

**BOROUGH OF HATBORO  
COUNCIL MEETING  
MONDAY, MARCH 26th, 2012**

**PRESENT** –President Zygmunt, Councilpersons Fleming, Hegele, Rich, Sheedy, Tompkins and Mayor Hawkes; Borough Manager Plaughner, Assistant Borough Secretary Hegele, Chief of Police Gardner, Superintendent of Public Works Zollers, Borough Solicitor Pionzio, Borough Engineer Dougherty, & Treasurer Kalnajs.

**ABSENT**

Vice President LaSorsa and Borough Code Official Fugate were absent.

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

**INVOCATION** – Pastor Steve McComas of the Lehman United Methodist Church lead the invocation. Mayor Hawkes asked for a moment of silence in memory of Ms. Nancy Bobkoski, long time School District employee and former Principal of Crooked Billet School.

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

President Zygmunt announced there was an executive session tonight prior to this meeting to discuss legal matters and a personnel matter.

President Zygmunt 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. He stated there were three changes on the agenda that were not discussed at the Committee Meeting. He asked Borough Manager Plaughner to provide information on these changes.

Borough Manager Plaughner stated the Greater Hatboro Chamber of Commerce is in need of office space. On the agenda tonight is a request to lease the spare room on the second floor of Borough Hall to the Chamber in the amount of \$300.00 per month beginning May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012. This will assist the Chamber is getting back on their feet.

Borough Manager Plaughner stated Main Street Hatboro is presently in an office on the first floor on Borough Hall, he is proposing to move the Main Street Manager to the same office as the Chamber of Commerce with rent in the amount of \$300.00 also per month beginning May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2012. Borough Manager Plaughner is recommending a \$300.00 in kind donation to Main Street to offset the rental cost.

Borough Manager Plaughner stated on 7-25-11 Borough Council approved a 3<sup>rd</sup> party review of the Police Department and entered into an agreement with the Governor's Center for Local Government Services to conduct a Police Management Study. Borough Manager Plaughner stated at this time the study does not appear to meet the Borough's goals.

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

**MAYOR'S REPORT** – Mayor Hawkes stated he had nothing to report this evening.

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

**TREASURER'S REPORT** – Treasurer Kalnajs noted a balance of \$ 2,961,576.77 on all accounts at the end of February, 2012. Interest earned for the month totaled \$273.14 on all accounts.

Treasurer Kalnajs gave a report for the month of February on taxes collected.

**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** – Borough Manager Plaughter stated he had several things to report on this evening.

1. Public Works Trash Truck – Borough Manager Plaughter stated the new body was ordered.
2. Clock Tower Grant – Borough Manager Plaughter stated the application was filed by deadline; the grant is for \$10,000 with a \$5000 match.
3. Borough Manager Plaughter stated he attended a Surplus Equipment seminar hosted by PA Department of General Services.
4. Fire House Project – Borough Manager Plaughter stated the State Office of Budget toured and reviewed the project.
5. Feasibility Study – Borough Manager Plaughter stated this continues and he is meeting with one more firm and then will meet with members of the facility committee to review proposals.
6. Borough Manager Plaughter stated he attended a Manager's conference discussing labor and personnel issues.

#### **DEPARTMENT SUPERVISORS' REPORTS**

**CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT** – Chief Gardner stated on May 3<sup>rd</sup> the School District along with his department and the Montgomery County Adult Probation Department are hosting a seminar Community Education Program on Sex Offenders. He will get this on the website and community channel. This is open to the public.

Councilman Sheedy asked about the recent possible child luring incident in Upper Moreland. Chief Gardner stated it was in Upper Moreland and their police are investigating but his department is also aware of the incident.

**TAX COLLECTIONS REPORT** – The report for the month of February was given by Treasurer Kalnajs under the Treasurer's Report.

**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 23 out of 24 homeowners in Woodwinds have responded they are interested in moving forward with the appraisal process. He stated there are some flood insurance questions and he is meeting with FEMA tomorrow and will get clarification at that time.

**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 not present 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**

**February 27, 2012 Council Meeting Minutes** – Councilman Tompkins motioned to approve the February 27, 2012 Council Meeting Minutes, motion seconded by Councilman Sheedy, all ayes. Motion carried 6-0.

**March 12, 2012 Council Committee Meeting Minutes** – Councilman Rich motioned to approve the March 12, 2012 Council Committee Meeting Minutes with corrections as discussed and listed, motion seconded by Councilman Tompkins, all ayes. Motion carried 6-0.

Special Event Application Carnival – should read fireworks are scheduled for June 1<sup>st</sup> from 9:30 to 10:00 PM.

Last Page, Joint Board of Appeals Construction Code – should read Borough Manager Plaughter stated in 2007 Borough Council passed a resolution but there is no evidence that an ordinance was passed.

**Approval of Department Supervisor’s Reports** – Councilman Rich motioned to approve the receipt of the Tax Collections, Public Works, Code Enforcement, Fire Marshal & Treasurer’s Report for the month of February, motion seconded by Councilman Sheedy, all ayes. Motion carried 6-0.

**Approval of Warrant List, Payment of Bills, Manual Checks/Transfers** – Councilwoman Fleming and Vice President LaSorsa motioned to approve the Warrant List, Payment of Bills, Manual Checks & Transfers, motion seconded by Councilman Rich, all ayes. Motion carried 6-0.

**Police Officer Hire – Civil Service Commission** – Councilman Hegele motioned to ratify the conditional offer of employment to John F. Gibson IV, as a full time Police Officer pending successful completion of psychological and physical exams and state certification, motion seconded by Councilman Tompkins, all ayes. Motion carried 6-0.

**Surplus Borough Equipment Resolution 2012-04** – Councilman Rich motioned to approve Resolution #2012-04, authorizing the sale of surplus Borough equipment, motion seconded by Councilman Sheedy, all ayes. Motion carried 6-0.

**CDBG Grant Application Resolution 2012 – 06** – Councilwoman Fleming motioned to approve Resolution #2012-06, CDBG 2012-2013 Grant Application to include York Road at Byberry Road storm water improvements, motion seconded by Councilman Tompkins, all ayes. Motion carried 6-0.

**Special Event Application – Pennypack Pool Day** – Councilman Sheedy motioned to approve Pennypack Pool Day special event application to use Memorial Pool on June 12, 2012, with the approved waiver of fees and reimbursement of lifeguard wages for the time of the event, motion seconded by Councilman Tompkins, all ayes. Motion carried 6-0.

**Special Event Application – Chamber of Commerce – Second Saturday** – Councilwoman Fleming made a motion to approve Chamber of Commerce Second Saturday beginning April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012 with the condition that this event can be revisited at any time and review of police and borough services evaluation, motion seconded by Councilman Hegele, all ayes. Motion carried 6-0.

**Special Event Application – Chamber of Commerce – Summer Fun Festival & Carnival** – Councilwoman Fleming motioned to approve Chamber of Commerce Summer Fun Festival Carnival & Fireworks special event to be held in Miller Meadow from May 25<sup>th</sup> through June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012 with set up and teardown dates of May 20<sup>th</sup> to June 6<sup>th</sup>, \$750.00 escrow to be paid to the Borough, a waiver of the daily rental fees for the use of Miller Meadow for the entire event and fireworks to begin at 9:30 PM, motion seconded by Councilman Tompkins, all ayes. Motion carried 6-0.

**Hometown Streets (HTS) Grant – Crosswalk Decorative Pattern & Color Selection** – Councilman Tompkins made a motion to approve the maroon and offset brick design for the crosswalks in the Hometown Streets Grant Application, motion seconded by Councilman Hegele, all ayes. Motion carried 6-0.

**Fire Advisory Board Appointment** – Councilman Sheedy motioned to approve the appointment of Joseph Reading to the Fire Advisory Board, motion seconded by Councilman Rich, vote taken with Councilman Hegele, Tompkins, Zygmunt, Rich & Sheedy voting in favor and Councilwoman Fleming voting against. Motion carried 5-1.

**FEMA/PEMA Designated Borough Agent for Hazard Mitigation Grant Program Resolution 2012-05** – Councilwoman Fleming motioned to approve Resolution #2012-05 appointing Fred Zollers, EMC and Steven Plaucher, Borough Manager as the designated agents for the Hazard Mitigation Grant and related programs, motion seconded by Councilman Sheedy, all ayes. Motion carried 6-0.

**Memorial Pool Assistant Manager Hires** – Councilman Rich motioned to ratify the hiring of Melanie Rowland and Emily Watkins as Assistant Managers at the Hatboro Memorial Pool, motion seconded by Councilman Tompkins, all ayes. Motion carried 6-0.

**Police Department Management Study – PA Governor’s Center for Local Government Services** – Councilman Hegele motioned to discontinue the Management Study of the Hatboro Police Department by the Governor’s Center for Local Government Services, motion seconded by Councilman Sheedy, all ayes. Motion carried 6-0.

**Greater Hatboro Chamber of Commerce – Lease Second Floor Office in Borough Hall** – Councilwoman Fleming motioned to approve the lease of the second floor office space in Borough Hall to the Greater Hatboro Chamber of Commerce in the amount of \$300.00 per month to begin on May 1, 2012, motion seconded by Councilman Tompkins, all ayes. Motion carried 6-0.

**Main Street Hatboro Corporation – Lease Second Floor Office in Borough Hall** – Councilwoman Fleming motioned to approve the lease of second floor office space in Borough Hall to the Main Street Hatboro Corporation, in the amount of \$300.00 per month to begin on May 1, 2012, motion seconded by Councilman Rich, all ayes. Motion carried 6-0.

**Main Street Hatboro Corporation – Lease Second Floor Office in Borough Hall** - Councilwoman Fleming motioned to approve the Borough providing an in-kind donation of \$300.00 per month to Main Street Hatboro for the office space under the lease for said office space, motion seconded by Councilman Tompkins, all ayes. Motion carried 6-0.

### **SPECIAL UPDATES**

Councilwoman Fleming stated she had nothing to report this evening.

Councilman Hegele reminded everyone to submit their newsletter items by the March 30<sup>th</sup>. He asked if the contract with Hometown Press was signed yet. Borough Manager Plaughter stated he has been working with Solicitor Pionzio office on the language. Councilman Hegele stated the website proposal will be discussed again at the May Capital Budget Workshop and asked if the questions raised last month about the ownership of the website have been answered. Borough Manager Plaughter stated he does not have the information, but he will get it. Councilman Hegele stated that he would like Council to look into the purchase of a CCTV camera so personnel can look underground at storm water piping. He stated he, Superintendent Zollers and Councilman Rich toured Hatboro recently looking at storm water issues. He will get more information for Council for discussion at a later meeting.

Vice President LaSorsa was absent this evening.

Councilman Tompkins stated he had nothing to report this evening.

Mayor Hawkes stated there are pavement markings on York Road by Williams Lane by Penndot, it is a turn arrow to nowhere. Chief Gardner stated he would look into and call Penndot.

Councilman Rich stated he had nothing to report this evening.

Councilman Sheedy stated he had nothing to report this evening.

President Zygmunt stated he had nothing to report this evening.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

There was none.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

There was none.

### **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

Mr. Hart, 175 Earl Lane stated two months ago Mr. Battis asked about a black helicopter that landed in the park, he wanted to know if the Borough ever found out what happened. Chief Gardner stated no.

Mr. Hart asked if Council would consider fixing the speaker system in the Council Room.

Ron Battis, 320 W. Moreland Avenue stated since it was a light snow season would Council consider investing extra money in the speaker system and include lapel microphones.

President Zygmunt stated his request would be moved to the Capital Budget Workshop meeting in May and asked Borough Manager Plaughter to get prices.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the March 26th, 2012 meeting of Borough Council was adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven J. Plaughter  
Secretary

Transcribed by Assistant Borough Secretary Diane Hegele