

**BOROUGH OF HATBORO
COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, JULY 11th, 2016**

PRESENT

President Tompkins, Councilpersons Forgeng, Harbaugh, Hegele & Palmer; Mayor Hawkes, Assistant Secretary Hegele, Chief Gardner, Solicitor Walko, Engineer Dougherty & Treasurer Kaljnas.

ABSENT

Manager Zollers was absent.

CALL TO ORDER

President Tompkins called to order the July 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 June 2016 Expenditure List. This item was moved to the July 25th, 2016 Council agenda for approval.

Maryann Kerr, 250 Tanner Avenue asked to address Council about a situation in her neighborhood. She stated she lives in the area of Tanner/Springdale and stated the businesses in this area are not adhering to the signs and rules and lack of enforcement. She stated the residents are faced with idling trucks, blocked streets and driveways, streets being used for loading and unloading, noise, overnight deliveries and property damage. She stated she has spoken to the businesses in the area and this still continues to be an issue almost daily. She stated the car businesses park cars in the street all the time, some are unregistered, and she states this practice is unsafe for the kids that walk to Tanner Park. She indicated she calls the police because the ordinance states local deliveries only but no one obeys the signage and it is also not enforced.

Brian Carapino, 305 Tanner Avenue stated he observed recently 5 large trucks using the street and went to no businesses, he feels the ordinances are violated, the laws are violated, it is more an industrial street rather than a residential street, he is worried about the kids walking too and he has an issue with the adenine cars on Doyle's property.

Chief Gardner stated he has spoken to Doyle's he also stated the area is not office zoning as indicated by Mrs. Kerr. President Tompkins stated there is an overlay that is in place but the businesses that are being discussed tonight are all grandfathered. Chief Gardner stated he has spoken to other business owners, letters have been written, his department is there and tickets have been issued. They cannot be there all the time. They respond to calls but typically when they arrive the offender is gone. Councilman Hegele asked if there are signs and enough of them posted. President Tompkins suggested residents and staff visit the GPS clearing house to self-report changes.

Mrs. Kerr stated Superior is formally Pace, it is a big operation. Chief Gardner stated he will stop and visit with them, and reminded the residents in attendance that this issue is never going to cease, it is an older neighborhood with mixed use. Chief Gardner suggested perhaps a meeting between the residents and businesses to discuss the issues and try to come to a resolution.

Mrs. Kerr stated that P&H Motors uses the Aqua property to park vehicles. Chief Gardner stated that it is private property and it would up to Aqua to enforce. The residents in attendance asked if a traffic study of the area could be done. Chief Gardner told everyone that speed enforcement is an issue with no radar. He explained there was a bill pending that is desperately needed, he stated speeding on every street is an issue and people should contact their state representative.

Teresa Urban, 301 Tanner Avenue stated she has damage to her property as a result of trucks running over her curb/property. She stated that trucks unload and load in the street, blocking traffic at times. President Tompkins stated that the vehicle code allows for this and they can only block one lane of traffic.

Councilman Palmer asked the Chief if citations have been issued. Chief Gardner responded parking citations and stop sign violations, none for speed.

Mr. Carapino stated he is afraid these issues are lowering the property values in the neighborhood.

Mrs. Kerr also stated that some of the car places are painting cars outside and not using a spray booth.

Joe Faino, 302 Tanner Avenue stated that the residents' complaints regarding tractor trailers on the street is legit, they do idle, sometimes they are left there parked and idling for 30 minutes, he has seen drivers give Mrs. Kerr a hard time. Mr. Faino stated there is a no parking truck sign between sunset and sunrise could work in this area.

Mrs. Kerr also stated that many of the businesses in the neighborhood have overflowing dumpsters.

Mayor Hawkes suggested the County Mediation Program to help to resolve these issues.

Assistant Secretary Hegele stated she would have Fire Marshal Myers go out on Tuesday and address the complaints. Chief Gardner stated he would work on setting up a meeting with Councilman Palmer & Hegele, Mayor Hawkes and staff along with residents and business owners to try and come to a resolution.

FINANCE

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

GRANTS AND FUNDING

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

PUBLIC WORKS

2016 ROAD PAVING PROJECT – BID AWARD

Councilman Hegele stated that Council was in receipt of the bid tabulation for the 2016 Road Program. The lowest bidder was Bray Brothers, Inc. There was a discussion concerning the alternates and whether to include them.

Councilman Hegele stated that he talked to Manager Zollers and he does not want to put off more work, he would rather

find the funding to pay for the difference. Mr. Hart, Earl Lane stated the ramps at County Line/Madison were being done today. President Tompkins stated this was a PennDOT job and they were bringing the ramps and intersection up to specifications. This item was moved to the July 25th, 2016 agenda for approval.

FACILITIES AND PARKS

Councilman Forging stated he had nothing for the agenda this evening.

ZONING/HISTORIC PRESERVATION

301 JACKSONVILLE ROAD – LERTA HEARING ANNOUNCEMENT

President Tompkins stated the developer for this project has requested a LERTA for the property. There will be a hearing on the matter on July 25th, 2016 Council agenda.

ADMINISTRATION

VERIZON CONTRACT RENEWAL – ENGAGEMENT LETTER – MONTGOMERY COUNTY CONSORTIUM

President Tompkins stated that the Borough's agreement with Verizon is due to expire, the Montgomery County Consortium has agreed to negotiate contracts on behalf of municipalities. Earlier this year Council authorized staff to enter into a similar agreement with the same firm for the Comcast agreement, because we are doing it on our own the cost is much higher and the process involves a lot of staff time. Doing it this way will be cheaper for the Borough and will involve significantly less staff time. This item was moved to the July 25th, 2016 agenda for approval.

EVENT REQUEST – STATE REP. TOM MURT – OVERDOSE AWARENESS WALK

Vice President Rich stated this is for an event in October, staff and all involved has signed off. This item was moved to the July 25th, 2016 agenda for approval.

CHANGE ORDERS – FACILITIES PROJECT

Vice President Rich stated Council needs to authorize Manager Zollers to sign change orders up to an amount of \$10,500 for both projects per the Solicitor. This item was moved to the July 25th, 2016 agenda for approval.

PAYMENT REQUEST #1 – FACILITIES PROJECT (POLICE & PUBLIC WORKS)

Vice President Rich stated Council is in receipt of two payment requests, one for police project at a cost of \$41,726.48 and the second for the public works project for \$9,530.82. Assistant Secretary Hegele stated Project Manager Zadlo has signed off and approved both. This item was moved to the July 25th, 2016 agenda for approval.

RECORDS DISPOSAL- ADMINISTRATION

Vice President Rich stated staff has been working to clean out the basement of old records. A complete list was in Council packets. Staff will have a resolution ready for the Council meeting. This item was moved to the July 25th, 2016 agenda for approval.

AUTHORIZE SPECIAL MEETING ADVERTISING – FRIDAY JULY 15th

President Tompkins stated Council would need to meet to appoint a new Council person. The meeting will be Friday, July 15th at 4:00 PM. Staff was directed to advertise the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

President Tompkins adjourned the July 11th, 2016 Committee meeting of Borough Council at 8:20 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Diane C. Hegele
Assistant Borough Secretary

Transcribed by Assistant Borough Secretary Diane Hegele