

BOROUGH OF HATBORO
COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 10th, 2016

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

Councilman Harbaugh was absent.

CALL TO ORDER

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

HEARING – ZONING ORDINANCE UPDATE

Solicitor Pionzio reviewed with Council the changes that have been made, she stated some of the changes include height in R1, R2, R3 at 32 and R-4 at 35 and some density changes. She explained the changes made with regards to definitions of a family and a group home in accordance in with the Fair Housing Standards Act. She also removed three words in the definition of a family. She stated the Ordinance was sent to the Montgomery County Planning Commission for review and the Borough Planning Commission has seen the ordinance two times. She stated the changes recommended by the Planning Commission were included. Councilman Forgeng asked if the height change would have impact on Victorian type homes. President Tompkins stated the roof height determination changed in the ordinance, it encourages peaked roofs with the definition change. President Tompkins stated that the Planning Commission reviewed and the minutes for their meeting were done but not formally approved. Assistant Secretary Hegele stated she sent the minutes out to the PC members and asked for comment as they are meeting tomorrow night and will be approved at that time. Assistant Secretary Hegele stated 4 out of the 5 members responded they had no changes to the minutes. This item was moved to the end of the agenda for approval.

PUBLIC SAFETY

FIRE COMPANY EXPENDITURE LIST

Councilman Palmer stated Council was in receipt of the September 2016 Expenditure List. Councilman Forgeng asked if the fire company was seeking other bids for brake work on fire trucks. He stated this amount seems high. Enterprise Fire Company Treasurer April Mount stated that they do go out for quotes but this is a specialized piece. Councilman Forgeng stated he called Earth Bourne in Warrington for a price. Fire Company President Kitchen stated Bergey's is an authorized Pierce repair shop. Councilman Palmer stated the Fire Company is very cost conscious and he sees that during his workings with them on the Fire Board. This item was moved to the October 24, 2016 Council agenda for approval.

FIRE COMPANY 2017 BUDGET

Councilman Palmer stated Council was in receipt of the Fire Company Budget for 2016. He stated it is exactly the same as last year. The numbers would be added to the Borough operating budget and adopted in December. There was no further action needed at this time. Councilman Palmer thanked the Fire Company for being fiscally responsible.

FINANCE

Councilman Harbaugh was absent, Vice President Rich stated he had nothing for the agenda this evening. He did announce that Finance Committee continues to work with staff on the 2017 Budget.

GRANTS AND FUNDING

Councilwoman McElroy stated she had nothing for the agenda this evening.

PUBLIC WORKS

SALE OF POLICE STATION GENERATOR

Manager Zollers stated there is nothing wrong with unit, they did try to see if we could use it at another facility, it is not compatible. Would like to put it on Municibid and sell. This item was moved to the September 26th, 2016 Council agenda for approval.

FACILITIES AND PARKS

Councilman Forgeng stated he had nothing for the agenda this evening. He did mention that the Meadow looks great. Manager Zollers stated it is cut in the fall for Spring growing season. President Tompkins asked about geese. Manager Zollers stated this year the only problem was in the pool parking lot, no other issues. He did also state that the pool has been covered and winterized.

ZONING/HISTORIC PRESERVATION

ZHB HEARING ANNOUNCEMENT

President Tompkins announced the ZHB would be meeting Wednesday at 7 PM to continue the application on Green Drop York/County Line Road and Guilana, 206 W. Montgomery Avenue and also a Coffee Shop on S. York Road.

OCTOBER PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING CHANGE

President Tompkins announced the October Planning Commission meeting is being changed to October 11, 2016.

ADMINISTRATION

CODE OF ORDINANCE MAINTENANCE

Manager Zollers stated there has been 39 ordinances since the last codification. He stated the previous codifier is out of business. He stated staff has looked at and met with General Code and their site is easy to navigate and it what the Borough needs. President Tompkins stated that once this is updated the Borough will have a living version of our code. Once the update is done staff will look to see if a codification is necessary.

Mr. Battis, W. Moreland Avenue asked how long it would take to complete. Manager Zollers stated a couple of months. He stated again doing this may help with codification, may not need. Solicitor Pionzio stated she would like to see the Borough just get a living version now.

This item was moved to the October 24th, 2016 Council agenda for approval.

HISTORIC COMMISSION UPDATE

President Tompkins stated Council is in receipt of letters of interest. Assistant Secretary Hegele will set up interviews. The appointments will be made at the November meeting.

PAYMENT REQUEST #4- POLICE FACILITIES PROJECT

Vice President Rich stated Council is in receipt of payment request #4 in the amount of \$179,592.09. This item was moved to the October 24th, 2016 Council agenda for approval.

PAYMENT REQUEST #4 – PUBLIC WORKS FACILITIES PROJECT

Vice President Rich stated Council is in receipt of payment request #4 in the amount of \$30,371.99. This item was moved to the October 24th, 2016 Council agenda for approval.

HOMETOWN STREETS PROJECT PAYMENT REQUEST #4

Vice President Rich stated Council is in receipt of payment request #4 in the amount of \$132,556.75. This item was moved to the October 24th, 2016 Council agenda for approval.

Mr. Battis, W. Moreland Avenue asked who was in charge of planning this project, he stated it is scattered and they start in one place and then move to another without finishing the first location. He said we look like a town of orange fence. Manager Zollers stated that the Borough has no control over this, it is a PennDOT project. He stated as long as the contractor operates within the scope and time frame of the contract they can do what they want and where they want. He stated there is two inspectors on the job supervising all aspects of this job. Mr. Battis asked why the work at Pennypack School was not done before school started. Manager Zollers stated there was an issue with Verizon and they delayed project.

ORDINANCE NO. 1040 – AMENDMENT TO NON-UNIFORMED PENSION PLAN

ADJOURNMENT

Vice President Rich stated Council will need to table this matter until more information is received. This item was moved to the October 24th, 2016 Council agenda for approval.

President Tompkins adjourned the Committee meeting and opened the special council meeting.

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR – There was no comment from the public at this time.

ORDINANCE NO. 1039 – ZONING ORDINANCE UPDATE – Vice President Rich motioned to approve Ordinance No. 1039, motion seconded by Councilman Hegele, all ayes. Motion carried 6-0.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Ed Henry, Bonair Avenue stated he has not been to meetings lately and was sorry of his question was already discussed but he wanted to know if the issue of medical marijuana has been discussed. Solicitor Pionzio responded her office is waiting on the regulations so she can see how it will apply in Hatboro. She stated there is a lot of meat to the regulations, example distance from schools and without those regulations she cannot answer his question at this time.

Mr. Battis, W. Moreland Avenue stated that the contractor who is doing the facilities project does not work on Friday's. Chief Gardner stated yes they do; he has been on the job site on Friday's. He also stated they only work 4 hour days. Manager Zollers stated maybe the subcontractors did not work, but at the PW facility they were working 4 ten hour days since PW has to still operate from this facility. Chief Gardner stated the Borough has employed a Project manager to oversee both projects, he is on site, provides weekly updates to Council and staff and attends the project meetings with staff. He stated the project is ahead of schedule.

ADJOURNMENT

President Tompkins adjourned the September 12th, 2016 Committee meeting and voting meeting of Borough Council at 7:38 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Alfred Zollers
Borough Manager/Secretary

Transcribed by Assistant Borough Secretary Diane Hegele