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Workshop Meeting
Hummelstown Borough Council
Thursday September 13, 2018
7:30 PM

The September 13, 2018 meeting of the Hummelstown Borough Council was called to order at 7:35 PM by Council VP Bob Weber. Members in attendance included; Dee Van Gavree, Ryan Taggart, Patti Krow, Bob Weber. Brian Foster, Amanda Donohue and Randy Lutz joined the meeting later. Also present were Chief of Police William Ryan, Solicitor Jon Yost, EMA Director Bob Martindill and Manager Mike O'Keefe

Review of 2019 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for the Uniformed and Non-Uniformed Pension Plans

Mike O'Keefe reviewed the proposed 2019 MMO and compared it to the 2018 MMO. In summary, the cost to the Borough in 2019 will be lower (\$79,207) compared to the cost in 2018 (\$104,369). In 2018, State Aid (approximately \$96,000) did not cover the entire cost of the combined pension plans. In 2019, it should. PMRS has indicated that the overall improvement in the stock market and plan assets is the reason that the cost of the plan has been reduced. PMRS also said that the "determined normal cost" is lower again due to the improved position of the plans assets. The 2017 Actuarial Study was used to determine 2019 costs. The 2015 Actuarial Study was used to determine the 2018 costs.

Review of July 2018 Flooding Issues

Mike O'Keefe reviewed some of the remaining clean-up/repair issues from the July flooding. He said there are some repairs still needed at the Hummel Nature Trail such as bridge repair, trail restoration and tree removal. He said some similar things are needed at the Suez Trail.

EMA Director, Bob Martindill reported that a damage assessment report totaling nearly \$35,000 had been submitted to the County. There is no word yet on whether federal and or state funds will be released for flood damages. He said he will be keeping an eye on Hurricane Florence next week. The County has already sent out their first warning about potential rainfall.

2019 Gaming Grant Submitted

Mike O'Keefe reported that the 2019 Gaming Grant application for \$50,496 had been submitted to the County for debt service for the new Borough Building. Grants will be announced in March 2019.

2018 Resurfacing Project Scheduled for October

Mike O'Keefe reviewed an email from Pennsy Supply regarding the 2018 Resurfacing Project. Currently it is scheduled for the 1st or 2nd week of October. We will be notified by Pennsy of their revised schedule.

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7-11 Project

Mike O'Keefe reported that Special Counsel Steve Stine has not received a title search for the 7-11 property yet. Ownership of the property has not yet been determined.

Hummel Trail MS4 Project

Mike O'Keefe reported that Amanda Donohue and he will be meeting with engineer Tom Wilson to discuss the next steps of the proposed Hummel Nature Trail MS-4 Project on September 27, 2018 at 4:30 PM at the Borough Office. Additional information on this project will eventually be reported to Council.

Salt Shed Project

Mike O'Keefe reported that the replacement of the existing salt shed has been temporarily postponed. PA DOT has been advised that the Borough will not plow/salt State Roads this year but probably next year. The order for the 2019 salt supply has been placed with COG.

Trick or Treat Date

Ryan Taggart asked which date would be used for Trick or Treat; October 25 (the date likely to be recommended by the Dauphin County Chiefs of Police) or October 31, the actual date of Halloween. Chief Ryan said that he is open to either date. He said that Derry has chosen October 31 but Swatara and some others are going to use the October 25 date. He said the Chiefs Association meets on September 19 and will make their decision. Council agreed to wait to hear the results of that meeting before establishing the date for Hummelstown.

Public Parking Signs at CVS

Ryan Taggart discussed his frustration with the lack of progress with the developer for CVS installing public parking signs at the public spaces along the western side of their property. They promised that these spaces would be available for public parking and for customers of nearby businesses. He said he cannot understand the delay. The store has been open since May and it should not take this long. He opined that maybe the Borough should install the signs to settle the issue. Mike O'Keefe said he would discuss/consider an alternate approach to getting the project completed.

Committee to Study Possible Regulations for Alcohol in Schaffner Park

The Chief asked about the status of a committee being appointed to review potential regulations regarding the use of alcohol in Schaffner Park. He said he has a copy of an ordinance from Millersburg Borough regarding the subject. He handed out the ordinance to Council and the Solicitor. The Solicitor said he would like to have a consensus from Council before drafting an ordinance. Several members said they would review the ordinance.

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There being no further business, Council President Foster said that there would be an Executive Session to discuss a Real Estate Matter and no further action would be taken. Council recessed to Executive Session at 8:15 PM and reconvened at 9:00 PM to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael J. O'Keefe
Secretary/Borough Mgr.