

Minutes
Regular Meeting
Hummelstown Borough Council
Thursday, May 21, 2020
7:30 p.m.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the May 21, 2020 Regular Meeting of the Hummelstown Borough Council was conducted via Skype. Due to some technical difficulties the meeting was called to order at 7:40 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, Borough Manager Mike O'Keefe and Solicitor Jon Yost. Dee VanGavree, Chad Lister, Patti Krow, Randy Lutz, Chris Black, Mayor Dave Roeting, Finance Director Deb Hummer and Asst. Zoning Officer Steve Wyld attended the meeting remotely from home.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes of the following meetings:

Workshop Meeting of May 14, 2020

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

Regular Meeting of April 16, 2020

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

Citizens Hearings

Mack Ruffen, Boy Scout leader of Troop 74 and his scouts were in attendance remotely. They are working on getting their Citizenship in the Community merit badge.

Staff Reports

Manager's Report

Mike reported there were no new items since last week's meeting.

Zoning Officer's Report

The Zoning Officer's report was accepted as submitted. Steve Wyld informed council that now that Republic Services is picking up large items he will be ramping up code enforcement and sending letters to property owners. Brian Foster was approached by a resident with a concern about people curbing their dogs. The Chief said that there is an ordinance and people are required to clean up after their dogs. Mayor Roeting said there are residents questioning where they can take electronics because the Dauphin County recycling center is closed. After some discussion it was decided that if council members get addresses, the public works department will pick the items up and keep them at the shop until the center reopens.

Police Report

Chief Ryan reported that the department is working on hiring a part-time officer to replace Dominic Juliani.

Fire Company Report

There was no report.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Roeting reported he has not been busy. He is looking forward to the short Memorial Day service at the Hummelstown Cemetery. Patti Krow said that the service will be at 9:30 am. Trefz and Bowser will be live streaming the ceremony. Wreaths will be placed at several locations and there will be two memorial wreaths in honor of William Rathfon and Bradley Miller.

Financial Report

A motion to accept the financial report was made by Dee VanGavree, second by Bob Weber. 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. Dee VanGavree said that she had talked to Kelly Williamson and they will be having a conference call with committee members in June or July.

Emergency Mgmt. Oversight Committee

Dee VanGavree reported that this is National EMS week. Council is still receiving daily COVID-19 updates from Dauphin County. She took part in a virtual COVID-19 Summit hosted by Everbridge titled Road to Recovery. She has the agenda from the summit and can send the broadcast to anyone that may be interested. Public alert system Everbridge will no longer provide a public alert system. The committee is looking at other options. She mentioned the Red, White and Blue contest was well received and hopefully she will have judging results tomorrow. Several surrounding municipalities implemented this idea.

Shade Tree Commission

Mike O’Keefe reported their meeting was cancelled.

COG Meeting

Brian Foster reported that the meeting was cancelled.

New Business

Motion: To authorize Borough Staff and Council Members, Robert Weber and Chad Lister to meet with the staff of the Derry Township Municipal Authority for the purpose of developing a draft of a formal Memorandum of Understanding outlining the terms and conditions of a collaborative Pollution Reduction project with Derry Township Municipal Authority

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

Other Business

Dee VanGavree congratulated the graduation class of 2020.

She has talked to the Mayor about posting informative COVID-19 information on the Borough’s Facebook page, possibly once a month. This format could also be used as a way to introduce council to Borough residents.

Approval of bills payable dated May 21, 2020

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

Executive Session – Personnel Matter

Council closed the current Skype session and went into an Executive Skype session. Council returned to the regular meeting at 9:30 p.m.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra Hummer