

**BOROUGH OF HATBORO
COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2011**

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

ABSENT – President Reymmer.

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

INVOCATION – In lieu of an invocation Mayor Hawkes requested a moment of silence in remembrance of Lawrence Phillips, a long-time Hatboro Borough resident.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT – Treasurer Kalnajs noted \$359.96 in interest was earned during the previous month at a rate of 0.1%; \$359.96 in interest has been earned year to date. Treasurer Kalnajs noted a balance of \$2,975,575.48 on all accounts at the end of the previous month.

Councilman Tompkins inquired as to the reduction in interest paid on these accounts. Borough Manager Ryan noted this rate is indexed to the overnight LIBOR rate, and he stated he has asked TD Bank to review the account so to maximize this yield. Treasurer Kalnajs will follow-up on this front.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT – There was no report.

MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor Hawkes provided an update on the York Road signalization project, in specific the posting of “No Turn on Red” signage. Mayor Hawkes likewise commented on ongoing efforts to restrict gun shows firearm sales.

MANAGER'S REPORT – There was no Manager's Report.

Councilman Tompkins inquired as to the Codes Clerk hire, and Borough Manager Ryan confirmed this part-time position had been hired.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT – Chief Gardner commented on the 15th Annual Citizens Police Academy, scheduled to begin March 9, and the Disability Awareness Walk, scheduled for April 2. Chief Gardner thanked the Enterprise Fire Company and the Public Works Department for assistance provided during an investigation.

There was general discussion as to the parking available to volunteer fire personnel during the construction of improvements to the Byberry Road fire station. It was the consensus of Council the best option available was the use of the Garner House parking facilities; Chris Gowen, Enterprise Fire Company President, will follow-up on this matter, and will report back to Council on same.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – Solicitor Savona provided an update as to the codification project, noting code adoption could come as early as May.

DEPARTMENT SUPERVISORS' REPORTS

1. Public Works Report – Vice President Guenst 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 – Vice President Guenst 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 – Vice President Guenst 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

- Ron Battis, West Moreland Avenue, inquired as the reported resignation of the Borough Manager. Vice President Guenst noted Council had not received a resignation letter, and she stated this matter would be discussed in March.

PUBLIC SAFETY – Councilwoman Ostrander recommended residents lock their vehicles in the evening, in light of several recently-reported vehicle break-ins.

ADMINISTRATION – Vice President Guenst presented the following items:

December 31, 2009 Special Meeting Minutes – Councilman Zygmunt motioned to approve the December 31, 2009 Special Meeting Minutes as presented, second by Councilman Tompkins.

Councilman Tompkins recommended Council adopt the version of meeting minutes originally prepared for this Special Meeting. Councilwoman Fleming stated she believes this version to be inadequate, and she voiced her concern as to the appropriateness of this Special Meeting. Solicitor Savona stated that while the topic addressed at the December 31, 2009 Special Meeting was “very curious”, a record of this meeting, in the form of approved meeting minutes, was required to be prepared.

Councilman Zygmunt motioned to approve the December 31, 2009 Special Meeting Minutes as prepared by the Assistant Borough Secretary, second by Councilman Tompkins.

LaSorsa	AYE	Fleming	NAY
Tompkins	AYE	Guenst	NAY
Zygmunt	AYE	Ostrander	NAY

There being a tie vote, Mayor Hawkes cast a vote “AYE”, and the motion carried, 4 – 3.

October 11, 2010 Committee Meeting Minutes – Councilwoman Ostrander motioned to approve the October 11, 2010 Committee Meeting Minutes, second by Councilwoman Fleming, all ayes. Motion carried 6 – 0.

January 24, 2011 Council Meeting Minutes – Councilwoman Ostrander motioned to approve the January 24, 2011 Council Meeting Minutes, second by Councilwoman Fleming, all ayes. Motion carried 6 – 0.

February 14, 2011 Special Meeting Minutes – Councilman Tompkins motioned to approve the February 14, 2011 Special Meeting Minutes, second by Councilwoman Ostrander.

Fleming	AYE	LaSorsa	ABSTAIN
Guenst	AYE		
Ostrander	AYE		
Tompkins	AYE		
Zygmunt	AYE		

The above motion carries, 5 ayes, 0 nays and 1 abstention.

Councilman LaSorsa stated he abstained from voting as he did not attend this Special Meeting.

February 14, 2011 Committee Meeting Minutes – Councilwoman Ostrander motioned to approve the February 14, 2011 Committee Meeting Minutes, second by Councilman Tompkins.

Fleming	AYE	LaSorsa	ABSTAIN
Guenst	AYE		
Ostrander	AYE		
Tompkins	AYE		
Zygmunt	AYE		

The above motion carries, 5 ayes, 0 nays and 1 abstention.

Councilman LaSorsa stated he abstained from voting as he did not attend this Committee Meeting.

Ordinance 1001 – Delaware Valley Health Insurance Trust – Council considered an Ordinance authorizing the Borough to join the Delaware Valley Health Insurance Trust.

Councilwoman Ostrander motioned to approve Ordinance 1001, authorizing the Borough to join the Delaware Valley Health Insurance Trust, second by Councilman Zygmunt, all ayes. Motion carried 6 – 0.

Delaware Valley Health Insurance Trust – agreement – Council considered execution of an agreement to join the Delaware Valley Health Insurance Trust.

Vice President Guenst motioned to execute an agreement to join the Delaware Valley Health Insurance Trust, second by Councilwoman Fleming, all ayes. Motion carried 6 – 0.

Resolution 2011-02 – Flood Protection project Study Resolution – Council considered a Resolution to authorize the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection to initiate a flood protection study for portions of the Pennypack Creek.

Councilwoman Ostrander motioned to approve Resolution 2011-02, authorizing the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection to initiate a flood protection study for portions of the Pennypack Creek, second by Councilwoman Fleming, 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 quarter contribution to the Union Library in the amount of \$12,500.00, and it was the consensus of Council that this payment be made in March.

Councilman Tompkins motioned to approve the warrant list as presented, minus the second quarter contribution to the Union Library in the amount of \$12,500.00, second by Councilman LaSorsa, all ayes. Motion carried 6 – 0.

Councilman Tompkins motioned to approve the balance of bills and transfers, as presented, second by Councilwoman Ostrander.

Councilman Tompkins requested a copy of the employee ratification list.

Fleming	AYE	Zygmont	NAY
Guenst	AYE		
LaSorsa	AYE		
Ostrander	AYE		
Tompkins	AYE		

The above motion carries, 5 – 1.

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

Blair Mill Road Park capital improvements – Councilman Zygmont motioned to approve proposed improvements to segments of fencing at the Blair Mill Road Park facility, as provided for in the 2011 Budget and per prior Council discussion, second by Councilwoman Ostrander, all ayes. Motion carried 6 – 0.

Councilman Zygmont inquired as to Borough purchasing infield mix, and Superintendent Zollers noted this material might be obtained by the Hatboro Little League at a better price.

District Court fit-out – bid – Councilman Tompkins motioned to authorize the bid of the District Justice Court fit-out, with dates for the bid to be determined by Borough staff, second by Councilwoman Ostrander, all ayes. Motion carried 6 – 0.

Union Library Ceiling Restoration Project – bid – Borough Manager Ryan noted a recommendation to award or to reject all bids would be made at the March 28 Council Meeting.

ZONING, PLANNING & HISTORIC PRESERVATION – Councilman Tompkins provided an update as to various projects under Zoning Committee review.

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

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC REDEVELOPMENT – Councilman Zygmont presented the following items:

2011 Community Development Block Grant – Borough Manager Ryan provided an overview of potential projects for the 2011 Community Development Block Grant Program, including the fit-out of the District Justice Court, reconstruction of the Bank Street parking area, and pedestrian crossing at York Road and at West Moreland Road. Borough Manager Ryan noted applications are due to Montgomery County on or before April 1. There was general discussion as to the various projects. Borough Manager Ryan noted additional information will be provided to Council at the March 14 Committee Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

- Councilman Tompkins motioned to amend the January 24, 2011 Council Meeting Minutes to denote the terms for Union Library Board Members Lee Bergiven and Lou Russo expire on December 31, 2011 and December 31, 2012, respectively, second by Vice President Guenst.

Guenst	AYE	Fleming	ABSTAIN
LaSorsa	AYE	Ostrander	ABSTAIN
Tompkins	AYE		
Zygmont	AYE		

Motion carried 4 ayes, 0 nays and 2 abstentions. Councilwoman Fleming and Councilwoman Ostrander noted they abstained from the vote as they currently serve on the Board of Directors of the Union Library.

- Councilman Tompkins inquired as to the filing of Statements of Financial Interests for the most current report year (2010), and Borough Manager Ryan confirmed that all new Borough appointees have made this filing.

NEW BUSINESS

- Councilman Tompkins inquired as to a potential vacancy in the office of Open Records Officer, and Solicitor Savona stated his position can serve in this capacity until Council appoints to this post.
- Mr. Battis encouraged residents to attend the Citizens Police Academy.
- Sandra Zygmont commented on the approval of the December 31, 2009 Special Meeting Minutes.
- Mrs. Zygmont inquired as to the 2009 Community Revitalization Grant for improvements to the Bank Street parking facility, and Councilman Tompkins provided an update in this front. Borough Manager Ryan will forward project information to the Members.
- Mrs. Zygmont inquired as to the reported resignation of the Borough Manager. Vice President Guenst noted Council had not received a resignation letter.
- Bruce Hart inquired as to the sale of the Wachovia Building, and Borough Manager Ryan noted bids for this property will be opened on May 2.
- Geri Weideman spoke to on-street parking throughout the Borough, and Chief Gardner addressed this matter. Terry Campbell, Horsham Road, inquired as to on-street parking against the direction of travel, and Chief Gardner confirmed this is not permitted.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

- There was no comment.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn this Council Meeting at 8:35 p.m. was made by Councilman Tompkins, second by Councilwoman Ostrander, all ayes. Motion carried 6 – 0.