

**BOROUGH OF HATORO
COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22nd, 2014**

PRESENT

President Zygmunt, Councilpersons Harbaugh, Hegele, Palmer, Sheedy & Rich; Mayor Hawkes, Borough Manager Zollers, Assistant Secretary Hegele, Det. Sgt. Goold, Fire Marshal Reading, Solicitor Pionzio, Engineer Dougherty, and Treasurer Kalnajs.

ABSENT

Vice President Tompkins and Chief Gardner were absent.

CALL TO ORDER

President Zygmunt called to order the September 22nd, 2014 meeting of Borough Council to order at 7:00 PM.

INVOCATION – Mayor Hawkes asked for a moment of silence for the PA State Police Trooper who was killed in the line of duty over the weekend.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Det. Sgt. Goold

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:

There was no public comment at this time.

MAYOR'S REPORT

PRESENTATION TO SECOND ALARMERS RESCUE SQUAD – Mayor Hawkes on behalf of Council presented Chief John Klenk, Assistant Chief Ken Davidson, Captain Brad Nash and Executive Director Renee Bates with a certificate of recognition for their recent receipt of state pediatric recognition. Council thanked Second Alarmers for their continued service to the citizens of Hatboro.

PRESENTATION ENTERPRISE FIRE COMPANY – Chief Gordon and Assistant Chief Anders presented members of the Enterprise Fire Company with unit citations for their involvement in the March 19th Ricin Incident in Hatboro. Council congratulated the members in attendance and thanked them for their continued service to the citizens of Hatboro.

UNION LIBRARY OF HATBOROUGH – BUDGET REQUEST PRESENTATION

Ms. Luanne Kline and Mrs. Bev Lutz made a brief presentation to Council requesting additional funding for the Union Library in the amount of \$25,000. They stated they have not had an increase since 2000. They explained funding and fundraising has gone down, they have been having trouble getting help to do more events. Councilman Harbaugh asked about the educational grant the Library receives. Mrs. Lutz stated this is used for the Children's summer reading program. Ms. Kline stated a certain portion can be allocated toward operating costs. Mrs. Lutz responded 20% only. Councilman Sheedy asked for clarification on the money requested, did they want \$25,000 to catch up and then \$1700 per year going forward. Ms. Kline stated no, she used the \$1700 dollar number to put the request into perspective, since \$25,000 sounds like a large number. She stated they are asking for \$25,000 every year now going forward. President Zygmunt thanked them for coming out and stated the request would be considered during the budget process.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – President Zygmunt stated the Borough was in receipt of some bad news. Station Park office complex filed a tax appeal for their property for 2011 through 2014 and the County has granted their appeal meaning the Borough must refund them approximately \$95,000 as per the settlement. He stated more information on this would be presented as it is available.

President Zygmunt announced that the Borough also received some good news from Standard & Poors, they increased our Bond Rating from AA- to AA which means better rates of interest when borrowing money. He thanked staff for their work.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Treasurer Kalnajs gave the Treasurer's report for the month of August 2014. He noted a balance of \$3,941,389.80. Interest earned for the month totaled \$336.76 on all accounts.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – Solicitor Pionzio stated the clock agreement is done, there are some minor number changes that will be done tomorrow and then it can be signed.

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

MANAGER'S REPORT – Manager Zollers stated that staff has recently sold surplus equipment on Municibid, for a total of \$6387.00. He reported that these items were taking up valuable space.

DEPARTMENT SUPERVISORS' REPORT

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT – Chief Gardner was absent this evening. Det. Sgt. Goold stated he had no report.

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

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

President Zygmunt announced that on Friday he was notified by staff that a transfer was needed from the General Fund to the General Capital Fund in the amount of \$210,000. This was necessary to pay for grant projects that are all reimbursable, once the money is received then the funds will be transferred back into the General Fund.

August 18th, 2014 Committee/Council & September 8th, 2014 Committee Meeting Minutes – Councilman Rich motioned to approve the August 18th, 2014 Committee/Council and September 8th, 2014 Committee Meeting minutes, motion seconded by Councilman Palmer, all ayes. Motion carried 6-0.

Fire Company Expenditure List – Councilman Palmer motioned to approve the August 2014 Expenditure list in the amount of \$12,404.25, motion seconded by Councilman Hegele, all ayes. Motion carried 6-0

Act 101 Section 904 Recycling Performance Grant Application – Councilman Sheedy motioned to approve submission of the Act 101 Section 904 Recycling Performance Grant, motion seconded by Councilman Hegele, all ayes. Motion carried 6-0.

Road Sealing Program Resolution #2014-15 – Councilman Hegele motioned to approve Road Sealing Program Resolution #2014-15, motion seconded by Councilman Rich, all ayes. Motion carried 6-0.

Enterprise Fire Company – Fire Prevention – Use of Shoppers Lot - Councilman Rich motioned to approve the request by the Enterprise Fire Company to use the Shoppers Lot for Fire Prevention on Saturday October 11th, motion seconded by Councilman Hegele, all ayes. Motion carried 6-0.

Enterprise Fire Company – Fire Prevention – Use of Shoppers Lot – Waiver of Fees – Councilman Rich motioned to waive fees for the use of the Shoppers Lot by the fire company for fire prevention, motion seconded by Councilman Hegele, all ayes. Motion carried 6-0.

119-121 W. Lehman Avenue – Construction Escrow Release #2 - Councilman Hegele motioned to approve escrow release #2 in the amount of \$2,961.60, motion seconded by Councilman Rich, all ayes. Motion carried 6-0.

CDBG Project – Academy/Horsham – Payment Request #1 – Councilman Sheedy motion to approve payment request #1 in the amount of \$170,834.50, motion seconded by Councilman Harbaugh, all ayes. Motion carried 6-0.

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

Meeting Announcements – President Zygmunt announced the Overlay Ordinance hearing scheduled for 10-13 is postponed, a new date will be announced. He also announced the ZHB is meeting on October 8th to hear a sign variance request of Victorian Village.

SPECIAL UPDATES

Councilman Sheedy stated the pool liner project is almost done and the pool looks great.

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

Ron Battis, 320 W. Moreland Avenue read a prepared statement thanking Manager Zollers, Brent Sine, Charlie Young and Public Works for the good year and work at all the parks. He stated the parks are clean, the trees are maintained, the grass is cut, the pool is maintained and all security and lighting issues are addressed promptly. He is very proud of these guys. Councilman Hegele thanked Mr. Battis and Public Works. There was a round of applause by Council for Public Works.

Tracy Thatchford 3 Drummers Way asked for a status of the HOA documents and Fannie Mae documents for the Woodwinds Project. President Zygmunt stated there is still one document missing and Manager Zollers is actively pursuing.

She also asked about the ETA for the Community Channel. Assistant Secretary Hegele stated the new computer was installed on Friday, IT is just waiting on cables. Should be up in a few days.

Roy Cain, Enterprise Fire Company President announced that on Wednesday at 9:00 AM a memorial service will be held at the fire house for Chief Mike Aiman.

Karen Shubick, 37 Fulmor Avenue asked about the maintenance of the trees on York Road, she stated they are skanky and full of weeds. President Zygmunt stated the property owners are responsible for the maintenance. Manager Zollers stated he would have Property Maintenance go out and check this and notify property owners where needed.

She asked about the Academy Road new intersection and the status. Mayor Hawkes stated the purpose of the chute was for trash trucks and school bus use only, people are going EB and using as a cut through. Public Works will be installing Do not Enter Authorized Vehicles only signage to see if that works.

Engineer Dougherty stated he is working with the contractor to get the light pole installed at this location.

Bruce Hart, 173 Earl Lane stated the trees that Mrs. Shubick reference are an unsightly mess and asked if we could cite property owners. Manager Zollers stated yes if in violation. He reiterated he would have code officials look at them, he did state that some of the weeds could be ornamental grass which is not a violation.

Mike Woerger, 28 S. Linden Avenue asked about the status of the band shell. President Zygmunt stated there was no change in the status and no meetings have been scheduled.\

ADJOURNMENT

The September 22nd, 2014 meeting of Borough Council was adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Alfred "Fred" Zollers
Borough Secretary

Transcribed by Assistant Borough Secretary Diane Hegele