

Minutes
Workshop Meeting
Hummelstown Borough Council
Thursday, December 9, 2021
7:30 PM

The Thursday, December 9, 2021, 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, Dee VanGavree, Randy Lutz, Chad Lister, Patti Krow, and Chris Black. Also in attendance were Theresa Eberly, Borough Manager, Mike Miller, Solicitor, Justin Hess, Police Sergeant, Steve Wyld, Zoning/Code Officer and Deb Hummer, Finance Director.

Presentations

Communication Update – Jamie Mowery

Jamie Mowery of Anthem Marketing gave an overview of marketing and communications for the Hummelstown is Happening Instagram, Facebook page and website. Instagram has over 1,000 followers and Facebook has 864 likes. She is pleased with these numbers. She also gave a demonstration of the website and all the information it provides to a visitor of the site.

Overview of Master Gardener’s Voices in the Garden – Susan Davis

Susan explained that a group of Master Gardeners are in the process of putting an informational program in place to highlight the history of Schaffner Park. Their idea is to have several QR codes that can be scanned. The user can then hear an audio which will feature different stories of Schaffner Park history. This audio will be advantageous to visually impaired individuals. Susan will keep Council informed as the project progresses.

Citizens Hearings

There were no citizens in attendance who wished to make any comments.

Administration

A. Discussion regarding the development of a Rental Property Inspection Program

Steve Wyld explained that he had done some research on this a couple of years ago. The inspections would just address basic safety requirements such as smoke detectors, obvious electrical issues, etc. Steve feels he would be qualified to perform these inspections. He is planning on developing a list of surrounding municipalities that have this type of program and see how they administer it.

After discussion by Council, they agreed it is a good idea and told Steve to continue his research.

B. Discussion on the date for next year’s Hummelstown Criterium

Chief Hess and EMA gave the organizers of the bike race a list of available dates. The organizers selected July 9, 2022 and Council was agreeable to that date.

C. Discussion of a Letter of Support for the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission Premier Project Award for the Rubber Soul Project.

Doug Brown of DCED sent Manager Eberly an email requesting a letter of support from Council. He is submitting an application for the above-mentioned award highlighting the partnership between Rubber Soul, Hummelstown Borough and Dauphin County Redevelopment Authority.

Motion: to provide a Letter of Support for the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission Premier Project Award for the Rubber Soul Project

Motion made by Chris Black, seconded by Patti Krow. Motion carried.

D. Discussion on the South Hanover potential development

Mayor Roeting told Council that he had attended a South Hanover Township Planning Commission meeting regarding the construction of an over 55 community along Grandview Road. There will be 290 condominiums. This could have an impact on the Borough due to additional traffic and potential increased sewer flow.

E. Discussion of the terms for the purchase of the new police vehicle

Manager Eberly would like to get the paperwork started on the loan with Orrstown Bank at a rate of 3.5% for 2 years. The monthly payment will be \$2,165.

Motion: to move forward with Orrstown Bank loan for the new police vehicle at a rate of 3.5%.

Motion made by Bob Weber, seconded by Chad Lister. Motion carried.

F. Discussion on Resolution 2021-12 Refuse rate increase

G. Resolution 2021-13, Sewer rate increase

H. Ordinance 2021-6, Tax Ordinance

Manager Eberly stated that items F - H are all part of the approval for the budget next week. Refuse will increase by \$3 per quarter, sewer rates by \$5 per quarter and the Occupation Tax will increase from \$150 to \$200.

I. Review Reorganization Meeting Agenda

Brian Foster stated the meeting will be the first Monday of January. He explained what occurs at the meeting. He also said the workshop meeting will be held that evening. Manager Eberly asked him to bring up the time of the council meetings. They are normally held at 7:30. He would like input as to whether the time should be changed to another time. Manager Eberly stated that the reorganization meeting is at 7:00. There was discussion as to whether the time of council meetings should be changed to 7:00. After some deliberation it was decided the time would be changed to 7:00 for all future council meetings.

Other Business

Brian Foster thanked the Hummelstown Community Foundation for their support of the tree lighting ceremony. It was very well attended. Patti Krow was very happy with the attendance at Holiday Happenings.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the public portion of the meeting closed and adjourned to Executive Session for a personnel and legal matter at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Debra Hummer