

Workshop Meeting Minutes
Hummelstown Borough Council
August 9, 2018
7:30 PM

The Thursday, August 9, 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, Randy Lutz, and Patti Krow. Also in attendance were Mayor Dave Roeting, William Ryan, Police Chief, Deb Hummer, Finance Director, and Jon Yost, Solicitor.

Before the start of the meeting Annie Dickinson, Miss Hummelstown, addressed council. She would like to hold a fundraiser to benefit people that incurred damage during the recent flood. Ryan Taggart suggested some of the funds could be donated to Hummelstown's first responders as well. She would like to hold a benefit concert in Schaffner Park and call the event "Float to the Top". The band Float Upstream would provide the music. Council was in agreement that this was a good idea and she should move forward with it. Ryan Taggart volunteered to help her and Chief Ryan applauded her efforts.

Executive Session

An Executive Session was held July 26, 2018 at 7:30 pm. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the status of the flood damage. No action was taken. The meeting was for informational purposes only.

Status Report on Flooding

Mike O'Keefe updated council on the overall damage from the flood. Damage was minor and the Public Works department is chipping away at the cleanup. Suez filled up the large hole by the old water plant and will be getting a contractor to pave. The Borough will pay a portion of the cost instead of hiring its own contractor. Debris at the Duke Street Bridge will need to be removed. It is the County's responsibility but the water level will need to go down in order to get this done.

Planning/Zoning

A. Review of request from PPL to install new pole and anchor guy east of Shope's Field Parking lot.

PPL would like to install a new pole and the Borough will need to grant a right-of-way. The location has been marked if anyone would like to look.

Motion to put on next week's agenda made by Patti Krow, second by Bob Weber.

B. Review of request from Bohler Engineering, on behalf of JC Bar Properties, Inc. requesting release of the performance bond for the CVS project in the amount of \$249,185.48.

HRG will be doing a final inspection to verify all improvements have been made. HRG will also make a recommendation for a maintenance bond. The bond would be 15% of the public improvements for a period of 18 months. Ryan Taggart brought up that the public parking signs have still not been installed. Mike O'Keefe will mention this to JC Bar but nothing will be done until HRG has given a written recommendation.

C. Recommendation to authorize staff to release improvement guarantee of \$54,367.50 for Hanover Heights Subdivision Plan and to release inspection fees in the amount of \$3,874 to Fair Haven Partners LLC

The Subdivision plan has been withdrawn and the bond can be released. The inspection fees of \$3,874 can be released as well. Deb Hummer will check to make sure everything has been paid.

Motion to put on next week's agenda made by Amanda Donohue, second by Ryan Taggart.

Status Reports

A. 2018-19 Gaming Grant to be submitted in the amount of \$50,496 for debt service for the new Borough Municipal Building

Mike O'Keefe reported he has been working on the grant and will be submitting shortly.

Motion to authorize submission of the 2018-2019 Gaming Grant application made by Amanda Donohue, second by Bob Weber. Motion carried

B. Salt Shed Project

The plans are still being developed. The goal is to get it completed before the first snowfall. A new shed is necessary if the Borough wants to consider taking over the state roads for plowing.

C. Former Borough Building proposals due August 14th.

Mike O'Keefe has not heard anything recently. Brian Foster reported that according to George Connor there have been some people through it.

D. Seibert Sewer Connection at Shope Field

Mike O'Keefe reported the survey should be ready next week. The location has no impact on the area. He is anticipating getting a draft of the easement required to go through Borough property. Jon Yost will then need to review.

E. Hummel Trail MS4 Project

Mike O'Keefe reported that Tom Wilson had dropped off a set of reports and plans for the work that council had previously authorized. Mike sent Amanda Donohue the reports digitally for her to review. He is planning on a meeting once Tom and Amanda's vacations are over. Amanda reported that the infiltration study was successful and numbers were within the allowable range. This determined that the land is a viable area for this project. The preliminary work has been completed and she will get with Tom to find out what the next step will be. If grants are available next week an application will be completed. Amanda feels council may want to formulate a plan to fund this project for the long term. This would include the cost of maintaining the project.

Other Business

Chief Ryan reported that part time officer Sam Habbershon has an interview with the Lititz Borough Police Department and should know something by August 22nd or 23rd. He interviewed a part time candidate on Tuesday. All officers will be taking part in active shooter response training at Fort Indiantown Gap between September and November. Two officers at a time will attend. This training is free. Officer Kopinetz will not be returning until at least October.

Amanda Donohue asked if any progress has been made on the subject of limited use of alcohol in the parks. A committee needs to meet and Brian Foster will take care of that. The Chief stated he has an upcoming Chiefs of Police meeting and he will see what their municipalities do.

Brian Foster asked Bud Blough of the Fire Company about the distribution of the KI tablets at the Fire Company. They were distributed by the County. Brian drove by during the day. It was a typical event.

Bob Martindill reported that the County met the cap for the flood damage but the State didn't. There is a possibility for funding but that it was highly unlikely.

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There was none.

Adjourn

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Abra M. Hummer