

BOROUGH OF HATBORO

COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, February 26, 2007

PRESENT

President Zygmunt, Councilpersons Guent, Moll, Tompkins & Vasoli, Mayor Hawkes, Borough Solicitor Meyer, Borough Manager/Chief Gardner, Code Enforcement Heller, Assistant Secretary Valesky & Treasurer Reymer

ABSENT

Vice President LaSorsa, Councilperson Ostrander, Superintendent Stauch & Borough Engineer Dougherty.

CALL TO ORDER

PRESIDENT ZYGMONT called the February meeting of the Council of the Borough of Hatboro to order at 7:00 P.M.

PRESIDENT ZYGMONT announced that Borough Council held an interview for the Borough Authority prior to the meeting.

INVOCATION

MAYOR HAWKES gave the invocation for the February 26th, 2007 Council meeting.

MINUTES

PRESIDENT ZYGMONT stated Council is in receipt of the minutes of the January 22, 2007 Council meeting. COUNCILPERSON GUENST made a MOTION to approve the minutes of the January 22, 2007 Council meeting. This MOTION was SECONDED by COUNCILMAN VASOLI and APPROVED by Council unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

PRESIDENT ZYGMONT announced that Vice President LaSorsa had a prior commitment for this evening and Councilperson Ostrander was out of the area and could not attend tonight's meeting of Council. 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 that contractors for the Aqua York Road project would be parking pieces of equipment on the stone at the entrance to Miller Meadow and that this is temporary for a few days while they do preliminary work in the area of York Road & Horsham Road for the upcoming project. BOROUGH MANAGER/CHIEF GARDNER reported the project should start around March 1, 2007.

BOROUGH MANAGER/CHIEF GARDNER reported on the Pennypack Creek Channel. BOROUGH MANAGER/CHIEF GARDNER reported he has asked the Engineers to start securing the necessary permits for this project to clean out the creek in the area of the South York Road Bridge.

BOROUGH MANAGER/CHIEF GARDNER reported on the Elm Street crosswalks is underway, the surveying is being done in preparation for the bid documents.

BOROUGH MANAGER/CHIEF GARDNER advised Borough Council that recently vehicles in the Borough fleet have been sent to auction. BOROUGH MANAGER/CHIEF GARDNER stated additional vehicles in the fleet are in the process of being cleaned up and will be sent to another auction in the coming months. COUNCILMAN MOLL asked if the grader from Public Works would also be included. BOROUGH MANAGER/CHIEF GARDNER stated yes.

BOROUGH MANAGER/CHIEF GARDNER stated recently he received quotes from different uniform suppliers and has found a new supplier, American Uniform that will save the Borough money for police officer uniforms. BOROUGH MANAGER/CHIEF GARDNER stated the current supplier was McDonald Uniforms in Philadelphia.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

PRESIDENT ZYGMONT 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

TREASURER REYMER reported the interest earned in January was \$20,767.00. This was for all 14 accounts at Commerce Bank at a rate of 5.01%. Total account balance is \$4,774,377.68.

APPROVAL OF WARRANTS LIST

PRESIDENT ZYGMONT stated that Council is in receipt of the **warrant list and manual check list**. PRESIDENT ZYGMONT stated that Council has had the opportunity in advance to review the warrant list and direct any questions to the Chief or Department Head. COUNCILPERSON GUENST made a MOTION to approve the warrant list and manual check list. There were three questions, invoice to Winner Ford which was for the Chief's vehicle, Fisher Mechanical which was for the pool and was already approved by Council at a prior meeting and Philadelphia Occupational Health which was for hepatitis shots for emergency workers. This MOTION was SECONDED by COUNCILMAN VASOLI and APPROVED by Council unanimously.

PAYMENT OF BILLS

COUNCILMAN VASOLI made a MOTION to authorize the payment of bills. This MOTION was SECONDED by COUNCILPERSON GUENST and APPROVED by Council unanimously.

MAYOR'S REPORT

MAYOR HAWKES stated he had nothing to report this evening.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

SOLICITOR MEYER drafted ordinance to permit the Borough of Hatboro to join the Uniform Construction Code Joint Appeal Board.

SOLICITOR MEYER prepared for the legal opinion for auditors as requested by Lopez, Teodosio & Iarkin, LLC.

SOLICITOR MEYER prepared and filed Schieber Brief on February 7, 2007 regarding the Petition for Special Relief in the Commonwealth Court.

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

SUPERINTENDENT STAUCH was absent this evening. SUPERINTENDENT STAUCH submitted a report in advance.

FIRE MARSHALS REPORT

FIRE MARSHAL STAUCH was absent this evening. FIRE MARSHAL STAUCH submitted a report in advance.

COUNCIL/COMMITTEE REPORTS

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE -PRESIDENT ZYGMONT

PRESIDENT ZYGMONT stated he had two items on his agenda for tonight's meeting. The first item would be a presentation by Donovan Associates on the Loller Project. PRESIDENT ZYGMONT asked Mr. Jim Linske from Donovan Associates to update Council on the Loller Project. Mr. Jim Linske stated his office is preparing documents for the roof restoration and exterior/walls restoration. PRESIDENT ZYGMONT asked Mr. Linske if his office has had contact with the PA Historical Commission with regards to submission of this project. Mr. Linske stated that was correct. Mr. Jim Linske stated that typically if grant money were received for the project then the Historic Commission would review the project. Mr. Jim Linske stated he has had conversations with the Historical Museum Commission; Ms. Anne Stapley who stated that office would be happy to review the application and there should not be any problems with the work proposed to Loller Academy. PRESIDENT ZYGMONT asked if the Historical Museum would advised Donovan Associates or the Borough if anything was being done to the building that should not be. Mr. Jim Linske stated they definitely would and that office is very easy to work with and very open, informative and helpful. Mr. Jim Linske presented samples of materials that could be used on the roof and the exterior of the building. After reviewing the different types of materials there was a discussion with Council members and residents with concerns expressed over the clock tower, the clock mechanism, the longevity of the materials, the cost of the materials and the appearance. PRESIDENT ZYGMONT polled the Council members and the residents in attendance as to what they preferred. There was also a discussion on the replacement of windows versus the repair of existing windows. Mr. Jim Linske stated the tentative schedule was to go out to bid later this month and the project to begin in April.

COUNCILPERSON GUENST made a MOTION to approve the professional architecture services of George Donovan & Associates in the amount of \$24,900 for the exterior renovations to Borough Hall. This MOTION was SECONDED by COUNCILMAN VASOLI and APPROVED by Council unanimously.

PRESIDENT ZYGMONT stated the last item on his agenda was the update to the Fee Schedule with regards to Fire Marshal, Special Uses, and Parks & Recreation Fees. COUNCILPERSON GUENST made a MOTION to approve the changes to the Fee Schedule under Fire Marshal Fees, Special Use Fees and Parks and Recreation Fees. This MOTION was SECONDED by COUNCILMAN TOMPKINS and APPROVED by Council unanimously.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE - MAYOR HAWKES

MAYOR HAWKES stated he had one item on his agenda for tonight's meeting, the consideration of Marriage Money Contributions Distribution.

COUNCILPERSON GUENST made a MOTION to approve \$1500.00 to the Union Library of Hatboro, \$400.00 to the Lions Club of Hatboro, \$400.00 to the Kiwanis Club of Hatboro and \$400.00 to the Hatboro Swim Team Parents Association. PRESIDENT ZYGMONT stated that the money would be provided to each organization under the authority of the Borough on how the funds are utilized. PRESIDENT ZYGMONT stated the monies would not be dispersed to the organization but towards the cost of the project itself. This MOTION was SECONDED by COUNCILMAN TOMPKINS and APPROVED by Council unanimously.

FIRE BOARD REPORT - PRESIDENT ZYGMONT

PRESIDENT ZYGMONT state Vice President LaSorsa was absent tonight and did not have anything on his agenda for tonight's meeting.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – COUNCILMAN MOLL

COUNCILMAN MOLL stated he had one item on his agenda for tonight's meeting, the consideration of a tar pot purchase. COUNCILMAN MOLL stated that Asphalt Care was a lower bid that the state bid. COUNCILPERSON GUENST made a MOTION to approve the purchase of a tar pot from Asphalt Care in the amount of \$5,250.00. This MOTION was SECONDED by COUNCILMAN TOMPKINS and APPROVED by Council unanimously.

ZONING, PLANNING and HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE – COUNCILMAN TOMPKINS

COUNCILMAN TOMPKINS stated he had two items to report on this evening. The first item was to consider the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement Ordinance. COUNCILMAN TOMPKINS states this will allow the Borough to enter into an agreement with other local municipalities to enter into a local review board for the Uniform Construction Code. COUNCILMAN VASOLI made a MOTION to adopt the Ordinance that would allow the Borough to explore an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement. This MOTION was SECONDED by COUNCILPERSON GUENST and APPROVED by Council unanimously.

COUNCILMAN TOMPKINS stated the second item was to update everyone on the meeting schedule for the Victorian Village Project. COUNCILMAN TOMPKINS stated the Conditional Use Land Development Hearing is scheduled for Thursday, March 22, 2007 at 7:00 PM.

GRANTS AND EXTERNAL FUNDING COMMITTEE - MR. VASOLI

COUNCILMAN VASOLI stated he had nothing on his agenda for tonight's meeting.

PARKS and FACILITIES COMMITTEE - MRS. GUENST

COUNCILPERSON GUENST stated she had three items on her agenda for this evening. COUNCILPERSON GUENST stated the first item was the consideration of a Resolution 2007-02 PECO Green Region Program. COUNCILMAN VASOLI made a MOTION to approve the resolution for the PECO Green Region Program. The MOTION was SECONDED by COUNCILMAN TOMPKINS and approved by COUNCIL unanimously.

COUNCILPERSON GUENST stated the second item on her agenda was to consider the approval to consider the PECO Green Region Grant Application in the amount of \$10,000. COUNCILPERSON GUENST made a MOTION to approve the PECO Green Region Grant Application in the amount of \$10,000. The MOTION was SECONDED by COUNCILMAN TOMPKINS and approved by COUNCIL unanimously.

COUNCILPERSON GUENST stated the third item on her agenda was to consider the approval of the Design Agreement for Miller Meadow to Ron McKnight in the amount of \$450.00. COUNCILPERSON GUENST made a MOTION to approve the Design Agreement with Ron McKnight in the amount of \$450.00 for Miller Meadow. The MOTION was SECONDED by COUNCILMAN VASOLI and approved by COUNCIL unanimously.

BUDGET and INSURANCE COMMITTEE - VICE PRESIDENT LASORSA

PRESIDENT ZYGMONT stated that Vice President LaSorsa was absent this evening. PRESIDENT ZYGMONT reported the auditors have been in several times and are in holding currently until mid March approximately.

PUBLIC RELATIONS and COMMUNITY INFORMATION COMMITTEE - COUNCILPERSON OSTRANDER

PRESIDENT ZYGMONT stated Councilperson Ostrander was absent this evening and had nothing on her agenda.

MAIN STREET REPORT - COUNCILPERSON GUENST

COUNCILPERSON GUENST stated she had nothing to report this evening.

ELM STREET REPORT - COUNCILMAN VASOLI

COUNCILMAN VASOLI stated he had nothing to report this evening.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to come before Council.

NEW BUSINESS

COUNCILMAN TOMPKINS reported that he and Councilman Moll recently attended a Multi-Municipal Planning Group Meeting with members from Cheltenham, Abington, Upper Moreland and Jenkintown along with representatives from the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission which was very informative and there was a discussion about a 611/63 study which may require a share of costs for the project to be paid by the Borough.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. John Demcisak, 225 E. Monument Avenue asked Council if the Elm Street Crosswalk indentations have been ruled out. COUNCILPERSON GUENST stated yes.

Mrs. Kristine Sulkowski, 49 Horsham Road asked for an update of meetings for the Victorian Village Project. COUNCILMAN TOMPKINS stated the Land Development Application would be reviewed by the Borough Planning Commission at their March 6, 2007 meeting. The Conditional Use Land Development Hearing would begin on March 22, 2007 and the Zoning Hearing Board Hearing will be held on March 28, 2007. COUNCILMAN TOMPKINS stated all meetings begin at 7:00 PM at Borough Hall and are open to the public. Mrs. Sulkowski asked if anything has been approved yet. COUNCILMAN TOMPKINS stated no. COUNCILMAN TOMPKINS stated there was also a meeting with the applicant's engineer and the Borough Engineer along with himself and other Borough staff. BOROUGH MANAGER/CHIEF GARDNER stated that an email would be sent to all residents who put their name on the list at Borough Hall advising them of the upcoming March meetings.

ADJOURNMENT

PRESIDENT ZYGMONT adjourned the February 26, 2007 Council meeting at 8:37 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane C. Valesky
Assistant Borough Secretary