

**BOROUGH OF HATBORO  
COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

**PRESENT** –President Zygmont, Vice President LaSorsa, Councilpersons Fleming, Hegele, Sheedy, Rich, Tompkins and Mayor Hawkes; Acting Borough Manager/Superintendent of Public Works Zollers, Assistant Borough Secretary Hegele, Chief of Police Gardner, Solicitor Pionzio, Borough Engineer Dougherty, & Fire Marshal Reading.

**ABSENT**

Code Official Fugate & Treasurer Kalnajs were absent.

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

**INVOCATION** – Mayor Hawkes stated there would be a moment of silence for the victims of 911 and K-9 Officer Bradley Fox of the Plymouth Township Police Department.

**PLEDGE OF ALLIGENCE** – The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chief Gardner.

President Zygmont announced that this meeting is being taped by the staff. He stated that there are two opportunities on the agenda for the public to address Council. The first privilege of the floor is for voting agenda items only.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR FOR AGENDA VOTING ITEMS** – There was no comment from the public.

**MAYOR'S REPORT** – Mayor Hawkes presented statistics that he felt important especially with the recent murder of Plymouth Township K-9 Officer Brad Fox; Mayor Hawkes stated 85 police officers have been killed in the line of duty, 33 were as a result of gunfire, before the age of 41 with 12.2 years of service on the job, of that 14 were K-9 Officers.

Mayor Hawkes stated that at the Conference of Mayors it was announced that a bill was introduced in Pennsylvania allowing local police to use radar. He stated Pennsylvania is the only state that does not use Radar.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT** – President Zygmont stated he had nothing to report this evening.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** – Vice President LaSorsa presented the Treasurer's report for the month of August 2012. He noted a balance of \$4,114,675.72. Interest earned for the month totaled \$359.76 on all accounts.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT** – Solicitor Pionzio stated she had nothing to report this evening.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT** – Borough Engineer Dougherty stated he had nothing to report this evening.

**MANAGER'S REPORT** – Acting Borough Manager Zollers stated that PECO recently their portion of Jefferson Avenue, the remaining portion will be done by the Borough and this is currently out to bid.

## **DEPARTMENT SUPERVISORS' REPORTS**

**CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT** – Chief Gardner stated members of his department attended and worked the detail for the funeral of K-9 Officer Brad Fox. He stated Sgt. Petrik and Ruegg worked the detail for the Montgomery County Major Incident Response Team. Chief Gardner extended sympathy to the family on behalf of his department and the residents of Hatboro.

**TAX COLLECTIONS REPORT** – The report for the month of August was submitted to Council in advance of tonight's meeting.

**PUBLIC WORKS REPORT** – President Zygmunt 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. Superintendent Zollers stated he had nothing further to report.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT** – President Zygmunt 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. BCO Fugate was absent tonight.

**FIRE MARSHAL REPORT** – President Zygmunt 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. Fire Marshal Reading stated he had nothing further to report.

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## **VOTING ITEMS**

**August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012 Committee/Council Minutes** – Vice President LaSorsa motioned to approve the August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2012 Committee/Council Minutes. Solicitor Pionzio stated she made a change to the Tanner Park Indemnification Agreement earlier today with Assistant Secretary Hegele. Councilman Tompkins made a friendly amendment, friendly amendment seconded by Vice President LaSorsa. Original motion seconded by Councilman Tompkins, both motions, all ayes. Both motions carried 7-0.

**September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012 Council Committee Meeting Minutes** – Vice President LaSorsa motioned to approve the September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012 Council Committee Meeting Minutes, motion seconded by Councilman Rich, all ayes. Motion carried 7-0.

**Approval of Department Supervisor's Reports** – Vice President LaSorsa motioned to approve the receipt of the Tax Collections, Public Works, Code Enforcement, Fire Marshal, Main Street, UMHJSA & Treasurer's Report for the month of August, motion seconded by Councilman Hegele, all ayes. Motion carried 7-0.

**Approval of Warrant List, Payment of Bills, Manual Checks/Transfers** – Vice President LaSorsa motioned to approve the Warrant List, Payment of Bills, and Manual Checks & Transfers. Councilman Tompkins stated that the bills for the Hometown Streets and Wachovia Lot should be paid from GenCap. Councilman Tompkins made a friendly amendment, friendly amendment seconded by Vice President LaSorsa. Original motion seconded by Councilman Hegele, both motions, all ayes. Both motions carried 7-0.

**Chamber of Commerce Request – Holiday Parade Route Reversal**– Vice President LaSorsa motioned to approve the route reversal for the Holiday Parade on Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012, motion seconded by Councilman Rich, all ayes. Motion carried 7-0.

**2012 Road Paving Project Advertising** – Vice President LaSorsa motioned to ratify the approval of advertising for bids for the 2012 Road Paving Program, motion seconded by Councilman Tompkins, all ayes. Motion carried 7-0

**Tanner Park Agreement** – President Zygmunt stated this was an update item; the agreement was approved at the August Council meeting subject to the Solicitor’s satisfaction. Solicitor Pionzio stated she has worked everything out with Bruce Nicolson and she is satisfied with the agreement and it is ok for the parties to sign.

**SPECIAL UPDATES**

Councilwoman Fleming stated Acting Manager Zollers submitted the 2011 Performance Recycling Grant.

Councilman Hegele stated he had nothing to report this evening.

Vice President LaSorsa stated he had nothing to report this evening.

Councilman Tompkins stated the Resolution for Cankak (Sullivan’s) will be a voting item on the October 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. He also stated that the Tanner Park Landscape/Lighting Agreement needs to go to the Shade Tree for review and should be on the October agenda for approval.

Mayor Hawkes stated he had nothing to report this evening.

Councilman Rich stated he had nothing to report this evening.

Councilman Sheedy stated he had nothing to report this evening.

President Zygmunt reminded all that on the agenda for October will be discussion of changing from OPT to EMS tax.

**OLD BUSINESS** – There was no old business to come before Council this evening.

**NEW BUSINESS** –There was no new business to come before Council this evening.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

Ron Battis – 320 W. Moreland Avenue asked for clarification on the vote tonight for the 2012 Road Paving Project. President Zygmunt stated Council ratified the vote only.

Tracy Thatford – 3 Drummers Way asked for a status update on the Woodwinds Buyout. Acting Manager Zollers stated there was no update tonight.

Nancy Barr – Wood Street asked about markings in the area of her property. Acting Manager Zollers stated Aqua is cleaning mains in the area, but asked Mrs. Barr to call him tomorrow and he will find out for sure.

Bruce Hart - 175 Earl Lane asked about dead trees throughout the Borough. President Zygmunt asked Mr. Hart to contact Borough Hall when he observes these. Acting Manager Zollers stated the Borough does not own any trees. He will relay the information to Codes and have them look at the trees Mr. Hart inquired about.

Acting Manager Zollers stated that Mr. Hart asked recently about trucks parked at the Little League Field and he contacted the Little League who referred him to Aqua. The trucks were on Aqua property at the field and Aqua gave permission. There was a brief discussion with the Solicitor over the ownership of the well at the field.

Lee Phillips - Wood Street asked how the Borough would handle if a dead tree was on private property. Fire Marshal Reading stated it would be a property maintenance issue

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

President Zygmunt announced there would be a brief executive session to discuss a personnel matter immediately after this meeting.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2012 meeting of Borough Council was adjourned at 7:23 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Alfred "Fred" Zollers  
Borough Secretary

Transcribed by Assistant Borough Secretary Diane Hegele