

**BOROUGH OF HATBORO
COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 7th, 2012**

PRESENT – President Zygmunt, Vice President LaSorsa, Councilpersons Tompkins, Hegele, Sheedy & Fleming and Mayor Hawkes. Borough Manager Plaucher, Assistant Borough Secretary Hegele, Superintendent Zollers, Borough Engineer Dougherty, Ms. Bernadette Kuerny, Esquire for Borough Solicitor Pionzio, Zoning Officer Fugate, and Treasurer Kalnajs.

ABSENT

Councilman Rich and Police Chief James Gardner were both 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 \$4,538.21, motion was seconded by Councilman Tompkins, all ayes. Motion carried 6-0.

CALL TO ORDER COMMITTEE MEETING - President Zygmunt called the Committee meeting to order at 7:02 PM.

PUBLIC SAFETY – Mayor Hawkes stated he had nothing to report.

FINANCE – Vice President LaSorsa reminded everyone that the Capital Budget Workshop will be held this Saturday, May 12th beginning at 9 AM.

GRANTS & FUNDING – Councilwoman Fleming stated she recently met with Superintendent Zollers to work on Recycling Truck Grant and the Borough is well in advance of the deadline for submission.

Councilwoman Fleming stated Superintendent Zollers is still gathering information on the FEMA/PEMA Grant. Superintendent Zollers stated Woodwinds has changed property management companies again. He will have to meet with the new company to bring them up to speed.

Councilwoman Fleming stated the Clock Tower Grant Committee is meeting tomorrow.

PUBLIC WORKS – Councilman Rich was absent; Councilman Sheedy stated he had nothing to report.

FACILITIES & PARKS – Councilman Sheedy presented the following items:

Special Event Application Chamber of Commerce “Philadelphia Soul – Town Take-Over” – Councilman Sheedy stated Council is in receipt of a Special Event Application Form from the Chamber of Commerce for a “Philadelphia Soul – Town Take-Over” on June 23rd from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM in Miller Meadow. This item was moved to the May 21st Council Meeting for approval.

Monarch Butterfly Waystation in Miller Meadow – Update – Borough Manager Plaughner stated Council originally approved the Gardeners of the Crooked Billet to place a 10’x8’ (80 sq. ft) raised garden bed for a Monarch Butterfly Waystation. Superintendent Zollers stated 3 beds measuring 4’x8’ were constructed. He stated the three bed layout actually fits the contour of that section of Miller Meadow better than a single bed. This item was moved to the May 21st Council Meeting for approval.

Snackstand Lease – President Zygmunt reviewed with everyone the terms regarding the operation of the snack stand this year. He stated he will make sure the draft agreement is sent out to all of Council. The Borough does not have numbers to work with this year; the stand will be operated by Ms. Leeann Joret. After this season staff will have numbers to work with so an RFP can be prepared for next year. This item was moved to the May 21st Council Meeting for approval.

Mr. Ron Battis, 320 W. Moreland Avenue asked if flowers could be planted this year in the planters in front of the pool. Councilman Sheedy stated he would pass the request along. Superintendent Zollers stated the pool staff takes care of watering the flowers.

PUBLIC RELATIONS/COMMUNITY RELATIONS – Councilman Hegele stated that the newsletter is being sent to the printer and should be delivered by the end of May.

Councilman Hegele also stated the community channel has been down as a result of a car accident over the weekend, the staff is working to correct the situation.

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

Stoveworks – Revised Final Plan – Councilman Tompkins asked Borough Engineer Dougherty to review the proposed resolution drafted by Solicitor Pionzio’s office. The attorney’s applicant, Mike Carr from Eastburn & Grey was present and stated that his applicant has accepted the review letter from Gilmore Associates. There was a discussion concerning the water tower. Councilman Hegele asked if there were property maintenance issues with the tower property. John Farnen from Elm Street Hatboro asked if the Elm Street Hatboro Plan was followed. Councilman Tompkins stated the plan is mentioned in the Gilmore review letter. Mr. Farnen stated the Borough paid \$25,000 for this plan and he would like to see that the recommendations included in the plan are followed. President Zygmunt stated the plan Mr. Farnen is referring to was not approved by Council, it is only a concept plan. Borough Engineer Dougherty stated the streetscapes will be consistent with the area. Councilman Tompkins stated the property maintenance issues will be addressed when the site is opened for parking. The Resolution will be moved to the May 21st Council Meeting for approval.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

Hatboro 300 – Councilman Sheedy stated he had no report.

Parks Committee – Councilman Sheedy stated he had no report.

Stormwater – Councilman Hegele stated he had no report.

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 Applicants - Borough Manager Plaughner stated one letter of interest was received from Mr. Brian Mann of Omnia Architects. This item was moved to the May 21st Council Meeting for approval.

SEPTA Grade Crossing County Line Road Closure – Borough Manager Plaughner stated that Septa are planning a complete track grade crossing reconstruction on County Line Road in October. County Line Road would be completely closed between York Road and Jacksonville Road from Friday evening October 5th to the early morning hours of Monday, October 8th. The official detour will be through Warminster Township. Councilman Tompkins asked if this would affect the HatOberFest in any way. Superintendent Zollers stated he did not think that this would effect this too much as the HatOberFest is in the south end of town.

Tracy Thatford, 3 Drummers Way asked if all the appraisals were in and if the Borough had a target date. Superintendent Zollers stated just received them, he is working on compiling the data and a budget then he will send everything to FEMA. He will need to meet with the new management company. At this time he does not have a target date. Ms. Thatford asked about the status of the DEP survey of the area. Borough Manager Plaughner stated that the FEMA buyout was a better alternative, the DEP stated in their survey of the area that the location of the creek can't be changed and the buildings cannot be moved. Ms. Thatford stated she is worried about the residents on Hatters Court. Borough Manager Plaughner stated the residents of Hatters Court do not qualify for this program. Ms. Thatford asked how many rescues have been done for the flooding in Woodwinds. Superintendent Zollers, formally the Fire Chief stated he is not comfortable guessing, rescues and evacuations are two different issues.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, this Committee Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven J. Plaughner
Borough Secretary

Transcribed by Assistant Secretary Diane Hegele