

**BOROUGH OF HATBORO
COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 14, 2011**

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

ABSENT – Councilwoman Ostrander.

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

PUBLIC SAFETY – President Reymer 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 Guenst

Councilman Tompkins inquired as to expenditures for computer equipment and for the repair of a light. Chris Gowen, President of the Enterprise Fire Company, addressed these matters.

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

Enterprise Fire Company Improvement Project – parking – Mr. Gowen commented upon a proposed parking arrangement at the fire station for Primary Election Day. It was the consensus of Council to request the Montgomery County Board of Elections to review this proposed parking arrangement. When a parking arrangement is established, this information will be posted to the Borough website and community access television station.

Ed Henry, Bonair Avenue, inquired as to the test wells recently installed by the EPA in this neighborhood. Borough Manager Ryan will request a representative of the EPA attend a future meeting of Council, so to provide all with an update on this matter.

ADMINISTRATION – President Reymer presented the following items:

Union Library Ceiling Restoration Project – Borough Manager Ryan stated the Borough and Solicitor Savona had completed a review of bids received for this project, and he noted a recommendation to award a bid will be considered at the March 28 Council Meeting.

Solicitor Savona noted Mayor Hawkes had suspended Officer John Becker without pay, effective March 2, 2011, and he noted that, per the Borough Code, Council is required to act on this suspension at this evening's meeting.

On motion by Councilman Zygmunt to uphold Mayor Hawkes' March 2, 2011 suspension of Officer John Becker without pay, until such time as Council may take further action, second by Councilwoman Guenst, all ayes. Motion carried 6 – 0.

FINANCE & COMMUNITY RELATIONS – There was no report.

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

Memorial Pool – 2011 concession stand bid – Councilwoman Guerst noted one bid had been received for the concession stand lease for the 2011 season at the Memorial Pool, and she noted a recommendation to execute this lease will be considered at the March 28 Council Meeting.

Sandra Zygmunt inquired as to the hiring of a Pool Manager, and Councilwoman Guerst confirmed a conditional offer of employment had been tendered.

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

Zoning Report – Councilman Tompkins stated that he will forward a Zoning Report to the Members prior to the March 28 Council Meeting.

Zoning Officer Fugate provided an update as to the codification project. Zoning Officer Fugate stated the Montgomery County Planning Commission had recommended adoption of this Code, as presented. Zoning Officer Fugate stated the code will be reviewed by the Hatboro Borough Planning Commission in the coming weeks.

There was general discussion regarding the 2009 Community Revitalization Grant for improvements to the Wachovia Parking Lot, and in specific that portion of the improvements Council may wish to bid in 2011. Borough Manager Ryan will provide Council with a summary of this project for consideration at the March 28 Council Meeting.

There was general discussion as to the need for additional parking facilities. Borough Manager Ryan recommended the Borough survey and tally the number of parking spaces available on York Road at various times throughout the week. Bob Johnston, Main Street Hatboro, stated Borough business owners desired additional parking facilities. Councilwoman Guerst questioned the need for additional parking facilities, noting the availability of on-street parking on York Road.

Mr. Johnston inquired as to the sale of the Wachovia property. Borough Manager Ryan confirmed this property was put to bid, with the bid opening scheduled for May 2. There was general discussion as to the marketing efforts of CresaPartners. Borough Manager Ryan will contact CresaPartners as to this matter, and the consensus of Council was to address this matter at the March 28 Council Meeting, under Old Business, as may be needed.

PUBLIC WORKS – There was no report.

There was general discussion regarding meeting room acoustics. Superintendent Zollers will review meeting room audio speakers.

Mrs. Zygmunt inquired as to the calculation of the projected cost of the Public Works contract. Councilman LaSorsa confirmed he had not calculated this estimate.

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

2011 Community Development Block Grant – Borough Manager Ryan identified four candidate projects for 2011 Community Development Block Grant funding: (1) improvements to Bank Street; (2) improvements to the Bank Street parking area; (3) micro-enterprise grants for small business; and, (4) the installation of pedestrian crossings at York Road and Williams Lane, and at East Moreland Avenue at the Memorial Pool.

After general discussion it was the consensus of Council to have drafted two applications, the first for improvements to Bank Street and the second for micro-enterprise grants for small business, for consideration at the March 28 Council Meeting.

Mrs. Zygmunt inquired as to the District Justice Court Fit-out Project. . Borough Manager Ryan confirmed this project was put to bid, with the bid opening scheduled for May 2.

Main Street Manager Report – Council received the Main Street Manager’s monthly report. Councilman Zygmunt commented on items noted therein, including an initiative to clean Borough sidewalks throughout the business district.

President Reymer inquired as to the Community Revitalization Program 10-Year Review. Borough Manager Ryan noted the Montgomery County Planning Commission was preparing this document, and a copy of the document will be forwarded to Members, when received.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, this Committee Meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m..