

BOROUGH OF HATBORO

COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, October 22nd, 2007

PRESENT

President Zygmunt, Vice President LaSorsa, Councilpersons Guent, Moll, Tompkins & Vasoli, Mayor Hawkes, Borough Solicitor Meyer, Borough Manager/Chief Gardner, Assistant Secretary Valesky, Treasurer Reymmer, Fire Marshal Stauch & Borough Engineer Dougherty.

ABSENT

Councilperson Ostrander was absent this evening.

CALL TO ORDER

President Zygmunt called the October meeting of the Council of the Borough of Hatboro to order at 7:00 P.M.

INVOCATION

Mayor Hawkes gave the invocation for the October Council Meeting.

MINUTES

President Zygmunt stated Council is in receipt of the minutes of the September 24th, 2007 Council meeting. Vice President LaSorsa made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 24th, 2007 Council meeting. This motion was seconded by Councilperson Guent and approved by Council unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Zygmunt stated he had nothing to report this evening.

BOROUGH MANAGER/CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT

Borough Manager/Chief Gardner stated he was going to combine his Manager's Report with his Police Department report. Borough Manager/Chief Gardner stated he had only two items to report on this evening.

Borough Manager/Chief Gardner reported that Verizon is scheduled to meet with Cam Gould on November 7th, 2007 to do a site assessment for Verizon' Community Channel, Channel 28. Borough Manager/Chief Gardner stated Verizon needs to come out to our facility to determine what is necessary for Verizon's equipment.

Borough Manager/Chief Gardner stated he was happy to report that after the last Council meeting an arrest was made on the West Lehman Avenue case. Borough Manager/Chief Gardner stated that there was a hearing last Friday and the defendant waived his hearing and the case will go to Norristown. Borough Manager/Chief Gardner thanked Council, his department, staff and the community for all their support.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

President Zygmunt stated this privilege of the floor is for residents to address Council to discuss items on tonight's agenda. There was no public comment.

TREASURER'S REPORT

1. CASH BALANCES & INVESTMENT INCOME REPORT

Treasurer Reymer reported the interest earned in August was \$29,844.25. This was for all 14 accounts at Commerce Bank at a rate of 5.13%. Total account balance is \$6,671,028.42. Treasurer Reymer advised Council that of the \$6.7 million in the bank, approximately \$2.8 million is operating money for the remainder of 2007 expenses less \$400,000 to repay the Tax Anticipation Note in December and \$320,000 is in fire funds. Treasurer Reymer reported \$2.9 million is for Capital Improvement projects to cover 2007/2008 and beyond and \$700,000 is restricted funds in developer's escrows and specific project grants. Vice President LaSorsa made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of September 2007. This motion was seconded by Councilperson Guent and approved by Council unanimously.

2. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS LIST

President Zygmunt stated that Council is in receipt of the warrant list and manual checklist. President Zygmunt stated that Council has had the opportunity in advance to review the warrant list and direct any questions to the Chief or Department Head. Vice President LaSorsa made a motion to approve the warrant list and manual checklist for the month of September. This motion was seconded by Councilperson Guent and approved by Council unanimously.

3. PAYMENT OF BILLS

Vice President LaSorsa made a motion to authorize the payment of bills for the month of October. This motion was seconded by Councilperson Guent and approved by Council unanimously.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hawkes stated he had nothing to report this evening.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Meyer reviewed the 399 Springdale Developers Agreements.

Solicitor Meyer obtained a letter from the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, Bureau for Historic Preservation, regarding Loller Academy.

Solicitor Meyer prepared Developers Agreement for Station Park.

Solicitor Meyer drafted amendments to Solid Waste Ordinance.

Solicitor Meyer had discussion with attorney of Wolf Block regarding Access Agreement for Getty Oil at York and County Line Roads.

President Zygmunt asked Solicitor Meyer about encroachment or infringement to the Loller Building. Solicitor Meyer stated there was no violation and the Borough is in perfect compliance.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Stauch stated the Public Works report was submitted in advance. President Zygmunt also announced that copies of the Public Works report were available on the table in the front of the meeting room.

FIRE MARSHALS REPORT

Fire Marshal Stauch reported the Fire Marshal report was submitted in advance.

COUNCIL/COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE - MAYOR HAWKES

Mayor Hawkes stated he had one item on his agenda for tonight's meeting, a Proclamation Presentation to Chief Gardner and the members of the Hatboro Borough Police Department. He had nothing on his agenda for this evening. Mayor Hawkes read a proclamation, which is attached to these minutes honoring and thanking the members of the Hatboro Borough Police Department with regards to the recent case on West Lehman Avenue. Borough Manager/Chief Gardner introduced the officers in attendance at this meeting and the Mayor along with Borough Council members thanked each member of the department individually for their efforts in the recent arrest with regards to this case.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – COUNCILMAN MOLL

Councilman Moll stated he had nothing on his agenda for this evening.

ZONING, PLANNING and HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE – COUNCILMAN TOMPKINS

Councilman Tompkins stated he had four items on his agenda for this evening. The first item was to consider the release of escrow for 16 East Montgomery Avenue. Councilman Tompkins stated that the first inspection has occurred and the construction is progressing. Vice President LaSorsa made a motion to release the escrow funds for this project in the amount of \$4000.00. This motion was seconded by Councilman Tompkins and approved by Council unanimously.

Councilman Tompkins stated the second item on his agenda was to consider the first reduction in escrow in the amount of \$823,070.70 for the Victorian Village Project. Councilman Tompkins stated that Borough Engineer Dougherty has signed off on this release. Councilperson Guent made a motion to reduce the escrow funds in the amount of \$823,070.70 for the Victorian Village Project. This motion was seconded by Vice President LaSorsa and approved by Council unanimously.

Councilman Tompkins stated the third item on his agenda was to consider the release of escrow in the amount of \$95,068.17 for the M&S Centerless Grinding Project. Councilman Tompkins stated that Borough Engineer Dougherty has signed off on this release. Councilperson Guent made a motion to approve the release of escrow in the amount of \$95,068.17 for the M&S Centerless Grinding Project. This motion was seconded by Councilman Tompkins and approved by Council unanimously.

Councilman Tompkins stated the fourth item on his agenda was to approve the Stoveworks 2 Conditional Hearing Date. The hearing will take place on Monday, November 26th, 2007 at 7:30 P.M. following the November Council Meeting. Councilman Tompkins stated it would be held at Crooked Billet School. Councilman Tompkins stated it would be advertised and people in the area of the project would be notified by Borough Staff. Councilman Vasoli asked if the meeting would be time certain. Councilman Tompkins stated yes it would begin at 7:30 P.M. Vice President LaSorsa made a motion to begin the Conditional Use hearing process for the Stoveworks 2 Project on Monday, November 26th, 2007 beginning at 7:30 P.M., after the November Council meeting to be held at Crooked Billet School. This motion was seconded by Councilman Tompkins and approved by Council unanimously.

GRANTS AND EXTERNAL FUNDING COMMITTEE - COUNCILMAN VASOLI

Councilman Vasoli stated he had nothing on his agenda for this evening.

PARKS and FACILITIES COMMITTEE - COUNCILPERSON GUENST

Councilperson Guenst stated she had nothing on her agenda for this evening, but wanted to announcement events that were upcoming in town. Councilperson Guenst stated the Skeleton Skurry, a 5K, 2-mile walk is going to be held on Saturday, October 28th beginning at 9:30 A.M. Councilperson Guenst stated also on Saturday, October 28th is the HatOberFest, which includes a stroll down Main Street and a Pumpkin Painting at the Union Library. Councilperson Guenst stated the last item was an Arts & Craft event to be held at Tanner Park on November 11th from 1 to 3 PM and is being sponsored by the Kiwanis Club.

BUDGET and INSURANCE COMMITTEE - VICE PRESIDENT LASORSA

Vice President LaSorsa stated he had nothing on his agenda for this evening.

PUBLIC RELATIONS and COMMUNITY INFORMATION COMMITTEE -
COUNCILPERSON OSTRANDER

Councilperson Ostrander was absent this evening, President Zygmont stated that Councilperson Ostrander had nothing on her agenda for this evening.

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE -PRESIDENT ZYGMONT

President Zygmont stated he had one item on his agenda for this evening the approval of Resolution 2007-17, Crosswalk Maintenance Agreement. President Zygmont stated this was discussed at the Committee meeting and agreed that if this document had to be signed prior to the Council meeting, the Borough Manager/Chief had the authorization to do so. Councilperson Guenst made a motion to approve Resolution #2007-17, Crosswalk Maintenance Agreement. This motion was seconded by Councilman Tompkins and approved by Council unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to come before Council.

NEW BUSINESS

Borough Manager/Chief Gardner stated he wanted to update everyone on the West Monument Avenue Bridge. Borough Manager/Chief Gardner stated that the Load Analysis recommends that the weight limit be reduced from 31 tons to 20 tons and the speed limit stay 15 MPH as it currently is. Borough Manager/Chief Gardner states that the engineer recommends replacement or repair, which Council will need to discuss the ultimate fix. Borough Manager/Chief Gardner stated that there would be routine inspections to ensure integrity and the School District has been advised with regards to buses. President Zygmunt stated that a report was located dated 1995 that indicated similar status of the bridge.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. Tom Pileggi, Victorian Village asked about the escrow and letters of credit for the project he is currently developing, he stated that Adrian Meyer and Gilmore Associates have to be paid from this. President Zygmunt stated that earlier in the meeting Council approved an Escrow release for his project and that any further questions should be directed to Borough Manager/Chief Gardner.

Mr. Rich Lefebvre, President Enterprise Fire Company of Hatboro asked Council why the 2008 Budget presentation was taken off the agenda for tonight's meeting. President Zygmunt stated the fireboard needs to present the budget. Mr. Lefebvre asked why he was not notified. Borough Manager/Chief Gardner stated that his assistant left a message in addition to sending a letter to Mr. Lefebvre and that he personally notified Fire Chief Zollers. Mr. Lefebvre stated notification should be to him not the Fire Chief.

Mr. Ed Henry, Bonair Avenue stated he wanted to reiterate in a public meeting his support to Council and Property Inspector/Fire Marshal Stauch with regards to the Closet Works situation. Mr. Henry stated he was not aware that he had to go to Dave Cutler and "Bow Down" first before coming to Borough Council. Mr. Henry stated that Mr. Cutler decided to move 5 years ago not just because of these recent complaints. Mr. Henry again thanked everyone working on getting this business cleaned up. Mr. Henry also wanted to make sure Council was aware that he does not use Mr. Cutler's parking lot as stated in the newspaper.

ADJOURNMENT

President Zygmunt adjourned the October 22nd, 2007 Council meeting at 7:30 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Zygmunt stated there would not be an executive session this evening.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane C. Valesky-Hegele
Assistant Borough Secretary