

## **Borough of Hatboro**

### **Borough Council Committee Meeting**

**May 9, 2011**

**7:00 PM**

**Council Members Present:** Marianne Reymer, President; Nancy Guerst, Vice-President; Patricia Fleming, Aleta Ostrander, Bill Tompkins, Vincent LaSorsa, 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; Mike Savona, Borough Solicitor; Keith Fugate, Code Enforcement Officer; and Alex Kalnajs, Treasurer.

**Call to Order-** Council President Reymer called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

#### **Public Safety**

Motion by Bill Tompkins seconded by Nancy Guerst to approve the Fire Company Expenditures List. So voted. Unanimous.

The Code Enforcement Officer reported to the Council that the construction of the Enterprise Fire Company addition was progressing slowly as expected due to the rain. He reported that he visits the site on a daily basis to monitor progress and conditions.

Chief Gardner reported to the Council on various parking issues in the Borough.

#### **Administration**

##### **Cresa Partners-Wachovia Bank Building Update**

Matt Feeney of CresaPartners reported to the Council that no bids were received in response to the Invitation to Bid for the 212 S. York Road Sale proposal. Mr. Feeney recommended that Council go out to bid again on the property for a shorter term such as 30 days this time. Council agreed by consensus to re-advertise the sale of the 212 S. York Road property immediately with the bid opening for June 15, 2011 subject to ratification.

##### **Resolution Establishing Certain General Municipal Email, Internet, and Other Electronic Communications**

There was some discussion regarding the version of the draft policy that had been distributed to Council. This item was tabled to next month with the understanding that the Solicitor's "redlined version" would be provided to Council for their review prior to this meeting.

##### **Request from Fire Marshal for Ordinance Prohibiting Parking in the Fire Lane at 237 Jacksonville Road.**

The Council agreed by consensus to have the Solicitor prepare an ordinance amending the fire code and advertise the same for consideration at the May 23 Council meeting.

### **Finance and Community Relations**

The Treasurer discussed the possibility of investing in other banks and the possibility of using other investment vehicles in order to improve on the interest rate the Borough is presently receiving.

### **Parks, Recreation, and Public Facilities Update**

Mrs. Guerst reported that an Event Request Form had been received for, "Pennypack Day at the Hatboro Pool", to be held on June 14<sup>th</sup> from 8:30AM until 2:00PM. Mrs. Guerst also informed the Council that the required insurance certificate had been submitted with the application.

Mrs. Guerst also reported that the Greater Hatboro Chamber of Commerce would be holding its Summer Fun Festival and Carnival from May 27<sup>th</sup> until June 4<sup>th</sup>. The Chamber President had submitted a request for waiver of usage and permit fees for the event.

Mrs. Guerst supplied Council members with a list of summer employees to be hired at the pool with their proposed rates of pay. She reported that they would be signing the required Release Forms to conduct the necessary background investigation for their employment on May 12 at the Borough Hall.

John Farnen, of Elm Street Hatboro, appeared before the Council to request \$60,000 for the Tanner Park improvements and that this money be moved from the 2012 Capital Budget to the 2011 capital Budget, so that the construction can take place this year. Mr. Farnen also requested a letter of support from the Borough for a capital funding request being made to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania through Representative Murt for funding to construct a new playground. Council requested that Mr. Farnen contact Representative Murt to see how much funding he thought would be available for capital construction at Tanner Park and that an application be drafted seeking these funds with the Borough possibly providing the match for the capital construction project.

### **Zoning, Planning, and Historic Preservation Update**

Mr. Tompkins provided a written monthly zoning report.

Mr. Tompkins provided an update regarding codification. He indicated that the public hearing on the Recodification will be held on May 23, 2011 at 7:00PM. Further, the public hearing on the new zoning map would be held at the June 27 meeting.

Mr. Tompkins reported that the Upper Moreland Board of Commissioners authorized their engineer to submit an application the PA Department of Environmental Protection for a feasibility study for the flooding problems at the Robert Bruce apartments. The Council agreed by consensus to direct the Borough Manager to send a letter of support on behalf of the Borough to Upper Moreland.

### **Bids for Wachovia Parking Lot Construction**

Mr. Dougherty reviewed the bids received for the Wachovia Parking Lot construction project. Six bids were received with the apparent low bid at \$78,798.00 from Landtech Enterprises.

Borough Council agreed by consensus to authorize the Borough Engineer to prepare the bid package and advertise the Invitation to Bid for Phase II of the Wachovia Parking Lot construction project.

**Discussion Re: E. Moreland and York Roads Left-Turn Lane Project**

The Borough Engineer reported that two parking meters had already been removed to make way for the left-turn lane on E. Moreland Road and two more were going to have to be removed for the improvements. There is a chance that another two might have to be removed when the contractor get his final plan designed, but that has not been determined as yet.

**Public Works**

Fred Zollers reported to Council that Associated Paving had finished paving West Monument Avenue, Broad Street, and a portion of West Montgomery Avenue for AQUA to finish their water main replacement project on these roads. Mr. Zollers also reported that the new Borough Hall generator had been installed, start-up tested, and is in service. Finally, the Public Works Director informed the Council that the Borough workforce was busy readying the pool for Memorial Day weekend.

There being no further business to be transacted, the meeting was adjourned at 9:17PM.