

**BOROUGH OF HATBORO
COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 12th, 2012**

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

ABSENT

CALL TO ORDER VOTING MEETING – President Zygmunt called the voting meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR FOR AGENDA VOTING ITEMS – There was no comment.

FIRE COMPANY EXPENDITURE LIST – Vice President LaSorsa motioned to approve the transfer of funds to the Enterprise Fire Company in the amount of \$7,399.62, motion seconded by Councilman Tompkins, all ayes. Motion carried 7-0.

CALL TO ORDER COMMITTEE MEETING - President Zygmunt called the Committee meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

PUBLIC SAFETY – Mayor Hawkes presented the following items:

Police Officer Hire – Chief Gardner stated the Civil Service Commission met on January 26, 2012 and certified the eligibility list for the position of police officer. He stated he is ready to make an offer to one of the top three candidates. Chief Gardner is anticipating an April appointment. The consensus of Borough Council was to authorize Chief Gardner to make a conditional offer of employment.

Councilman Tompkins asked when the promotional exam was scheduled for. Chief Gardner stated April 25th, 2012.

FINANCE – Vice President LaSorsa stated he had nothing to report.

Councilman Tompkins asked if the May Capital Budget Workshop has been scheduled. Vice President LaSorsa stated he will look to schedule this workshop after April 15th.

GRANTS & FUNDING – Councilwoman Fleming presented the following items:

Clock Tower Restoration Planning Grant Application – Councilwoman Fleming stated that an application was filed with the PA Historical & Museum Commission on March 1st, 2012. She stated that the application is for \$10,000 with a \$5,000 local match to be raised privately by the Clock Tower Committee.

DCNR (C2P2) Grant Program – Councilwoman Fleming stated the PA Department of Conservation & Natural Resources C2Ps grant program is now accepting applications. She stated she attended a recent seminar and projects eligible are Park and Trail related, with a 50/50 match and must be shovel ready. Borough Engineer Dougherty stated that the Corinthian Trail Project does not appear to be a shovel ready project. There was a discussion of possible projects to include Corinthian Trail, Eaton/Memorial Park

crossing and another possible trail project, it was the consensus of Borough Council to get ideas together and to discuss this at the Capital Budget workshop in May so Council can be prepared to submit a project in 2013.

CDBG Projects - Borough Manager Plaugher stated the Montgomery County Housing and Community Development Agency is accepting CDBG applications for the 2012-2013 funding cycle. In February Council discussed possible projects, if Council would like to apply a project needs to be submitted by the April 2nd deadline. This does not have to be shovel ready. Projects discussed were flooding at the intersection of York/Byberry, storm sewer under York Road near Byberry Road and Academy/Horsham Road traffic. Borough Engineer Dougherty is going to look at York/Byberry Road and report back to Council.

PUBLIC WORKS – Councilman Rich presented the following.

Surplus Public Works Equipment – Councilman Rich stated Council is in receipt of a memo from Superintendent Zollers listing surplus equipment he would like to sell on Municibid. A resolution will be prepared authorizing the sale for Council consideration at the March 26th, 2012 Council meeting.

FACILITIES & PARKS – Councilman Sheedy presented the following items:

Special Event Application Pennypack Pool Day – Councilman Sheedy stated Council is in receipt of a request to use the pool from the Pennypack Elementary School Home & School Association for approximately 260 children on June 12th from 9:30 AM to 1:45 PM. They have requested a waiver of fees, the organization in the past has paid for the lifeguards to staff the pool. This item will be moved to the Council agenda for approval at the March 26th, 2012 Council meeting.

Special Event Application Second Saturday – Councilman Sheedy stated Council is in receipt of an Event Request Form from the Chamber of Commerce for Second Saturday in the York Road Business District beginning April 14th and continuing through the year from 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM each Saturday. President Zygmunt stated this is a new event to be voted on. Chief Gardner will evaluate the event and see if there is a need for extra police. He will update Council. This item will be moved to the Council agenda for approval at the March 26th, 2012 Council meeting.

Mayor Hawkes stated he did not kill First Friday as rumors have said, First Friday is a chamber event and they stopped the event.

Councilman Hegele stated Borough Council had nothing to do with First Friday ending either it was a decision made by the Chamber.

Special Event Application Carnival – Councilman Sheedy stated Council is in receipt of a Event Request Form from the Chamber of Commerce for the Summer Fun Festival, Carnival & Fireworks on May 25th to June 2nd in Miller Meadow. Fireworks are scheduled for June 1st from 9:30 PM until 10:00 PM. Council would like clarification on the set up and removal dates for the Carnival. The Chamber is requesting a waiver of fees. This item will be moved to the Council agenda for approval at the March 26th, 2012 Council meeting.

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

Borough Website – Councilman Hegele stated the Borough staff has met with website development companies and have reviewed the proposals with the Council Public/Community Relations Committee. The

committee is recommending SiteCats Web Development of Doylestown to design and develop a new Borough website at a cost of \$5,857.00. There was a discussion on where to fund this expenditure, the need for a new website, maintenance costs for the new website.

Mrs. Phillips, Wood Street Hatboro stated that Channel 22 has never looked better. She wanted to know if the Borough could sell advertising space on the website to help offset the costs. Borough Manager Plaughter stated he did not think this could be done. He suggested using Capital Funds for this purchase. President Zygmunt stated this item should be moved to the May Capital Budget Workshop. President Zygmunt asked for a comparison of proposals for Council and asked for clarification on who would own the website.

Mr. Henry, 238 Bonair Avenue stated Council should look into and see, School Districts are selling ad space on school buses. He feels Mrs. Phillips idea is worth investigating.

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

Home Town Streets (HTS) Crosswalk Color Selection – Councilman Tompkins stated as part of the Hometown Streets (HTS) project Borough Engineer Dougherty needs Council to decide on a crosswalk color selection. Borough Engineer Dougherty distributed a color and design chart for Council to review. He stated this is now a more durable material. After a discussion about the product, color and design it was the consensus of Borough Council in favor of the color maroon and the herringbone design. This item will be moved to the March 26th, 2012 Council meeting for approval.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Hatboro 300 – Councilman Sheedy stated he had no report. Councilman Hegele stated he attended a luncheon at the Chamber of Commerce and the Chamber is in the process of putting together a committee for this event.

Parks Committee – Councilman Sheedy stated he along with Councilman Rich is working on forming a parks committee comprised of residents who will evaluate and make recommendations to Borough Council.

Assistant Secretary Hegele stated pool memberships will be available beginning April 1st.

Stormwater – EMC Zollers stated he and Borough Manager Plaughter met with the residents of Woodwinds on March 6th. He advised the residents the FEMA/PEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Application and answered questions. Woodwinds residents were advised the next step in the process was to have properties appraised and then make a decision on participation. The Woodwinds Property Management Company is going to coordinate the appraisals and contact each homeowner. Once this is done the Borough should have a count of those properties that would like to participate. EMC Zollers stated he will continue to work on this grant, as FEMA/PEMA would like to see continued movement. He stated he will compile costs and report back to Council.

Economic Development – Vice President LaSorsa stated he had no report.

Zoning Subcommittee – Councilman Tompkins stated he had no report.

ADMINISTRATION – President Zygmunt presented the following item:

Joint Board of Appeals Construction Code – Borough Manager Plaughter stated in 2007 Borough Council passed a resolution but have no evidence an ordinance was passed.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, this Committee Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven J. Plaughter
Borough Secretary

Transcribed by Assistant Secretary Diane Hegele