

MINUTES
 Regular Meeting
 Hummelstown Borough Council
 Thursday, June 20, 2024
 7:00 PM

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 As a courtesy to others in attendance, we ask that you please silence mobile devices and limit
 public comment to no more than five (5) minutes per person.*

Call To Order

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Roll Call

Mayor and Council Members:		
Mayor Dave Roeting	Christopher Black, President	Dee VanGavree, Vice-President
Robert Weber	Kelly Williamson	Barbara Miller
Chris Weaver	Jamie Brubaker- X not pres.	
Also in Attendance:		
Theresa Eberly Borough Manager	Justin Hess Chief	David Willard Public Works Director
Traci Eismann Finance	Michael Miller Solicitor	Isaac Underhill, HRG

1. Announcements/Presentations

Solicitor Miller announced that an executive session was held prior to meeting regarding Personell under the Sunshine Act as well under the Sunshine Act regarding the ability of Council being able to receive privileged information from Solicitor, executive session lasted about 45 minutes.

A. 2024 Waste and Recycling Industry Update- Republic Services

Andy Warntz who has been with Republic Services for 19 years, 3 of which he has served as an account manager and is currently the Boroughs main contact with Republic Services . Mr. Warntz visited the borough about a year ago to discuss the last year of the final contract extension. It has been 10 years since the Borough has gone out for bid for refuse and recycling and many factors have changed during this time including several seismic changes including Covid, China Sword, Labor as well as ESG Commitments. Republic continues to adapt to new labor realities which in return pricing has increased. As with other refuse companies Republic, is seeing challenges in all aspects of /recruiting/hiring from drivers, techs and sorters all the way to route auditors. They are committed to the efforts they have in place in trying to make Republic a great place to work while keeping it as safe as possible for their employees. While the Borough does continue to bill our residents for these services the cost Republic is being charged has greatly increased, they currently are paying \$70/ton to drop at recycling center. Republic has moved to the use of “carts” and automation whenever possible which keeps waste secure and allows for a safer and more efficient pick-up route in addition to better wages and free CDL training program for its employees. Three size carts are being offered depending on the needs of the household. First is a 95-gallon cart which holds 8 large trash bags, a 95-gallon cart which holds 5 tall trash bags as well as a 35-gallon cart which holds 3 tall trash bags. The price will be the same per resident regardless of the size cart you decide to use. Presented by Mr. Warntz was a map showing the alley ways Republic can not pick up in due to safety concerns and other accommodations would need to be met. A 5-year term with (5) 1-year bi-lateral options is most desirable to Republic. Residents would call to preschedule a large item pick up.

Resident Bob Evans inquired about the possibility of paying per bag like areas in the south still do but this is not an option with our current hauler. Other questions from residents included Terence Vaughn inquiring if residents could get multiple carts as well as a question pertaining to items being set on top of carts, which all items must be securely placed in carts.

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Consent Agenda

Approval of the Agenda

Motion to **Approve** Cambden Conney as seasonal position of Camp Counselor at a rate of \$16/hour, with the changing of last name to Cooney was made by Chris Weaver and seconded by Dee VanGavree.

4. Public Hearing -None Scheduled

5. Trash and Recycling Bid

Discussion on the Draft Trash and Recycling Bid

President Black thanked the “Trash Committee” for all of their hard work and time put into coming up with the bid specifications to be included in bidding process. Manager Eberly shared a presentation which pointed out the 10 “sweet spots” of the bid that the committee has come up with while trying to keep in mind Service vs. Price. Several residents were present for the conversation and asked general questions about the packet that was being presented to Borough Council.

6. PennDOT Signal Agreement

Discussion on the TSMA Agreement and Resolution 2024-R-08

Motion to **Approve** the Commonwealth and Municipal Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement (TSMA) made by Bob Weber and seconded by Kelly Williamson.

Motion to **Approve** Resolution 2024-R-08 authorizing the Borough Manager to sign and submit the TSMA and to submit future modifications and applications made by Bob Weber and seconded by Kelly Williamson.

7. Arch Sign- Powder Coating

Discussion on powder coating the arch sign

Council Member Miller requested information from PWs director Dave Williard on how Bernheisel’s quote was chosen from the submitted quotes since it was not the lowest quote, rather the bid in the middle. The quote chosen was determined by references as well as the time they’ve been in service. Vice President VanGavree spoke on the amount of time this project will take and an estimate of when all the signs would be completed. Dave Williard let Borough Council know the process is about 2 weeks until we receive arch back and then we would need to rebuild the bases and install the arches, so the approximate timing is 3-4 weeks out. Efforts for down the road possibly installing electronic boards are being taken to ensure the base is supportive of this should it be decided to do this.

Motion to **Approve** quote from Bernheisel Race Components at a cost not to exceed \$1,400 to powder coat the arch sign constructed by Public Works made by Kelly Williamson and seconded by Bob Weber.

8. Other Business

President Black announced that Borough Council has changed direction when it comes to the renovations at the PWs facility being done by Public Works employees as well as Council Member Bob Weber. Borough Council has decided to utilize an outside contractor to complete this project and has received three bids and will on next month’s agenda for discussion. Mayor Roeting asked if materials have been purchased and PWs Director Dave Williard confirmed that the majority of them are on site. President Black explained to Council Member Weber that Public

Works does not have the time to complete this project. Council Member would still like to see himself and the guys at the shop be able to complete this project.

Vice President VanGavree thanked the staff, police department, Mayor as well as Pubic Works for all of their help and assistance leading up to and during the visit from Governor Shapiro this past week. Vice President VanGavree felt like the Borough looked great and it was a great week for Hummelstown and shining a light on our small town.

Mayor Roeting publicly thanked Representative Mehaffie for his assistance in making the visit from Governor Shapiro happen.

9. Executive Session- Not needed

10. Adjourn – 8.07

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6-26 -ZHB - 7PM **Cancelled**

Our Journey in 2024

Investing in Infrastructure and Connectivity Maintaining our Charm-Property Maintenance and Rental Property Program*
Improving Communication with Residents* Investing in Economic Development* Improving Sustainability /Efficiencies* Supporting
our Fire and EMA Partners*