

Borough of Hatboro

Borough Council Committee Meeting

**June 6, 2011
7:00 PM**

Council Members Present: Marianne Reymer, President; Nancy Guenst, 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 7:05 PM.

Public Safety

Nancy Guenst moved and Aleta Ostrander seconded to accept the voluntary resignation of John Becker. So voted. Unanimous.

Bill Tompkins moved and Nancy Guenst seconded to approve the Fire Company Expenditures List. So voted. Unanimous.

Council President Reymer stated that the Council would skip to the Parks, Recreation and Public Facilities portion of the agenda due to Jim Gardner having to leave for police business.

Parks, Recreation, and Public Facilities

Brian Mann, of the Omnia Group, presented the findings of the consultant, who were contracted to look at the feasibility of constructing a new police station. Mr. Mann distributed copies of the study to all Council members and reviewed the results with them.

Council President Reymer stated that Council would move on the agenda to Zoning, Planning, and Historic Preservation to accommodate the applicant, his attorney, and their engineer.

Zoning, Planning, and Historic Preservation

Application for Minor Land Development of CANKAK, LP, 451 Oakdale Avenue.

Carrie Nase, an attorney representing the applicant, addressed the Borough Engineer's review letter and agreed to comply with all items #1 through 10 except for #4 and #5. Ms. Nase indicated that they were requesting waivers for items #4 and #5. Larry Byrne, PE for the applicant, also represented that they would add item #1 and comply with item #2 under stormwater management issues.

Keith Fugate will inspect whether a sidewalk can be installed in the right-of-way due to geography. The Code Enforcement Officer also stated that the review time expires on June 26, so Council will either have to act on the plan or grant an extension. Mike Savona stated that the applicant could make a payment in lieu of installing the sidewalk on Oakdale Avenue. The applicant stated that he would prefer to just construct the sidewalk in that case.

Administration

Request from the School Board to adopt a Resolution Opposing the Future Use of the Runway at the Willow Grove Naval Air Base for any Aviation Purpose.

There was much discussion related to the request and the resolution adopted by the School Board. It was questioned as to whether the Council wanted to adopt a resolution supporting the School Board acquiring acreage on the Naval Base. It was agreed by consensus to have the Borough Solicitor prepare a resolution opposing the future use of the runway for private aviation purposes.

Resolution Establishing Certain General Municipal E-Mail, Internet, and other Electronic Communications Policies.

After much discussion regarding the draft policy, it was agreed to delete two sentences in section four.

Finance and Community Relations

Changes to Billing of PECO Accounts.

A letter received from PECO was presented by the Borough Manager. Mr. McCauley explained that PECO would no longer extend 45 days for payment to customers and would enforce the 30 day payment policy that had been approved by the PA Public Utilities Commission. Mike Savona stated that he had a resolution from another municipality that provided for the payment of utilities and other bills that come due before the Borough Council monthly meeting. It was agreed by consensus to have the Solicitor prepare a resolution allowing the payment of certain bills in advance of the monthly Council meeting.

It was noted that there was construction equipment being parked in the parking lot at the Hatboro Little League. Mr. McCauley stated that he would have the matter checked out to determine who owned the equipment and why they were on site.

Zoning, Planning, and Historic Preservation

An Ordinance Providing for a Change in Zoning for Certain Property as defined under the Hatboro Borough Zoning Code; and for the Amendment of the Zoning Map of Hatboro Borough.

Council agreed by consensus to advertise the proposed ordinance and ratify their action on June 20 at the Council meeting.

Jim Dougherty explained the automated red light enforcement grant program that is available to the Borough to obtain funds to construct various traffic improvements. There was some discussion regarding the possible use of such funds. The Borough Engineer was directed to submit a list of possible projects for consideration by Council.

Bids for the 2011 Road Program.

Bids for the 2011 Road Program were reviewed. There was discussion as to how much money was available for this purpose. Fred Zollers explained that it was contemplated that AQUA PA would contribute to this project as some of the roads that were being paved were roads where they had replaced water mains. AQUA can either contribute to the repaving or pave the portions of the roads. Mr. Zollers will contact AQUA to confirm their participation and Mr. McCauley will review the budget for this project.

Bids for new Roof on Public Works Garage.

Bill McCauley reviewed the bids on this project with the Council. He would be checking references on the apparent low bidder and submitting his recommendation to Council for their June 20 meeting.

Discussion regarding to the paving of South York Road from Newington to Horsham Roads. Fred Zollers reported that PennDOT had represented to him that they were not no longer going to be paving the other lane of South York Road as they had originally planned due to the high cost of installing handicapped curb ramps at intersections and the need to save money for this purpose. It was noted that there were no intersections needing these ramps on the section of highway in question. Council agreed by consensus to write letter to PennDOT and their legislative delegation regarding the paving of the one lane on South York Road from Newington to just past its intersection with Horsham Road.

There being no further business to be transacted, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15PM.