

**BOROUGH OF HATBORO
COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, DECEMBER 15th, 2014**

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

CALL TO ORDER

President Zygmunt called to order the December 15th, 2014 meeting of Borough Council to order at 7:00 P.M.

INVOCATION – Mayor Hawkes asked for a moment of silence for the victims of the shooting in Montgomery County earlier today.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Hawkes

MEETING NOTES – President Zygmunt announced that 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.

Solicitor Pionzio announced that Council would need to take action to authorize execution of the Architects Agreement for the Police Facilities Project, this would need to be done at the end of the agenda.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR – There was none at this time.

MAYOR'S REPORT Mayor Hawkes stated he attended the ribbon cutting at the new Hatboro Meat Market at 210 N. York Road.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT - President Zygmunt announced that Chief Gardner was not in attendance as the department has been called to assist in other departments in the County to assist in patrol as a result of the shootings earlier today. He stated the Chief asked that he relay his wishes for a safe and happy holiday season.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Treasurer Kalnajs gave the Treasurer's Report for the month of November 2014. He noted a balance of \$3,089,711.34. Interest earned for the month totaled \$259.75 on all accounts.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – Solicitor Pionzio stated she had no report this evening.

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

MANAGER'S REPORT – Manager Zollers stated that Hatboro was showcased recently in the Montgomery County Town Center News. He stated there is a link to the newsletter on the Borough website.

He stated that the Shade Tree has completed a report on the condition of trees on York Road. He stated property owners have been notified. He stated the Codes office checked the tree boxes also on York Road as a result of a complaint received, these issues have been addressed and the property owners have been cooperative.

Manager Zollers wished everyone a happy and safe holiday.

DEPARTMENT SUPERVISORS' REPORT

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT – Chief Gardner was not available this evening due to police business.

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. Fire Marshal Reading reminded everyone to water live trees and use caution when using candles. He wished everyone a happy and safe holiday season.

VOTING ITEMS

Acknowledgement of Reports – Councilman Sheedy motioned to acknowledge the receipt of the tax collections, public works, fire marshal and treasurer's reports for the month of November 2014, motion seconded by Councilman Rich, all ayes. Motion carried 7-0.

Approval of Warrant List, Payment of Bills, Manual Checks and Transfers – Councilman Sheedy motioned to approve the warrant list, payment of bills, manual checks and transfers for the month of December 2014, motion seconded by Councilman Harbaugh, all ayes. Motion carried 7-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – President Zygmunt announced that due to circumstances beyond control, the minutes were not able to be approved tonight. They will be on the January agenda for approval.

FIRE COMPANY EXPENDITURE LIST – Councilman Palmer motioned to approve the Enterprise Fire Company Expenditure List for November 2014 in the amount of \$11,840.40, motion seconded by Councilman Hegele, all ayes. Motion carried 7-0.

FIRE COMPANY CAPITAL EXPENDITURE LIST – Councilman Palmer motioned to approve the Enterprise Fire Company Capital Expenditure List in the amount of \$4000.00, motion seconded by Councilman Hegele, all ayes. Motion carried 7-0.

PENNDOT RESOLUTION FOR PEDESTRIAN SIGNAGE #2014-19 – Councilman Sheedy motioned to approve Resolution #2014-19, motion seconded by Vice President Tompkins, all ayes. Motion carried 7-0.

PENNDOT RESOLUTION FOR FLASHERS, SCHOOL ZONE FOR STOVEWORKS, JACKSONVILLE ROAD #2014-20 – Councilman Rich motioned to approve Resolution #2014-20, motion seconded by Councilman Harbaugh, all ayes. Motion carried 7-0.

2015 FEE SCHEDULE RESOLUTION #2014-21 – Councilman Rich motioned to approve Resolution #2014-21, motion seconded by Vice President Tompkins, all ayes. Motion carried 7-0.

BOROUGH PARKING LOT RULES/ORDINANCE REVISION - Councilman Sheedy motioned to authorize the Solicitor to prepare the Ordinance revision, motion seconded by Vice President Tompkins, all ayes. Motion carried 7-0.

2014 ROAD PAVING PROJECT – BRAY BROTHERS – PAYMENT #1 - \$126,494.10 – Councilman Harbaugh motioned to approve payment #1 to Bray Brothers in the amount of \$136,494.10, motion seconded by Councilman Hegele, all ayes. Motion carried 7-0.

FINAL ADOPTION 2015 BOROUGH BUDGET – Councilman Sheedy motioned to approve final adoption of the 2015 Borough budget, motion seconded by Vice President Tompkins, all ayes. Motion carried 7-0.

2015 TAX ORDINANCE NO 1023 – Councilman Harbaugh motioned to approve 2015 Tax Ordinance No. 1023, motion seconded by Councilman Rich, all ayes. Motion carried 7-0.

President Zygmunt thanked the Finance Committee, Manager Zollers, Chief Gardner, Assistant Secretary Hegele and all Department Heads for all their work and stated the Borough is proud to announce the budget was adopted with no tax increase.

WASTE DISPOSAL CONTRACT – COVANTA ALTERNATE BID – Councilman Hegele motioned to accept Covanta's Alternate Bid for Waste Disposal at the Abington Transfer Station, motion seconded by Councilman Sheedy, all ayes. Motion carried 7-0.

WASTE DISPOSAL CONTRACT – Councilman Rich motioned to authorize Solicitor to approve contract with Covanta for Waste Disposal Services, motion seconded by Councilman Hegele, all ayes. Motion carried 7-0.

PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT – LOT LINE CHANGE RESOLUTION #2014-22 – Councilman Hegele motioned to approve Resolution #2014-22, motion seconded by Vice President Tompkins, all ayes. Motion carried 7-0.

UNION LIBRARY OF HATBOROUGH – JANUARY PAYMENT – President Zygmunt stated Council is in receipt of a request from the Library to accelerate their payment. He stated

this would be a one-time allowance and we can accommodate this year since there is cash available. Councilman Sheedy motioned to authorize payment #1 as per the budget to the Union Library of Hatborough, motion seconded by Councilman Harbaugh, all ayes. Motion carried 7-0.

LIQUID FUELS TRANSFER – 2014 – Vice President Tompkins motioned to authorize transfer from Highway Aid Fund to the General Fund in the amount of \$103,685.94, motion seconded by Councilman Rich, all ayes. Motion carried 7-0.

INTER ACCOUNT TRANSFER Vice President Tompkins motioned to approve transfer of \$200,000 from General Fund to Gen Cap to cover 2014 projects while waiting for grant reimbursements, motion seconded by Councilman Harbaugh, all ayes. Motion carried 7-0.

INTER ACCOUNT TRANSFER – Vice President Tompkins authorized the Borough Manager to facilitate any year end transfers as needed, motion seconded by Councilman Hegele, all ayes. Motion carried 7-0.

EMPLOYEE RATIFICATION LIST – Councilman Rich motioned to approve the employee ratification list for the month of December 2014, motion seconded by Councilman Hegele, all ayes. Motion carried 7-0.

ARCHITECTURAL AGREEMENT – Vice President Tompkins motioned to approve Architect Agreement upon approval by Solicitor for Facilities Project, motion seconded by Councilman Sheedy, all ayes. Motion carried 7-0.

SPECIAL UPDATES

Councilman Palmer wished everyone Happy Holidays

Councilman Hegele wished everyone Happy Holidays and a safe and healthy New Year. He thanked everyone that comes out to meetings.

Councilman Harbaugh wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Vice President Tompkins wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Mayor Hawkes wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Councilman Rich wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Councilman Sheedy wished everyone Happy Holidays.

President Zygmunt wished everyone Happy Holidays.

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

NEW BUSINESS

APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR

President Zygmunt stated the Borough was notified by Tax Collector Emig that the state recently passed an act requiring tax collectors to have a deputy tax collector in the event the

Borough Tax Collector is incapacitated. He stated this is an unpaid position and Tax Collector Emig is recommending Emiline Weiss from Telford Borough. Councilman Rich motioned to appoint Emiline Weiss, Telford Borough as Deputy Tax Collector, motion seconded by Councilman Palmer, all ayes. Motion carried 7-0.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Lee Phillips – 204 Wood Street stated that she would like to let our police officers know that she and others support our local police. President Zygmunt motioned to support our local police, motion was seconded by Councilman Hegele and unanimously passed by Borough Council and the Mayor.

Tracey Thatchford, 3 Drummers Way asked why the Community Channel was down. Assistant Secretary Hegele stated the issue was corrected.

Ms. Thatchford asked when the January meetings would be. President Zygmunt stated the 2nd and 4th Monday, 1/12 and 1/26/15. Ms. Thatchford asked if the FEMA letter was received yet. Manager Zollers stated no, he will let everyone know when it is received.

Ms. Thatchford wished everyone a happy holiday.

ADJOURNMENT

The December 15th, 2014 meeting of Borough Council was adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Alfred “Fred” Zollers
Borough Secretary

Transcribed by Assistant Borough Secretary Diane Hegele