

NEW HOPE BOROUGH
October 15, 2019, 7:00 PM
Council Meeting Agenda

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

1. Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance

2. Mayor's Report

3. Council President' Report

- Executive Session Announcement – held after Oct. 7 workshop to discuss personnel.
- Motion to appoint Kilkenny Law as Interim Borough Solicitor and execute Engagement Agreement
- Motion to ratify the Request for Proposal (RFP) for Municipal Solicitor and extend the response due date to October 29, 2019.
- Motion to authorize the Borough Manager to execute the engagement agreement with Norris, McLaughlin Law Firm to serve as Special Counsel for License Agreement services.
- MOTION: Authorize Borough Solicitor to publish required legal notices for public hearing and authorize staff to coordinate with the Bucks County Planning Commission and the New Hope Borough Planning Commission for an application for amendment to the Borough Zoning Ordinance Section 6.
- MOTION: Authorization for Borough Solicitor to advertise for the Ordinance amendment of Chapter 259, Section 10 for Bridge St. speed reduction.
- MOTION: Certificates of Appropriateness
 - 9 W. Mechanic - sign
 - 12 Stockton Ave - sign
 - 19 A. W. Bridge – sign
 - 49 W. Ferry St – sign
 - 26 N. Main - fence
- MOTION: Escrow Release #3 for Overlook at Aquetong in the amount of \$45,286.51
- MOTION: Special Event – NH Chamber Holiday Parade

- MOTION: Appointment of Robert Margadonna to the Shade Tree Commission

4. Consent Agenda:

- **Meeting Minutes:** Consideration to approve the minutes from the September 17 meeting
- **Approval of Accounts Payables:** September accounts payable in the amount of **\$401,629.01** and **September 25 and October 9 payroll in the amounts of \$83,583.82 and \$63,447.22.**

5. Council Member Reports on Committees:

- Parks and Recreation Board (T. Rettig)
- 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)
 - ZHB Application – Riverhouse Offices 2, LLC at 328 S. Main

6. Manager and Solicitor Reports

7. Public Comment

8. Announcements

9. Adjournment

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.