

Borough of Hellertown
Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 3, 2021

The Meeting Was Held Via Zoom and Streamed Live on Facebook.

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

Earl Hill-	Present
James Hill-	Present
Matthew Marcincin-	Present
Michael McKenna-	Present
Thomas Rieger-	Present
Gil Stauffer-	Present
Philip Weber-	Present
Mayor Heintzelman-	Present

Also in attendance were Tina Krasnansky, Kris Russo, Angie Thiede, Michael Corriere, Barry Yonney, and Bryan Smith. Cathy Hartranft and Chief Shupp were absent with prior notification.

- IV. Adoption of Meeting Agendum

Motion made by Matthew Marcincin, seconded by Philip Weber, to adopt the meeting agendum as written with the addition of New Business #9, Authorization for Saucon Valley High School to Hold Spring Concert at Performance Stage on a TBD date of May 18th or May 20th. Possible rain date May 26th.
Motion carried 7-0.

- V. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- 1. April 19, 2021

Motion made by Gil Stauffer, seconded by Earl Hill, to approve the April 19, 2021, meeting minutes as written. Motion carried 7-0.

VI. COVID-19 Briefing

1. Administration/Public Works/Finance

- a. Mrs. Krasnansky- The only revenue items that are coming in lower than last year are the LST and fines.

2. EMA

- a. Mr. Sherer was not present for the meeting

3. Police

- a. Chief Shupp was not present for the meeting.

4. Fire

- a. Chief Maguire was not present for the meeting.

5. EMS

- a. Captain Andree was not present for the meeting.

VII. Courtesies of the Floor

A. Pre-Scheduled Appearance

1. Roberta Silverthorn- Presentation of Silver Award Project

Ms. Silverthorn- I would like to create a self-guided history walk of Hellertown. I want to display four-foot, signpost markers that have a QR Code that can be scanned with a smartphone. The QR Code is linked to historical facts about each site. I will be working with the Hellertown Historical Society to pick the sites and gather information. This project will be gifted to the Borough. It will be made with supplies that I currently have and items that I have been able to get donated. The project will be completed between September and November 2021. Mr. Stauffer offered to provide historical information.

Motion made by Earl Hill, seconded by Matthew Marcincin, to approve the presented Silver Award Project. Motion carried 7-0.

B. Agenda Items

Richard Weddigen, 600 Northampton Street, questioned the reasonings behind creating the proposed noise ordinance?

Mr. Rieger- The request came from a local business owner to create an ordinance so enforcement can be handled by local police rather than state enforcement.

Mr. Corriere- This ordinance gives defined decibel levels rather than leaving it up to interpretation. The ordinance is two parts: it sets requirements for businesses with liquor licenses and also sets requirements for private citizens.

James Hill opposed the ordinance as lawn mowers and unmodified motorcycles are over the highest decibel levels allowed under this ordinance.

Mr. Rieger recommended removing the daytime provisions rather than listing all of the possible exemptions. As this would constitute a major change to the proposed ordinance, a revised ordinance will have to be advertised at a later date.

Mr. Weddigen inquired about any necessary calibrations to the decibel readers. Mr. Corriere will discuss calibration requirements with Chief Shupp.

Council will take action on this item later in the meeting.

C. Non-Agenda Items- None

VIII. Reports from Elected Officials

A. President

Mr. Rieger- Council met in Executive Session prior to this meeting to discuss potential sale of Borough owned property, potential litigation, and personnel matters.

B. Mayor

Mayor Heintzelman had nothing to report.

C. Hellertown Historical Society (Gil Stauffer)

Mr. Stauffer had nothing to report.

D. Planning Commission (Philp Weber)

Mr. Weber had nothing to report.

E. Hellertown Area Library Board of Trustees (Matthew Marcincin)

Mr. Marcincin- Ms. Andrea is starting the outdoor programs.

The Girl Scouts will be completing the flower bed planting at the library.

The Hellertown Area Library will be hosting Flight Night in conjunction with Black River Farms and the Chamber on June 16, 2021, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

F. Hellertown Borough Authority (Earl Hill)

Mr. Hill had nothing to report.

G. Hellertown Chamber of Commerce (Tom Rieger)

Mr. Rieger- The Chamber is continuing to plan many upcoming events.

The Chamber also held a ribbon cutting at the Farmers' Market this past weekend.

H. Saucon Valley Partnership (Philip Weber/James Hill)

Mr. Rieger had nothing to report.

I. Saucon Rail Trail (Matthew Marcincin)

Mr. Marcincin- Upper Bucks will not be joining the Saucon Rail Trail in the near future.

One of the geological kiosks was vandalized and will require repair.

J. Hellertown Civil Service Commission (James Hill)

Mr. Hill had nothing to report.

IX. Reports from Appointed Officials

A. Treasurer- None

B. Engineer

Mr. Smith- The Main Street Safety Project is on schedule to be completed by July 1, 2021. The contractor is wrapping up the West side of Main Street.

C. Solicitor

Mr. Corriere had only agenda items to discuss.

D. Manager

Mrs. Hartranft was not present for the meeting.

E. Chief of Police

Chief Shupp was not present for the meeting.

F. Public Works Director

1. Announcement of Spring Yard Waste Collection

Mr. Yonney- The Spring Yard Waste Collection has been scheduled for the week of June 21, 2021. All items must be placed in paper bags, bundled, or tied. No plastic bags will be collected.

G. Zoning/Codes Officer

Mr. Russo had nothing to report.

H. Fire Chief- None

I. Emergency Management- None

X. Unfinished Business- None

XI. 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 Ordinance 836, Noise Regulations - Council Action

Motion made by Earl Hill to table this item until the May 17, 2021, meeting. Motion carried 7-0.

3. Authorization to Pay Invoice #1 to Marino Corp for Main Street Safety Project in the Amount of \$72,482.47- Council Action

Mr. Smith- This invoice is for 10 percent of the total cost. The contractor has completed over that amount of the project.

Motion made by Michael McKenna, seconded by Earl Hill, to approve the payment of Invoice #1 to Marino Corp in the amount of \$72,482.47. Motion carried 7-0.

4. Authorization to Release Escrow for 1233 3rd Avenue Development- Council Action

Mr. Smith- This project was a subdivision and land development. We inspected all improvements and they are in good condition.

Motion made by Earl Hill, seconded by Philip Weber, to release the remaining escrow pending any outstanding bills. Motion carried 7-0.

5. Approval of 2021 Pool Hires- Council Action

Motion made by Earl Hill, seconded Philip Weber, to approve the 2021 Pool Hires. Motion carried 7-0.

6. Approval of 2021 Public Works Summer Hires- Council Action

Motion made by Earl Hill, seconded by Matthew Marcincin, to approve the 2021 Public Works Summer Hires. Motion carried 7-0.

7. Approval of User's Agreement for Saucon Valley Youth Sports- Council Action

Motion made by Michael McKenna, seconded by James Hill, to approve the Saucon Valley Youth Sports User's Agreement. Motion carried 7-0.

8. Approval of Special Event Request for Dip N Dances June 17th, July 1st, July 22nd, and August 5th. Contingent Upon Staff Review and Receipt of Certificate of Insurance- Council Action

Motion made by Michael McKenna, seconded by Earl Hill, to approve the Special Event Request for the Dip N Dances. Motion carried 7-0.

9. Authorization to Hold Saucon Valley High School Spring Concert at Performance Stage May 18th or May 20th- Council Action

Motion made by James Hill, seconded by Earl Hill, authorize Saucon Valley High School to hold their spring concert at the performance stage on May 18th or 20th, pending school approval. Motion carried 7-0.

XII Announcements

Mr. Rieger- The Planning Commission Meeting scheduled for May 11, 2021, has been cancelled due to lack of business. There will be a Zoning Hearing Board Meeting on May 19, 2021.

XIII. Executive Session- None

XIV. Adjournment

Motion made by Michael McKenna, seconded by Gil Stauffer, to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Adopted by the Hellertown Borough Council this 17th Day of May 2021.


Borough Secretary