

**BOROUGH OF HATBORO  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
MONDAY, JANUARY 9th, 2012**

**PRESENT** – President Zygmunt, Vice President LaSorsa, Councilpersons Tompkins, Hegele, Rich, Sheedy & Fleming and Mayor Hawkes. Borough Manager Plaughter, Chief of Police Gardner, Superintendent Zollers, Borough Engineer Dougherty, Borough Solicitor Pionzio, Zoning Officer Fugate, and Treasurer Kalnajs.

**ABSENT**

**CALL TO ORDER** – President Zygmunt called this Committee Meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

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

**FINANCE** – Vice President LaSorsa presented the following items:

**Fire Company Expenditure List** – The monthly expenditure list was presented to Borough Council for approval. Vice President LaSorsa motioned to approve the Enterprise Fire Company monthly expenditure list, motion seconded by Councilman Tompkins, all ayes. Motion carried 7-0.

**Fire Company Capital Expenditure List** – Fire Company President Gowen explained what a MDC was. Councilman Tompkins asked how many the fire company needed. President Gowen stated one for each vehicle, the cost is 1200.00 for installation. This item was moved forward to the Council meeting for consideration.

**Capital Budget Workshop** – Vice President LaSorsa stated there will be a Capital Budget Workshop on Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:30 AM.

**PUBLIC SAFETY** – Mayor Hawkes presented the following items:

**Sergeant's Exam** – Chief Gardner has requested a Sergeant's exam due to a current vacancy for the position of Sergeant, this position has been budgeted for 2012 and he is asking Council to direct the Civil Service to test. This item was moved forward to the Council meeting for consideration.

**Police Vehicle Purchase** – Chief Gardner is recommending the purchase of a 2012 Ford Interceptor SUV, replacing the Ford Expedition, this vehicle is \$3000 less than an Expedition and will take 4 to 6 months from order to delivery. Councilman Tompkins asked if long term if the department goes to all interceptors would the Borough save on maintenance costs? Chief Gardner stated there could be some savings. This item was moved forward to the Council meeting for consideration.

**GRANTS & FUNDING** – Councilwoman Fleming presented the following items:

**CRP 2012 Grant Application** – Borough Manager Plaughter explained that the 2012 Community Revitalization Program grant applications are due to the Planning Commission by January 17, 2012. There was a discussion concerning the projects, and if storm water projects can be included. Borough Engineer Dougherty stated three separate applications can be submitted and he would report back on our options after discussing with the County. President Zygmunt stated since the applications are due on January 17<sup>th</sup>, Council will need to ratify at the January 23<sup>rd</sup> Council meeting.

**PUBLIC WORKS** – Councilman Rich had nothing to report this evening.

**FACILITIES & PARKS** – Councilman Sheedy presented the following items:

**Victorian Village Borough Property** – Councilman Sheedy stated the Borough received a complaint from Victorian Village Property Management in regards to no heat in our vacant store front (proposed district court). They are concerned that our sprinkler system pipes that are charged may burst, and they have received complaints from the second floor residents about cold air coming up through the floor.

Borough Manager Plaughter stated Victorian Village is offering to install a hanging electric heater, the same they have done in past years. They will install the heater at no cost; the Borough would be responsible for the electricity. Councilman Tompkins stated an electric heater may be too costly to operate. Consensus of Council was the Manager is authorized to spend up to \$2500.00 in heating equipment and/or installation, the expense to be paid from the capital fund.

**Memorial Pool Fees** – Councilman Sheedy reviewed the fee schedule he proposed for the pool fees for the 2012 summer season. There were a few minor revisions discussed and he will make the changes.

Mr. Battis, 320 W. Moreland Avenue asked if there were only a few people at the pool, the Borough may want to consider closing earlier. He also asked about the Wachovia Municipal parking lot project, he stated the contractor has been paid for the construction work however there is an old manhole cover in the grass.

Mrs. Phillips, 206 Wood Street asked when the revised pool membership rates would be available to the public. The information will be sent out in the tax bills and posted on the website.

This item was moved forward to consideration at the Council meeting.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS/COMMUNITY RELATIONS** – Councilman Hegele presented the following items:

Robert Stauch Building Dedication- Councilman Hegele stated the Public Works Building dedication ceremony is on Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012, the time will be announced.

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

Wawa Presentation: Councilman Tompkins stated WaWa has requested to come before Council and make a preliminary presentation on a proposal to develop the southwest corner of Horsham Road and York Road. They will coming to the January 23<sup>rd</sup> Council Meeting. President Zygmunt asked if we should be sending letters to the surrounding residents. Councilwoman Fleming asked if information should be put on the website. Borough Solicitor Pionzio stated the developer may want to have their own meeting with residents either before or after the Council presentation. The consensus of Council was to have Wawa in for the January 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting and then encourage community meetings with the developer and residents if needed.

**Penn Valley Church, 400 Lincoln Avenue** – Councilman Tompkins stated the Church submitted a zoning hearing board application for a variance needed to lease the property at 400 Lincoln Avenue along with \$2,000. The property owner declined to lease the property to the Church and they have withdrawn their zoning hearing board application. Penn Valley Church is seeking a refund of their application fee minus any administrative costs. Councilman Tompkins stated the costs to date are \$309.50. Borough Solicitor

Pionzio stated the Borough should refund what they did not use. The consensus of Council was to refund the money minus the administrative costs.

**McMackin – ZHB Variance** – Councilman Tompkins stated that Mr. & Mrs. McMackin filed an application with the zoning hearing board to allow a dwelling unit on his property at 6 S. York Road which is prohibited in the zoned Highway Business District. Councilman Tompkins asked if Council should take a position. Borough Solicitor Pionzio stated Council should remain neutral unless has a strong opinion regarding any project.

Mr. Battis, 320 W. Moreland Avenue asked about posting curb side non-government signs. He stated signs are popping up all over the entrance ways to town, this maybe setting a precedence. He asked if more groups want signs up, what would happen, the sign ordinance is well written and we should not allow signs to be posted curbside. He stated there are multiple signs in the area of his home; this is a violation in R district and flood plain. He stated he is in favor of signs that name a public park. Mr. Battis asked if there is going to be signs around town. President Zygmunt stated if it is against the ordinance then the Borough should have them taken down. Borough Solicitor Pionzio stated Code Enforcement should check if a permit is in place and if the signs have been installed in violation of the sign ordinance.

**ADMINISTRATION** – President Zygmunt presented the following items:

**Commissions, Boards & Consultants** – President Zygmunt announced the Borough will be accepting letters of interest through January 15<sup>th</sup>. The following Boards and Commissions have positions to be filled, planning commission, UMHJSA, shade tree commission, zoning hearing board, borough authority, civil service, library board, historian, fire board, fire marshal and tax collection committee. Councilman Tompkins stated the resignation of the member on the planning commission is a partial term, and wanted to know how much of the term was remaining. Councilman Tompkins also stated the Borough Authority terms are out of sink and asked if we could get them back in sink. Borough Solicitor Pionzio stated yes it could if Council feels it is a problem.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, this Committee Meeting was adjourned at 8:37 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven J. Plaughter  
Borough Secretary