

**BOROUGH OF HATORO  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
MONDAY, JANUARY 14<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

**PRESENT**

President Zygmunt, Vice President LaSorsa, Councilpersons Tompkins, Fleming, Hegele, Sheedy & Rich; Mayor Hawkes, Borough Manager/Superintendent of Public Works Zollers, Assistant Borough Secretary Hegele, Chief of Police Gardner, Solicitor Pionzio, Borough Engineer Dougherty & Treasurer Kalnajs.

**ABSENT**

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Zygmunt called to order the January 14th, 2013 Committee Meeting of Borough Council to order at 7:00 PM.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

President Zygmunt called the public hearing to order at 7:01 PM.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR** – President Zygmunt stated this is for agenda items only. There was no public comment.

**ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO HATBORO BOROUGH ORDINANCE** – Solicitor Pionzio opened the hearing explaining the proposed amendments. She stated the ordinance was properly advertised and she asked Council to consider approval of this ordinance. Vice President LaSorsa questioned Home Impact Based Business and if they were allowed with employees who work in another state. Councilman Sheedy also questioned the home based business and provided specific examples. President Zygmunt questioned the requirements for an office that is operated from someone's home. This item will be on the January 28<sup>th</sup> agenda for approval.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR** – Mr. Farnen, Elm Street Hatboro asked about Auto related businesses in the Elm Street District. He stated there are issues with on street parking as a result of these types of businesses. Solicitor Pionzio responded it was in the current ordinance as prohibited and permitted. She stated in the amended ordinance it will be prohibited.

Mr. Hart, Earl Lane asked about height requirements and if your current structure exceeds heights are you grandfathered. Solicitor Pionzio stated yes, the zoning amendment proposed is for new structures not existing.

President Zygmunt adjourned the public hearing portion of the January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2013 Committee Meeting at 7:21 P.M.

## **PUBLIC SAFETY**

**FIRE COMPANY EXPENDITURE LIST** – Vice President LaSorsa motioned to approve the transfer of funds to the Enterprise Fire Company in the amount of \$6,715.80, motion seconded by Councilman Tompkins, all ayes. Motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Ed Henry, 238 Bonair Avenue stated the EPA has been around again. He spoke with Borough staff earlier and has concerns about lack of information and contractors working in homes.

Mrs. Nancy Barr, Wood Street stated the EPA was recently at her house. She has been calling them and they do not return her calls. She was looking for an update and a call back.

President Zygmunt explained the process and asked Manager Zollers to reach out the EPA and remind them they were in attendance at a Council meeting and made promises to keep in touch and to be responsive.

Mrs. Barr stated she is not sure she likes the idea of canisters being placed throughout her house by strangers.

Manager Zollers stated he will contact the EPA with these concerns and report back to Council and Mrs. Barr and Mr. Henry.

## **FINANCE**

**OPERATING BUDGET – INTER-ACCOUNT TRANSFER** – Vice President LaSorsa stated that \$14,000 would have to be moved from line item #411 to #413 to cover wages for Fire Marshal appointment. This item will be on the January 28<sup>th</sup> agenda for approval.

**GRANTS AND FUNDING** – Councilwoman Fleming updated Council on the receipt of the DVIT Grant; she stated the items were approved for purchase. She stated she is also working on gathering information for phase 2 of the Clock Tower, more information on this grant will be forthcoming.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

Councilman Rich stated he had nothing for his agenda this evening. Councilman Rich stated that longtime Village Hardware owner Al Wipplinger passed away over the weekend. He stated this was a great loss to our community.

## **FACILITIES & PARKS**

Councilman Sheedy stated he had nothing for his agenda this evening.

## **PUBLIC/COMMUNITY RELATIONS**

Councilman Hegele stated he had nothing for his agenda this evening.

**ZONING/HISTORIC PRESERVATION** - Councilman Tompkins announced that the Planning Commission will be meeting on February 5<sup>th</sup> to hear the application 121 W. Lehman Avenue, the applicant is proposing tearing down the existing house and subdividing the lot and building two new houses.

## **SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS**

**HATBORO 300** – Councilman Sheedy stated he had no report.

**PARKS COMMITTEE** – Councilman Sheedy stated he had no report.

**STORMWATER** – Councilman Hegele stated he had no report.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** – Vice President LaSorsa stated he had no report. Councilman Hegele asked if Council was aware that Main Street Manager Barth was hired in Perkasio as the Director of Economic Development. Councilman Hegele voiced his concerns with the dual role and the empty stores in Hatboro; he stated he wants to make sure Hatboro does not suffer. There was a discussion concerning this matter.

Mrs. Lee Phillips, Wood Street states she is in agreement with Councilman Hegele, there are a limited amount of small businesses and if the Main Street Manager shows both and sells the potential of both locations than that is fine, but if he sways one way or the other than that could be construed as a problem.

**ZONING SUBCOMMITTEE** – Councilman Tompkins stated that the Planning Commission is working on reviewing the current sign ordinance and will be reporting back to Council with their input and comments.

## **ADMINISTRATION**

**TAX COLLECTOR SALARY RESOLUTION** – President Zygmunt stated that each year prior to election, the salary for the tax collector must be set. 2% was used for the next four years. This item will be on the January 28<sup>th</sup> agenda for approval.

**BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS APPOINTMENTS** – President Zygmunt announced the Borough is still accepting letters of interest. At the Council meeting staff and current boards and commission members seeking reappointment will be appointed. Council will be interviewing interested parties for positions in February. This item will be on the January 28<sup>th</sup> agenda for approval.

**DISTRICT COURT FIT OUT – VV ANNEX AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE BIDS** – Solicitor Pionzio stated this is condo space next door which was deeded to the Borough. She stated the first floor location is much more feasible for District Court. She stated this was bid out before but the bids received were too costly and the communications between the Borough and the County stopped. The staff has met with the architect and some minor changes were made, it would be beneficial to the Borough to move District Court to this space. She stated that this project must be ready by October 1 but the Borough is going to move the date to a month earlier to ensure that the project is done in a timely manner. This matter was moved to the January 28<sup>th</sup> agenda for approval.

**TCA FACILITIES STUDY UPDATE** – President Zygmunt stated that TCA is preparing a public presentation on the Facilities Study, it is tentatively set for February but staff is firming dates.

**WYNFAIR APARTMENTS – ESCROW RELEASE** – President Zygmunt stated that the engineer has recommended a second escrow release for this project. This item will be on the January 28<sup>th</sup> agenda for approval.

**CODE INSPECTIONS INC – PROPOSED FEE SCHEDULE**– President Zygmunt stated that Council is in receipt of proposed fees prepared by Code Inspections. He stated that Manager Zollers will be doing a comparison for Council. Solicitor Pionzio stated she would prepare a resolution. This item will be on the January 28<sup>th</sup> agenda for approval.

**REIMBURSEMENT TO BOROUGH AUTHORITY** – President Zygmunt stated that as a condition of the sale of the Wachovia Building, \$400,000 had to be paid back to the Authority once the sale was finalized. This item will be on the January 28<sup>th</sup> agenda for approval.

**PERMISSION FOR FUNDING REQUEST BOROUGH AUTHORITY**– President Zygmunt would like permission to ask the Borough Authority to fund paving of the Wachovia Lot and also other capital projects. This item will be on the January 28<sup>th</sup> agenda for approval.

**WINSHIP'S PIECES OF TIME – LOLLER CLOCK PROPOSAL** – Manager Zollers stated Council is in receipt of the proposal from Keith Winship. The Borough is in receipt of his certificate of Insurance. The report should layout steps to repair, restore and fix clock. This proposal should also state there will be no disassembling of the clock by Mr. Winship. This item will be on the January 28<sup>th</sup> agenda for approval.

Mayor Hawkes announced today was the one month anniversary of the shootings in Newton Connecticut. He stated recently while in Newtown he met the first selectman which is similar to a Mayor and he expressed the Borough's condolences and thoughts/prayers.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business; the January 14th, 2013 Committee meetings of Borough Council was adjourned at 8:41 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Alfred "Fred" Zollers  
Borough Secretary

Transcribed by Assistant Borough Secretary Diane Hegele