

**BOROUGH OF HATORO
COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24th, 2014 – 7:00 PM**

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

Councilman Harbaugh was absent this evening.

CALL TO ORDER

President Zygmunt called to order the February 24th, 2014 Council Meeting of Borough Council to order at 7:00 PM.

INVOCATION – Mayor Hawkes gave the invocation for the meeting.

PRESENTATION – Mr. Bill Dixon on behalf of the Clock Committee made a check presentation to Borough Council for the clock tower project.

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

President Zygmunt announced that the staff is taping this meeting. 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:

John Farnen Elm Street Hatboro President asked if the Mixed Use Overlay Ordinance was going to be voted on tonight. President Zygmunt stated no, the only action of Council tonight would be to authorize advertising.

Mr. Farnen had several questions about the height restrictions in the new overlays. He also asked about the incorporation of the elm street plan for development in the area. Solicitor Pionzio explained the height requirements for the areas Mr. Farnen questioned. Mr. Farnen was advised that Engineer Dougherty utilizes the Elm Street Plan when doing reviews in that area.

Mrs. Nancy Barr, 206 Wood Street asked how does the overlay effect houses in the area would. President Zygmunt stated it does not.

MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor Hawkes stated the March 3rd Winter Concert for seniors was postponed.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT – Treasurer Kalnajs gave the Treasurer's report for the month of January 2014. He noted a balance of \$2,087,287.66. Interest earned for the month totaled \$207.99 on all accounts.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – Solicitor Pionzio asked if there were any further questions concerning the Mixed Use Overlay Ordinance. She stated the Borough met on several occasions and received a lot of resident input. Tonight Council will authorize the advertising of the ordinance, once this is done there can be no changes, if there are any then the process would have to start over again.

ENGINEER'S REPORT – Borough Engineer Dougherty stated he had no report this evening.

MANAGER'S REPORT – Manager Zollers stated the Borough has salt and Public Works is trying to fill potholes. President Zygmunt thanked Manager Zollers and the Public Works Department for the good job this winter. Vice President Tompkins stated PW takes care of potholes on local roads, for potholes on state roads, people can use PennDOT's website to report those.

DEPARTMENT SUPERVISORS' REPORT

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT – Chief Gardner stated the Police have been using Nixle.com to send out important messages and the Borough has been encouraging people to sign up. There is also a facebook page “Hatboro Emergency Management” for users on facebook.

TAX COLLECTIONS REPORT – President Zygmunt noted the Tax Collection Report was submitted to Council in advance of tonight’s meeting, and that copies of the report were available.

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. Manager 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.

VOTING ITEMS

Acknowledgement of Reports – Vice President Tompkins motioned to acknowledge the receipt of the reports for the month of February 2014, motion seconded by Councilman Sheedy, all ayes. Motion carried 6-0.

Approval of Warrant List, Payment of Bills, Manual Checks and Transfers – Vice President Tompkins motioned to approve the warrant list, payment of bills, manual checks and transfers for the month of February 2014, motion seconded by Councilman Hegele, all ayes. Motion carried 6-0.

January 27th, 2014 Council Meeting – Councilman Rich motioned to approve the January 27th, 2014 Council Meeting minutes, motion seconded Councilman Sheedy, all ayes. Motion carried 6-0.

February 10th, 2014 Committee Meeting – Councilman Rich motioned to approve the February 10th, 2014 Committee Meeting minutes, motion seconded by Councilman Sheedy, President Zygmunt abstained as he was absent, all ayes. Motion carried 5-0.

Fire Company Expenditure List – Councilman Sheedy motioned the January 2014 Expenditure list in the amount of \$15,488.60, motion seconded by Councilman Hegele, all ayes. Motion carried 6-0.

Poet Laureate Appointment - Mayor Hawkes introduced Mr. Allan Heller and asked Mr. Heller after his appointment as poet laureate not to write any poems that mention snow, ice, potholes or power failures. Councilman Sheedy motioned to appoint Mr. Allan Heller Poet Laureate for the Borough of Hatboro, motion seconded by Vice President Tompkins, all ayes. Motion carried 6-0.

MU Mixed Use Overlay Ordinance Hearing Advertising – Councilman Sheedy motioned to approve advertising of the Mixed Use Overlay Ordinance and Map, motion seconded by Councilman Rich, all ayes. Motion carried 6-0.

Fee Schedule Resolution – Vice President Tompkins motioned to approve Fee Schedule Resolution #2014-01, motion seconded by Councilman Sheedy, all ayes. Motion carried 6-0.

Wayfinding Signage Grant – Councilman Rich motioned to authorize the ordering of signs for the wayfinding signage grant, motion seconded by Councilman Hegele, all ayes. Motion carried 6-0.

Cell Tower Lease Memorandum of Agreement – Councilman Rich motioned to approve execution of memorandum of agreement for Cell Tower Lease, motion seconded by Vice President Tompkins, all ayes. Motion carried 6-0.

SPECIAL UPDATES

Councilman Sheedy reminded everyone the next meeting of the Hatboro 300th Committee will be Monday March 3rd at 7:00 PM at Hatboro Federal.

OLD BUSINESS – There was no old business to come before Council this evening.

NEW BUSINESS – There was no new business to come before Council this evening.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. Bruce Hart, 175 Earl Lane, asked about the community channel. Assistant Secretary Hegele explained there was an issue with Comcast equipment after the storm, so the channel was down.

Mrs. Nancy Barr, Wood Street thanked Public Works for the great job salting and plowing, and thanked them for getting trash too. She asked about noise coming from an adjoining business, Chief Gardner stated he would handle her issue.

President Zygmunt announced there would be an executive session after the meeting to discuss a legal matter.

ADJOURNMENT

The February 24th, 2014 meeting of Borough Council was adjourned at 7:27 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Alfred “Fred” Zollers
Borough Secretary

Transcribed by Assistant Borough Secretary Diane Hegele