

**BOROUGH OF HATORO
COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 8th, 2012**

PRESENT – President Zygmunt, Vice President LaSorsa, Councilpersons Tompkins, Fleming, Hegele, Sheedy & Rich; Mayor Hawkes, Acting Borough Manager/Superintendent of Public Works Zollers, Assistant Borough Secretary Hegele, Chief of Police Gardner, Code Official Fugate, Solicitor Pionzio, Borough Engineer Dougherty & Treasurer Kalnajs.

ABSENT

PUBLIC SAFETY – Chief Gardner reminded everyone that County Line Road at the Railroad crossing would be closed beginning Friday evening, October 12th through Monday morning, October 15th. Septa will be doing work on the crossing, and detours are posted.

FINANCE – Vice President LaSorsa stated the 2011 Audit has been completed and copies have been distributed to Council, he stated if there are any questions to let him know. On the October 22nd Council meeting he will ask Council to approve the Audit and the necessary fund transfers.

GRANTS & FUNDING – Councilperson Fleming present the following item.

Clock Study Proposal – Mr. Keith Winship from Winships' Pieces of Time and Mr. Charles Roche were in attendance to give a presentation on the Loller Clock Study and also to answer any questions from Borough Council. Mr. Winship reviewed with Council the contents of his proposal and the work and time involved. There was a discussion and questions from Council concerning the hours of work, the condition of the clock, the funding in place and what to do if the clock is disassembled but the project does not go forth. There were questions as to proposals received, at this time the committee has only received this one. Mr. Winship stated he was going to be documenting this venture; he stated there was nothing on this clock he could not fix. Mr. Roche stated there is a budget for the work, and the group is still fundraising. There was a discussion if the phase one began and the clock was disassemble what would happen if the funding was not secured, who would pay for the clock to be reassembled and put back in the tower. Mr. Winship stated it would take an estimated 20 to 30 hours, probably \$3000.00 to do. Councilwoman Fleming stated the worst exposure to the Borough with the budget currently presented would be about \$3000.00. Solicitor Pionzio stated Mr. Roche should contact her office so they can prepare a contract for services, she stated her office could handle the legal terms and Acting Manager Zollers could work on the business terms and then both can report back to Borough Council. President Zygmunt asked for a list of references also from Mr. Winship. There was a discussion on putting a value on the clock; a value is needed in order to make sure that the proper insurance is in

place before anything can be done. Mr. Roche stated he needs this in order to go forward with fundraising. He stated it is hard to get money from different contributors when there is no starting date for the project. President Zygmunt asked Acting Manager Zollers to keep Council up to date on this project. Vice President LaSorsa asked if there is a time limit on the grant. Acting Manager Zollers stated March 31, 2014.

PUBLIC WORKS – Councilman Rich presented the following item.

2012 Road Paving – Councilman Rich stated the bids were opened for this project on October 4th, 2012 at 10:00 AM, a total of seven bids were received. Councilman Rich stated a copy of the bid tabulation was distributed to Council prior to the meeting. The Borough Engineer is recommending the Borough award the base bid and alternate A to Bray Brothers, Inc. in the amount of \$79,110.25. This item was moved to the voting meeting at the end of this meeting for approval.

FACILITIES & PARKS – Councilman Sheedy presented the following item.

Tanner Park Landscape/Lighting Plan – Acting Manager Zollers stated the application has been reviewed by the Borough Planning Commission and the Borough Shade Tree Commission. He is ok with the recommendation to move a tree but would like to discuss the maintenance issues with the flower beds; he is ok with adding the maintenance responsibilities but wants to make sure all are aware this will take more time. Catharine Farnen stated she laid out the beds in a fashion that it would be easier mowing and one small area planted closer together to discourage weeds. Acting Manager Zollers stated he was concerned with the watering of the trees, as Public Works does not have a mechanism to do this. Mrs. Farnen stated the contractor would be responsible for the trees for the first year as part of the warranty. President Zygmunt stated he trusts Mrs. Farnen's choice of trees and he would like to approve this tonight. There was a discussion about Gardeners of Hatboro, Kiwanis, Elm Street or other non profits to help with the maintenance at this park. This item was moved to the voting agenda at the end of this meeting for approval.

PUBLIC & COMMUNITY RELATIONS – Councilman Hegele stated he had nothing for his agenda this evening. President Zygmunt asked for an update on the status of the new website. Assistant Secretary Hegele stated staff went for training and the site can go live once Sitecats receives final payment. She stated the final bill in the amount of \$880.00 would be on the warrant list for the October 22nd, 2012 for payment.

ZONING & HISTORIC PRESERVATION – Councilman Tompkins presented the following item.

Cankak, Land Development Application Resolution – Councilman Tompkins stated that applicant and his attorney were present for questions. There was one issue concerning noise and the applicant has installed acoustic block, Mr. Whalon stated the product used was NASA approved and used for sound mitigation. It was also mentioned the applicant will be planting 10 Juniper trees along the rear of the property. President Zygmunt stated

he and Chief Gardner met with the Principal of Crooked Billet to discuss the noise issue and she has stated the noise from this business is not disruptive; it is not any different than the train going by. This item will be moved to the voting agenda at the end of this meeting for approval.

Hatboro 300 Committee – Councilman Sheedy stated he had nothing to report.
Parks Committee – Councilman Sheedy stated he had nothing to report.

Stormwater Committee – Councilman Hegele stated he had nothing to report.

Economic Development Committee – Vice President LaSorsa stated he had nothing to report.

Zoning Subcommittee – Councilman Tompkins stated he had nothing to report.

ADMINISTRATION – President Zygmunt presented the following items.

Fee Schedule Amendment - Assistant Borough Secretary reviewed the proposed changes to the existing fee schedule, they were as follows:

- Clarification on fees for sheds over 200 square feet
- Flat fee established for driveways
- Recalculation of fees for Commercial U&O's
- Omission of zoning review fees in certain sections of fee schedule

This item will be moved to the October Council meeting in the form of a resolution for formal approval.

County Line Road – Bucks County Water & Sewer Authority Project - Acting Manager Zollers stated he and Chief Gardner have met with representatives from Bucks County Water & Sewer to review and discuss construction and traffic issues for upcoming work on County Line Road in the Borough. The contractor needs to work during the nighttime hours and will need an exception to the noise ordinance. Per the ordinance a public hearing needs to be held and property owners notified. The public hearing will be held on Monday, October 22nd, 2012 beginning at 7:00 PM. Assistant Borough Secretary Hegele will advertise the hearing and send out letters to the affected residents.

EMS Tax Ordinance – President Zygmunt reviewed a spreadsheet analyzing the potential revenue if the Borough collected the \$52.00 EMS Tax vs. the current \$10.00 OPT Tax. After a brief discussion it was decided to have the Solicitor prepare and ordinance and place this on the agenda for approval to advertise at the October 22nd, 2012 Council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the October 8th Committee meetings of Borough Council were adjourned at 9:01 P.M.

VOTING MEETING

President Zygmunt called the voting meeting for October 8th, 2012 to order at 9:10 P.M.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

There was no business to come before Council.

FIRE COMPANY EXPENDITURE LIST

Vice President LaSorsa motioned to approve the transfer of funds to the Enterprise Fire Company in the amount of \$58,027.33. President Zygmunt questioned if the Engine Payment should be on this list or the capital list. Fire Company President Gowen stated it should be on the capital list. Councilman Tompkins motioned to make a friendly amendment to the original motion to remove the engine payment for a new total of \$13,357.20, motion seconded by President Zygmunt. Original motion seconded by Councilman Hegele, all ayes for both motions, both motions carried 7-0.

2012 ROAD PAVING PROGRAM

Vice President LaSorsa motioned to approve the award of the 2012 Road Paving Program to Bray Brothers, Inc. in the amount of \$79,110.25. Councilman Tompkins asked if this included alternate A. Councilman Tompkins motioned to make a friendly amendment to the original motion and include alternate a, motion seconded by Vice President LaSorsa. Original motion seconded by Councilman Rich, all ayes for both motions, both motions carried 7-0.

CANKAK, LAND DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION RESOLUTION

Vice President LaSorsa motioned to approve Resolution #2012-12, Cankak, LP Land Development Application, motion seconded by Councilperson Fleming, all ayes. Motion carried 7-0.

TANNER PARK LANDSCAPE/LIGHTING PLAN

Councilman Tompkins motioned to approve the verbal Resolution to be prepared by the Borough Solicitor and signed by the President & Borough Secretary that will contain the following five stipulations:

- Applicant shall revise the plan to satisfy all comments from the Borough Engineer's letter dated September 6th, 2012
- Applicant shall relocate the tree or trees adjacent to the retaining wall acceptable to the Borough Engineer
- Applicant shall warrant the landscape plantings for one (1) year from installation completion date
- Applicant shall make every effort to develop the landscape beds to minimize the burden of future maintenance
- Applicant shall execute an Agreement for Construction/Installation of playground equipment and landscaping at Tanner Park, the terms of which shall be to the Borough Solicitor's satisfaction

This motion was seconded by Councilman Sheedy, all ayes. Motion carried 7-0.

Solicitor Pionzio stated that recently it was discovered that there are discrepancies in the recently codified code of ordinances for the zoning code; she is asking Council to authorize Borough staff to work with her to bring the zoning code current. She will work with staff to identify the issues in the zoning code only at this time, it was pointed out there are other issues but it is her opinion we need to work on this first. She stated Council will need to have a public hearing at the November 19th meeting and vote on the changes.

Councilman Tompkins motioned to permit the solicitor to advertise re-adoption of the Zoning Code as existed as of May 22, 2011 subject and addition to the ordinances adopted subsequent to May 23, 2011, motion seconded by Councilman Rich, all ayes. Motion carried 7-0.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. Hart, Earl Lane asked if the contractor for the County Line Road job will be blasting during the day or night. Acting Manager Zollers stated he would have to ask the contractor.

Mr. Hart also stated the sound system was not working tonight.

Mr. Battis, W. Moreland Avenue asked if Council could turn the sound system off until fixed properly, it was a distracting tonight because it was intermittently working.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the October 8th voting portion of the Committee meeting of Borough Council was adjourned at 9:17 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Alfred "Fred" Zollers
Borough Secretary

Transcribed by Assistant Borough Secretary Diane Hegele