

NEW HOPE BOROUGH
March 16, 2021
7:00 PM
Council Meeting Agenda

New Hope Borough's Council meeting scheduled for March 16, 2021 will be held using the Zoom platform. The Zoom app is available for IOS or Android smartphones and computer download. It is free to the public. The public can and view the meeting via Zoom utilizing the information below:

Meeting ID: 860 7405 3527 Password: 035133

All Zoom Attendees will be muted when entering the Zoom meeting and remain muted during the meeting. Anyone wishing to speak will signal the request to talk using the "Raise Hand" icon on Zoom. The Borough will unmute one speaker at a time to help prevent background noise.

Gering, President Dougherty, Vice President Rettig, President Pro Tem
 Feder McHugh Maisel Meyer Mayor Keller

1. Mayor's Report

- Authorization for the New Hope Eagle Fire Company Fire Police to assist Plumstead Township's Special Event scheduled for March 27, 2021

2. Council President's Report

- Certificate of Appropriateness for Borough's Bridge Street project - fencing
- Certificate of Appropriateness for 330 South River Road – replace windows and doors
- Certificate of Appropriateness for 274 South River Road – installation of 2 barrier gates
- ZHB Application – 49 West Mechanic Street – parking, driveway, impervious variances
- Consider Resolution for DCED Grant Application for repairs and upgrades to the Visitor's Center
- Consider Amendment to Financial Security Agreement for Gateway to New Hope, LLC regarding the temporary land bridge and the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR)

3. Consent Agenda:

- **Approval of Meeting Minutes:**
 1. February 16, 2021 Council meeting
 2. March 1, 2021 Council Workshop meeting
- **Approval of Accounts Payables:**
 1. Accounts Payables for February in the amount of \$342,656.33.
 2. Payrolls for February 26, 2021 and March 12, 2021 in the amounts of \$74,035.28 and \$70,642.71.

4. Council Member Reports on Committees:

- Parks and Recreation Board (L. Feder)
- Shade Tree Commission (L. McHugh)
- Finance Committee (C. Gering, D. Dougherty, T. Rettig)
- Land Use and Historic Preservation (HARB – K. Maisel; ZHB – C. Gering; PC – P. Meyer)

5. Manager and Solicitor Reports

6. Public Comment

7. Announcements

8. Adjournment

UPCOMING PUBLIC MEETINGS:

- Wednesday, March 17, 2021 – Shade Tree Commission, 7 PM
- Monday, March 22, 2021 – Park and Recreation Board, 7 PM
- Monday, April 5, 2021 – Council Workshop, 4 PM
- Monday, April 5, 2021 – Planning Commission, 7 PM
- Tuesday, April 6, 2021 – Historical Architectural Review Board, 6:30 PM
- Tuesday, April 20, 2021 – Council Public Meeting, 7 PM

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION INFORMATION

1. Public meetings of the Council shall follow a prescribed agenda, which will be available to the general public two days preceding the meeting.
2. If members of the public wish the Council to address a specific item at a public meeting, a written request to the Borough Manager shall be submitted by noon on Wednesday of the week before the meeting. The written request shall specify the item or items the individual desires to be addressed.
3. Council may consider other matters for the agenda as they see fit.
4. Council will entertain Public Comment at either the beginning of the meeting or prior to specific action items during the meeting, at the discretion of the President. Individuals must advise the President of their desire to offer such comment.
5. A Public Comment period will be provided at the conclusion of a meeting for input on any subject.
6. The Council President shall preside over Public Comments and may within their discretion:
 - a. Recognize individuals wishing to offer comment.
 - b. Require identification of such persons (name and address of residence).
 - c. Allocate total available Public Comment time among all individuals wishing to comment.
 - d. Allocate up to a five (5) minute maximum for each individual to offer Public Comment at a meeting.
 - e. Rule out of order scandalous, impertinent and redundant comment or any comment the discernible purpose of which is to disrupt or prevent the conduct of the business of the meeting including the questioning of, or polling of, or debating with, individual members of the Council.

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The following is a summary of the items on Council's agenda:

Authorization for the New Hope Eagle Fire Company Fire Police to assist Plumstead Township's Special Event scheduled for March 27, 2021

This request is from Plumstead Township for the Fire Police to assist in an upcoming special event in there Township.

Certificate of Appropriateness for Borough's Bridge Street project - fencing

The HARB application is for a Borough project, funded thru a grant, which includes installing a railing along the stone pillars along West Bridge Street. This will be presented to Council for consideration. This application was presented and approved by HARB at their meeting on March 2, 2021.

Certificate of Appropriateness for 330 South River Road – replace windows and doors

The HARB application includes replacing the windows and doors on the river side only. This will be presented to Council for consideration. This application was presented and approved by HARB at their meeting on March 2, 2021.

Certificate of Appropriateness for 274 South River Road – installation of 2 barrier gates

The HARB application includes installing 2 barrier gates at the north driveway at the River House for traffic concerns. This will be presented to Council for consideration. This application was presented and approved by HARB at their meeting on March 2, 2021.

ZHB Application – 49 West Mechanic Street – parking, driveway, impervious variances

This application will be presented to Council for consideration, prior to being presented to the ZHB for review and approval for variances requested.

Consider Resolution for DCED Grant Application for repairs and upgrades to the Visitor's Center

This resolution is for Council's consideration as part of an application for a grant opportunity for repairs and upgrades at the Borough's Visitor's Center.

Consider Amendment to Financial Security Agreement for Gateway to New Hope, LLC regarding the temporary land bridge and the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR)

This item will be presented to Council for consideration which will provide responsibility of a temporary land bridge to the DCNR.