

**BOROUGH OF HATBORO  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

**PRESENT**

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

**ABSENT**

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Zygmunt called to order the November Committee meeting of Council to order at 7:00 P.M.

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

**FIRE COMPANY EXPENDITURE LIST**

Councilman Palmer stated Council was in receipt of the October 2014 Expenditure List. There was a question concerning the sewer bill which Manager Zollers clarified. This item was moved to the November 24<sup>th</sup> Council agenda for approval.

**FINANCE**

Councilman Harbaugh stated Council met on November 3<sup>rd</sup> to review the 2015 Borough budget. He stated that the budget as presented tonight is balanced and there will be no tax increase for 2015. He stated that the budget includes stable revenue projections, 2% raises for non-union employees, 10% increase in health insurance premiums and \$15,000 additional funding for the Library. Councilman Harbaugh stated that solid waste fees were going up this year and the Finance Committee recommended a slight increase to commercial fees charged to help offset the new fees. This item was moved to the agenda at the end of the meeting for approval.

**CAPITAL PURCHASES – PUBLIC WORKS**

Councilman Harbaugh stated Council is in receipt of a memo from Manager Zollers with quotes for items to be purchased. He stated the Borough is still waiting for an answer from the Authority on financing road paving or capital purchases. Manager Zollers stated if the Authority will not purchase these items, he will submit the costs for the 2014 Road Paving. Manager Zollers stated he is still obtaining additional pricing for the radios. Vice President Tompkins asked how many LED lights were included in the quote. Manager Zollers stated currently there are 75 to 80% of the lights replaced, this would be for the remainder. He also stated that the Borough has realized a significant savings in electric as a result of this project. This item was moved to the November 24th Council agenda for approval.

## **GRANTS AND FUNDING**

Councilman Sheedy stated he had no report.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

### **SOLID WASTE BID RESULTS/DISPOSAL CONTRACT**

Councilman Hegele stated the Borough was recently notified that the Montgomery County Commissioners were dissolving the Waste Authority creating a situation for the Borough. He stated Manager Zollers has been attending meetings with surrounding municipalities and trying to find solutions to disposing trash. Manager Zollers stated that two bid options were looked at, the first was direct haul and the second was take trash to Abington. He stated these options were put out to bid and Council is in receipt of the bids received for Hatboro. Manager Zollers reviewed the bids with Council and also explained how they were derived. Vice President Tompkins asked how many tons per average trip for the Borough. Manager Zollers stated we usually do 10 tons a day in 2 trucks. President Zygmunt stated that Covanta is operating a plant paid for by 22 municipalities which is not right. The Borough along with those other municipalities had an agreement that once the plant was owned by all the municipalities the fees would be fair and steady. Vice President Tompkins agreed and stated now that the plant is owned, the county dissolves Authority, keeps the 15 million and forces the Borough to raise fees to the residents. Councilman Hegele stated the one option has the Borough traveling to a landfill, not local. Manager Zollers stated it would mean excess mileage, wear and tear, tolls, maintenance, liability, etc... Manager Zollers stated he would get more information for Council on this. He stated he has discussed this with the mechanic who did agree there would be more costs for tires, oil & brakes, he did say the trip would be good for the engine since it would get some more miles. There was a discussion about taking more trash at one time. Manager Zollers stated we do not keep trash overnight, it is a fire hazard and in the warmer months it smells. He stated it is very rare that we have kept trash, only a few times in the winter due to weather. Councilman Sheedy asked why the cost go up each year. Manager Zollers stated for salary, inflation and fuel. He stated the current estimate for fuel is high at \$4.00 per gallon. Councilman Hegele asked if the prices are negotiable. Manager Zollers stated there is a meeting later in the week to discuss. Councilman Sheedy asked if residents recycle more would the total cost come down. Manager Zollers stated the recycling is a separate contract, our recycling goes to Upper Dublin and we are part operators of this entity. Councilman Sheedy stated residents should recycle more, they can say what we pay for trash.

President Zygmunt stated that on Election Day he heard a comment that the Borough should get out of the trash business. He did a spreadsheet outlining how Hatboro is better off doing our own trash collection. He showed where in 2013 the bill was \$207 per tax parcel, in 2014 it was \$211 per tax parcel and in 2015 it is estimated at \$250 per parcel. This is for two days a week collection. Staff called around and for a private hauler, one day a week in Horsham it is \$350 per house and in Bristol it is \$392 per house. He stated someone is giving out wrong information and they should not say it is expensive, it is not at all. He stated on the street he is hearing let's privatize, his response is no, we still need these employees to do the other work. He also stated that private haulers come all days of the week and all hours of the day and night, he hates the thought of seeing our older residents taking 90 gallon trash cans to the curb. He ended by saying it is a good deal living in Hatboro Borough.

Manager Zollers stated once Council has enough information and their questions answered they can pick one option, then award bid hopefully at December meeting. Solicitor Ianozzi stated Solicitor Pionzio should have the review of bids done by the Council meeting.

Ron Battis, 320 W. Moreland Avenue thanked President Zygmunt for the spreadsheet and asked the press to place in the paper. He asked if we are pressed for time or should it be re-bid, he said we are being taken to the cleaners. He asked how the other municipalities felt. Manager Zollers stated everyone is shocked. He stated he cannot speak for others as all the bids were different for each municipality. Mr. Battis asked how long the County gave us. Manager Zollers stated late June is when we were notified.

### **FACILITIES AND PARKS**

Councilman Rich stated he had no report.

### **ZONING/HISTORIC PRESERVATION**

#### **MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Vice President Tompkins announced the Planning Commission would be meeting on Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup> and had two items on their agenda; the LI-TOD Ordinance and a Lot Line Change for Public Works.

He stated the Zoning Hearing Board would be meeting on Wednesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> and also had two items on their agenda; the application for York/Lehman, request to use office space for residential and 210 Bonair Avenue for a fence around entire property and use of building for repairs.

### **ADMINISTRATION**

#### **DVIT TRUST MEMBERSHIP CREDITS**

President Zygmunt stated that there are approximately \$66,077 in trust credits that can be used to help offset budget expenses for 2015. He stated that the interest rate earned by keeping the credits with DVIT is higher than what we currently earn with TD Bank. The consensus of Council was to let the credits roll over with DVIT. Assistant Secretary Hegele stated that Council does not need to take any action is not using the credits. There was no action by Council necessary.

#### **LOCAL SERVICES TAX RESOLUTION**

Solicitor Ianozzi stated this is a housekeeping issue and appoints Berkheimer as appeals office and will need to be done yearly going forward. This item was moved to the November 24th meeting for approval.

#### **ESCROW RELEASE – 60 MEADOWBROOK AVE**

President Zygmunt stated this is for legal end engineering in the amount of \$845.85. This item was moved to the November 24th meeting for approval.

**INNER ACCOUNT TRANSFERS**

President Zygmunt stated while working on the budget it was noted that some transfers were not made yet. \_ This item was moved to the November 24<sup>th</sup> meeting for approval.

President Zygmunt adjourned the Committee meeting and opened the voting meeting.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

Mr. Ed Henry, 238 Bonair Avenue thanked Council and staff for a great job on the budget.

**PRELIMINARY ADOPTION 2015 BOROUGH BUDGET**

Vice President Tompkins motioned to approve preliminary adoption of the 2015 Borough Budget, motion seconded by Councilman Hegele, all ayes. Motion carried 7-0.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

Tracy Thatchford, 3 Drummers Way asked for the holiday parade would be following the same route. President Zygmunt responded yes South from Daddypops to his house.

Mayor Hawkes asked for all veterans in the room to stand and be recognized. Mayor Hawkes, Councilman Hegele and Resident Bruce Hart were all acknowledged and thanked for their service to our Country.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The November 10th, 2014 Committee and Voting Meeting of Borough Council was adjourned at 7:48 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Alfred "Fred" Zollers  
Borough Secretary

Transcribed by Assistant Borough Secretary Diane Hegele