

**BOROUGH OF HATBORO  
COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, JULY 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

**PRESENT** –President Reymer, Vice President Guent, Councilpersons Fleming, LaSorsa, Tompkins and Zygmunt and Mayor Hawkes; Borough Manager Plaughner, Chief of Police Gardner, Superintendent of Public Works Zollers, Borough Solicitor Savona, Borough Engineer Dougherty, BCO Fugate & Treasurer Kalnajs.

**ABSENT** – Councilperson Ostrander

**CALL TO ORDER** – President Reymer called this Council Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m..

**INVOCATION** – The invocation for this meeting was led by Mayor Hawkes.

**PLEDGE OF ALLIGENCE** – The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Hawkes.

**TREASURER’S REPORT** – Treasurer Kalnajs noted a balance of \$5,034,339.87 on all accounts at the end of the previous month.

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT** – President Reymer announced there was an executive session on July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011 for the purpose of real estate and personnel matters.

**MAYOR’S REPORT** – Mayor Hawkes presented a Proclamation of the Hatboro Horsham girl’s softball team. Mayor Hawkes announced there was a meeting with SEPTA regarding the recent train accidents; SEPTA will be posting “No Trespassing” Signs. Mayor Hawkes likewise commented on ongoing efforts to restrict gun shows firearm sales, he stated to date in 2011 there have been 100 police officers killed, 42 of which were by gun fire.

**MANAGER’S REPORT** – Borough Manager Plaughner stated Council has been updated via weekly reports.

**CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT** – Chief Gardner announced the Annual Moonlight Memories Car Show is this Saturday; York Road will be closed to traffic until 11:00 PM. There will be temporary no parking restrictions in place, the county operations command center will be on site. Chief asked all to be patient with detours and traffic for this event.

Chief Gardner presented a citation to Lois Presley. Mrs. Presley was the Crossing Guard at Lehman and Chester for over 10 years, every day regardless of the weather or conditions. Mrs. Presley is leaving as a regular crossing guard but staying on to fill in if needed.

**SOLICITOR’S REPORT** – Solicitor Savona had nothing to report this evening.

**MAIN STREET MANAGER REPORT** – Main Street Manager Barth reported that Hatboro resident Chi No Chang was going to be on the television show Hell’s Kitchen tonight. Mr. Barth stated that Mr. Ken Klotern, Director of Economic Development for Montgomery County will be out this week to kick off their small business loan program.

## **DEPARTMENT SUPERVISORS' REPORTS**

1. Public Works Report – President Reymer noted the Public Works Report was submitted to Council in advance of tonight's meeting, and that copies of the Report were available on the sign-in table. There was no additional comment.
2. Code Enforcement Report – President Reymer noted the Code Enforcement Report was submitted to Council in advance of tonight's meeting, and that copies of the Report were available on the sign-in table. There was no additional comment.
3. Fire Marshal Report – President Reymer noted the Fire Marshal Report was submitted to Council in advance of tonight's meeting, and that copies of the Report were available on the sign-in table. There was no additional comment.

## **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR FOR AGENDA VOTING ITEMS**

- Chris Gowen, Enterprise Fire Company of Hatboro asked if the Fire Company Capital Expenditure List was included on the agenda for this evening. President Reymer stated yes.

**PUBLIC SAFETY** – Chief Gardner asked for Borough Council to recommend the Civil Service Commission to conduct testing and establish an eligibility list for the upcoming Montgomery County Consortium Police Entrance Examination. Chief Gardner stated the test will be given on October 8, 2011 at Abington High School. Chief Gardner will be meeting with the Civil Service Commission to discuss the written test and physical agility test.

Councilman Zygmunt motioned to direct the Civil Service Commission to conduct testing and to establish an eligibility list, second by Councilman Tompkins, all ayes. Motion carried 6 – 0.

The Capital Expenditure list for the Enterprise Fire Company of Hatboro was presented for Council review.

Councilman Zygmunt motioned to approve the Enterprise Fire Company capital expenditure list, as presented, second by Councilman LaSorsa.

Councilman Tompkins inquired as to the proposed expenditure for MDT's, and if they are part of the county radio upgrade. President Gowen stated they are not.

On the above motion, all ayes. Motion carried 6 – 0.

**ADMINISTRATION** – President Reymer presented the following items:

June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011 Council Meeting Minutes – Vice President Guenst motioned to approve the June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011 Council Meeting Minutes with amendment of minor wording changes, second by Councilwoman Fleming, all ayes. Motion carried 6- 0.

July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011 Committee Meeting Minutes – Vice President Guenst motioned to approve the July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011 Committee Meeting Minutes, second by Councilwoman Fleming, all ayes. Motion carried 6 – 0.

Wachovia Parking Area Improvement Phase 11 Bid Award – Council was presented with the bid information and tabulation from July 11<sup>th</sup> bid opening. S & H Landscaping was the low bidder, the base amount was \$79,101.00 and the alternate “A” was \$99,537.00. Borough Engineer Dougherty reported the bid documents are complete and there maybe some engineering costs to be included. Councilman Zygmunt questioned splitting the grant. Councilman Tompkins questioned if the bank building was sold, would the money have to be paid back to the County. Borough Engineer Dougherty stated confirmation was still needed, Montgomery County will not let us know until August. The bids are good for 60 days if Council wanted to wait award. Vice President Guenst questioned if storm water improvements on Borough lot was included, Borough Engineer Dougherty stated yes.

Councilman Tompkins made a motion to approve the award of the Base bid in the amount of \$79,101.00, second by Vice President Guenst. Councilman Zygmunt motioned to amend Councilman Tompkins original motion to include Alternate “A” to the original motion, seconded by Councilman Tompkins, all ayes. Motion carried 6 – 0.

Councilman Zygmunt made a motion to approve motion as amended, second by Vice President Guenst, all ayes. Motion carried 6 – 0.

County Public Safety Communications Upgrade, Resolution 2011- 12 – Council considered a Resolution to support the Communications upgrade.

Councilman Zygmunt motioned to approve Resolution 2011-12, supporting the upgrade of County Public Safety Communications, seconded by Councilman Tompkins, all ayes. Motion carried 6 – 0.

EPA – Raymark Superfund Site Report – Fact Sheets from the EPA were distributed to Borough Council. Alexander Mandell, Cathleen Kennedy and Jose Redmond from the EPA were in attendance and updated Council. The EPA would like to hear from the Community. Jose Redmond stated two new wells were installed, test results revealed a hit for Trichloroethene (TCE), there is no immediate risk, EPA will continue to test. EPA will start sampling by the end of August if contractors are available. Vice President Guenst questioned what tce is. It is a degreaser used with metal; the solvent is very hard to break down. The EPA advised that 520 gallons of contaminated water has been treated, they are concerned that the vapors could spread, this is the reason for further testing which they will report back the results to the Borough in the fall. Councilman Tompkins asked if there would be a change in the study due to the low ground water due to the summer dry spell. The EPA stated no, the testing follows the ground water. Councilman Zygmunt asked where the wells were located. The EPA stated at the Closet Works site on Bonair Avenue. The EPA stated they will wait for additional testing to be complete before deciding if testing of each residence is necessary.

Mr. Ed Henry, Bonair Avenue asked which wells tested positive for tce, the direction of travel and how much tce was found. The EPA responded the south well tested positive for tce, more testing would help answer the question on the direction of travel and 4 times the amount allowed in drinking water was found.

President Reymmer stated the EPA fact sheet will be put on the web site.

Police Department Assessment – Chief Gardner spoke briefly about the process which normally involves peer to peer assessments. This assessment will likely include the facility needs, which will help justify costs for the new building. Chief Gardner stated a 3<sup>rd</sup> party review of the department would be helpful.

Councilman Zygmunt motioned to approve the Governor’s Center for Local Government Services Police Department Assessment. Councilman Tompkins questioned the level of assessment, just the building, or an all inclusive assessment. Councilman Zygmunt asked if the assessment is critical, could it be kept confidential. Solicitor Savona explained the process, the state will issue a report and it will be a public record. The assessment is not undermining the police department rather a constructive process. The motion was seconded by Vice President Guent, all ayes. Motion carried 6 – 0.

**FINANCE & COMMUNITY RELATIONS** – Councilwoman Fleming presented the following items:

Warrant List and Manual Check List – Council considered accounts payable. There was discussion as to the second state reimbursement for the Library project; the second check has been received.

Councilman Tompkins motioned to approve the warrant list as presented, second by Councilwoman Fleming, all ayes. Motion carried 6 – 0.

Vice President Guent motioned to approve the balance of bills and transfers, as presented, second by Councilman Tompkins, all ayes. Motion carried 6 – 0.

President Reymer announced there will be a Capital Budget Workshop on Monday, August 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 PM, this meeting has been advertised.

**RECREATION & PUBLIC FACILITIES** – Vice President Guent presented the following items:

Vice President Guent requested Borough Manager Plaughter meet with Public Works employee Brent Sine to discuss pool crack improvements, further discussion will commence at the August Committee meeting of Borough Council.

**ZONING, PLANNING & HISTORIC PRESERVATION** – Councilman Tompkins had nothing to report this evening.

**PUBLIC WORKS** - Councilman LaSorsa presented the following items:

ARLE Grant Application – This is for the traffic sign upgrade to reflective material. Superintendent Zollers will get a count of signs for the upgrade for the Borough Engineer.

Councilman Tompkins motioned to approve the ARLE Grant application, seconded by Councilman Zygmunt, all ayes. Motion carried 6 -0.

**COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC REDEVELOPMENT** – Councilman Zygmunt presented the following items:

Septa Commuter Parking Resolution 2011-13 – Councilman Zygmunt stated this resolution is to authorize cooperation with Septa and Station Park for additional commuter parking.

Councilman Tompkins motioned to approve Resolution 2011-13, seconded by Councilman Zygmunt, all ayes. Motion carried 6 -0.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- President Reymer made a motion to allow the Borough Manager the authority to approve change orders \$5,000 and less for the Fire House Construction Project, seconded by Councilman Zygmunt, all ayes. Motion carried 6 – 0.
- Councilman Tompkins stated there is a 30 day test period for new traffic signals; the Borough may see a savings on electric bills due to the new signals. Vice President Guentz remarked on the improvement to the flow of traffic.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- There was no new business.

## **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

- Mr. Battis asked if the year could be included on the top of the agenda.
- Mr. Hart stated that Channel 22 is improved. He asked if we could update and remove the spring content.
- Mr. Henry, 238 Bonair Avenue asked for a status of the traffic study on Penn Street. Chief Gardner updated. Mr. Henry praised the Chief and the Police Department on keeping people off the railroad tracks.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011 meeting of Borough Council was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven J. Plaughter  
Secretary