

Borough of Hellertown
Special Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 14, 2016

**An Executive Session was held prior to the regular special meeting at
6:30 p.m.**

I. Call to Order – Thomas Rieger, 7:00 p.m.

II. Pledge - All

III. Roll Call – Cathy Hartranft

John Bate-	Present
Earl Hill-	Present
James Hill-	Present
Michael McKenna-	Present
Herbert Payung-	Present
Thomas Rieger-	Present
Philip Weber-	Present
Mayor Fluck-	Present

Also in attendance were Edward Andres, Bryan Smith, Robert Korp, Chief Shupp, Cathy Hartranft, Tom Henshaw, and Kris Russo.

IV. New Business

1. Request from Police Association to promote Corporal Johnston to the open Sergeant position without the need to re-test. And, to continue with the tests for Corporal and Sergeant to establish an eligibility list.

Motion made by John Bate, seconded by Earl Hill, to promote Corporal Johnston to the open Sergeant position without re-testing contingent upon 1) directing Jeff Stewart to prepare a letter to the Police Association stating this would be an exception to the prescribed practices outlined in the Civil Service Rules and Regulations and not a new policy, 2) the newly created eligibility list will be valid for one year as outlined in the Civil Service Rules and Regulations, and 3) the above mentioned letter is signed by every member of the Police Association.

Motion carried 5-2 (Mr. Weber and Mr. McKenna opposed).

2. Request from Officer Tim Piotrowski for Heart and Lung Benefits

Chief Shupp informed Council Officer Piotrowski was injured while responding to an alarm. Ms. Hartranft informed Council Officer Piotrowski was paid through the day of injury, which was February 29, 2016. Officer Piotrowski did return to Light Duty on March 10, 2016. The request for Heart & Lung is for the period March 1, 2016 through March 9, 2016.

Motion by John Bate, second by Herb Payung, to approve the payment of Heart & Lung benefits to Officer Piotrowski for the period March 1, 2016 to March 9, 2016. Motion carried 7-0.

3. Special Event Request for Outdoor Wedding at Authority Fountain

Motion by Mike McKenna, second by Herb Payung, to approve the special event request for an outdoor wedding at Authority Park on March 19, 2016. Motion carried 7-0.

4. Review of space needs for Administration, Public Works and Police

Robert Korp reviewed the space needs studies presented to Borough Council in 2012 and 2013.

Council discussed other possible sites to relocate the public works department.

Council was in agreement that Grist Mill property, Reinhardt property and the Farm property would not be conducive to a public works environment.

Motion by Phil Weber, second by Herb Payung, to enter into executive session at 7:45 pm.

Motion by Phil Weber, second by Herb Payung, to reconvene from executive session at 8:10 pm

Solicitor Andres indicated the Executive Session was held to discuss the purchase of real property.

Motion by Mike McKenna, second by John Bate, to direct Mrs. Hartranft to acquire appraisals on borough owned and other properties within and outside the borough to consider for purchase or sale. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by John Bate, second by Earl Hill, to take the cost of the appraisals out of contingency fund. Motion carried 7-0.


A future meeting date will be determined once the appraisals are received.

Tom Henshaw informed Council there is a problem with large tractor trailers entering Kichline Ave. when exiting I-78. Due to the narrowness of the road and lack of turning radii, the trucks have a difficult time turning around to get back onto Route 412. Council directed Mr. Henshaw and Chief Shupp to erect "No Truck" signs at the entrance to Kichline Ave.

V. Adjournment

Motion made by John Bate, seconded by Michael McKenna, to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Adopted by the Hellertown Borough Council this 21st Day of March 2016.



Borough Secretary