

Workshop Meeting Minutes
Hummelstown Borough Council
July 12, 2018
7:30 PM

The Thursday, July 12, 2018 workshop meeting of the Hummelstown Borough Council was called to order by President Brian Foster at 7:30 PM. Members in attendance included Bob Weber, Amanda Donohue, Dee VanGavree, Ryan Taggart and Patti Krow. Also in attendance were Mayor Dave Roeting, William Ryan, Police Chief, Deb Hummer, Finance Director, and Jon Yost, Solicitor.

Police Department

Continued Review/Discussion of Proposed Victim Witness Assistance Program

Cori Mazzitti and Amy Rosenberry reviewed the benefits of having a dedicated Victim Advocate. Cori would be the advocate for Hummelstown Borough and Derry Township. At this time Cori provides basic services to victims though she has started implementing some extended services. Extended services would provide more interaction with victims. This would include making early contact with victims to check on welfare, explaining available services and resources and filing PFAs along with many other services.

Victim Witness is requesting Hummelstown contribute 12% of the costs or \$6,067 for a part-time Advocate per year and Derry will cover 18% of the cost or \$9,100. The total annual cost for the Advocate is \$50,560. When asked how the percentages were determined it was based on the amount of services the Advocate has provided to individuals, not the amount of incidents.

Brian Foster requested Deb Hummer determine where this line item will be placed in the budget.

Motion to put on the July 19, 2018 meeting made by Patti Krow, second by Amanda Donohue.

Discussion regarding the installation of “Autistic Child Area” signs on Old Farm Road

A resident from Old Farm Road emailed Sgt Hess requesting signs be installed. He babysits his grandson and sometimes he runs into the street. He would like to make motorists aware that there is an autistic child in the neighborhood. Chief Ryan looked at the location and noticed that there are two “Watch Children” signs close to this individual’s house and he feels that will suffice. After some discussion it was decided the signs would be freshened up and the posts be made reflective. Chief Ryan will contact that resident and explain the decision to him.

Administration

Continued Review/Discussion of proposal from Hummelstown Community Foundation to waive prohibition of alcohol at public parks for certain events

Because of the time constraints, Ollie Dreon of the Hummelstown Community Foundation stated that the cornhole tournament that the Foundation wanted to hold at Schaffner Park on September 22nd has been moved to a different location. The tournament will be held at the American Legion. This will give council time to come up with a list of criteria to be used when amending the current ordinance. After a lengthy discussion Brian Foster suggested that a couple of council members get together some ideas and present them at the next Workshop meeting.

Status Report on proposed Hummel Nature Trail Stormwater Project

Amanda Donohue reported that the deadline to apply for the Growing Greener grant could not be met this year but the data can be used next year. That will also give time to coordinate things with PPL regarding easements. The project is moving forward as per the contract and after infiltration testing it was determined that the area could be used. The lab is testing the soil samples and there should be a report by the end of next week.

Status Report on proposed Hershey West End Development Traffic Impact Scoping meeting at PA DOT on June 28, 2018

Dee VanGavree reported that she and Mike O'Keefe attended the meeting. The Borough received a verbal "Yes" to be included in the traffic study. This study will include Quarry and Division and Quarry and East Main Streets. She has not received the minutes from the meeting but should have them for council at the July 19th regular meeting.

Update on Walkthrough at former Borough Building on July 11th

Deb Hummer reported that George Connor's assistant Allison and Steve Wyld were at the building for the duration of the walkthrough. Harrison Bink and the owner of Babe's were there along with a realtor who gave his business card to Allison.

Update on Scott Deal

Deb Hummer reported Scott is doing well after knee replacement surgery on July 2nd. He and his wife Pam stopped by the office earlier in the week and he was walking with only one crutch. He is taking his therapy very seriously and has made amazing progress as it has just been a little over a week since his surgery. He has an appointment with the doctor on Tuesday.

Other Business

Deb Hummer reported that Mike O'Keefe forwarded her an email from PERCS. The decorative base cover is being installed on the new signal pole tomorrow. It is much larger than expected and because it is so high the pedestrian buttons will need to be remounted.

Chief Ryan reported he was notified Don Albert, a former Borough police officer, passed away. He is planning on attending the viewing and service on the 17th.

Dee VanGavree thanked the Chief for putting a speed trailer in Graystone.

Bud Blough, with the Fire Company, reported the gross receipts for the Carnival were down \$7,000 this year. They still have some bills to pay before they can determine the net. He said the department responded to 20 calls in May and 20 in June. He also brought information in regarding Act 172. This Act provides municipalities with the option to offer a real estate or earned income tax credit to volunteer fire companies. He asked that information on this Act be shared with council at an upcoming meeting.

Executive Session

There was none.

Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Abra M Hummer