

Minutes
Workshop Meeting
Hummelstown Borough Council
Thursday, June 11, 2020
7:30 PM

The June 11, 2020 Workshop Meeting of the Hummelstown Borough Council was called to order at 7:30 PM by Council President, Brian Foster. Members in attendance included; Bob Weber, Dee VanGavree, Chad Lister, Patti Krow, Chris Black, and Randy Lutz. Also in attendance were Mayor Dave Roeting, Chief William Ryan, Finance Director Deb Hummer, Asst. Zoning Officer, Steve Wyld, Borough Manager Mike O'Keefe and Solicitor Jon Yost.

Citizens Hearings

There were none.

Police Department

Request to hire a part-time police officer contingent upon successful completion of all required tests/examinations and background checks at the June 18, 2020 Council meeting

Chief Ryan reported he had a young man that passed all the required background checks, etc. and would be ready to be sworn in at the June 18th meeting. Noah Kling will be the new part-time officer.

Update on proposed demonstration in the Borough on Saturday, June 13, 2020

Chief Ryan reported the event will begin at 11:30 am on all four corners of the Square. At noon there will be an 8 minute, forty-five second moment of silence and then the crowd will march to Schaffner Park where the rally will continue. The event will end at 2:00 pm. Officers from the Borough will be on standby after this event to help assist Middletown if necessary. A demonstration will be held there from 3 – 6 pm.

Authorization to sell used 2006 Dodge Charger on the Municibid Online Public Auction

Chief Ryan reported that the Charger has been out of commission but it was too late to be included in the COG auction. Mike O'Keefe reported that the generator that was used for the pump stations will be sold at the COG auction.

Motion to authorize the sale of the Charger on Municibids made by Randy Lutz, second by Patti Krow. Motion carried.

Motion to authorize the sale of the generator at the COG auction made by Chad Lister, second by Chris Black. Motion carried.

Administration/Miscellaneous

Recommendation from EMA Director to re-approve local disaster declaration.

Recommendation to put on the June 18, 2020 agenda made by Dee VanGavree and Bob Weber.

Review of recommendation to revise Chapter 2, Part 2 of the Borough ordinance, "Keeping Certain Animals"

Chad Lister said there has been a growing interest in the "Backyard to Table" movement and more and more people are showing an interest in raising chickens for eggs. He reviewed other municipalities ordinances and did extensive research to come up with a list of criteria. After much discussion it was decided that Council will continue to move forward with this subject.

Discussion of use of alcohol in public parks

Dee VanGavree has been researching this subject. She reviewed copies of Middletown and Derry Township ordinances regarding this topic. There was discussion that included what type of events would be allowed, insurance coverage by event holders, etc. Dave Roeting and Dee VanGavree will work on an ordinance and give it to Jon Yost for review.

2019 Audit Report to be reviewed at July 16, 2020 meeting

Mike O'Keefe reported the auditors will be attending the July 16th meeting to review the 2019 audit.

Motion: To authorize closure of Lilac Alley from West Main St to North Alley to permit local restaurants to add additional outdoor dining area during the COVID-19 tentatively beginning Friday, June 12, 2020. Said alley to be closed temporarily until State Guidance permits indoor dining or if council determines that said closure is not beneficial or is causing unforeseen problems. Hours of operation for the outdoor dining area will be from 7 am to 9 pm. Restaurant owners to provide all tables, chairs, trash removal, etc.

Mike O’Keefe reported that he had received a call from Jody Dimpsey, owner of the Warwick. Mike talked to the Borough manager of Mechanicsburg as they have done something similar. This would be temporary but would be able to help out the restaurants in that area.

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

Public Works

Stormwater Committee to meet with DTMA on June 17, 2020 to begin discussion on possible Memorandum of Understanding regarding a possible joint Pollution Reduction Program project.

Mike O’Keefe reported that he, Chad Lister, Bob Weber and Steve Wyld will be attending the meeting and they should come back with a lot of information.

Work on Regional Transportation Plan Implementation Grant program application (for Quarry Road sidewalk project)

Mike O’Keefe reported that HRG will start working on the application next week.

2020 Resurfacing Project

Steve Wyld reported on the status of the project. He and Mike O’Keefe have met with contractors and have proposed to have 15 streets microsurfaced. This treatment is generally used on streets with minimal cracks. This is a much cheaper treatment and should last approximately 8 years. These streets were identified by HRG in their 2020 work plan. Steve said that last year 4 streets and 2 alleys (7,858 sq. yds.) were paved with the regular asphalt treatment for a cost of around \$130,000. This year 15 streets (29,000 sq. yds.) are proposed to be microsurfaced for an approximate cost of \$150,000. Steve told Council to review the list of proposed streets and approval will be scheduled for the June 18th Regular meeting.

Mike O’Keefe also mentioned that the public works department is planning on resurfacing the crosswalks from John to Quarry including the Square with a thermoplastic application.

Status of the following projects remains unchanged:

- New Dump Truck
 - Kokomo sanitary sewer repair
 - Website upgrade
 - Army Corp of Engineers stormwater mapping project
 - Applicants still needed for the Planning Commission and Zoning Hearing Board
- Mike O’Keefe reported that he does have 4 – 6 names of potential applicants.

Other Business

Request received from Rubber Soul Brewing Company on June 11, 2020 for the Borough to participate financially (\$1,500) in the repair of portions of Cacia and Zinnia Alleys to insure structural integrity of both alleys

Steve Wyld reported that he and Mike O’Keefe met with the contractor of the project. A portion of the Borough’s alleys that tie in with paving Rubber Soul will be doing around the building are in poor condition. If the requested area is not repaired it could compromise Rubber Soul’s new paving.

Motion to participate financially in the repair of portions of Cacia and Zinnia Alleys to insure structural integrity of both alleys made by Bob Weber, second by Patti Krow.. Motion carried by a vote of 6 yeas, no nays and one recusal (Dee VanGavree)

Patti Krow reported that the Hummelstown Business and Professionals Assn. is tentatively scheduling the Taste of Hummelstown for July 23rd from 5 pm to 8 pm.

Mike O’Keefe reported that the shade tarp that Natale Amato secured to a PPL pole in front of Jo Jo’s pulled the pole down. PPL was contacted and they removed the pole and placed a cone on top of it.

Executive Session (Personnel Matter)

Council rose into an Executive session at 9:10 PM.

Council reconvened at 9:45 PM

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM.

Respectively submitted,

Deb Hummer, Finance Director