart, seconded by Bob Weber to approve the following list of streets/alleys to be included in the 2018 Resurfacing Program; Motion carried unanimously.

1. Long Alley from Hanover to Rosanna Sts.
2. S. Rosanna St. from Main to High Sts.
3. W. Second St. from Early to Duke Sts.
4. Prospect St. from Poplar to Division Sts.
5. S. Water St. from Poplar to Division Sts.
6. W. High St. from Hanover to Rosanna Sts.

### Authorizing K&W Engineers to perform certain engineering tasks related to the construction of a wet pond at the Hummel Nature Trail to meet the requirements of the MS4 Pollutant Reduction Plan

Motion by Bob Weber, seconded by Patti Krow to authorize K&W Engineers to perform the following engineering tasks related to the proposed construction of a wet pond at the Hummel Nature Trail area to meet the requirements of the MS4 pollutant Reduction Plan; 1) Boundary

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and Topographic Survey - \$10,000; 2) Wetland Investigation - \$2,500; 3) Soils Infiltration Evaluation - \$4,000; Total = \$16,500. Motion carried unanimously.

In response to questioning from Bob Weber, Mike O'Keefe advised Council that funding for this project would come from an unbudgeted dividend refund from the Borough's Workman's Compensation Plan (MRM Trust) recently received in the amount of \$35,447.43. Since the funds were not anticipated, there is no need to change any other budgeted items in the Capital Improvement Fund. Mike also said he was recommending said action to get the preliminary data for the project in the event that a Growing Greener Grant opens up in the next couple of months (as per comments from K&W Engineers at the recent Workshop Meeting). Said grant is supposed to be 80/20. If that opportunity is missed, work would need to wait until new grants opened again.

Approval of Bills dated April 19, 2018

Motion by Patti Krow, seconded by Randy Lutz to approve the list of bills payable dated April 19, 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

Other Business – There was no other business

Executive Session – Council recessed into Executive Session at approximately 9:00 PM to discuss a real estate matter. Council reconvened the meeting at 9:30 PM.

Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Mike O'Keefe, Secretary/Manager