

**BOROUGH OF HATBORO
COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 23rd, 2012**

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

ABSENT

CALL TO ORDER – President Zygmunt called this Council Meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

INVOCATION – Mayor Hawkes asked for a moment of silence in memory of Mr. Ed Momorella, Emergency Management Coordinator for Abington Township and longtime volunteer in the fire service and Emergency Management in Montgomery County and Chief of Police Mike Maloney, Greenland, New Hampshire who was murdered.

PLEDGE OF ALLIGENCE – The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chief Gardner.

President Zygmunt announced there were no executive sessions.

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.

President Zygmunt announced that due to the Memorial Day holiday in May, the meetings have been changed. Council Committee Meeting is on May 7th, 2012 and Council Meeting will be on May 21st, 2012.

President Zygmunt announced that Council will hold a Capital Budget Workshop on Saturday, May 12th, beginning at 9:00 AM.

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

MAYOR'S REPORT – Mayor Hawkes presented a proclamation to the Hatboro Athletics 2011 Tri State over 55 Men's Senior Baseball League Division Champions.

Mayor Hawkes stated Staples will now take large screen televisions for free for disposal.

Mayor Hawkes stated that the group he belongs to Mayor Against Illegal Guns recently announced that this year 34 Law Enforcement Officers have been killed in the Line of Duty and of that 34; 14 were by gunfire.

Mayor Hawkes reminded everyone to have their Identification for Primary Election Day tomorrow.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT – Treasurer Kalnajs noted a balance of \$ 4,229,680.91 on all accounts at the end of March, 2012. Interest earned for the month totaled \$333.83 on all accounts.

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 Plaughner stated he had several things to report on this evening.

1. He stated he has been working with the Parks Committee regarding the pool, which opens Memorial Day weekend.
2. He stated that all Zoning Hearing Board members are taking a Zoning Course.
3. He stated two of the Planning Commission members are taking a Planning Commission Course.
4. He attended the first of two resident meetings with residents in the Hometown Streets Project. President Zygmunt asked how many property owners attended, Borough Manager Plaughner stated 3 of the 21 notified.
5. He is still working on the Feasibility Study, once all proposals are back he will meet with the Facilities Committee.
6. He recently attended a Stormwater Finance Workshop with Councilman Hegele & Rich.
7. He stated the elevator at the fire house is being installed now, he is working with the state office of the budget and progress is being made.
8. He stated he is continuing to work with property owners at Woodwinds in getting needed information for the FEMA buyout program.

Councilman Hegele asked if Omnia Architects were asked to submit a proposal for the Feasibility Study. Borough Manager Plaughner stated no, Council wanted a fresh view.

Councilman Hegele asked if Titanium Contractors has met the obligations that were requested at the last meeting with the Grant Consultant. Borough Manager Plaughner stated there are still a couple of outstanding items. President Zygmunt asked if the contractor was aware of what was needed. Vice President LaSorsa asked if a time frame was established for the receipt of these documents. Borough Manager Plaughner stated he would speak to the contractor.

DEPARTMENT SUPERVISORS' REPORTS

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT – Chief Gardner stated on May 3rd the School District along with his department and the Montgomery County Adult Probation Department are hosting a seminar Community Education Program on Sex Offenders. This is open to the Public however due to the nature of the program it is recommended that anyone who attends be over the age of 18.

Chief Gardner stated the new police vehicle will be arriving tomorrow.

Chief Gardner announced that the Promotional Exam for Sergeant will be Wednesday, April 25th.

President Zygmunt congratulated the Police Department on the apprehension of the subject wanted for the robbery at Burdick's. He stated that the Department has a remarkable record of catching criminals and solving cases. He stated if you read the articles and comments in the news one would not think that.

TAX COLLECTIONS REPORT – The report for the month of March was submitted to Council in advance of tonight’s meeting.

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 he had nothing further to report.

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 stated permit applications are up this year compared to last year at this time.

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 reminded everyone with the lack of rain and the dry weather the fire danger is very high and asked everyone when cooking outside to be careful.

VOTING ITEMS

March 26, 2012 Council Meeting Minutes – Vice President LaSorsa motioned to approve the March 26th, 2012 Council Meeting Minutes, with the following correction, page 1 under invocation “School District” motion seconded by Councilman Rich, all ayes. Motion carried 7-0.

April 9, 2012 Council Committee Meeting Minutes – Vice President LaSorsa motioned to approve the April 9, 2012 Council Committee Meeting Minutes, with the following correction, page 2 under Tanner Park “paths”, motion seconded by Councilman Tompkins, all ayes. Motion carried 7-0.

Approval of Department Supervisor’s Reports – Vice President LaSorsa motioned to approve the receipt of the Tax Collections, Public Works, Code Enforcement, Fire Marshal & Treasurer’s Report for the month of March, motion seconded by Councilman Hegele, all ayes. Motion carried 7-0.

Approval of Warrant List, Payment of Bills, Manual Checks/Transfers – Vice President LaSorsa motioned to approve the Warrant List, Payment of Bills, Manual Checks & Transfers. Councilman Hegele questioned the amount of the transfer for the firehouse project stated it was more than the invoice. Borough Manager Plaughter stated more was transferred for future bills. Councilman Tompkins asked if the original motion should be amended specifically to include that all requested documents for the Fire House Grant should be received prior to the release of the check to the contractor, Titanium Enterprises, amended motion seconded by Councilman Hegele, all ayes. Motion carried 7-0.

Emergency Management Plan Update – Vice President LaSorsa motioned to approve Resolution #2012-07, updating the Borough’s Emergency Management Plan, motion seconded by Councilman Rich, all ayes. Motion carried 7-0.

Recycling Section 902 Grant – Councilman Hegele motioned to approve Recycling Section 902 Grant Application through the PA Department of Environmental Protection, motion seconded by Councilman Rich, all ayes. Motion carried 7-0.

Tanner Park Playground Equipment Plan – Vice President LaSorsa motioned to approve the Tanner Park Playground Equipment Plan as presented by Elm Street Hatboro, motion seconded by Councilman Hegele, all ayes. Motion carried 7-0.

Special Event Application – Chamber of Commerce – National Night Out – Vice President LaSorsa motioned to approve the Chamber of Commerce National Night Out Special Event Application for August 7, 2012, with any conditions listed. Councilman Tompkins stated there were no special conditions listed. Borough Manager Plaughter stated that was correct. Motion seconded by Councilman Hegele, all ayes. Motion carried 7-0.

Special Event Application – Chamber of Commerce – Sidewalk Sale – Vice President LaSorsa motioned to approve the Chamber of Commerce Sidewalk Sale Special Event Application for September 15, 2012, with any conditions listed. Councilman Tompkins stated there were no special conditions listed. Borough Manager Plaughter stated that was correct. Motion seconded by Councilman Tompkins, all ayes. Motion carried 7-0.

Special Event Application – Chamber of Commerce – HatOberFest – Vice President LaSorsa motioned to approve the Chamber of Commerce HatOberFest Special Event Application for October 2 through 6, 2012 in Miller Meadow with any special conditions listed. Councilman Tompkins asked Solicitor Pionzio if Council should consider the waiver of daily use fees and amend escrow amount. Solicitor Pionzio stated that was correct. Councilman Tompkins made a friendly amendment to the motion to include the waiver of daily usage fees for Miller Meadow and the escrow amount to be \$750.00, all ayes. Motion carried 7-0.

Joint Board of Appeals Ordinance – Vice President LaSorsa motioned to approve Ordinance No. 1010, to establish a Joint Board of Appeals to hear appeals related to the Uniform Construction Code, motion seconded by Councilman Tompkins, all ayes. Motion carried 7-0.

Charles Young – Pay Rate Increase – Councilman Rich motioned to ratify the pay rate increase of a Public Works employee to Tech 1 at a rate of \$25.25 per hour, motion seconded by Councilman Sheedy, all ayes. Motion carried 7-0.

SPECIAL UPDATES

Councilwoman Fleming stated she had nothing to report this evening.

Councilman Hegele stated he had nothing to report this evening.

Vice President LaSorsa stated he had nothing to report this evening.

Councilman Tompkins stated he had nothing to report this evening.

Mayor Hawkes stated he had nothing to report this evening.

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. Farnen, Elm Street Hatboro thanked Council for their approval of the Tanner Park Playground Equipment Plan, he stated he will keep Council updated.

He asked if Septa have recently acquired new trains because the whistles seem louder. Chief Gardner stated that yes the new trains are louder. Chief Gardner stated this issue of noise abatement regarding trains has come up before, he stated the liability falls on the Borough if the noise is lessened. Chief Gardner does not recommend Quiet Zones, he stated they are complicated, expensive as the Borough has to pay and mandated by Federal Regulations.

Mr. Hart, 175 Earl Lane questioned about the hours of operation for Sullivan’s Scrap Metal, he stated at 8PM he can hear the operation of a rheumatic metal shearing device. Building Code Official Fugate will look into the complaint.

Tracey Thatchford, Woodwinds asked if there was a target date on the FEMA buy-out program. Borough Manager Plaucher stated the staff is working as quickly as possible, still waiting to hear back from the property management on the appraisals.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the April 23rd, 2012 meeting of Borough Council was adjourned at 7:37 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven J. Plaucher
Secretary

Transcribed by Assistant Borough Secretary Diane Hegele