

BOROUGH OF HATBORO COUNCIL PUBLIC MEETING MONDAY, DECEMBER 16, 2024 7:00 PM

COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

- 1. CALL TO ORDER
- 2. INVOCATION (Mayor Schultz)
- 3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (Chief Ruegg)
- 4. RECOGNITION OF FRED POWELL (POWELL'S ELECTRIC SERVICE INC.)
- 5. **SWEARING IN OF POLICE OFFICER**

Motion: Motion to appoint Ty Dean to the position of police officer with the Borough of Hatboro.

(Mayor Schultz)

- 6. MEETING NOTES
 - Public Comment
 - Addressing Council
 - Time Allotment
- 7. PUBLIC COMMENT (Voting Items Only)
- 8. MAYOR'S REPORT
- 9. OFFICERS' REPORTS
 - President's Report (President Bollendorf)
 - Announcement of Executive Session
 - Treasurer's Report (Treasurer Smith)
- **10. SOLICITOR REPORT**
- 11. ENGINEER'S REPORT
- 12. MANAGER'S REPORT
- 11. STAFF REPORTS
 - Police (Chief Ruegg)

Tax Collections (Tax Collector Mount)
 Public Works (Manager Hegele)

• Downtown Development Update (Manager Hegele and Cindy Bollendorf)

• Fire Marshal Report (Fire Marshal Valesky)

• Fire Company Report (Fire Company President Brown)

• Second Alarmers Report (Chief Davidson)

Union Library Report

ORDER OF BUSINESS & VOTING ITEMS

1. Acknowledge Receipt of Reports

Motion: Motion to acknowledge receipt of Public Works, Fire Marshal, Tax Collector, Treasurer's Reports, EAC Minutes, and UMHJSA minutes.

2. Approval of Warrant List, Payment of Bills, Manual Checks and Transfers

Motion: Motion to approve Warrant List, Payment of Bills, Manual Checks, and Transfers for the month of December 2024.

3. December 2, 2024, Committee Meeting Minutes

Motion: Motion to approve the December 2, 2024, Committee Meeting minutes

4. Enterprise Fire Company Expenditure List

Motion: Motion to approve the Enterprise Fire Company Expenditure List for the month of November 2024 in the amount of \$18,104.12.

5. 2025 Fee Schedule

Motion: Motion to approve Resolution 2024-42, adopting the 2025 Fee Schedule.

6. Tax Anticipation Note

Motion: Motion to approve Resolution 2024-45, approving terms and conditions for the Tax and Revenue Anticipation Note for fiscal year 2025.

7. Tax Rate Resolution

Motion: Motion to approve Resolution 2024-43 adopting tax rates for the Borough of Hatboro for the year 2025.

8. Final 2025 Operating Budget

Motion: Motion to approve the 2025 Operating Budget for the Borough of Hatboro.

9. PA One Call Resolution

Motion: Motion to approve Resolution 2024-44, memorializing the Borough of Hatboro's support of safe digging and the PA One Call program in Pennsylvania.

10. 2025 Meeting Schedule

Motion: Motion to approve the 2025 Meeting Schedule for the Borough of Hatboro.

11. Boards and Commissions Appointments

Motion: Motion to appoint Geri Weideman to the Zoning Hearing Board for a term of 4 years.

12. District Court Sale

Motion: Motion to approve the sale of the former District Court Property located at 420 S. York Road in the amount of \$300,000.

OLD BUSINESS AND UPDATES

NEW BUSINESS

1. Constellation Energy Contract Renewal

Motion: Motion to approve the contract renewal between the Borough of Hatboro and Constellation Energy.

2. Hatboro Rotary Bingo Event Request

Motion: Motion to approve the Special Event Request for the Hatboro Rotary Bingo Event taking place on May 3, 2025 at the Pennypack Facility.

3. Environmental Advisory Council Solar Presentation Event Request

Motion: Motion to approve Special Event Request for the Environmental Advisory Council's Solar Energy Presentation Event taking place on January 29, 2025.

4. Police Chief Employment Contract

Motion: Motion to approve an updated employment contract between the Borough of Hatboro and Chief Ruegg.

PUBLIC COMMENT

(President Bollendorf)

ADJOURNMENT

The Borough of Hatboro Public Comment Policy

I. BACKGROUND STATEMENT

The Pennsylvania Sunshine Act (65 Pa. C.S. 701, et seq) provides that the Board or Council of a political subdivision shall provide a reasonable opportunity at each advertised regular meeting and advertised special meeting for residents of the political subdivision or for taxpayers of the political subdivision to comment on matters of concern, official action or deliberation which are or may be before the Board or Council prior to taking official action. (710.1).

To assure compliance with the Act, to inform members of the public who may wish to make comment, and to provide for predictable and orderly implementation of the public comment period, Hatboro Borough Council has adopted this Public Comment Policy.

II. POLICY STATEMENT

- Every regular and special meeting of Hatboro Borough Council shall have, as an agenda item, a period of time (Public Comment Period) set aside for receiving comments from Hatboro Borough residents and taxpayers as identified in the Act.
- 2. No member of the public shall make comment for more than three (3) minutes. No member of the public shall be allowed to delegate his/her time to any other members.
- 3. A period of time may be set aside for receiving additional comments from those members of the public attending a meeting who are not Hatboro Borough residents or taxpayers toward or at the end of the meeting by motion passed by a majority of Council members present and voting. Any discretionary public comment at the end of the meeting shall be limited to three (3) minutes per individual on any relevant Borough of Hatboro topic.
- 4. All such public comment shall be limited to matters of public concern, official action or deliberations that are, or may come, before Borough Council. If a group of residents or taxpayers of the Borough wish to comment on an issue and/or topic, they are asked to select one individual to speak for the group.
- 5. The purpose of the Public Comment Period is to receive comment, not to engage in public debate or argument with either members of Borough Council, Borough Staff or other members of the public attending the meeting.
- 6. Comment that makes personal attack on anyone shall not be allowed.
- 7. The presiding officer of the meeting shall have full charge and control of the Public Comment Period and enforcement of the provisions of this Policy.