

BOROUGH OF HATBORO

Borough Council Meeting

June 20, 2011

7:00 PM

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

Council Members Absent: John Zygmunt

Also Present: Bill McCauley, Interim Borough Manager; Jim Gardner, Chief of Police; Fred Zollers, Director of Public Works; Jim Dougherty, Borough Engineer; Joe Reading, Deputy Fire Marshal; Alex Kalnajs, Treasurer; and Mike Savona, Borough Solicitor.

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

Invocation- The invocation was given by the Reverend Monsignor Richard T. Bolger.

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

TREASURER’S REPORT- Treasurer Kalnajs noted the Borough had received \$584 in interest for the past month.

MAYOR’S REPORT- Mayor Hawkes advised that the Police Department was addressing the issue where there are left-hand turn signs on York Road directing motorists to turn into a building. The department was in contact with PennDOT about the problem. Mayor Hawkes also reported that the Hatboro-Horsham High School Girls Softball team had recently captured the PA State Championship and would be honored at the next meeting of the Borough Council.

MANAGER’S REPORT- Mr. McCauley stated that since this would be his last Council meeting he would like to thank the Council and all members of the Borough staff for their excellent cooperation during his tenure. He also reported that Montgomery County was recommending the Borough’s Community Development Block Grant application be approved for the reconstruction of Bank Street.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT- Chief Gardner reported that the new police cruiser had been received and was in the process of being outfitted to be placed out on the street.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT- Mr. Savona reported that he had spoken with Greg Honeyman of Montgomery County regarding the lease for the new District Court. He indicated that the County was not looking to stay in the second floor of the Borough Hall indefinitely as it was not doing any leases for new District Courts on second floors. Mr. Honeyman indicated that there was a possibility that the new Court could be outfitted by the County’s workforce next year.

PUBLIC HEARING:

An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Map of Hatboro Borough; Providing for the Change in the Zoning of Certain property; and Providing for the Amendment of the Zoning Map of Hatboro Borough.

The public hearing was opened by Council President Reymer and she turned the hearing over to the Borough Solicitor. Mike Savona explained that the public hearing was advertised in a newspaper of general circulation and the properties posted as required by the Municipalities Planning Code. The public was then invited to address Borough Council on this proposed ordinance.

There were no comments from the public and the hearing was closed at 7:21PM.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

There were no comments from any member of the public.

ADMINISTRATION:

The minutes of the June 6, 2011 Committee Meeting.

Nancy Guenst moved and Aleta Ostrander seconded to approve the minutes of June 6, 2011 as presented. So voted. Unanimous.

The minutes of the May 23, 2011 Council Meeting.

Nancy Guenst moved and Aleta Ostrander seconded to approve the minutes of May 23, 2011 as amended. Mrs. Guenst asked that the spelling of her name on the second page be corrected and Officer Shoyer on page 1 should be Swoyer. So voted. Unanimous.

The minutes of the April 11, 2011 Committee Meeting.

Bill Tompkins moved and Vince LaSorsa seconded to table the minutes of April 11, 2011. The motion failed 4 – 1 with Mr. Tomkins in favor and Mr. LaSorsa abstaining as he was not in attendance at the meeting. Mr. Tomkins proposed changing the word how on the second page, third paragraph to that and the word “questions” to questioned on page three.

Nancy Guenst moved and Aleta Ostrander seconded to approve the minutes of April 11, 2011 as amended. So voted with Mr. Tomkins opposed and Mr. LaSorsa abstaining as he was not in attendance at the meeting.

The minutes of the March 9, 2011 Special Council Meeting.

Vince LaSorsa moved and Bill Tomkins seconded to table the minutes of March 9, 2011. The motion failed 4–2 with Mr. LaSorsa and Mr. Tompkins opposed.

Nancy Guenst moved and Aleta Ostrander seconded to approve the minutes of March 9, 2011. So voted with Mr. LaSorsa opposed and Mr. Tomkins abstaining as he was not in attendance at the meeting.

Appointment of Borough Manager:

Aleta Ostrander moved and Nancy Guenst seconded to appoint Steven Plaughter as Borough Manager. So voted. Unanimous.

Appointment of Borough Secretary:

Aleta Ostrander moved and Nancy Guenst seconded to appoint Steven Plaughter as Borough Secretary. So voted. Unanimous.

Appointment of Right to Know Officer:

Aleta Ostrander moved and Nancy Guenst seconded to appoint Steven Plaughter as the Right to Know Officer. So voted. Unanimous.

The newly appointed Borough Manager, Steve Plaughter, addressed the Council and audience stating that he is very impressed with Hatboro and its fine downtown. He also stated that he was looking forward with everyone and that his door was always open to anyone that would like to speak with him.

The Council President stated that Mr. Plaughter would begin his duties on June 21, 2011 and she would like Council to authorize the interim Borough Manager to stay on and work with Mr. Plaughter this week.

Nancy Guenst moved and Vince LaSorsa seconded to authorize Bill McCauley to stay on with the Borough until June 24, 2011 for up to 12 hours of work to transition the new Borough Manager. So voted. Unanimous.

Bids for Sale of 212 S. York Road:

Bill McCauley reported that no bids were received in response to the Borough's Invitation to Bid for the former Wachovia Bank building. The Solicitor advised that the Borough was able to negotiate with prospective buyers and he would discuss the options available to Council in executive session.

A Resolution Opposing any Further Use of the Runway at NASJRB Willow Grove for any Commercial or Private Air Traffic:

Nancy Guenst moved and Vince LaSorsa seconded to adopt the resolution opposing any further use of the runway at NASJRB Willow Grove for any commercial or private air traffic. After much discussion Nancy Guenst called the question. On a roll call vote, Patricia Fleming voted yes, Aleta Ostrander yes, Marianne Reymer, no, Nancy Guenst yes, Vince LaSorsa yes, and Bill Tompkins no. So voted.

A Resolution Establishing Certain General Municipal E-Mail, Internet, and Other Electronic Communications Policies:

Nancy Guenst moved and Aleta Ostrander seconded to adopt the resolution. Bill Tompkins moved and Aleta Ostrander seconded to propose a friendly amendment to page 3 of the E-Mail policy, "With the exception of email addresses assigned to each Council member, no Council member shall have access to the system or any data stored within the system...". So voted with Vince LaSorsa opposed.

ZONING, PLANNING & HISTORIC PRESERVATION:

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Bill Tompkins moved and Aleta Ostrander seconded to adopt the ordinance as presented. So voted. Unanimous.

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

Bill Tompkins moved and Nancy Guenst seconded to adopt the resolution granting preliminary/final approval of a minor land development plan for CANKAK, LP for property located at 451 Oakdale Avenue. So voted. Unanimous.

FINANCE & COMMUNITY RELATIONS:

Warrant and Manual Check List:

Aleta Ostrander moved and Nancy Guenst seconded to approve the Warrant and Manual Check Lists. So voted. Unanimous.

Payment of Bills and Transfers:

Aleta Ostrander moved and Nancy Guenst seconded to approve the payment of bills and transfers. So voted. Unanimous.

A Resolution Providing for the Payment of Certain Bills & Expenses without Pre-Approval by Council:

Aleta Ostrander moved and Nancy Guenst seconded to approve the resolution providing for the payment of certain bills and expenses without pre-approval by Council. So voted. Unanimous.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Wachovia Parking Lot Phase II:

Nancy Guenst moved and Bill Tompkins seconded to authorize the preparation and advertisement of the construction plans for the Wachovia Parking Lot Phase II. So voted. Unanimous.

Bids for New Roof for Public Works Garage:

Nancy Guenst moved and Aleta Ostrander seconded to accept the low bid of ERX Roofing Services, LLC for \$51,000. So voted. Unanimous.

Bids for 2011 Road Program:

Nancy Guenst moved and Bill Tompkins seconded to accept the low base bid and alternative “A” in the amount of \$201,235.60 from Bray Brothers, Inc. So voted. Unanimous.

A Resolution Authorizing the Preparation and Application for the ARLE Grant Program:

Nancy Guenst moved and Aleta Ostrander seconded to table the resolution to the July committee meeting. So voted.

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

Aleta Ostrander commented on the fine work being done by the Main Street Manager and referred to his monthly report. Vince LaSorsa referred to a proposal attached to the Main Street Manager’s

monthly report regarding expanding commuter parking on a portion of the Vick's property. It was agreed by consensus to place this item on the agenda for the July committee meeting.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR:

Fred Kyriss of 17 N. Penn Street addressed the Council regarding parking on N. Penn Street. He stated that with parking on both sides of the street there were problems with two lanes of traffic. It was also difficult for homeowners with no driveway to find parking in the vicinity of their house.

Tom Neilson of 17 N. Penn Street also addressed the Council regarding parking on his street.

Nancy Guent moved to adjourn. So voted. The meeting was adjourned at 8:43PM.