

**BOROUGH OF HATBORO
COMMITTEE/COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, AUGUST 17th, 2015**

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

Councilmen Zygmunt & Forgeng were both absent.

CALL TO ORDER

President Tompkins called to order the combined August Committee/Council meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

PUBLIC SAFETY

PRESENTATION ENTERPRISE FIRE COMPANY OF HATBORO

Mayor Hawkes on behalf of Council and the residents presented a resolution to Enterprise Fire Company of Hatboro recognizing 125 years of service to the citizens of Hatboro.

President Tompkins stated he along with other Council attended the 125th Banquet on Saturday night. He thanked the members, and their families for their dedication. He stated in addition to fighting fires and training the community sees members passing out candy on Halloween, driving Santa around at Christmas and other activities throughout the year.

FIRE COMPANY EXPENDITURE LIST

Councilman Palmer stated Council was in receipt of the July 2015 Expenditure List. This item was moved to the agenda at the end of this meeting for approval.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY SWAT EASTERN REGION AGREEMENT

Chief Gardner stated that in 1994 a regional SWAT Team was formed under the name Eastern Montgomery County SWAT. Police Chiefs in Montgomery County have been working on a plan to update the alignment of the municipalities that make up the team and other regional SWAT teams that operate in Montgomery County. He stated in order to accomplish the realignment each municipality needs to consider an Inter-governmental Agreement and Mutual Aid, the documents once executed would dissolve the current team and reform it as Montgomery County SWAT Eastern Region and also allow Cheltenham to join.

Mr. Battis, W. Moreland Avenue asked who owns the equipment and who is in charge. Chief Gardner reported the team has its own equipment and the highest ranking law enforcement officer is in charge when needed. He stated the SWAT team has their own leadership structure and most of the Equipment is owned by the County with some equipment jointly purchased.

This item was moved to the agenda at the end of this meeting for approval.

FINANCE

Councilman Harbaugh stated he had nothing for his agenda this evening. He announced that he is working with staff and the finance committee on dates to meet in September to begin the budget.

GRANTS AND FUNDING

Manager Zollers stated the yearly 101 Section 904 performance grant for recycling. He stated this is a yearly submission and typically we receive \$12,000 to \$14,000 per year. This item was moved to the agenda at the end of this meeting for approval.

PUBLIC WORKS

Councilman Hegele stated he had nothing for his agenda this evening.

FACILITIES AND PARKS

Vice President Rich stated Councilman Forgeng is absent this evening and there was nothing for the agenda this evening.

ZONING/HISTORIC PRESERVATION

President Tompkins stated the Zoning Hearing Board would be meeting on September 9th to review the application of the Crooked Eye Brewery, 13 E. Montgomery Avenue for a variance to allow off site signage and parking.

ADMINISTRATION

PORTABLE STORAGE ORDINANCE RENAMING CHANGE

Solicitor Pionzio stated that recently Council received a letter regarding the use of PODS in our ordinance. She stated her office is making the changes to remove the term PODS and suggested that this would be a good time to make some minor changes/additions. The proposed Ordinance is going to be reviewed by the Borough Planning Commission on September 1st. She would Council to authorize staff to proceed with advertising the changes so Council can consider at a meeting in September or October, depending on comments. This item was moved to the agenda at the end of this meeting for approval.

Mr. Battis, W. Moreland Avenue asked about car trailers, he has observed one in his neighborhood. Manager Zollers stated that is addressed under Zoning and asked Mr. Battis to give him the information so he can investigate.

WOODWINDS PROJECT – BIDS FOR DEMOLITION

Engineer Dougherty stated Bids were opened on July 22nd, there were 6 bids received. The apparent low bidder did not include all the documents required therefore his bid was rejected. His office is recommending the bid for work be awarded to Ritter Paratore Contracting Inc. in the amount of \$497,187.55 subject to review of the bid documents by the Borough Solicitor. This item was moved to the agenda at the end of this meeting for approval.

Mr. Battis, W. Moreland Avenue stated he has never heard of this company before. Engineer Dougherty stated they are from New York and all their references have been checked. Mr. Battis

asked when they will start. Engineer Dougherty responded probably a month or so, have to go through a few more steps and then they will be clear to begin work.

REQUEST FOR FUNDING – PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT

Vice President Rich stated the Borough would be asking the Authority for funding for the Public Works Project. Council will need to authorize the Manager to request the funds. This item was moved to the agenda at the end of the meeting for approval.

Mr. Battis, W. Moreland Avenue asked how much. Manager Zollers stated he does not have an exact amount, but plans on at least \$400,000.

ADJOURNMENT – COMMITTEE MEETING

CALL TO ORDER – COUNCIL MEETING

INVOCATION – Mayor Hawkes gave the invocation for the meeting.

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

MEETING NOTES – President Tompkins 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.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR – Rich Lefebvre, Deputy Chief Enterprise Fire Company asked if the Borough could ask the Authority to fund the repairs for the fire house addition project. President Tompkins stated they can look into that if needed, but does not think it was needed at this time.

MAYOR’S REPORT – Mayor Hawkes stated Cruise Night 2015 was a successful event, he thanked everyone involved and hopes this can be done again next year.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT - President Tompkins announced there was an executive session before this meeting to discuss a personnel and legal issue. He thanked Mayor Hawkes and everyone involved in the Cruise Night, he feels it was a great event for Hatboro.

TREASURER’S REPORT – Treasurer Kalnajs gave the Treasurer’s Report for the month of July 2015. He noted a balance of \$4,342,270.36. Interest earned for the month totaled \$388.92 on all accounts.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT – Solicitor Pionzio stated Station Park has a two lot cross easement declaration which were approved by her office. Station Park has a buyer and they are asking for some revisions to the easements. She stated she has reviewed the changes and they do not pertain to the Borough and she is ok with this. She needs approval from Council to consent to these changes. She apologized for the last minute notice and has asked if Council would consider this tonight. This item will be added at the end of tonight’s agenda for approval.

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

MANAGER’S REPORT – Manager Zollers stated there was a pre-bid site tour of Public Works earlier today. He also stated earlier today in another jurisdiction a Fire Police Officer was hit while directing traffic. He reminded everyone to be careful while driving especially

around emergency situations and also that School opens soon, so be extra careful of kids walking to and from school and the bus.

DEPARTMENT SUPERVISORS' REPORT

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT – Chief Gardner reminded everyone that the Pope is coming in September. He stated he has attended several meetings regarding this and there are more scheduled as the date nears. He will have more information closer to the event.

Chief Gardner thanked everyone for all their help with Cruise Night, it was a great event, there were no issues and he thanked everyone for behaving.

TAX COLLECTIONS REPORT – 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 – 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 – 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 tax collections, public works, fire marshal, treasurer's reports, motion seconded by Councilman Hegele, all ayes. Motion carried 5-0.

Approval of Warrant List, Payment of Bills, Manual Checks and Transfers – Councilman Palmer motioned to approve the warrant list, payment of bills, manual checks and transfers for the month of August 2015, motion seconded by Councilman Hegele all ayes. Motion carried 5-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

July 27th, 2015 Council Meeting Minutes – Vice President Rich motioned to approve the July 27th, 2015 Council meeting minutes, motion seconded by Councilman Palmer. President Tompkins and Councilman Harbaugh abstained as they were not present for the meeting. Motion carried 3-0, with 2 abstentions.

FIRE COMPANY EXPENDITURE LIST – Councilman Harbaugh motioned to approve the Enterprise Fire Company Expenditure List for July 2015 in the amount of \$13,900.37, motion seconded by Councilman Hegele, all ayes. Motion carried 5-0.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY SWAT EASTERN REGION AGREEMENT – Vice President Rich motioned to approve the MC SWAT Eastern Region agreement, motion seconded by Councilman Hegele all ayes. Motion carried 5-0.

RECYCLING PERFORMANCE GRANT – Councilman Palmer motioned to approve submission of the Recycling Performance Grant, motion seconded by Councilman Harbaugh, all ayes. Motion carried 5-0.

PORTABLE STORAGE ORDINANCE RENAMING CHANGE – Vice President Rich motioned to authorize staff to advertise change/renaming of Portable Storage Ordinance, motion seconded by Councilman Harbaugh, all ayes. Motion carried 5-0.

WOODWINDS PROJECT – DEMOLITION BIDS - Councilman Palmer motion to award the demolition bid to Ritter Paratore Contracting Inc. in the amount of \$497,187.55 for the demolition of the Woodwinds Project, motion seconded by Vice President Rich, all ayes. Motion carried 5-0.

REQUEST AUTHORITY FUNDING – PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT – Councilman Hegele motioned to authorize the Borough Manager to send a letter to the Borough Authority asking for funding for the Public Works Project, motion seconded by Vice President Rich, all ayes. Motion carried 5-0.

STATION PARK – CONSENT AMENDMENT TO DECLARATION OF EASEMENT – Vice President Rich motioned to approve the Consent Agreement to the Declaration of Easements for Station Park, motion seconded by Councilman Harbaugh, all ayes. Motion carried 5-0.

SPECIAL UPDATES

There were no updates from Council this evening.

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

NEW BUSINESS – President Tompkins reminded everyone School will be open soon, use caution when driving.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. Battis, W. Moreland Avenue asked who owned Section B of the Station Park complex. Solicitor Pionzio stated Alliance, the larger partial where the commercial property is located is being sold. Arcadia is still the developer of that parcel. She stated the Conditional Use Decision that is on file protects the Borough should the parcel be sold, she stated she does not know who is going to own or develop. She stated the easements were tweaked so the new buyer was comfortable, everything that Council approved previously is still in effect, and nothing has changed.

ADJOURNMENT

The August 17th Committee/Council meeting of Borough Council was adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Alfred “Fred” Zollers
Borough Secretary

Transcribed by Assistant Borough Secretary Diane Hegele

