

## New Hope Borough Council Meeting

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[Direct Link to Zoom Meeting.](#)

### 1. September 119, 2023, Borough Council Agenda

Documents:

[SEPTEMBER 19, 2023 AGENDA 2.PDF](#)

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6:30 PM  
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\_\_ Gering, President

\_\_\_ Maisel, President Pro Tem

\_\_ Feder

\_\_ Dougherty

\_\_ Becci

\_\_ Meyer

\_\_ Mayor Keller

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**A moment of silence for Laurie McHugh**

**1. Mayor's Report**

- Consider the Hiring of Two Part Time Police Officers

**2. Council President's Report**

- Consider Appointment to Council to Fill Current Vacancy Until December 31, 2023
- Consider High Heels Drag Race Special Event Application
- Consider Turkey Trot Special Event Application
- Consideration for Parks and Recreation Board project
- Certificate of Appropriateness - 100 West Bridge Street - renovations
- Certificate of Appropriateness - 43/45 North Main Street - renovations
- Certificate of Appropriateness – 17-19 West Mechanic Street - renovations
- Certificate of Appropriateness – 127 A South Main Street – sign installation
- Certificate of Appropriateness – 15 West Ferry Street – sign installation
- Certificate of Appropriateness – 26 South Main Street – sign installation
- ZHB application – 71 West Ferry Street – special exception and variance
- Consider Adopting Resolution for 2024 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for the Police Pension Plan
- Consider Adopting Resolution for 2024 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for the Non Uniform Pension Plan
- Consider Safe City Solutions proposal regarding search for candidates for Police Chief position
- Consider Bid for the Visitor Center Improvement Project
- Consider Authorization to Advertise for the Borough's Community Room Roof Project
- Consider the Purchase of Equipment for the Public Works Department
- Consider Resolution for the Disposition of Borough Records
- Consider 2 Escrow Releases for Rabbit Run - Phase 1 # 15 and Phase 2 # 13
- Consider Escrow Release for McDonald's
- Consider Escrow Release for Riverwalk
- Consider Hiring Part Time Custodian for the Borough

### **3. Consent Agenda:**

- Approval of Meeting Minutes:
  1. August 7, 2023 Workshop Meeting
  2. August 15, 2023 Council Meeting
  
- Approval of Accounts Payables:
  1. Accounts Payables for September in the amount of \$ 231,728.48.
  2. Payrolls for August 25, 2023 and September 8, 2023 in the amounts of \$ 82,155.76 and \$ 78,428.08.

### **4. Council Member Reports on Committees:**

- Parks and Recreation Board (L. Feder)
- Shade Tree Commission
- Finance Committee (C. Gering, K. Maisel)
- 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, September 20, 2023 – Shade Tree Commission, 6:30 PM
- Monday, October 2, 2023 – Council Workshop, 4:00 PM
- Tuesday, October 3, 2023 - Historical Architectural Review Board, 6:30 PM
- Monday, October 16, 2023 – Planning Commission, 6:30 PM
- Tuesday, October 17, 2023 –Council Public Meeting, 6:30 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. Members of the public with specific questions can put their questions in writing and send, before noon, on the Monday before the meeting.  
Via email: [PublicComment@NewHopeBorough.org](mailto:PublicComment@NewHopeBorough.org)
3. A Public Comment period will be provided for input on any subject and after the presentation of each agenda item for that specific topic.
4. 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 up to a three (3) minute maximum for each individual to offer Public Comment at a meeting.
  - d. 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.

## Code of Conduct

The New Hope Borough Council is committed to upholding an environment of respect, professionalism, and constructive dialogue during council meetings.

Disrespectful behavior, including but not limited to personal attacks, disruptive conduct, and disrespectful language, will not be tolerated. All participants in council meetings are to be treated with dignity, and the proceedings shall be productive and inclusive.

- All council members, attendees, staff, and members of the public participating in council meetings are expected to demonstrate respect toward one another.
- Debates are encouraged, but they must be conducted in a respectful and courteous manner.
- Personal attacks, derogatory language, and disrespectful behavior towards any individual are strictly prohibited.
- The President and Vice President have the authority to maintain order and decorum during council meetings. They may intervene and take appropriate action to address disrespectful behavior, including warning the individual responsible and, if necessary, removal from the meeting.

The New Hope Borough Council aims to foster productive discussions and decision-making processes during council meetings. Failure to adhere to the above may result in appropriate action, including removal from the meeting and potential restrictions on future participation.