

Borough of Hatboro

Borough Council Meeting

April 25, 2011

7:00 PM

Council Members Present: Marianne Reymer, President; Nancy Guenst, Vice President; Patricia Fleming, Aleta Ostrander, Vincent LaSorsa, Bill Tompkins, John Zygmunt and Mayor Hawkes.

Also Present: Bill McCauley, Interim Borough Manager; Jim Gardner, Chief of Police; Fred Zollers, Director of Public Works; Jim Dougherty, Borough Engineer; and Mike Savona, Borough Solicitor.

Call to Order- The meeting was called to order by President Reymer at 7:01 PM.

Invocation- The invocation was led by Rev. Doug Stratton.

PLEDGE OF ALLIGENCE – The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Borough Council.

TREASURER’S REPORT- Treasurer Kalnajs noted \$289.24 was earned in interest during the previous month at a rate of .10%; \$874.18 in interest had been earned year to date. The previous month balance was \$4,294,096.82

PRESIDENT’S REPORT- President Reymer announced Council had met in executive session to discuss personnel matters on April 20th and 21st

MAYOR’S REPORT- Mayor Hawkes read aloud a proclamation regarding parental alienation.

MANAGER’S REPORT- Mr. McCauley reported to the Council that he would be presenting the Borough’s two (2) revitalization grant applications to the Montgomery County Revitalization Board tomorrow morning in Norristown.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT- Chief Gardner provided an update on the part-time parking enforcement officer. The officer has started parking enforcement on Borough streets. Chief Gardner also updated Council on an event request submitted to him by State Representative Tom Murt for Saturday morning May 21st for the South York Road bridge dedication. No services from the Borough are requested. Mayor Hawkes stated that he will be involved in the event.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT- Borough Solicitor Savona provided Council with an update on the codification project. The final draft should be circulated by May 1st. Municipal interest rate ordinance can be included. Montgomery County Planning Commission and Hatboro Planning Commission comments are being addressed. May 23rd is the proposed hearing date. An electronic format will be available.

Councilman Tompkins discussed the inclusion of the POD ordinance within the codification. Solicitor Savona noted that the inclusion of the POD ordinance would set the project back a month.

DEPARTMENT SUPERVISORS' REPORTS

Public Works Report (Fred Zollers)-Mr. Zollers noted that two full time employees have recently been hired started working. Bob Reese has worked for PW for the past 7 years in a part-time capacity and Bob Grace is an Indiana University of PA graduate who has experience in building maintenance and environmental services.

Mr. Zollers also reported that Bob Reese's part time position will be posted soon and seasonal employees have started work.

The new emergency generator has been installed but will not be in service until a start-up has been performed by the vendor.

Mr. Zollers reported that the Sewer Authority did mark Earl Lane for a resident with a clogged sewer lateral.

Code Enforcement Report – Mr. Fugate noted that Spring cleanup has begun and property maintenance issues will be strictly enforced

Fire Marshal Report –Mr. Reading had nothing to report

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR FOR AGENDA VOTING ITEMS

There was no public comment on agenda items

PUBLIC SAFETY

Councilwoman Ostrander presented a proposed feasibility study by Omnia Architects for \$8,900.00

Councilwoman Guenst motion to approving police station feasibility study, second by Councilwoman Fleming

On the above motion, all ayes. Motion carried 7-0

ADMINISTRATION-Councilwoman Reymer

- 1: **Approval of Meeting Minutes-March 9.**
Motion to table minutes from March 9 by Councilwoman Guenst, second by Councilwoman Fleming

On the above motion, all ayes. Motion carried 7 to 0

Page 2: revision-From Councilman Zygmont recommended Mr. Miller to Councilman LaSorsa recommended...

Page 2: revision-Mrs. Zygmont noted if Council had met the Interim Borough Manager Candidate

- 2: April 11 Minutes
Motion to table minutes from April 11 by Councilman Zygmunt, second by Councilwoman Guent

On the above motion, all ayes. Motion carried 7-0

Page 2: Where have no turn on red signs have been installed?

Page 2: Under DEP/EPA include Bonair Ave

3: **Authorization of solicitor to negotiate lease agreement renewal/extension for District Court.**

Councilman Zygmunt motioned to authorize lease agreement renewal/extension, 2nd by Councilwoman Ostrander

On the above motion, all in favor. Motion carried 7-0

Mr. Savona requested a copy of the original lease. Borough Manager McCauley will provide the lease.

4: **Increase Hours worked by Borough Manager.**

Motion by Councilwoman Guent, second by Councilwoman Ostrander to increase hours worked for Borough Manager up to 30 hours per week, minimum of 4 hours per day, any hours over 25 with the Council President's approval.

On the above motion, all ayes. Motion carried 7-0

5: **Ordinance establishing 10% interest on the collection of municipal claims and delinquent accounts.**

Motion to approved ordinance to establish 10% interest on the collection of municipal claims and delinquent accounts by Councilwoman Guent, second by Councilman Tompkins

On the above motion, all ayes. Motion carried 7-0

Finance and Public Relations - Councilwoman Fleming

1: **Warrant List.**

Motion to approve warrant list by Councilwoman Ostrander, seconded by Councilman Zygmunt.

There was discussion regarding construction invoices for Fire House expansion. Two invoices were submitted in Council packets but only one need approval. Invoice to be approved is the amount of \$78,094.00. Invoice should have been marked as "revised".

On the above motion, all ayes. Motion carried 7-0

- 2: Payment of Bills and transfers
Motion for payment of bills and transfers by Councilwoman Ostrander, seconded by Councilman Tompkins.

On the above motion, all ayes. Motion carried 7-0

Councilman Tompkins requested that cash flow spread sheet be updated to reflect current project amounts.

Zoning, Planning, Historic Preservation - Councilman Tompkins

- 1: **Ordinance creating comprehensive amendment to the Hatboro Code of Ordinances: Authorization to Advertise.**

Motion to authorize advertisement of recodification of Borough ordinances and schedule a public hearing for May 23rd by Councilman Tompkins, second by Councilwoman Reymer

On the above motion, all ayes. Motion carried 7-0

Councilman Tompkins commented on resolution for design and structural standards. Mr. Dougherty will provide this for the May 9 meeting.

Public Works - Councilman LaSorsa

- 1: **Invitation to Bid for 2011 Road Program: Authorization to Advertise.**

Motion to authorize advertisement by Councilman Tompkins, second by Councilman Zygmunt.

On the above motion, all ayes. Motion carried 7-0

- 2: **Invitation to Bid Wachovia Bank Parking Lot: Authorization to Advertise.**

Motion to authorize advertisement by Councilman Zygmunt, second by Councilwoman Guenst.

On the above motion, all ayes. Motion carried 7-0

- 3: **Invitation to Bid for Public Works Roof Replacement: Authorization to Advertise.**

Motion to authorize advertisement by Councilman Zygmunt, second by Councilwoman Ostrander

On the above motion, all ayes. Motion carried 7-0

New Business

There was a discussion regarding the Upper Moreland Township stormwater feasibility study. Councilman Zygmunt recommended that Hatboro and Upper Moreland conduct a joint application. Councilman Tompkins noted that construction would be a joint effort. Councilwoman Guent recommended a joint study as well. Manager McCauley is going to contact Upper Moreland to make them aware of our desire to conduct a joint study. A representative from Council will attend the next Upper Moreland Commissioners meeting on Monday, May 2nd.

Privilege of the Floor

Mrs. Zygmunt commented on contacting the Chair of the Upper Moreland Commissioners directly to announce Borough support for a joint study. She also asked which line item is providing funding for the pool manager

A general discussion involving the ratification of new hires took place during public comment. Councilman Zygmunt noted that Borough Manager Ordinance states that all Borough employees must be approved by Council and requested that employee ratification be placed on the next agenda. Solicitor noted that there is a difference between appropriating funds and filling a position.

Mr. Rich filed a right to know request last August and received a spreadsheet outlining every employee and their wages.

Mr. Wallgreth noted that managers should be responsible for filling vacant positions.

Councilman Zygmunt noted his time on the Hatboro Horsham School Board and that every employee was ratified during his tenure.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Councilwoman Ostrander. The motion passed 4-3. The meeting was adjourned at 8:22PM.