

**BOROUGH OF HATBORO
COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8th, 2016**

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

Councilman Zygmunt was absent.

CALL TO ORDER

President Tompkins called to order the February Committee meeting of Council to order at 7:00 P.M. He announced there would be a public hearing to hear the request from PECO for a request to waive the noise ordinance. President Tompkins stated the hearing was advertised and notices were sent. Manager Zollers reviewed the ordinance and the section that pertained to construction noise. Mrs. Suzanne Ryan External Affairs Manager for Peco stated that PECO has had to repair recently gas leaks in the area of Warminster & Byberry Road and as a result of this the infrastructure underground needs to be replaced. She stated that it is much easier and safer for crews to work in the overnight hours. She stated that it will take approximately 4 weeks if they work during the night, 8 to 10 weeks if they work during the day. She stated since it is a state road they have received permission from PENNDOT and PENNDOT feels it is better to do the work at night. She stated the road would be open during the night and the contractor would make every effort to get the bulk of the work that involves the most noise done as quickly as possible to minimize noise. After several questions from Council, Solicitor Pionzio stated it was better to work now before nicer weather and residents opening windows. President Tompkins closed the hearing and opened the voting meeting to vote on the matter.

President Tompkins asked if there was anyone in the audience from that area that wanted to comment on the request. President Tompkins asked how the notification was done. Assistant Secretary Hegele stated in the newspaper, website, tv channel, Facebook and hand delivered notices to residents 200 feet from the intersection. She added that notices were delivered to residents in Upper Moreland, specifically the Round Meadow Townhomes. There was no one in the audience from that area.

Councilman Palmer motioned to approve PECO's request to waive the Borough's Noise Ordinance to work overnight in the area of Warminster/Byberry Roads Monday through Thursday from 7:00 PM to 6:00 AM till April 15th, motion seconded by Vice President Rich, all ayes. Motion carried 6-0.

Chief Gardner asked Mrs. Ryan to please let his office know when work will begin.

President Tompkins stated he hates to have to see PECO work at night but if it is quicker and less inconvenience he is good. Councilman Harbaugh stated the noise ordinance is a good tool to have but having the hearing and allowing this is needed.

There was no other comment from the public, the voting meeting was closed and the committee meeting reconvened.

PUBLIC SAFETY

FIRE COMPANY EXPENDITURE LIST

Councilman Palmer stated Council was in receipt of the January 2016 Expenditure List. This item was moved to the February 22nd, 2016 Council agenda for approval.

FIRE COMPANY CAPITAL EXPENDITURE LIST

Councilman Palmer stated Council was in receipt of the January 2016 Capital Expenditure List. This item was moved to the February 22nd, 2016 Council agenda for approval.

ENTERPRISE FIRE COMPANY PROJECT – CHANGE ORDERS

Manager Zollers stated there have been several change orders for the project which he has signed that need to be ratified by Council, they are #1 for painting in the amount of \$1658.27, #2 for floor drain in the amount of \$460.00, #3 for drain line repairs for \$640.00 and #4 for thermal expansion tank in the amount of \$420.00. This item was moved to the February 22nd, 2016 Council agenda for approval.

POLICE SUV PURCHASE

Chief Gardner requested authorization to order a 2016 Ford Expedition SSV police vehicle in the amount of \$32,794, costars price. He stated this price does not include upfitting, which is estimated at a total cost of \$38,500. IN order to qualify for this price and this model year the vehicle needs to be ordered no later than March 4, 2016. This item was moved to the February 22nd, 2016 Council agenda for approval.

FINANCE

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

GRANTS AND FUNDING

Councilman Zygmunt was absent this evening. Councilman Harbaugh stated he had nothing for his agenda this evening.

PUBLIC WORKS

TRASH TRUCK CHASIS/SNOW PLOW PURCHASE

Manager Zollers stated the trash truck was authorized in December, he now is requesting approval for the chassis and snow plow outfitting at a cost of \$64,429.00 for the chassis and \$15,963.04 for the snow plow. This item was moved to the February 22nd, 2016 Council agenda for approval.

FACILITIES AND PARKS

FACILITIES PROJECT – REQUEST TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS

Councilman Forgens stated Council was in receipt of a memo from Chief Gardner updating Council on the progress of the police facilities project. In order for the projects to proceed Council needs to authorize staff and consultants to advertise for bids for the facilities projects both police and public works subject to review by staff and the Borough Solicitor. This item was moved to the February 22nd, 2016 Council agenda for approval.

ZONING/HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ZONING HEARING BOARD 2-10-2016

President Tompkins announced the ZHB would be meeting on 2-10-16 to hear the application of 219 Green Lane Terrace, 16 Horseshoe Lane, 128 N. York Road and 321/333 N. Penn Street.

STATION PARK VILLAGE LAND DEVELOPMENT RESOLUTION

Solicitor Pionzio stated her office and staff is still working with Station Park Village on preliminary land development approval, this may be on the agenda on February 22nd for a vote.

Mr. Ed Henry asked about the Rite Aid proposal and specifically zoning. President Tompkins stated this may be on next month's agenda. Solicitor Pionzio stated they are not ready yet, maybe next month, they still have some issues to work out. Mr Henry asked for the definition of R-4 zoning, which was read to him by Manager Zollers.

ADMINISTRATION

FEE SCHEDULE UPDATE – PARKING FEES

President Tompkins stated Council is in receipt of a memo regarding staff recommendation for parking fees as a result of a request from a resident to revise. He stated the new fee proposed is \$50.00 if paid monthly, \$230.00 if paid for 6 month period and \$430.00 if paid for a 12 month period.

Mr. Matt Alphonzo from Red Barn Mall stated the fee is still too high, he stated he is in a dilemma as his landlord does not care and will not provide assistance to pay the fee. He would like to see \$25.00 per month or \$300.00 per year. He stated the spaces are not fully utilized. President Tompkins stated staff will have to review again and reminded everyone that whatever fee is proposed or adopted effects all three lots.

Mayor Hawkes asked what happens if someone pays for 6 months but then leaves and no longer needs space. Manager Zollers stated something could be worked out to refund money.

Matt Coyle N. Penn Street spoke and stated Septa has been making changes to the routes and fare system which could affect parking.

Katie Lapa, E. Moreland Avenue asked why if a person can pay \$1.00 day why charge more than \$30.00 per month.

Lee Phillips, Wood Street asked about overnight trips and if people park there she stated the Borough used to issue waivers for groups to use lot.

President Tompkins stated this matter will be tabled until further review.

PARKING ORDINANCE REVISIONS

Chief Gardner stated Manager Zollers and himself have looked at certain parking issues/areas in town and have recommended the following changes: West Lehman Avenue, establish no parking zone on the north side of W. Lehman from S. York 200 feet west on Lehman Avenue; West Lehman Avenue. No parking zone on the north side from Bank Street to a point 40 feet east of W. Lehman Avenue. Horsham Road, establish no parking zone on north side of Horsham Road from S. York west to Academy Road and both sides of Horsham Road between Academy and Continental Road. Windsor Avenue establish no parking zone on east side of Windsor Avenue from Summit Avenue to

a point 110 feet north. Tanner Avenue, certain sections between Jacksonville Road and Springdale for loading zones. N. Penn Street, paint parking stalls as permitted in ordinance.

There was a lengthy discussion concerning on going parking issues on Penn Street as a result of commuters. Chief Gardner stated this has been an ongoing problem for a number of years and it needs to either be addressed or dropped. He stated his department has had numerous complaints, he has met with residents and most people are in favor of doing something. He reminded Council that if changes are made, enforcement is for everyone.

Matt Coyle, N. Penn Street stated again Septa has changed fares and zones so it is now lower fare to use the Hatboro station and that combined with more jobs in town it is equating to more people.

Rich Seeds, Horsham Road, asked Council to consider no parking on entire length of Horsham Road. Chief Gardner stated he agreed with him on that request, he never sees anyone park there now.

Fred Kyriss, N. Penn Street stated there are a lot of cars, makes it difficult for two way traffic, cars are wider and people speed. Chief Gardner stated it is one of the wider streets in the Borough and Manager Zollers did drive a fire truck down the street after a complaint was received that one could not fit.

Sinead Hess, N. Penn Street stated she lives at the end of the street, speeding is an issue, she can't get in and out of her driveway, and she likes the idea of parking lines.

President Tompkins asked how far in would the parking lines be. Engineer Dougherty stated he would have to look at but typically 2-3 feet from curb cut.

Solicitor Pionzio stated this would alleviate problem, Council can try and it and see how it works.

Rich Seeds, Horsham Road stated the problem on Horsham Road is people like to drag race, he would like to try out lines on Horsham Road.

Tim Neilson, N. Penn Street stated parking is worse in the last 5 years, lines would help, he feels anything is better than nothing and asked Council to please do something. He stated 95% of the residents signed a petition asking to do something.

Matt Coyle, N. Penn Street would like Council to revisit crosswalks in entire area especially now with increased traffic and tractor trailers in area.

Fred Kyriss, N. Penn Street asked Council to visit N. Penn Street on a Saturday or Sunday and that is what it looked like in the 90's.

Ed Henry, Bonair Avenue stated during the snow the commuters found somewhere else to park, they can park elsewhere.

Chief Gardner stated cars will go someplace, they will find somewhere to park, they may have to go further out and Council may have to expand this out to other streets.

2016 EVENT REQUESTS

President Tompkins reviewed the list of events that have been submitted. He stated the Borough still has not received requests from the Residents Association, Elm Street and the Chamber of Commerce. He asked if the YMCA has given the dates for swim meets. Manager Zollers stated not yet, they typically do not get this information until spring. This item was moved to the February 22nd, 2016 agenda for approval.

POLICE RECORDS DISPOSAL RESOLUTION

Chief Gardner stated that he would like to dispose of records as done in the past. This item was moved to the February 22nd, 2016 agenda for approval.

MORELAND AVENUE PEDESTRIAN CROSSING BIDS

Engineer Dougherty stated bids were opened earlier today, he is reviewing the bids and will have a recommendation to award at the Council meeting. This item was moved to the February 22nd, 2016 agenda for approval.

SALE OF POLICE EQUIPMENT

Chief Gardner stated the police gym equipment which is no longer needed and will not fit into the new police facility needs to be sold. He is asking Council to authorize staff to place the equipment on Municibid for sale. This item was moved to the February 22nd, 2016 agenda for approval.

ADJOURNMENT

President Tompkins adjourned the February 8th, 2016 Committee meeting of Borough Council at 8:35 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Diane C. Hegele
Assistant Borough Secretary

Transcribed by Assistant Borough Secretary Diane Hegele