

Borough of Hellertown
Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 31, 2022

The Meeting Was Held In-Person, Via Zoom, and Streamed on Facebook Live

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

II. Pledge - All

III. Roll Call – Cathy Hartranft

Theresa Fadem-	Present
Earl Hill-	Present
Andrew Hughes-	Present
Matthew Marcincin-	Present
Michael McKenna-	Present
Thomas Rieger-	Present
Gil Stauffer-	Present
Mayor Heintzelman-	Present

Also in attendance were Cathy Hartranft, Michael Corriere, Barry Yonney, Tina Krasnansky, Bryan Smith, Chief Shupp, and Kris Russo.

IV. Adoption of Meeting Agendum

Motion by Earl Hill, seconded by Terri Fadem to read the letter received from Representative Bob Freeman into the record.

Motion made by Earl Hill, seconded by Michael McKenna, to adopt the meeting agendum as written with the addition of reading the letter from Representative Freeman. Motion carried 7-0.

V. Courtesies of the Floor

1. Public Comment on Agenda Items

Priscilla deLeon thanked council and the Hellertown Area Library for their efforts in working together to obtain an agreement. Ms. deLeon hopes a discussion on library services can be held at the next Lower Saucon township meeting on February 15th.

Joe Buck thanked Council for working with the Library to maintain library services for the community.

Randy Yardumin inquired whether there has been any communication with Lower Saucon Township. Mr. Rieger responded only with Ms. deLeon.

Barrett Geyer encouraged all parties to keep working in good faith.

Mr. McKenna commented the agreement is a good start.

Ms. Fadem commented she would have liked to see seniors included.

Mr. Hill commented he is happy the children are included.

Mr. Stauffer commented it is a strong agreement.

Mr. Hughes commented it is a good agreement how the Borough committed to the library.

Mr. Heintzelman commented how things work out when parties work together.

Mr. Rieger commented the agreement is a good transitional agreement. He also informed the public that the library is a 5013c entity and encouraged everyone to support fundraising or to make a donation.

VI. New Business

Discussion on possible action regarding a proposed agreement between Hellertown Borough and the Hellertown Area Library including potential supplemental, emergency appropriations for library services.

Mr. Rieger reviewed and highlighted the agreement as a transitional, 2-year agreement that continues funding as provided in the Hellertown 2022 budget and desires that HAL continue offering library services to those 18 years of age and younger as well as veterans. Mr. Rieger also informed the public this would include a one-time emergency appropriation of \$75,000 from the American Rescue Plan funding.

Upon motion by Andrew Hughes, seconded by Matt Marcincin, to authorize the Council President to execute the agreement as presented. All ayes. Motion carried unanimously.

Upon motion by Matt Marcincin, seconded by Andrew Hughes to authorize a one-time emergency appropriation of \$75,000 from American Rescue Plan funding to the library. All ayes. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ken Solt, President of HAL Board of Directors thanked the borough for their commitment to the Hellertown Area Library.

Ms. Noelle Kramer, Library Director, offered her gratitude.

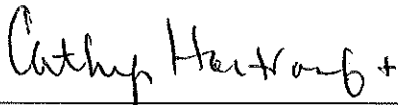
VII. Announcements- Mr. Rieger informed the public there was an Executive Session prior to tonight's meeting.

XII. Executive Session - None

XIII. Adjournment

Motion made by Mike McKenna, seconded by Earl Hill, to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 p.m. Motion carried 7-0.

Adopted by the Hellertown Borough Council this 7th Day of February 2022.



Borough Secretary