

NEW HOPE BOROUGH
April 21, 2020, 7:00 PM
Meeting of Council
Minutes

Council President Gering called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM held via teleconference.

Present: Council Members Connie Gering, Dan Dougherty, Tina Rettig, Louise Feder, Laurie McHugh, Ken Maisel and Peter Meyer. Also present were Mayor Keller, Borough Solicitor David Truelove and Borough Manger Peter Gray.

Council President' Report

- Ms. Gering announced there was no Executive Session held.
- Ms. Gering discussed a proposed resolution for consideration to delay the penalty accrual deadline for municipal real estate tax for the year 2020 to July 31, 2020. A motion was made by Mr. Maisel, seconded by Ms. Rettig and passed unanimously.
- Ms. Gering discussed the Borough's consideration delaying parking permit payments until further notice. A motion was made by Mr. Dougherty, seconded by Ms. Rettig and passed unanimously.
- Ms. Gering discussed a request made by Mr. Mark Kaplin, attorney for Marsha Brown for an amendment to the Marsha Brown Parking Agreement. Council members held discussion on this item regarding the uncertain economic times we are in, the need to gather additional information and the economics of this. A motion was made to table this item by Mr. Meyer, seconded by Ms. Rettig and passed unanimously.
- A discussion was held regarding a one-year extension of the Fire Inspection Agreement with New Hope Eagle Fire Company. A motion was made by Mr. Meyer and seconded by Ms. McHugh and passed unanimously.
- Discussion was held regarding a Special Event application received by the Borough for New Hope Celebrates Parade proposed to be held on October 10, 2020. Mr. Matt Hanson discussed details on the event. Chief Cummings discussed the PennDOT requirements to be made. A motion was made and all passed unanimously.

Consent Agenda:

- A motion was requested to approve the minutes from the March 17, 2020 council meeting and the March 27, 2020 special council meeting. Motion made by Ms. Rettig, seconded by Mr. Meyer and passed unanimously.
- A motion was requested to approve the April accounts payable in the amount of \$162,389.84, and March 13, March 27 and April 10 payrolls in the amounts of \$63,308.86, \$70,497.92 and \$63,473.16. Motion made by Ms. McHugh, seconded by Mr. Dougherty and passed unanimously.

Council Member Reports on Committees:

- Ms. Feder reported the Parks and Recreation Board meeting had been cancelled.
- Ms. McHugh announced \$1,500 of the budget would be used for plantings in the Borough. In addition, 2 trees will be planted at Borough Hall property.
- Mr. Dougherty reported the Finance Committee met late last week. Mr. Dougherty reported Mr. Gray will be preparing a report for Council summarizing the expenses incurred during this emergency
- Mr. Maisel indicated there was nothing to report from the HARB Board
- Ms. Gering reported there was no Zoning Hearing Board held this month.
- Mr. Meyer reported the Planning Commission was working on several projects.

Manager and Solicitor Reports:

- Mr. Gray had nothing to report at this time.
- Mr. Truelove indicated he was very busy working on various files ongoing here in the Borough

Public Comment:

- There were no comments from the Public.

Announcements:

- Ms. Gering announced the next Council meeting would be held on Tuesday, May 19, 2020.

Announcements:

- With no other business, the meeting adjourned at 7:23 pm.