

**BOROUGH OF HATORO
COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 28th , 2014**

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

Councilman Sheedy was absent.

CALL TO ORDER

President Zygmunt called to order the April 28th, 2014 meeting of Borough Council to order at 7:00 PM.

INVOCATION – Pastor Nancy Ludwig from Lehman United Methodist Church gave the invocation for the April meeting.

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.

President Zygmunt also reviewed procedure on how the business of the Borough is brought forward and addressed by Borough Council.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Mr. Ron Battis, 320 W. Moreland Avenue inquired about the use of fire police for special events. Mr. Battis stated there are 6 home swim meets and he feels the fire police should be utilized to assist. Chief Gardner thought this was a good idea and he will handle.

MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor Hawkes stated he had two presentations to make tonight.

Presentation – Police Operations Clerk David J. Berry – Chief Gardner stated Dave is retiring after 23 years of service to the Borough. He stated Dave is very active in the community, active in St. John Bosco Church, YMCA and Special Olympics. Police Operations Clerk Berry was presented with a certificate for his years of service. Councilman Hegele stated he had the pleasure of working with Dave for many of those years and remarked on the great job Dave did for the Department. Borough Council wished Dave a happy retirement.

Presentation – Lehman United Methodist Church – Mayor Hawkes presented Pastor Ludwig and Church Office Manager Bev Lawless a certificate of appreciation for their help and opening up their church for the residents of Hatboro this past winter. Pastor Ludwig thanked everyone that was there and stated god provided during the storm. She stated that when several of the residents of Moreland Towers were there and charging all their cell phones they remarked how they needed colored dots on the phones because they all looked alike. Borough Council thanked the Church for all their support.

Mayor Hawkes reminded everyone with spring upon us, residents should purchase a weather alert radio. He stated during the day people have tv and radio but at night while sleeping those reminders are not usually on, a radio will alert you while sleeping.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – President Zygmunt stated he had no report this evening.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Treasurer Kalnajs gave the Treasurer's report for the month of March 2014. He noted a balance of \$3,655,985.88. Interest earned for the month totaled \$232.22 on all accounts.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – Solicitor Pionzio stated she had two items to report this evening. She stated that Engineer Dougherty, Chief Gardner and herself have been out going door to door securing signatures for easements for the Hometown Streets Project.

Solicitor Pionzio stated that Arcadia Associates would be coming to the Borough to rezone property owned by Station Park, she is recommending to Council to continue services with Van Rieker for this project. She stated there would be no cost to the Borough, as the Developer would pay for his services. She would like Council to consider this tonight.

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

MANAGER'S REPORT – Manager Zollers stated Aqua has paved half of West Moreland from Bridge to Borough line, paving was done as a result of work Aqua did to the area.

Manager Zollers stated the cover is off of the pool and Public Works will be filling the pool this week. He stated so far all looks ok and the pool is on schedule to open on time. Vice President Tompkins asked if Aqua was done using the pool parking lot and if there were any damages. Manager Zollers stated he believed they were done, but he would double check and let Council know.

DEPARTMENT SUPERVISORS' REPORT

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT – Chief Gardner thanked everyone that came out for the Hero Cops Plaque Dedication for Chief Kramer. Copies of the pamphlet were available at the back desk and the plaque was on display in the rear of the room. He thanked DA Risa Ferman, Chief of County Detectives and former Hatboro Chief Sam Gallen, Attorney Jimmy Binns, County Commissioner Bruce Castor, all the local Chief's and Police Officers who attended, Sgt. Annisman of the Bensalem Police Department for paying for the plaque and Borough Council. He offered special thanks to Rev. McComas of Lehman Church for the invocation and benediction for the service. He stated Lehman Church is very supportive partner of the community we are blessed to have them in our community.

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 – Councilman Rich motioned to acknowledge the receipt of the reports for the month of April 2014, motion seconded by Councilman Hegele, all ayes. Motion carried 6-0.

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

March 28th, 2014 Council Meeting – Councilman Rich motioned to approve the March 28th, 2014 Council Meeting minutes, motion seconded by Vice President Tompkins, all ayes. Motion carried 6-0.

President Zygmunt stated the Committee meeting minutes from the April meeting are not done due to sections that must be transcribed. They will be on the May Council agenda for approval.

Fire Company Expenditure List – Councilman Palmer motioned to approve the March 2014 Expenditure list in the amount of \$17,874.76, motion seconded by Councilman Harbaugh, all ayes. Motion carried 6-0.

Fire Company Capital Expenditure List – Councilman Palmer motioned to approve the March 2014 Capital Expenditure list in the amount of \$18,936.54, motion seconded by Councilman Hegele, all ayes. Motion carried 6-0.

2014 Pool Events – Councilman Rich motioned to approve Pennypack Day, Crooked Billet Day and Community Day at the Hatboro Pool, motion seconded by Councilman Harbaugh, all ayes. Motion carried 6-0.

HRA – Hatboro Residents Association Fee Waiver Request – Farmers Market – Councilman Rich motioned to approve the HRA fee waiver request for Farmers Market, motion seconded by Councilman Palmer, all ayes. Motion carried 6-0.

Councilman Harbaugh asked if this was 2014 only. President Zygmunt stated yes. He also stated that this waiver does not absolve the HRA from County requirements, they must contact the Board of Health, this waiver is only for the payment of Borough permit fees to run a farmers market. Chief Gardner stated they must complete paperwork and they must adhere to and follow the other provisions of the ordinance.

Hometown Streets Project – Selection Committee Appointment – Councilman Rich motioned to authorize appointment of Manager Zollers, Vice President Tompkins and Councilman Hegele as Consultant Selection Committee for the HTS project, motion seconded by Councilman Harbaugh, all ayes. Motion carried 6-0.

Clock Tower Agreement – Councilman Rich motioned to authorize agreement with Winships for the Clock Tower Project. Solicitor Pionzio stated she has to still make some adjustments to the agreement and is working with Mr. Moskowitz. The motion was amended to include authorization subject to solicitor approval, motion seconded by Councilman Palmer, all ayes. Motion carried 6-0.

Declarations of Covenants – Councilman Rich motioned to approve the Declarations of Covenants for the Clock Tower Project. Solicitor Pionzio stated that her office has been working with the State regarding renovations to Borough Hall. The Commonwealth wants to make sure that any renovations to the building do not disturb historically significant things. The motion was seconded by Councilman Harbaugh, all ayes. Motion carried 6-0.

Resolution #2014-04 – 2014 Pool Fee Resolution Correction – Councilman Rich motioned to approve the change of guest of member day pass from \$15.00 to \$5.00, motion seconded by Vice President Tompkins, all ayes. Motion carried 6-0.

CDBG – Moreboro/Academy/Horsham Road Project Bid Award – Councilman Rich motioned to award bid for project to Associated Paving Contractors in the amount of \$162,750.25, motion seconded by Councilman Harbaugh, all ayes. Motion carried 6-0.

York Road Drainage Project Bid Award – Councilman Rich motioned to award bid for project to S&H Landscaping in the amount of \$96,554.50, motion seconded by Vice President Tompkins, all ayes. Motion carried 6-0.

Employee Ratification List – Councilman Rich motioned to approve the Employee Ratification List for April 2014, motion seconded by Councilman Palmer, all ayes. Motion carried 6-0.

Aqua Meter Installation – Miller Meadow – Councilman Rich motioned to approve installation of water meter by Aqua by the Enterprise Fire Company in Miller Meadow, motion seconded by Councilman Harbaugh, all ayes. Motion carried 6-0.

Use of Fire Police – Events – Councilman Rich motioned to authorize use of fire police for special events and to authorize the Chief of Police or his designee to request Fire Police for special events, motion seconded by Vice President Tompkins, all ayes. Motion carried 6-0.

Appointment of Planner – Councilman Rich motioned to approve the appointment of Mr. Van Rieker as special planner for Station Park Project at no cost to the Borough, motion seconded by Councilman Harbaugh, all ayes. Motion carried 6-0.

SPECIAL UPDATES

Vice President Tompkins announced that the Planning Commission will be meeting on May 6th at 7:00 PM, on their agenda will be the minor subdivision of 60 Meadowbrook Avenue and Sketch plan submission of Station Park Village.

There were no other special updates from Borough Council this evening.

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

Bruce Hart, 175 Earl Lane stated Channel 22 is difficult to read. Vice President Tompkins stated he is working on adjustments to the Channel and will be meeting with the School District in the coming days to get assistance.

Ron Battis, 320 W. Moreland Avenue asked now that the Clock Tower Project has passed and work will begin soon, who would be watching over this project. President Zygmunt stated Manager Zollers.

Tracy Thatchford, 3 Drummers Way asked for the status of the Woodwind documents. Solicitor Pionzio stated the HOA is scheduled to meet with the residents on June 30th. Her office continues to work with the HOA Solicitor on property line issues.

Tom Konen, 49 Loller Road asked if the clock would be insured. President Zygmunt stated the clock has always been covered under the Borough insurance. Manager Zollers stated the clock is included in an inventory that is provided to the Borough insurance carrier.

ADJOURNMENT

The April 28th, 2014 meeting of Borough Council was adjourned at 7:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Alfred "Fred" Zollers
Borough Secretary

Transcribed by Assistant Borough Secretary Diane Hegele