

**BOROUGH OF HATBORO
COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 28th, 2013**

PRESENT –President Zygmunt, Vice President LaSorsa, Councilpersons Hegele, Sheedy, Rich, Tompkins and Mayor Hawkes; Acting Borough Manager/Superintendent of Public Works Zollers, Assistant Borough Secretary Hegele, Chief of Police Gardner, Code Official Fugate, Solicitor Pionzio, Borough Engineer Dougherty, & Fire Marshal Reading.

ABSENT

Councilwoman Fleming and Treasurer Kalnajs were both absent.

CALL TO ORDER – President Zygmunt called this Council Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

INVOCATION – Mayor Hawkes gave the invocation for the January 28th, 2013 Council Meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLIGENCE – The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chief Gardner.

President Zygmunt announced that this meeting is being taped by the staff. He stated that there are two opportunities on the agenda for the public to address Council. The first privilege of the floor is for voting agenda items only.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR FOR AGENDA VOTING ITEMS –

Bruce Heath, 20 Horseshoe Lane addressed Council regarding the zoning amendment change specifically the height requirement change. Mr. Heath stated he has a zoning variance approval but has yet to build; he wanted to know if his project would be affected by this change. Solicitor Pionzio stated that the Commonwealth has extended permits until July 2016. She stated since his application was in and he was granted zoning before this change, he was grandfathered. Manager Zollers stated he would send Mr. Heath a letter confirming this for his records.

MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor Hawkes stated he recently walked York Road with Joe Tryon, President of the Chamber of Commerce to assess the trash situation in front of many businesses. This has been an ongoing issue and on the particular day they walked there was not a lot of trash but a lot of cigarette butts.

Mayor Hawkes stated that there was an article in the Intelligencer indicating that Pennsylvania is one of the worst states to submitting information to be included in the Weapons Data Base. He stated the Mayors against Illegal Guns have been helping to correct this issue.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – President Zygmunt stated he had nothing to report this evening.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Treasurer Kalnajs was absent this evening. Vice President LaSorsa presented the Treasurer's report for the month of December 2012. He noted a balance of \$3,150,180.41. Interest earned for the month totaled \$356.50 on all accounts.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – Solicitor Pionzio reported that Council would be considering a resolution #2013-02 amending permit fees, she stated this will have to be moved to next month, more time is needed.

ENGINEER'S REPORT – Borough Engineer Dougherty stated he had nothing to report this evening.

MANAGER'S REPORT – Borough Manager Zollers stated that he along with Councilman Tompkins met with the EPA to discuss questions that were raised by residents at a recent Council meeting. He stated he will reach out to the residents and share information with them.

DEPARTMENT SUPERVISORS' REPORTS

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT – Chief Gardner stated he had one item for this evening, the County is making progress with the vendor for the radios, he stated he will have more information in the coming weeks and he did advise the County this is an important issue to the Borough because we have grant money to pay for this expenditure.

TAX COLLECTIONS REPORT – The report for the month of September was submitted to Council in advance of tonight's meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT – President Zygmunt noted the Public Works Report was submitted to Council in advance of tonight's meeting, and that copies of the report were available on the sign in table. Superintendent Zollers stated he had nothing further to report.

FIRE MARSHAL REPORT – President Zygmunt noted the Fire Marshal Report was submitted to Council in advance of tonight's meeting, and that copies of the report were available on the sign in table.

TCA – Facilities Study Presentation – President Zygmunt announced that TCA will present the Facilities Study Report at the February 25th, 2013 Council Meeting.

VOTING ITEMS

Acknowledgement of Reports – Vice President LaSorsa motioned to acknowledge the receipt of the reports for the month of January 2013, motion seconded by Councilman Rich, all ayes. Motion carried 6-0.

Approval of Warrant List, Payment of Bills, Manual Checks and Transfers – Vice President LaSorsa motioned to approve the warrant list, payment of bills, manual checks and transfers for the month of January 2013, motion seconded by Councilman Tompkins, all ayes. Motion carried 6-0.

November 19th, 2012 Council; November 28th, 2012 Special Council Meeting; December 3rd, 2012 Committee Meeting and December 17th, 2012 Council Meeting Minutes – Vice President LaSorsa motioned to approve the November 19th Council, November 28th Special Council, December 3rd Committee & December 17th, 2012 Council Meeting Minutes, motion seconded by Councilman Rich, all ayes. Motion carried 6-0.

President Zygmunt announced the January 14th, 2013 Committee Meeting Minutes would be approved at the February 25th Council meeting.

Ordinance No. 1015 – Zoning Ordinance Amendment – Vice President LaSorsa motioned to approve Ordinance Number #105 – Borough of Hatboro Zoning Ordinance Amendment, motion seconded by Councilman Tompkins, all ayes. Motion carried 6-0.

Budgetary Transfer – Vice President LaSorsa motioned to approve budgetary transfer from account number 413 to 411, motion seconded by Councilman Rich, all ayes. Motion carried 6-0.

Resolution #2013-01 – Tax Collector Salary – Vice President LaSorsa motioned to approve Resolution #2013-01 – Tax Collector Salary, motion seconded by Councilman Hegele, all ayes. Motion carried 6-0.

Staff Appointments – Vice President LaSorsa motioned to approve the following staff appointments; Alfred Zollers, Borough Manager & Public Works Superintendent, Diane Hegele, Assistant Borough Secretary & Open Records Officer, James Gardner, Chief of Police, Berkheimer, EIT/LST Collector, Jim Dougherty, Gilmore & Associates, Borough Engineer, Christen Pionzio, Hamburg, Rubin, Mullen, Maxwell & Lupin, Borough Solicitor, Alex Kaljnas, Treasurer, Code Inspections, Building Code Official, Joseph Reading, Property Maintenance Inspector & Fire Marshal and Roy Thomas, Deputy Fire Marshal. Councilman Sheedy made a friendly amendment to include Alfred Zollers as Zoning Officer, friendly amendment seconded by Councilman Rich, original motion seconded by Councilman Hegele, all ayes. Motion carried 6-0.

Boards & Commissions Appointments – Vice President LaSorsa motioned to approve the following Boards & Commission appointments; Ron Battis, Planning Commission (4 year term), George Emig, Vacancy Board (1 year term), Geri Weideman, Zoning Hearing Board (3 year term), Katrina Nuss, Library Board (3 year term), Dave Shannon, Historian (1 year term), Alan Mosebach, Fire Board (3 year term), TCC Delegates (1 year term each) Primary Voting Delegate Judith Emig, First Alternate Robert Reichert and Second Alternate Alfred Zollers and authorizing payment for services of the Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor Bruce Eckel, motion seconded by Councilman Tompkins, all ayes. Motion carried 6-0.

Employee Ratification List January 2013 - – Vice President LaSorsa motioned to approve the employee ratification list for January 2013 (annual salary increases for staff), motion seconded by Councilman Rich, all ayes. Motion carried 6-0.

District Court Fit-Out Project – Vice President LaSorsa motioned to authorize the advertisement of bids for the District Court Fit-Out Project for the VV Annex location, motion seconded by Councilman Tompkins, all ayes. Motion carried 6-0.

Escrow Release #2 – Wynfair Apartments Project - Vice President LaSorsa motioned to approve the escrow release #2 in the amount of \$82,544.75, motion seconded by Councilman Tompkins, all ayes. Motion carried 6-0.

Resolution #2013-02 – Permit Fees – This item was tabled and moved to the March meeting.

Borough Authority Reimbursement – Vice President LaSorsa motioned to approve reimbursement to the Borough Authority for \$400,000 from the General Capital Account as per the Wachovia Building Purchase Agreement, motion seconded by Councilman Rich, all ayes. Motion carried 6-0.

Borough Authority Request for Funding – Vice President LaSorsa motioned to approve permission to request funding from the Borough Authority for the paving of the Borough owned Wachovia Parking Lot, motion seconded by Councilman Tompkins, all ayes. Motion carried 6-0.

Vice President LaSorsa motioned to approve permission to discuss the Facilities Study and future funding of Borough Capital Projects, motion seconded by Councilman Hegele, all ayes. Motion carried 6-0.

Winships Pieces of Time – Loller Clock Proposal – Vice President LaSorsa motioned to accept the proposal received from Winships Pieces of Time for the Loller Clock Study, Councilman Tompkins made a friendly amendment to include the cost of the restoration and the understanding there would be no disassembling of clock, friendly amendment seconded by Councilman Rich, original motion seconded by Councilman Rich, all ayes, Motion carried 6-0.

SPECIAL UPDATES

Councilwoman Fleming was absent this evening.

Councilman Hegele stated he had nothing to report this evening.

Vice President LaSorsa stated he had nothing to report this evening.

Councilman Tompkins stated he had nothing to report this evening.

Mayor Hawkes stated he had nothing to report this evening.

Councilman Rich stated he had nothing to report this evening.

Councilman Sheedy stated he had nothing to report this evening.

President Zygmunt stated he had nothing to report this evening.

OLD BUSINESS

Councilman Tompkins asked if a second staff member would be trained on how to update the website. Manager Zollers stated that Diane Stecklair would be trained in the future, once some issues with the site are worked out.

NEW BUSINESS –Manager Zollers stated that he has been contacted by the Clock Tower Committee, they are interested in applying for a Keystone grant that needs to be submitted by March 1st. He stated that Councilwoman Fleming is in the process of gathering information and Councilman Rich will have a letter for Council to sign at the February Committee meeting.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Tracy Thatford – 3 Drummers Way asked if there was any word from the final review that was done back in December for the Woodwinds Buyout. Manager Zollers stated there has been no response.

Toni Kistner, Lamplight Lane – stated she was there on behalf of the Hatboro Residents Association and was asking about maintenance at the Old Mill, specifically if there was a dehumidifier in the building. President Zygmunt stated the Borough does not own the Old Mill and could not answer her question. Councilman Tompkins stated the Borough has not been in the Building as it is privately owned. It was suggested to Ms. Kistner that she or the resident’s association inquire. President Zygmunt stated the Borough just cannot ask property owners what they are doing inside their properties.

President Zygmunt announced that staff is scheduling interviews for open boards and commissions, the interviews will begin at 6:00 P.M. on February 11th, 2013.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the January 25th, 2013 meeting of Borough Council was adjourned at 7:43 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Alfred “Fred” Zollers
Borough Secretary

Transcribed by Assistant Borough Secretary Diane Hegele