

Minutes
Regular Meeting
Hummelstown Borough Council
Thursday, September 17, 2020
7:30 p.m.

The Thursday September 17, 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, Dee VanGavree, Chris Black and Randy Lutz, Also in attendance were Mayor Dave Roeting, Manager Mike O'Keefe, Chief Justin Hess, Finance Director Deb Hummer, Asst. Zoning Officer Steve Wyld, and Solicitor Mike Miller.

Approval of Agenda

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

Approval of Minutes of the following meetings:

Workshop Meeting of September 10, 2020

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

Regular Meeting of August 20, 2020

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

Citizens Hearings

Justin Douglas of Conewago Township encouraged council to make the Use of Force policy available. He would also like to have the Town Hall meeting as requested in a petition that was given to the Department. He realizes Corona is the reason they can't have it in person. Maybe it could be done digitally.

Staff Reports

Manager's Report

Steve Wyld reported the first part of the Kokomo sewer project came in \$14,000 under budget. The second part which includes the manhole lining has been completed. This should come in approximately \$17,000 under budget. He explained that there was no need for epoxy coating which is where the cost savings came from. The final step will be the repairs to 7 laterals.

The paving project has been completed. Based on his calculation the final cost will come within a couple hundred dollars of the estimate.

He and Mike O'Keefe met with representatives of the Army Corps of Engineers. They have started the GIS survey and mapping project this week. They gave a detailed presentation on how the data was being collected. They should be finished next week.

He and Mike O'Keefe were part of a Zoom meeting with Tri-County. Tri-County explained they would like to be able to financially assist municipalities in regards to cost incurred with the MS4 permit mandates.

Zoning Officer's Report

The Zoning Officer's report was accepted as submitted.

Police Report

Chief Hess reported he went to a Chiefs of Police meeting and the topic of Trick or Treat was discussed. The decision is being left up to each municipality and they are offering no guidance or suggestions. If council should decide to have Trick or Treat he will be looking to EMA director Bob Martindill for guidance to make it as safe as possible.

Fire Company Report

Steve Weaver thanked everyone for coming to the 9-11 Ceremony.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Roeting reported things are still quiet. He is planning on walking around town and visiting businesses. He thanked Bob Weber for going to the Eagle Scout meeting for Lincoln Shaffer as he was able to attend.

Financial Report

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

Tax Collector's Report

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

Tax Exoneration & Exemption Report

No report was submitted.

Recreation Board

Dee VanGavree reported the Falcon Foundation grants have been posted. She would like to apply for one for the Summer Rec program. The grants are due February 23rd.

Emergency Mgmt. Oversight Committee

Dee VanGavree reported the committee had a meeting on September 16th and discussed any unmet needs. She feels the committee is in good shape planning wise. The committee will continue to keep volunteers updated. The “Stop the Bleed” training will be rescheduled for a later time. The “Support the Police” signs have been a huge success. Dee also read an update from Scott Buchle of Hershey Med Center Emergency Medical Services regarding data related to ambulance emergency responses in the Borough.

Shade Tree Commission

There was no meeting.

COG Meeting

No council members attended a meeting.

New Business

Motion: To approve the following Resolutions regarding administrative amendments to the Borough’s Pension Plan

- 1. Resolution No. 2020-4 – Police Pension Plan**
- 2. Resolution No. 2020-5 – Non-Uniformed Plan**

Motion made by Chris Black, second by Dee VanGavree. Motion carried.

Motion: To approve Resolution No. 2020-6 authorizing execution of a Cable Franchise Agreement between the Borough of Hummelstown and Comcast of Southeast Pennsylvania, LLC

Motion made by Chad Lister, second by Dee VanGavree. Motion carried.

Motion: To approve a Cable Franchise Agreement between the Borough of Hummelstown and Comcast of Southeast Pennsylvania for a term of ten (10) years.

Motion made by Dee VanGavree, second by Bob Weber. Motion carried.

Motion: To authorize the Civil Service Commission to test for the Position of Sergeant of the Hummelstown Police Department

Motion made by Randy Lutz, second by Patti Krow. Motion carried.

Motion: To approve Ordinance No. 2020-2, amending Chapter 2, Part 2, of the Code of Ordinances of the Borough of Hummelstown (“Animals”) to permit the keeping of domestic chickens for non-commercial use.

Before the motion was approved the public in attendance was invited to speak. Heather Nelson and Emerson Reeder, both of Hummelstown, voiced their support of the ordinance amendment and encouraged council to pass the ordinance.

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

Other Business

Patti Krow reported Miss Hummelstown will be held this year though she had no details.

Approval of bills payable dated September 17, 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 8:00 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