

**BOROUGH OF HATORO
COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2014**

PRESENT

President Zygmunt, Vice President Tompkins, Councilpersons Harbaugh, Hegele, Palmer, Rich & Sheedy; Mayor Hawkes, Borough Manager Zollers, Assistant Borough Secretary Hegele, Chief Gardner, Solicitor Pionzio, Borough Engineer Dougherty & Treasurer Kalnajs.

ABSENT

CALL TO ORDER

President Zygmunt called to order the January 13th, 2014 Committee Meeting of Borough Council to order at 7:04 PM.

PUBLIC SAFETY

FIRE COMPANY EXPENDITURE LIST – Councilman Palmer stated Council was in receipt of the December 2013 Fire Company Expenditure list in the amount of \$4006.22. Vice President Tompkins asked if the sewer line repairs were an emergency. Fire Company President Cain stated yes. This item was moved to the January 27th Council meeting agenda for approval.

Councilman Palmer stated his goals for his committee are

1. Pedestrian Friendly Community
2. Reduce Crime by recruitment and updating facilities
3. Education
4. Community Partnerships

FINANCE

Councilman Harbaugh had nothing for his agenda this evening. He stated his goals for his committee are to continue to work with the staff on the Operating Budget, he stated this past year he had the opportunity to work on the budget and President Zygmunt introduced an easier process to assist the staff and his committee in presenting a balanced budget to Council. He stated he was looking forward to working with Manager Zollers, Chief Gardner and Assistant Secretary Hegele on the budget.

He stated another goal is to work on Capital Planning, he would like to work on a 5 year plan and funding for facility upgrades.

GRANTS AND FUNDING

Councilman Sheedy stated he had nothing for his agenda this evening. He asked Manager Zollers to update Council on recent correspondence received from the County on the Action Plan for the Moreboro/Horsham/Academy Roads Project.

Councilman Sheedy stated his goals for this year would be to continue to work with Councilman Harbaugh, Councilman Rich and Manager Zollers on the Facilities Studies.

PUBLIC WORKS

Councilman Hegele stated he had nothing for his agenda this evening. He thanked Public Works for their efforts and great job last Friday for the first snow of 2014, he thanked them for taking care of the roads and for picking up the trash. He reviewed some of his goals for 2014 that include staffing at Public Works, stormwater projects, paving and more recycling.

FACILITIES AND PARKS

Councilman Rich stated he had nothing for this agenda this evening. Councilman Rich stated his main goal for 2014 was the implementation of the facilities study along with upgrades to the pool.

ZONING/HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Vice President Tompkins stated he had two announcements for this evening. The first was the PODS/Dumpster Ordinance Hearing would be on Monday, January 27, 2014. The second was the HI-MU Planning Staff meeting with Mr. Van Rieker would be on Monday, January 27th beginning at 6:00 PM and the public was invited to attend. President Zygmunt asked when this would be on the agenda for a vote. Solicitor Pionzio stated that it was best to have this informal meeting with staff and residents and see what feedback is received.

Vice President Tompkins stated his goals for 2014 are to continue to work on Historic Preservation, he asked the Borough Historian Dave Shannon who was in the audience to please provide a long awaited list of historic properties in the Borough. He stated he would be working with staff on the sign ordinance and also other ordinance updates that are needed.

ADMINISTRATION

EXECUTIVE SESSION – President Zygmunt announced there was an executive session at 6:30 PM this evening to discuss a contract matter and legal matter.

CLOCK TOWER RESTORATION COMMITTEE REQUEST FOR FUNDING

Manager Zollers stated the clock committee has a grant for the clock restoration project in the amount to \$25,000 with a local share of \$26,750. He stated the committee is short approximately \$3,750 and would like to ask Council for the funding, which is needed by February 14th. Borough Historian Dave Shannon stated that Manager Zollers summed up what is needed and he is asking the Borough to secure funding from the Authority for this expenditure.

Councilman Sheedy congratulated the clock committee for all their hard work but wanted to know why asking for money when they came before Council for grant support they told Council they would not be using any public funds for this project, now they are here asking for same. Mr. Shannon stated they were not asking for public funds but funding from the Borough Authority. Mr. Shannon was told that the Authority money was indeed public funds. Mr. Shannon stated at times it can be very difficult to raise money in the Borough, he stated the HRA and Hatboro Federal helped but the rest has been slow to come in, he stated he could get more money tomorrow, it is just unpredictable. Mr. Shannon urged Council to make up the shortfall so the clock could be restored in time for the Hatboro 300th.

President Zygmunt stated the authority money is Borough money, it is not for fundraising, he is not happy that it is being insinuated that the Borough is not taking care of the clock. The Borough paid for engineering to support the structure before it fell in, the Borough is concerned and cares about preservation. He stated that the Borough has a lot of projects that need funding. He reminded Mr. Shannon that a member of the clock committee sat in this very room and told then Council that no public money would be needed for this project, it would be done with all fundraising.

Councilman Harbaugh asked if the February date was firm deadline, as the Authority already met for January and the February meeting is after the deadline. Manager Zollers was going to check and see.

Vice President Tompkins stated is it \$3,750 that is needed or up to \$3,750. Mr. Shannon stated no more than \$3,750. President Zygmunt stated Council should make a recommendation to the Authority up to \$3,750.

Manager Zollers stated he would let the Authority know and make sure they have the funds available. He will also ask the State for an extension to get the money from the Authority.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS APPOINTMENTS - President Zygmunt announced that Assistant Secretary Hegele has contacted everyone whose term was expiring in 2013 and all but 6 people are returning. Assistant Secretary Hegele was asked to contact the persons who have expressed an interest in volunteering and set up interviews with Council on Monday, January 20th beginning at 5:00 PM. President Zygmunt stated the Boards and Commissions appointments would be on the agenda for consideration on Monday, January 27th Council meeting.

President Zygmunt stated the Administration committee is a committee that assists staff with projects and provides the mechanics to get things done. He stated Council has outlined some of their goals for 2014 Committees the Administration Committee would help to implement these goals.

ADJOURNMENT

The January 13th, 2014 Committee meeting of Borough Council was adjourned at 7:39 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Alfred "Fred" Zollers
Borough Secretary

Transcribed by Assistant Borough Secretary Diane Hegele