

**BOROUGH OF HATBORO**

**COUNCIL MEETING**

**Monday, August 20th, 2007**

**PRESENT**

President Zygmont, Vice President LaSorsa, Councilpersons Guenst, Moll, Ostrander, Tompkins & Vasoli, Mayor Hawkes, Borough Solicitor Meyer, Borough Manager/Chief Gardner, Assistant Secretary Valesky & Treasurer Reymers.

**ABSENT**

Fire Marshal Stauch and Borough Engineer Dougherty were absent.

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**INVOCATION**

Mayor Hawkes gave the invocation for the August Council Meeting.

**MINUTES**

President Zygmont stated Council is in receipt of the minutes of the July 23rd, 2007 Council meeting. Vice President LaSorsa made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 23rd, 2007 Council meeting. This motion was seconded by Councilperson Guenst and approved by Council unanimously.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Zygmont stated he had nothing else 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 four things to report on this evening. Borough Manager/Chief Gardner reported he received a event request form for the Annual Holiday Parade scheduled for November 18th, 2007 beginning at 2:00 PM, there were no changes from previous parades, therefore he has approved this event.

Borough Manager/Chief Gardner stated that the police department has received numerous complaints regarding foxes in the past few weeks. Borough Manager/Chief Gardner reported that he spoke with Wildlife Conservation Officer Chris Heil from the

Pennsylvania Game Commission who reported their agency has received many reports as well. Borough Manager/Chief Gardner stated that foxes are being seen during daytime hours as the current dry weather is coinciding with the time the parent foxes are teaching their pups how to hunt. Borough Manager/Chief Gardner stated that because a fox is out during the daytime hours it does not mean it is sick. Borough Manager/Chief Gardner stated that property owners may contact private wildlife control agents and there is now a list at Borough Hall and the Police Department for these types of services. Borough Manager/Chief Gardner reminded all that if a fox is truly ill, or has an actual conflict with a person, the police should be notified.

Borough Manager/Chief Gardner reported on a ongoing power outage in the area of York & Montgomery Avenues. Borough Manager/Chief Gardner stated that PECO is working on and fixing the problem, PECO will also be providing a generator to power the involved areas.

Borough Manager/Chief Gardner advised Council that quotes were received from four printers for the upcoming newsletter. Borough Manager/Chief Gardner stated Boggs Printing gave a quote of \$2,389.00, Jaguar Press gave a quote of \$1,019.00, Sir Speedy Printing gave a quote of \$3,002.50 and Minuteman Press gave a quote of \$2,451.00. Councilman Vasoli asked if all four printers were given the same information. Borough Manager/Chief Gardner stated yes. President Zygmunt asked for a motion on the printing of the upcoming newsletter. Councilperson Guent made a motion to approve the quote of \$1,019.00 received from Jaguar Press for the printing of the newsletter. This motion was seconded by Councilperson Ostrander and approved by Council unanimously.

### **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 July was \$29,902.51. This was for all 14 accounts at Commerce Bank at a rate of 5.085%. Total account balance is \$6,932,906.64.

Vice President LaSorsa made a motion to approve the warrant list and manual checklist. 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. President Zygmunt stated there would be a couple of minutes taken while Council has the opportunity to review a second warrant list that was recently issued by the bookkeeper. President Zygmunt stated that Council has had the opportunity in advance to review a portion of the warrant list and direct any questions to the Chief or Department Head. Councilperson Guent made a motion to approve the warrant list. This motion was

seconded by Vice President LaSorsa and approved by Council unanimously.

### **3. PAYMENT OF BILLS**

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

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Hawkes announced recently he acquired a book on American Clocks at a book sale that he went to; Mayor Hawkes stated that there was information in the book about Isaiah Lukens and Hatboro. Mayor Hawkes stated he was going to donate the book to the Union Library of Hatborough.

### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Solicitor Meyer attended a recent Zoning Hearing Board meeting on July 25th, 2007 for the Procedural Challenge, Schieber v. Hatboro, and is preparing for a second meeting scheduled for September 26th, 2007.

Solicitor Meyer filed request to have PA Supreme Court hear appeal from the Commonwealth Court, August 7th, 2007 on the Substantive Validity Challenge, Schieber v. Hatboro.

Solicitor Meyer reviewed DROP Resolution.

Solicitor Meyer prepared Developers Agreement and Escrow Agreement for Victorian Village.

### **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Superintendent Stauch was absent this evening, however the report for this department was prepared and submitted in advance of the meeting. 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 was absent this evening, however prepared and submitted his report in advance of the meeting.

### **COUNCIL/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### **PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE - MAYOR HAWKES**

Mayor Hawkes stated he had nothing on his agenda for this evening.

#### **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 two items on his agenda for this evening. The first item was to consider the release of escrow for 305 Tanner Avenue. Vice President LaSorsa made a motion to release the escrow funds in the amount of \$8043.12 for 305 Tanner Avenue. This motion was seconded by Councilperson Guenst and approved by Council unanimously.

Councilman Tompkins stated the second item on his agenda was to consider a date for the Conditional Use Application for Stoveworks 2, 301 Jacksonville Road. President Zygmunt stated that this meeting should be on a different night other than Committee/Council meeting night and perhaps should be scheduled at Crooked Billet School. President Zygmunt asked everyone to check his or her schedules for possibly the 3rd Monday in October. President Zygmunt stated the meeting date would be announced at the September Committee Meeting.

**GRANTS AND EXTERNAL FUNDING COMMITTEE** - COUNCILMAN VASOLI

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

**PARKS and FACILITIES COMMITTEE** - COUNCILPERSON GUENST

Councilperson Guenst stated she had nothing on her agenda for this evening.

**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 stated she had nothing on her agenda for this evening.

**ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE** -PRESIDENT ZYGMONT

President Zygmunt stated he had several items on his agenda for this evening. The first item was to consider the advertisement of bids for the Loller Building repairs. President Zygmunt stated this was discussed at the Committee meeting. Councilperson Guenst made a motion to approve the advertisement of the Loller Building Bids. This motion was seconded by Councilperson Ostrander and approved by Council unanimously.

President Zygmunt stated the second item on his agenda was to consider Resolution #2007-12, Pool Peer-to-Peer Grant Closeout. Councilman Vasoli made a motion to approve Resolution #2007-12. This motion was seconded by Councilperson Ostrander and approved by Council unanimously.

President Zygmunt stated the third item on his agenda was to consider Resolution #2007-13, Open Space Plan Grant Closeout. Councilman Vasoli made a motion to approve Resolution #2007-13. This motion was seconded by Councilman Tompkins

and approved by Council unanimously.

President Zygmunt stated the fourth item on his agenda was to consider Resolution #2007-14, DROP Program. President Zygmunt stated this resolution authorizes ICMA to administer the DROP funds. Councilman Vasoli made a motion to approve Resolution #2007-14. This motion was seconded by Vice President LaSorsa and approved by Council unanimously.

President Zygmunt stated the fifth item on his agenda was to consider Resolution #2007-15, Penndot Winter Road Maintenance reimbursement. President Zygmunt stated that the Borough Public Works employees maintain Penndot roads during snow and ice and this agreement authorizes reimbursement for this service. President Zygmunt also stated that Borough Manager/Chief Gardner also found while reviewing this agreement that Warminster Road was not included. Vice President LaSorsa made a motion to approve Resolution #2007-15. This motion was seconded by Councilperson Ostrander and approved by Council unanimously.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business to come before Council.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business to come before Council.

### **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

Mr. Ron Battis, 320 W. Moreland Avenue asked about the PECO check that was displayed in the Council Chambers. Councilperson Guentst stated this was for a recent Green Region Grant in the amount of \$5000.00 that was recently given to the Borough to be used on the Corinthian Trailway. Councilperson Guentst stated that this money would help with stormwater issues and trail repair.

Mr. John Demcisak, E. Monument Avenue wanted to thank Council for everything that they are doing and wanted to say that he is pleased to see things are finally getting done.

Mr. John Farnen, Elm Street President asked if there was a layout of the bike path. Councilperson Guents stated she would forward the information to Mr. Farnenn.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

President Zygmunt adjourned the August 20th, 2007 Council meeting at 7:25 P.M.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Diane C. Valesky  
Assistant Borough Secretary