

Borough of Hellertown
Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 4, 2019

- I. Call to Order – Thomas Rieger, 7:00 p.m.
- II. Pledge - All
- III. Roll Call – Cathy Hartranft

Earl Hill-	Present
James Hill-	Present
Andrew Hughes-	Present
Michael McKenna-	Present
Thomas Rieger-	Present
Gil Stauffer-	Present
Philip Weber-	Present
Mayor Heintzelman-	Present

Also in attendance were Michael Corriere, Tom Henshaw, Cathy Hartranft.

- IV. Adoption of Meeting Agendum

Motion made by Philip Weber, seconded by Earl Hill, to adopt the meeting agendum with the following additions under New Business – 1) Retirement of Public Works Director, 2) appointment of Barry Yonney as Interim Public Works Supervisor. Motion carried 7-0.

- V. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- 1. January 22, 2019

Motion made by Gil Stauffer, seconded by Michael McKenna, to approve the January 22, 2019 meeting minutes as written. Motion carried 7-0.

A. Pre-Scheduled Appearances

1. Kim Brown, Saucon Valley Diamond Sports – Request Waiver of User Fees

Mr. Brown explained the reason for the request to waive the users fees is due to an ongoing significant investment in the field house and fields.

Motion by Earl Hill to waive the user fees for 2019, seconded by Andrew Hughes. Motion carried 7-0.

B. Agenda Items- None

C. Non-agenda Items

Bill Broun, 205 E. Saucon Street presented a petition from the Concerned Neighbors of Reinhard Field, opposing the construction of a public works facility at the form Reinhard School site. Mr. Broun indicated this petition was also shared with other stakeholders.

VII. Reports from Elected Officials

A. President

Mr. Rieger- Informed the public there was an Executive Session prior to this evening's meeting to discuss police contracts.

Mr. Rieger also requested the April 15th council meeting be rescheduled to April 16th. The Lehigh Valley Mayors and Municipal Officials event is scheduled for Monday, April 15th and Council is usually well represented.

Motion by James Hill, seconded by Gil Stauffer to reschedule the Council meeting to Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at 7:00 pm. Motion carried 7-0.

B. Mayor

Mayor Heintzleman had nothing to report.

C. Council- None

VIII. Reports from Appointed Officials

A. Treasurer - None

B. Engineer – Not present

C. Solicitor – Mr. Corriere had only agenda items to discuss.

D. Manager

Mrs. Hartranft had only agenda items to discuss.

E. Chief of Police – Not present

F. Public Works Director - None

G. Zoning/Codes Officer – Not present

H. Fire Chief- Not present

I. Emergency Management- Not present

IX. Unfinished Business

1. Discussion – Increasing the Treasurer’s Bond to \$400,000

Mrs. Hartranft – this is clearly a council discussion. The only requirement is the bond should represent at least that amount we receive in Highway Aid.

Motion by Mike McKenna, seconded by Gil Stauffer to increase the Treasurer’s Bond to \$400,000. The cost difference should be taken from contingency.

2. Discussion of Reimbursement of Towing Fee

Mr. Corriere reviewed the various Codes associated with towing a vehicle during a snow emergency and found they 1) provide the authority for the towing of vehicles and, 2) the codes do not provide a waiver provision. The Borough cannot consider a request for reimbursement of towing fees under the current ordinance.

Motion by Phil Weber, seconded by Earl Hill to not grant the waiver based on the Solicitor's opinion. Motion carried 7-0.

X. New Business

1. Outstanding Obligations- Approval of Payments

Motion made by Earl Hill, seconded by Philip Weber, to approve the payments. Motion carried 7-0.

2. Adoption of Resolution 19-02, Revised Fee Schedule - Council Action

Mrs. Hartranft indicated this revised fee schedule adds labor costs for public works and police who work during special events not sponsored by the Borough.

Motion made by Michael McKenna, seconded by Andrew Hughes, to adopt the revised fee schedule as written. Motion carried 7-0.

3. Retirement of Public Works Director- Council Action

Mr. Rieger indicated the Borough Manager received Mr. Henshaw's notice of retirement effective March 1, 2019. Mr. Rieger further thanked Mr. Henshaw for his many decades of service to the community and recapped a few significant accomplishments Mr. Henshaw was involved in. Mr. Rieger further stated to honor Mr. Henshaw, there is an Open House Reception being held at the Tavern Room on Tuesday, February 19th from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm. Light Refreshments will be served and the event is open to the public.

Mr. Henshaw declared it has been an honor to work for Hellertown.

Motion made by Earl Hill, seconded by Phil Weber, to accept the retirement of Mr. Henshaw with regrets and gratitude for his decades of service. Motion carried 7-0.

4. Appointment of Barry Yonney as Interim Public Works Supervisor

Council reviewed the contract that was provided to them.

Motion made by Philip Weber, seconded by Michael McKenna, to appoint Barry Yonney as Interim Public Works Supervisor at a pro-rated amount of \$70,000. Motion carried 7-0.

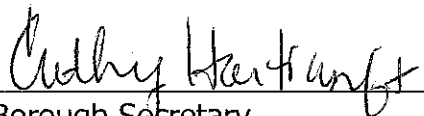
XI. Announcements – Mr. Rieger shared with council and the public the many events scheduled in the upcoming months, including ribbon cuttings, anniversary celebrations and Chamber events.

XII. Executive Session - None

XIII. Adjournment

Motion made by Michael McKenna, seconded by Phil Weber, to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 pm. Motion carried 7-0.

Adopted by the Hellertown Borough Council this 19th Day of February 2019.


Borough Secretary