

**BOROUGH OF HATORO  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
PUBLIC HEARING  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

**PRESENT**

President Zygmunt, Vice President LaSorsa, Councilpersons Guent, Ostrander, Tompkins, Rich & Reymmer, Mayor Hawkes, Borough Manager/Chief Gardner, Assistant Secretary Hegele, Superintendent Thomas, BCO/Zoning Officer Fugate, Borough Solicitor Meyer & Borough Engineer Dougherty.

**ABSENT**

Assistant Manager/Planner Hartey and Treasurer Lutz were absent this evening.

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Zygmunt called the Special Council Meeting/Public Hearing of the Council of the Borough of Hatboro to order at 8:00 P.M.

President Zygmunt announced the purpose of the special meeting/public hearing was to hear public comment on the acquisition of the Miller property that includes land, house and a cottage to be used for the preservation of open space in the Borough. President Zygmunt stated the acquisition of open space is through the Growing Greener Program. President Zygmunt stated the Borough met with the County to begin preliminary discussion in February of last year, it took well over a year to get everything together. President Zygmunt stated tonight's Public Hearing is not to decide the ultimate use, but to hear comment about the acquisition.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR-** Public Comment regarding Open Space Acquisition  
President Zygmunt opened the floor of the meeting for public comment regarding the open space acquisition.

Mr. Dave Shannon, Borough Historian distributed a handout on the history of the Miller Property and information on the Wachovia Property. Borough Historian Shannon reviewed with Council the historic information on the Miller Property. Borough Engineer Dougherty met with Borough Historian Shannon to review the history for the grant application that will be submitted to the County for the acquisition.

Mr. Alan Tracy, 12 S. Linden Avenue asked if the history of the property would be posted on the Borough website. President Zygmunt stated yes, some of the information could be posted on the website. President Zygmunt asked Assistant Secretary Hegele to get the information on the website.

Mr. Frank Suntheimer, 203 Mill Road asked about this property and the Wachovia property being taken off the tax rolls. President Zygmunt stated that the Miller Property represented \$2,478.00 off the tax rolls and for the Wachovia Property, \$5,642.00 for a total of \$8,121.00 total off tax rolls. President Zygmunt stated that the Borough tax rolls are more due to the Victorian Village complex of approximately \$\_\_\_\_\_. Vice President LaSorsa stated this has been removed from the 2009 budget. President Zygmunt stated the impact is greater at the School District level. President Zygmunt stated two years ago Council was sitting listening to and discussing open space where the Victorian Village project now sits, the Miller property is a much better acquisition for the Borough. President Zygmunt stated the purchase of Wachovia to assist in parking needs. President Zygmunt stated Council is asking for residents who maybe interested in volunteering their time on the Miller Committee or the Wachovia Committee, these committees will help to decide the best use for both properties.

Councilman Tompkins stated the zoning depends on the use of the properties. Councilman Tompkins also stated currently there is no Historic Preservation Ordinance; the Zoning Group is working on one.

**CONSIDERATION OF OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION, RESOLUTION #2009-05.**

Vice President LaSorsa made a motion to approve Resolution #2009-05, acquisition of open space, the Miller Property, 445-447 South York Road. This motion was seconded by Councilperson Guent and approved by Council unanimously.

**CLOSE SPECIAL PURPOSE COUNCIL MEETING**

President Zygmunt closed the special purpose Council meeting/public hearing at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane C. Hegele  
Assistant Borough Secretary