

**BOROUGH OF HATBORO
COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14th, 2011**

PRESENT – President Reymer, Vice President Guenst, Councilpersons Fleming, LaSorsa, Ostrander, Tompkins and Mayor Hawkes. Borough Manager Plaughner, Chief of Police Gardner, Superintendent Zollers, Borough Engineer Dougherty, Borough Solicitor Savona, Zoning Officer Fugate, and Treasurer Kalnajs.

ABSENT – Councilman Zygmunt was absent.

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

PUBLIC SAFETY – Councilwoman Ostrander presented the following items:

Fire Company Construction Project Update – This item was removed from the agenda.

Fire Company Construction Project Application for Payment – This item was removed from the agenda.

Fire Company Expenditure List – The monthly expenditure list was presented to Borough Council for approval. Vice President Guenst motioned to approve the Enterprise Fire Company monthly expenditure list for \$13,922.97, seconded by Councilman LaSorsa, on the above motion, all ayes. Motion carried 7-0.

Fire Company Capital Expenditure List – The capital expenditure list was presented to Borough Council for approval. This item was moved to the Council meeting for approval.

Update – Councilperson Ostrander announced the passing of long time employee Bob Stauch. Bob Stauch started as a Junior Firefighter at the age of 16; he worked for the Borough of Hatboro for more than 51 years, serving as Emergency Management Coordinator. Hatboro was advanced in Emergency Management and a leader in the County due to Bob. Councilperson Ostrander asked Council to consider naming a building in Bob's name. Solicitor Savona recommended a resolution to dedicate the Public Works Building in his memory. Vice President Guenst stated her company would be happy to donate the plaque for the building.

Mayor Hawkes stated he disagreed with recent comments made by members of the Public Safety Committee appearing in the news media, stating that the police station was in complete disrepair. He stated the Borough would not allow a public safety facility to be in that condition. It is a good building; he believes it was not fair that those comments were made. Councilperson Ostrander stated she feels we need a new building.

ADMINISTRATION – President Reymer presented the following items:

Wachovia Property Listing Contract – President Reymer stated the Wachovia Property has been listed with Century 21 New Horizons at a price of \$550,000.

March 28, 2011 Meeting Minutes – Borough Manager Plaughner stated a draft copy of the minutes has been distributed to Council for preliminary review. This item was moved to the Council meeting for approval.

DVIT Loss Control Grant Allocation – Borough Manager Plaughner asked Council to consider using the DVIT Grants, \$3823.00 for DVIT and \$3,108.00 for DVWCT for the following Borough Hall items;

carpeting, panic bars on doors and modifications to the handicap ramp. He would also like to use a portion of the money for surveillance cameras at the Police Station and the Pool.

President Reymer asked if the Police Department can watch the pool camera feed at the Police Station. Chief Gardner stated yes, the pool may need a port to make the feed complete.

The consensus of Council was to authorize the manager to spend up to the max amount of the grant.

Mr. Battis, 320 W. Moreland Avenue asked if the Borough has enough grant money to pay for all the items mentioned. Vice President Guenst stated we may not be able to purchase all of those items.

Resolution #2011-19; PEMA Designated Agent for Tropical Storm Lee – President Reymer explained the resolution is to name the Borough Manager and Public Works Superintendent agents for the Borough to complete the required forms for reimbursement from the State. This item was moved to the Council meeting for approval.

Resolution #2011-20; PEMA Designated Agent for Hurricane Irene - President Reymer explained the resolution is to name the Borough Manager and Public Works Superintendent agents for the Borough to complete the required forms for reimbursement from the State. This item was moved to the Council meeting for approval.

Parking Enforcement Officer – Chief Gardner stated this is for a part time position. The employee is Crossing Guard Mary Fay; she has uniforms, no extra costs and is already working. This item was moved to the Council meeting for ratification.

Boards and Commissions Term List – President Reymer stated Council will be filling these positions in January. The list provided has the terms that expire at the end of 2011. Borough manager Plaughter will contact those on the list in writing and determine if they wish to be reappointed. Borough Staff will place on website and community channel, asking for anyone with an interest to contact Borough Hall.

Councilman Tompkins requested the newly elected Councilpersons get the list of persons interested in serving on Boards and Commissions and also to begin receiving Council packets. Solicitor Savona stated it is common practice among municipalities that Council Elect persons be included with information packets, with the exception of attorney-client privileged information. The consensus of Council is all Council Elect should get packets, including emails.

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

2012 MMO Selection – Borough Manager Plaughter stated the MMO payment of \$334,526.12 is on the November Warrant List, there is also an additional payment of \$80,278.64 that was received in state aid that is on the warrant list.

Budget Workshop – Councilperson Fleming stated the Budget sub-committee will be meeting tomorrow morning to review the 2012 draft operating budget. Borough Manager Plaughter reported he is meeting with department heads to review their budget requests and making further cuts.

Councilperson Ostrander stated she is concerned because the police DARE program was one of the line items that was cut and she wanted to know why. Chief Gardner stated that Council asked him to make cuts, so we are down to essential services. Councilperson Ostrander asked Council to consider keeping DARE, as it may save one child. The consensus of Council was that they would like to keep DARE in the budget.

Councilperson Ostrander questioned if Bike Patrol was being cut. Chief Gardner stated yes, again Council wanted me to cut, so we are down to essential services.

PARKS, RECREATION & PUBLIC FACILITIES – Vice President Guenst presented the following items:

Miller Meadow – Hatboro Haunts Field Restoration Costs – Borough Manager Plaughter stated that the public works costs to repair the grass field at Miller Meadow from the Carnival during Hatboro Haunts are \$535.81. The Chamber of Commerce submitted a \$750.00 deposit with the event application. The consensus of Council was to deduct the repair costs out of the deposit and keep an additional \$100 in escrow, should the newly planted grass seed not take and have to be re-seeded in the spring.

Land Tech Enterprises – Application for Payment – Vice President Guenst explained the payment request in the amount of \$87,423 is for phase 1 construction of the Wachovia Municipal Lot. This item was moved to the Council agenda for approval.

Vice President Guenst stated the Borough received \$189,000 CDBG Grant for Bank Street, sidewalks, curb, lighting & paving.

Vice President Guenst asked for a status update of the pool tile project. Superintendent Zollers stated the pool tile job is complete and the pool has been covered for the winter.

Councilman Tompkins asked if the Wachovia Lot should be blocked for the parade. Superintendent Zollers stated he will check for any hazards and if necessary he will block off.

ZONING, PLANNING & HISTORIC PRESERVATION – Councilman Tompkins stated he had nothing on his agenda.

PUBLIC WORKS – Councilman LaSorsa presented the following items:

Recycling Performance Grant Application – Councilman LaSorsa stated Public Works is requesting permission to apply for a municipal recycling performance grant. Superintendent Zollers stated this is a ACT 101, section 904 Recycling Program Performance Grant application with no match by the Borough. The consensus of Council was to move this item forward and ratify at the Council meeting.

Councilman Tompkins stated that Upper Moreland has a program where private haulers have to report to the township their weight totals. Superintendent Zollers stated the County reports the weights to the Borough from private haulers.

Mr. Battis, 320 W. Moreland Avenue noticed that private haulers are not recycling when they pick up. All is placed in one truck. Councilman Tompkins stated that nothing in the Borough Ordinance requires this.

Mr. Battis, 320 W. Moreland Avenue asked if the Borough can ask residents to put house numbers in a visible spot in case of emergency. Chief Gardner stated there is an ordinance already in place.

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC REDEVELOPMENT – Councilman Zygmunt was absent.

Mr. Hart, 175 Earl Lane asked how long political signs are allowed to be up for. Vice President Guent stated she will check and make sure all her signs are down.

Tracy Thatford, 3 Drummers Way asked for a status on the PA-DEP study on the Pennypack Creek. Borough Manager Plaughter stated the PA DEP was out this summer and looked over the Woodwinds Condos and their location next to the creek. Their consensus was that the slope of the property and the close proximity of the buildings to the creek, made it unlikely that any improvements to mitigate flooding could be made.

Mr. Battis, 320 W. Moreland Avenue asked how long do the banners on York Road stay up for. Superintendent Zollers stated they try and leave them up until the next event because of the labor costs involved.

Gary Gefter, 19 Drummers Way requested a progress report on the Borough engineer review of the storm water runoff on the public streets surrounding the Woodwinds Condos. Borough Manager Plaughter stated the engineer has not completed his review. Mr. Gefter asked if the CDBG money discussed earlier this evening could be used to fund some of the needed stormwater improvements. Solicitor Savona stated CDBG grants do not apply to such projects.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, this Committee Meeting was adjourned at 8:27 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven J. Plaughter
Borough Secretary