

**BOROUGH OF HATBORO  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
MONDAY, JANUARY 10, 2011**

**PRESENT** – President Reymer, Vice President Guent, Councilpersons Fleming, LaSorsa, Ostrander, Tompkins and Zygmunt and Mayor Hawkes. Borough Manager Ryan, Chief of Police Gardner, Zoning Officer Fugate, Superintendent Zollers and Solicitor Savona.

**ABSENT** – None.

**CALL TO ORDER** – President Reymer called this Committee Meeting to order at 7:13 p.m..

President Reymer announced an Executive Session to discuss matters of real estate and personnel was held prior to this evening's meeting.

**PUBLIC SAFETY** – Councilwoman Ostrander presented the following items:

Enterprise Fire Company expenditure list – The monthly expenditure was presented for Council review.

Councilman Zygmunt motioned to approve the Enterprise Fire Company monthly expenditure list, as presented, second by Councilwoman Guent.

Councilman Tompkins inquired as to the repair made to Engine 95-1. Chris Gowen, President of the Enterprise Fire Company, noted the \$5,000 amount was a cost not-to-exceed.

Mr. Gowen confirmed an error on the expenditure list, and stated no funds were sought for a \$587 expense to ULINE, and a \$932 expense to Granger.

As to the above motion, with payment for all items sans the ULINE and Granger expenses noted above, all ayes. Motion carried 7 – 0.

Parking Enforcement Officer – Chief Gardner provided Council with an update as to the appointment of a Parking Enforcement Officer. This appointment will be considered at the January 24 Council Meeting.

York Road and Williams Lane parking – Councilwoman Ostrander and Chief Gardner noted the temporary no parking zone enacted at the east side of York Road, at the intersection of Williams Lane, seemed to be working well. The consensus of Council was to amend the draft Ordinance to restrict parking on Williams Lane so to include the York Road restriction, and to consider this Ordinance at the January 24 Council Meeting, unless the restriction can be enacted by resolution. Solicitor Savona will review enactment requirements.

2011 Ford Crown Victoria – Chief Gardner noted he seeks to purchase a 2011 Crown Victoria at an approximate \$22,900 cost plus outfitting, as per the Police fleet management program, and as included in the 2011 Budget. The consensus of Council was to ratify this purchase at the January 24 Council Meeting.

Ron Battis inquired as to the installation of a video camera in this vehicle. Chief Gardner noted the Five-Year Capital Budget includes a vehicle video camera system, at an approximate \$55,000 expense.

Enterprise Fire Company Improvement Project – Borough Manager Ryan updated Council as to this project. Borough Manager Ryan noted additional information will be forwarded to Council. The consensus of Council was to direct Solicitor Savona to draft the construction contract to be presented to the contractor.

Councilwoman Ostrander noted the owner of an Upper Moreland property that bounds the Borough has submitted an application to that municipality's Zoning Hearing Board seeking relief for the keeping of livestock. Possible health issues were cited, but it was the consensus of Council that the Borough to take no action on this application, as this is a private property concern.

Councilwoman Ostrander noted she would submit to Members information as to the Anti-Defamation League's "No Place for Hate" Program, for consideration at a future meeting.

Sandra Zygmunt inquired as to the status of the contract between the Borough and the Enterprise Fire Company. Solicitor Savona confirmed that referenced at this evening's meeting was a contract to construct the improvements, to be executed by the Borough and the contractor. It was confirmed that the project Cooperation Agreement, executed several months earlier, has not been amended.

Councilman Tompkins inquired as to the York Road signalization project, and Borough Manager Ryan updated Council as to this project. An accessibility issue was noted, and Borough Manager Ryan stated he will direct Gilmore & Associates to confirm all signal pole locations allow sidewalk access as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act.

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

2011 Appointments – President Reymer noted Council will consider staff, consultant and other appointments at the January 24 Council Meeting.

Council reviewed the list of appointments. Borough Manager Ryan will add the vacancy to be created by the resignation of Robert Ersham from the Hatboro Borough Authority. Borough Manager Ryan will amend the posting at the Borough website and the community access channel so to enumerate all available volunteer positions. Borough Manager Ryan will confirm terms for the Upper Moreland – Hatboro Joint Sewer Authority.

Williams Lane parking restriction – Borough Manager Ryan will revise the Ordinance as discussed at this evening's meeting, and this Ordinance, or a Resolution seeking same restrictions, will be considered at the January 24 Council Meeting.

MuniciBid auction items – Council reviewed a Resolution to authorize the sale, by public auction, of various vehicles and equipment.

Councilman Zygmunt inquired as to the Bobcat attachment, and Superintendent Zollers confirmed this equipment was not suited to the current park maintenance requirements. Councilman Zygmunt inquired as to the tar pot, and Superintendent Zollers noted additional equipment was needed to seal roadway cracks, and stated he believes this service should be contracted.

Mr. Battis inquired as to pressure-treated lumber. Superintendent Zollers noted the Borough possessed an adequate supply of lumber for repairs.

The consensus of Council was to consider this Resolution at the January 24 Council Meeting.

Pennsylvania Human Relations Act – Council reviewed a Resolution to support the enactment of a State law to provide protections against individuals who have been discriminated against on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity or gender expression.

Mayor Hawkes recommended reference to “Hatboro” be deleted when this is used in conjunction with reference to the “Commonwealth”.

Councilman Tompkins inquired as to the preparation of the Resolution. Borough Manager Ryan confirmed he had prepared the Resolution, and he noted this Resolution had been reviewed by Solicitor Savona. Councilwoman Guerst confirmed she requested Borough Manager Ryan to draft the Resolution. Councilman Tompkins objected to one Member direct staffing to prepare a Resolution. Councilwoman Guerst noted the measure was discussed by the Members at a prior meeting.

Borough Manager Ryan will distribute an electronic version of the draft Resolution to Members, for their review and edit.

Disability Awareness Walk & Expo – Bill Dixon, Legislative Aide to State Representative Tom Murt, requested Council review and approval of a Disability Awareness Walk & Expo. The community event, scheduled for April 2, does not require the support of the Borough Public Works and Police Departments. Chief Gardner noted the event had been reviewed and approved by Department Directors and by the Enterprise Fire Company.

It was the consensus of Council to consider this request at the January 24 Council Meeting.

Borough Manager Ryan will post event information on the Borough website and community access channel.

Mr. Battis inquired as to the sale of the 212 South York Road. It was confirmed this matter was under review by Council. Solicitor Savona provided a general overview of the required procedure of sale for municipal-owned real property.

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

TD Bank signatories – Borough Manager Ryan noted a number of current and past officials were standing signatories on Borough accounts at TD Bank. It was the consensus of Council to authorize as signatories on all Borough accounts the Borough Council President, Borough Council Vice President and the Borough Treasurer only. This matter will be considered at the January 24 Council Meeting.

**PARKS, RECREATION & PUBLIC FACILITIES** – Councilwoman Guerst presented the following items:

clock repair – Mr. Dixon provided an overview of a potential grant application to the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission for funding to repair the Borough Hall clock tower. Mr. Dixon noted a local clock repair expert was willing to prepare this application, and that a consortium of local interests was working to secure required matching funds. Mr. Dixon noted that, as the clock is owned by the Borough, the Borough need submit the grant application. Mr. Dixon noted the grant submission deadline is January 31, 2010, and requested Council authorization to prepare the application and to present same for review at the January 24 Council Meeting. It was the consensus of Council to move forward as per Mr. Dixon’s request.

Council thanked State Representative Murt and all of the supporters of this initiative for their efforts on behalf of the community.

Councilwoman Guenst noted she and Councilman Zygmunt will meet with representatives for the Hatboro Little League so to review potential capital projects at the Blair Mill Road park facility.

Mr. Battis inquired as to the staging of construction supplies by Aqua at the Memorial Pool parking lot. Superintendent Zollers addressed this issue.

**ZONING, PLANNING & HISTORIC PRESERVATION** – Councilman Tompkins presented the following items:

Zoning Report – Councilman Tompkins presented the monthly Zoning Report, commenting on issues including the codification project, zoning map upgrade and proposed changes to the FEMA map.

North York Road Associates LP – Council reviewed an application to the Zoning Hearing Board that seeks several variances pertaining to the proposed construction of a ten-unit residential building at 350 North York Road. Mike Carr, attorney for the Applicant, provided a brief overview of the relief sought.

Zoning Officer Fugate confirmed the Zoning Hearing Board will consider this matter on January 26.

President Reymer expressed concern as to the proposed density at this location, especially as this relates to increased traffic. Mr. Gowen requested improvements to the site entrance so to permit access to all emergency response vehicles.

It was the consensus of Council to not send the Borough Solicitor to attend this hearing.

Councilman Tompkins spoke to the Montgomery County 2011 Revitalization Program. Borough Manager Ryan noted this program was not funded in 2010, and as a result the two applications submitted by the Borough in April 2010 will be considered in 2011. Borough Manager Ryan noted the County has yet to confirm the availability of funding in 2011.

Borough Manager Ryan noted Montgomery County had made available applications for the 2011 Community Development Block Grant Program on this day. Borough Manager Ryan is meeting with County officials in February. Council discussed potential projects for this funding.

Zoning Officer Fugate stated the Borough had compiled a list of nearly 240 properties that may be affected by the proposed changes to the boundaries of the 100-Year Floodplain. A letter to these property owners, alerting them to the proposed changes, is being prepared.

**PUBLIC WORKS** – Councilman LaSorsa thanked the Public Works Department for their recent snow removal efforts.

Mr. Battis noted he believes Aqua is doing a poor job in resurfacing roads affected by line repairs in a neighboring municipality. Mr. Battis inquired as to line repairs proposed in Hatboro, and Borough Manager Ryan provided a summary of the work to be done in the Borough in 2011. Borough Manager Ryan noted Aqua's work would be coordinated with the Borough's 2011 road program, as Aqua is required to resurface one-half of the width of the roadways in this program.

Nancy Barr, Wood Street, inquired as to truck traffic restrictions at this roadway. It was the consensus of Council to direct Public Works and Police to relocate existing signage at this location.

**COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC REDEVELOPMENT** – Councilman Zygmunt noted Elm Street Hatboro will resubmit its tax exempt status application.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, this Committee Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m..