

MINUTES
 Regular Meeting
 Hummelstown Borough Council
 Thursday October 19, 2023
 7:00 PM

1. Call To Order

Borough Council meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

2. Devotions

None

3. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

4. Roll Call

Mayor and Council Members:		
Brian Foster, President <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Robert Weber, Vice-President <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mayor Dave Roeting <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Christopher Black <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Chad Lister	Dee VanGavree
Kelly Williamson <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Barbara Miller <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Also in Attendance:		
Theresa Eberly <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Borough Manager	Justin Hess <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chief	David Willard <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Works Director
Michael Miller <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Solicitor	Traci Eismann <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Finance	

5. Announcements

None

6. Approval of the Agenda

Motion to **Approve** agenda was made by Bob Weber and seconded by Kelly Williamson.

7. Approval of the Minutes of the Following Meetings

A. Special Meeting of September 6, 2023

Motion to **Approve** minutes was made by Kelly Williamson and seconded by Bob Weber. Motion.

B. Regular Meeting of September 21, 2023

Motion to **Approve** minutes was made by Bob Weber and seconded by Kelly Williamson. Mo

C. Workshop Meeting of October 12, 2023

Motion to **Approve** minutes was made by Bob Weber and seconded by Kelly Williamson. Motion carried.

8. Public Hearing (none)

9. Presentations (none)

10. Citizen Hearings (none)

11. Staff Reports:

A. Manager's Report

Manager Eberly addressed some important information happening in The Borough which included the work of Volunteer Group, Master Gardeners at Schaffner park for retaining wall, flower beds and other work in the park. After two productive budget meetings the 3rd draft is underway and will be discussed at the next Borough Council Budget Meeting being held on November 1, 2023 at 5:30. Manager Eberly acknowledged the hard work by PWs with leaf collection and Alexander Park playground area. Dave Willard was also thanked for his help with cleanup after 2nd Friday. The Ragnar race through town was a success and was a nice day for all. There was recently an unexpected issue with a pipe and drain box near Nye Elementary during paving project. Also, the width of the sidewalks has to be widened to get the slope needed for the ramps. This will be discussed at the next meeting along with the cost and change sheet. Chris Black inquired about Kinsley Constructions and if they are completing this job.

B. Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer's Report

As submitted.

C. Police Report

Chief Hess addressed the hard work and training the Police Department has been busy completing. The Police Department successfully completed their audit and passed "with flying colors". There were an increased number of frauds reports this past month. Officer Spencer was commended on two felony cases as well as Office Kling & Officer Saenz with their quick work and assistance in a recent arson case. All the hard work and support from Officers, residents and Borough Council is really appreciated and recognized by Chief Hess.

D. Fire Company Report

As submitted.

E. Mayor's Report

Mayor Roeting began by thanking all in attendance for all of the birthday wishes. The Taste of Hummelstown as well as 2nd Friday were both a success and brought in a good crowd.

Mayor also announced important dates coming up which include:

-Sunday, October 22nd Miss Hummelstown, and tickets are available to purchase at the Borough Office.

- Monday, October 30 Halloween Parade
- Tuesday, October 31 Trick or Treat Night.
- Tuesday, November 7 Everyone encouraged to come out and Vote.
- Friday November 10 2nd Friday

F. Financial Report

Motion to **Approve** was made by Bob Weber and seconded by Kelly Williamson.
Motion carried.

G. Tax Collector's Report

Motion to **Approve** made by Kelly Williamson and seconded by Bob Weber. Motion carried.

H. Tax Exemption & Exoneration Report (none)

I. Parks & Recreation Board

Council Member Williamson also acknowledged the Ragnar Race and what a fun day it was, and that Parks & Recreation will be receiving a donation from the organization. Alexander Park is coming along nicely, and it is nice to see a different kind of equipment set up. Lastly, the Hummel Nature Trail has seed down and looks great.

J. Emergency Management Oversight Committee

Chief Hess spoke on behalf of Council Woman VanGavree, they had their quarterly meeting which included Dave Willard for the first time since he became part of the committee last month. The Train Derailment exercise has been moved until February of 2024. Borough Council was encouraged to complete the training that Council Woman VanGavree sent out and that she will be resending it.

K. Shade Tree Commission

A member of the Shade Tree Commission was present to suggest the Borough Council consider amending the ordinance concerning stump removal and responsibilities. Ordinance is Under Section 5, Item 8. Solicitor Miller explained once Borough Council meets to discuss, the process that would need to be followed to make requested change.

L. COG Report (none)

M. Communication Committee

Council Woman Williamson shared that the Communications video has been shared by Dee VanGavree and will soon be ready to be released. The magnets for 2024 with

events and information are being completed. The committee will meet again on November 21st.

12. Police Patrol Vehicle Purchase-2023 Chevrolet Tahoe

A. Chief Hess discussed the cost of the new vehicle that the Police Department has an opportunity to purchase at a reduced price of \$65,954.99 plus about \$1,000.00 for graphics which is a savings of about \$6854.00 for a 2023 model.

B. Motion to **Approve** the purchase of the 2023 Chevrolet Tahoe from 911 Rapid Response was made by Bob Weber and seconded by Chris Black. Motion

13. Discussion on creating limited time parking at 16 S. Rosanna Street

A discussion was held to discuss the request for a limited-time parking spot for the customers of Chocolates by Tina Marie. The time restrictions for this parking spot would be Wednesdays-Fridays 11-5 as well as Saturdays from 11-3. Other spots throughout The Borough were discussed that have exceptions or different time limits. Solicitor Miller acknowledged that it was smart to have already had a study done on this location. It was also noted that Borough Council would need to advertise any changes to the ordinance and there would be a 90-day trial to see if the change works. Some Council Members agree that there might be hardships for the business due to lack of parking in this area. Solicitor Miller suggested more conversation be had on this requested change.

15. Approval of Bills Payable List dated from August 18, 2023, and September 19, 2023.

Motion to **Approve** made by Kelly Williamson and seconded by Bob Weber. Motion carried.

16. Other Business (none)

17. Executive Session - An Executive Session was held to discuss a Personnel Matter.

18. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7:28

Respectfully Submitted.

Traci Eismann