

**BOROUGH OF HATBORO
REORGANIZATION MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2012**

OATH OF OFFICE – Honorable District Justice Paul Leo administered the oath of office to Councilman Robert Hegele. Honorable Mayor Norm Hawkes administered the oath of office to Councilman David Rich and Mark Sheedy.

PRESENT – Mayor Hawkes, Councilman Zygmunt, LaSorsa, Tompkins, Hegele, Rich, Sheedy & Fleming; Borough Manager Plaughter, Chief of Police Gardner, Superintendent of Public Works Zollers, BCO Fugate & Treasurer Kalnajs.

CALL TO ORDER – Honorable Mayor Norm Hawkes called this reorganization meeting of Council to order at 7:07 PM.

INVOCATION – Mayor Hawkes lead the invocation with a moment of silence.

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

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF PRESIDENT – Councilman LaSorsa nominated Councilman Zygmunt as President, seconded by Councilman Rich, all ayes, with Councilman Zygmunt abstaining. Motion carried 6-0.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT – President Zygmunt nominated Councilman LaSorsa as Vice President, seconded by Councilman Tompkins, all ayes with Councilman LaSorsa abstaining. Motion carried 6-0.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF PRESIDENT PRO TEM – Vice President LaSorsa nominated Councilman Tompkins as President Pro Tem, seconded by Councilman Sheedy, all ayes. Motion carried 7-0.

APPOINTMENT OF VACANCY BOARD CHAIR – Councilman Tompkins motioned to approve the appointment of George “Skip” Emig as Vacancy Board Chair, motion seconded by Vice President LaSorsa, all ayes. Motion carried 7-0.

APPOINTMENT OF BOROUGH SOLICITOR – Vice President LaSorsa motioned to approve the appointment of the firm Hamburg, Rubin, Mullin, Maxwell and Lupin as Borough Solicitor, motion seconded by Councilman Hegele, vote taken with Councilman Hegele, Rich, Sheedy, Tompkins, LaSorsa and Zygmunt voting in favor and Councilwoman Fleming voting nay. Motion carried 6-1.

APPOINTMENT OF TREASURER – Councilman Tompkins motioned to approve the appointment of Alex Kalnajs as Treasurer, motion seconded by Councilman Hegele, all ayes. Motion carried 7-0.

APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY – Vice President LaSorsa motioned to approve the appointment of Steven Plaughter as Borough Secretary, motion seconded by Councilman Hegele, all ayes. Motion carried 7-0.

APPOINTMENT OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY – Councilman Sheedy motioned to approve the appointment of Diane Hegele as Assistant Borough Secretary, motion seconded by Councilman Tompkins, with Councilman Hegele abstaining. Motion carried 6-0.

CONSIDER ADVERTISEMENT OF THE CALENDAR OF 2012 MEETINGS – Councilman Tompkins motioned to approve the calendar for the 2012 Borough Meeting schedule, motion seconded by Vice President LaSorsa, all ayes. Motion carried 7-0.

CAPITAL BUDGET WORKSHOP ANNOUNCEMENT – President Zygmunt stated there will be a capital budget workshop on Saturday, January 21st, 2012 at 9:30 AM.

COMMENTS FROM MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Councilwoman Fleming welcomed the new council members and stated she was looking forward to working with everyone.

Councilman Hegele thanked everyone for coming and his family. He stated he would be involved with the public safety committee and working with the Mayor. He stated he was a Hatboro Police Officer for 27 years and is looking forward to serving the community again. He stated Public Safety is going to be working with storm water issues. In addition to Public Safety he will be chairing the public relations/community relations committee, which includes a new community newsletter, website and also updates to the Community Channel.

Councilman Tompkins stated he would be chairing the Zoning Committee again, and would like to move items forward including a sign ordinance and historic preservation ordinance. He also stated he was looking forward to working with Council.

Vice President LaSorsa stated he was chairing the Finance Committee. In 2006 as Chair, he pledged to control spending, and in his return this year he is going to be very careful in spending money. He stated the Borough budget will be transparent and error free. Work will begin soon on a capital budget. He will also be chairing the Economic Development Committee which will focus on the success of the business community.

Mayor Hawkes stated he is looking forward to working with the new Council members and with Councilman Hegele and his police experience on the Public Safety Committee.

Councilman Rich stated he has the pleasure of chairing the Public Works Committee. He stated residents often have more contact with the public works department than other departments with their work on the streets, parks, trash collection and snow plowing, he stated their work is invaluable. He stated he is also looking forward to working on storm water issues and the reestablishment of the storm water committee. He stated he will continue to work to ensure the efficient use of tax payer dollars.

Councilman Sheedy thanked everyone in Hatboro for their trust in electing him. He is chairing the Facilities Committee and also the Hatboro 300th Birthday Committee.

President Zygmunt read a statement which is attached to these minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Mr. John Weinrich, 50/52 Byberry Road spoke concerning his property and the fire house construction project. He stated construction vehicles from the project have damaged his

and a neighbor's property. President Zygmunt asked Borough Manager Plaugher to arrange a meeting with Mr. Weinrich to resolve this issue.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the January 3rd, 2012 reorganization meeting of Borough Council was adjourned at 7:29 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven J. Plaugher
Secretary