

AGENDA
 Regular Meeting
 Hummelstown Borough Council
 Thursday September 21, 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 type="checkbox"/>	Robert Weber, Vice-President	Mayor Dave Roeting <input type="checkbox"/>
Christopher Black	Chad Lister	Dee VanGavree <input type="checkbox"/>
Kelly Williamson <input type="checkbox"/>	Barbara Miller <input type="checkbox"/>	
Also in Attendance:		
Theresa Eberly <input type="checkbox"/> Borough Manager	Eugene Spencer <input type="checkbox"/> Sergeant	David Willard <input type="checkbox"/> Public Works Director
Issac Underhill HRG representative	Michael Miller <input type="checkbox"/> Solicitor	Traci Eismann-Finance <input type="checkbox"/> Laura Miller-Zoning <input type="checkbox"/>

5. Announcements

None

6. Approval of the Agenda

Motion to **Approve** agenda was made by Dee VanGavree and seconded by Kelly Williamson.

7. Approval of the Minutes of the Following Meetings

A. Regular Meeting of August 17, 2023

Motion to **Approve** minutes was made by Kelly Williamson and seconded by Dee VanGavree.

B. Workshop Meeting of September 14, 2023

Motion to **Approve** minutes was made by Dee VanGavree and seconded by Kelly Williamson.

8. Public Hearing (none)

9. Presentations (none)

10. Citizen Hearings

- A. Camille Begani a resident of Main Street was present along with 5 other residents residing in 4 different properties along Main & High streets. Resident Begani spoke on behalf of the residents and their concerns with the change in trash pickup location. The residents received notice by mail dated September 11, 2023, that trash would need to be placed at the front of their properties and no longer in Long Alley due to emergency drain replacements. The letter also stated that trash could be placed out between the hours of 6:00pm the night before and trash receptacles removed by 6:00pm on pick up day. The letter stated that this would be a permanent change and any resident experiencing hardship was encouraged to reach out to the Borough Office. The residents' concerns were that other areas with similar alleyways and old drain boxes were not being impacted by this change. Due to this particular drain box beginning to "cave in" President Foster advised this decision began as a temporary change and after conversations with Republic Services would become a permanent change. Resident Begani expressed the safety concerns they have about the traffic on Main Street as well as blowing trash cans along this busy street. The residents said more notice could have been given due to the inconvenience they believe this change is going to have. When the Borough Council was asked if this is normal to have an emergency decision made to replace a drain box, Solicitor Miller advised that this is an emergency due to age, shifting and delayed maintenance. It was explained by President Foster that the repairs are paid using funds from Stormwater Fee. Manager Eberly spoke of the possibility that other areas may see this same change in the future as well as specific times to place trash out for pickup. Manager Eberly also shared that we would be going out for bid next year and other changes may arise that we are not aware of. Council Woman VanGavree addressed Resident Begani and thanked her for bringing up a lot of good points and Borough Council would address the concerns mentioned. President Foster is going to request Republic Services to come and speak on this change. When asked by another resident present if Borough Council is planning for more drain replacements during for the upcoming Stormwater Budget, Dave Willard from Public Works stated we have fixed 3, replaced 5 and there are 470 total boxes each costing about \$5,000 to replace and 11 miles of piping. Dave Willard explained that with only 5 employees and other "everyday tasks" that need completed they are doing their best, but it is going to take time to complete these projects as well as to build up revenue from SW fees. Mayer Roeting asked residents for other ideas because he too doesn't want to see trash along Main Street but with Republic Service asking us, we need to come up with other possible ideas. An idea was presented to ask the resident at the corner of Landis Road and Long Alley to remove the pole. Removing it would open additional space in the alley for Republic Services. President Foster suggested that the Borough discuss the concerns presented with Republic Service and follow up with a meeting with the residents.
- B. Allen Detweiler addressed Borough Council to thank everyone for such a successful FFO Festival. Every night of the event had a great turn out except for Monday due to rain. PW's was acknowledged for removing bleachers for event as well as the PD for their equipment and help. Everyone enjoyed seeing the kids out volunteering and all of the new vendors. The event had no incidents to report and the allowing of alcohol was a great addition. The entertainment was top notch, and everyone is looking

forward to making the event even better next year. Manager Eberly and her office as well as Mayor were also thanked by the organization for their hard work. President Foster acknowledged the event was very well organized and impressive.

11. Staff Reports:

A. Manager's Report

Manager Eberly addressed the many projects going on and advised to check website for other updates.

- 1) S. Landis – Project to replace two drain boxes is underway. An issue with a conflict with a water line was identified. PW contacted Veolia and they were out within hours to correct the issue.
- 2) Duke & High – Could possibly begin work on Monday the 25th.
- 3) Alexander Park – Week of September 25th plan to begin installing playground.
- 4) S. John Street – Paving project by Nye Elementary School to begin in the next two weeks.

B. Zoning/Code Enforcement Officer's Report

As submitted.

C. Police Report

As submitted.

D. Fire Company Report

As submitted.

E. Mayor's Report

-Mayer Roeting reported that the Arts Festival was a huge success this weekend.

-Saturday, September 23rd - American Legion Yard Sale 7am-1pm.

-Saturday, September 23rd -Mayor has 3 Eagle Scout Honors in afternoon.

-Friday, October 13th - 2nd Friday

-Sunday, October 15th - Taste of Hummelstown 2pm-4pm. Tickets will be available soon.

-Sunday, October 22nd -Miss Hummelstown 2023.

F. Financial Report

Motion to **Approve** was made by Dee VanGavree and seconded by Kelly Williamson. Motion carried.

G. Tax Collector's Report

Motion to **Approve** made by Kelly Williamson and seconded by Dee VanGavree. Motion carried.

H. Tax Exemption & Exoneration Report

Motion to **Approve** Report made by Kelly Williamson and seconded by Dee VanGavree. Motion carried.

I. Parks & Recreation Board

P&R participated in Arts Festival with a pumpkin coloring craft as well as street chalk coloring. Kelly Williamson updated everyone that in the next several weeks the playground equipment will start to be set up at Alexander Park. Council Woman Williamson also updated everyone that the resurfacing at Nature Trail is completed and that seeding would take place hopefully after the upcoming rain. Manager Eberly and Council Woman Williamson met to go over budget for 2024 Summer Rec program.

J. Emergency Management Oversight Committee

“Bullett” from EMA committee announced some staff changes due to work schedules and conflicts should a member of committee run for Borough Council. He also personally thanked everyone for all the Get Well Wishes while he was in hospital. Dave Willard from PW’s has been appointed Assistant EMA Director effective October 1. EMA will be conducting a training in November and activating the EOC and requests all Council members be present.

K. Shade Tree Commission

Pete Durantine addressed the need to update the ordinance about requiring the grinding of tree trunks when trees are removed. This can be addressed at next month's Workshop meeting. President Foster mentioned the Sidewalk Ordinance needs updated and encourages suggestions.

L. COG Report

None

M. Communication Committee

The Communication Committee met this week to discuss current and upcoming plans. Video production is underway and will be advertised on many platforms. Footage was recently taken at the Arts Festival as well as around the borough with all three County Commissioners present.

12. Constellation Agreement

A. Discussion on the 4-year fixed rate offer

B. Motion to **Ratify the Approval** of the Constellation Agreement and rate of \$.06594/kWh effective 12-1-2023 through 12-1- 2027 was made by Barb Miller and seconded by Dee VanGavree. Motion carried.

13. 2024 MMO

Motion to **Approve** the 2024 MMO as submitted was made by Kelly Williamson and seconded by Dee VanGavree. Motion carried.

14. Contractor ROW Agreement from M & H

A. Discussion of the ROW Agreement

Request for executive session to be held was made by Solicitor Miller to discuss legal matters. Adjournment took place at 7:53pm. Borough Council returned to public meeting at 8:15.

B. Motion to **Table** the ROW Agreement from M & H for the stormwater work at the Duke and High Streets intersection made by Solicitor Miller and seconded by Dee VanGavree. Motion carried.

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 Dee VanGavree. Motion carried.

16. Other Business

Officer Spencer shared with Borough Council the new Breast Cancer patches that police will be wearing and selling to support Nikki from Lykins Police Department beginning October 1, 2023. Officer Spencer also announced a new Autism patch to debut in March/April of 2024.

17. Executive Session - none

18. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:17

Respectfully Submitted.

Traci Eismann