

Minutes
Regular Meeting
Hummelstown Borough Council
Thursday, June 18, 2020
7:30 p.m.

The Thursday June 18, 2020 regular meeting of the Hummelstown Borough Council was called to order by President Brian Foster at 7:30 p.m. Members in attendance included Bob Weber, Chad Lister, Patti Krow, Randy Lutz, Chris Black and Dee VanGavree. Also in attendance were Mayor Dave Roeting, Manager Mike O'Keefe, Chief William Ryan, Finance Director Deb Hummer, Asst. Zoning Officer Steve Wyld, and Solicitor Jon Yost.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes of the following meetings:

Workshop Meeting of June 11, 2020

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

Regular Meeting of May 21, 2020

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

Citizens Hearings

There were none.

Staff Reports

Manager's Report

Mike O'Keefe reported that he and Steve Wyld have been working on the paving program paperwork.

He also reported that he, Chad Lister, Steve Wyld and Bob Weber met with Derry Township Municipal Authority to discuss potential stormwater projects and feels the meeting was very successful. He will have information for council to review at the July council meeting.

Zoning Officer's Report

The Zoning Officer's report was accepted as submitted.

Police Report

Chief Ryan reported that some of his officers assisted Harrisburg City Police department during Black Lives Matter protests. He had five Borough officers covering the Saturday, June 13th protest in the Borough. He feels the protest went well and there were no incidents. There were also two Borough officers on standby to assist Middletown Borough police department during their protest which also took place later in the day on June 13th.

Fire Company Report

There was no report submitted.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Roeting mentioned that there was an abbreviated Memorial Day program at the Hummelstown Cemetery. He reported that he was in attendance at the Saturday protest. Everything moved as planned and it was a good day. He is looking forward to the Taste of Hummelstown which will take place July 23rd.

Financial Report

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

Tax Collector's Report

A motion to accept the tax collector's report was made by Dee VanGavree, second by Bob Weber. Motion carried.

Tax Exoneration & Exemption Report

No report was submitted.

Recreation Board

Mike O'Keefe reported that the June meeting was cancelled but the Board has one scheduled for September 1st.

Emergency Mgmt. Oversight Committee

Dee VanGavree reported Dauphin County will be moving into the Green phase (last reopening phase in regards to COVID-19.). The committee is planning to meet June 23rd at 7:00 pm. She also said that she received an email from Scott Buchle with Penn State Health. The Medical Center is taking every precaution to keep the community safe and people should not hesitate to seek care if they have a medical emergency. Scott had also reported in his email the Life Lion statistics from the Borough during the period January 1st through June 18th.

Shade Tree Commission

The meeting was cancelled.

COG Meeting

The meeting was cancelled.

New Business

Motion: To approve a continuation of the Disaster Emergency Declaration dated June 18, 2020 regarding the COVID-19 pandemic.

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

Motion: To approve the hiring of Noah Kling for the position of part-time police officer, contingent upon successful completion of all required tests/examinations and background checks.

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

After the motion was carried Noah Kling was sworn in by Mayor Roeting and pictures were taken.

Motion: To authorize the advertisement and receipt of bids for the 2020 Resurfacing Program (micro-surfacing and crack sealing) for streets contained on the attached addendum.

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

Steve Wyld reported that the bid ad has been prepared and it will be advertised in The Sun next week. The bids are scheduled to be opened July 7th so council will have the information before the July workshop meeting.

Motion: To authorize Solicitor to prepare draft amendment to Chapter 16, Part 1, “Regulations of Parks and Recreation” to permit serving/use of alcoholic beverages in Schaffner Park.

Motion made by Bob Weber, second by Chad Lister. Motion carried.

Dee VanGavree reported that she and the Mayor have been discussing this issue. They feel it would be best to give this to the solicitor for preparation.

Other Business

Deb Hummer asked council for their opinion on allowing park rentals at Schaffner and Alexander parks. After discussing the issue it was decided that more clarification and guidance was needed before the parks would be available to rent.

The subject of a requested Town Hall meeting by Hummelstown Black Lives Matter was discussed briefly. Discussion will be continued at the July workshop meeting.

Approval of bills payable dated June 18, 2020

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

Executive Session

Council rose into Executive session at 8:10 pm.

Council reconvened at 8:30 pm

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm

Respectively submitted,

Deb Hummer, Finance Director