

BOROUGH OF HATBORO

COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, March 10th, 2008

PRESENT

President Zygmunt, Vice President LaSorsa, Councilpersons Guent, Ostrander, Tompkins & Reymmer, Mayor Hawkes, Borough Solicitor Meyer, Borough Manager/Chief Gardner, Assistant Manager/Planner Hartey, Assistant Secretary Valesky-Hegele, Assistant Fire Marshal Reading & Borough Engineer Dougherty.

ABSENT

CALL TO ORDER

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

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE - MAYOR HAWKES AND COUNCILPERSON OSTRANDER (CO-CHAIRS)

Mayor Hawkes stated he had one item for his agenda this evening, the approval of the Fire Company Expenditure List for the month of February 2008 in the amount of \$18,598.14. Vice President LaSorsa made a motion to approve the February 2008 Fire Company Expenditure list in the amount of \$18,598.14. This motion was seconded by Councilperson Ostrander and approved by Council unanimously.

Councilperson Ostrander stated she had one item on her agenda this evening, the Emergency Management Plan Update Information. Councilperson Ostrander stated she recently attended a meeting regarding updates and that later this week she along with members of the Emergency Management Team and staff would be meeting with a representative of Montgomery County to review updating procedure.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – PRESIDENT ZYGMONT AND COUNCILPERSON OSTRANDER

President Zygmunt stated there was nothing for this agenda tonight.

ZONING, PLANNING and HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE – COUNCILMAN TOMPKINS

Councilman Tompkins stated he had three items on his agenda for this evening; the first item was the discussion of a partial retainage release for the Victorian Village Project in the amount of \$87,499.95. Councilman Tompkins stated that the developer is not at 80% yet of the project which is standard procedure for developers. There was a discussion amongst Council to make sure that this is procedure for all future developments in the Borough including the Stoveworks Project. President Zygmunt stated this item would be placed on the March 24th agenda for a vote.

Councilman Tompkins stated the second item on his agenda was the discussion of an escrow release for Station Park Project in the amount of \$72,121.00. Councilman Tompkins stated the Borough Engineer would be signing this release. President Zygmunt stated this item would be placed on the March 24th agenda for a vote.

Councilman Tompkins stated the third item on his agenda was the discussion of an application for a Special Exception to erect a cell tower on the Delaware Valley Concrete Property, 248 East County Line Road. Councilman Tompkins reviewed procedure on this application. Councilman Tompkins also stated the Planning Commission did review this application but did not made a recommendation as of this meeting, based on needing more information. Councilman Tompkins also stated that this application needs to go before the Zoning Hearing Board but there has not been a meeting date scheduled yet. Councilman Tompkins stated Council would have to vote to authorize the Borough Solicitor attend the Zoning Hearing Board to oppose the application. President Zygmunt stated this item would be placed on the March 24th agenda for a vote.

PARKS and RECREATION COMMITTEE - COUNCILPERSON GUENST

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

FINANCE, BUDGET and INSURANCE COMMITTEE - VICE PRESIDENT LASORSA

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

PUBLIC RELATIONS and COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE - COUNCILPERSON

REYMER

Councilperson Reymer stated she had one item for her agenda for this evening, Elm Street Informational Update. Councilperson Reymer stated that recently a packet of information was distributed to Council, this packet was informational only. Elm Street is currently working of and working towards a resident meeting of the Elm Street District for sometime in April. Councilperson Reymer stated that Mr. Farnen, President of Elm Street has been working on plans and resident input and will present all information to Council in April also. Mr. Battis also reminded Elm Street to keep Councilperson Guenst involved as she chairs the Parks Committee. President Zygmont thanked Elm Street for their work and asked that the Parks Committee be involved.

Councilperson Reymer also thanked Assistant Secretary Hegele for the new procedure in distributed Council mail in binders.

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE -PRESIDENT ZYGMONT

President Zygmont stated he had seven items on his agenda for this evening; the first item was to discuss the West Monument Avenue Bridge. President Zygmont stated the engineer working on this project should have recommendations for this project for presentation to Council at the April committee meeting.

President Zygmont also stated the Engineer checked with the County, this bridge is not structural deficient just does not meet current design standards and there is no work planned by County on this bridge.

President Zygmont stated the second item on his agenda was the County Line Road Storm Sewer Update. President Zygmont stated Representative Murt's office along with Penndot is working to clean out the storm sewers along County Line Road.

President Zygmont stated the third item on his agenda was the Loller Building Color selection. President Zygmont stated Council had the opportunity to stop in Borough Hall and view sample color schemes and roofing material for the Loller Project. After discussion it was recommended to go with the color scheme and roofing colors that were recommended by the architect, George Donovan Associates. Assistant Secretary Hegele will contact Lee Werkheiser of George Donovan and advise of Council's decision.

President Zygmont stated that the fourth item on his agenda was the CDBG grant applications. Assistant Manager/Planner Hartey reviewed the applications with Council and a resolution will be prepared for Council approval at the March 24th, 2008 Council meeting. President Zygmont stated these applications are due by April 15th.

Borough Engineer Dougherty stated several locations were looked at by himself and

Borough Manager/Chief Gardner, they were Windover Road which is very costly; Continental Road, there is a lot of water coming from Upper Moreland Township, difficult to see without survey where channel is located, solution maybe a property maintenance issue and Williams Lane which appears to be the best project for this grant. Gilmore Associates are currently doing core samples of the area.

President Zygmunt stated the next three items were three resolutions for the Montgomery County Community Revitalization Program Implementation Grants, which will need approval at the March 24th, 2008 meeting. Resolution No. 2008-03 is for the Acquisition & Improvement of Public Parking Area Parking. Resolution No. 2008-04 is the Main Street Manager Funding and Resolution No. 2008-05 is for the Corinthian Trail Funding. President Zygmunt stated all three of these resolutions would be on the March 24th, 2008 agenda for Council's approval.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. Ed Henry, 238 Bonair Avenue stated his neighbor, Closet Works has many deceased trees along the buffer and are not compliant with Zoning Hearing Board decision. Mr. Henry is concerned because the building/property is for sale. President Zygmunt asked Assistant Fire Marshal Reading to look into this.

Mrs. Lee Philips, 204 Wood Street asked about the trees and why would that be an issue to sell a property. President Zygmunt stated that the trees were a condition that was placed on the property as part of the Zoning Hearing Board Hearing/Application/Decision.

Mr. Ed Henry, 238 Bonair Avenue asked why the applicant for the cell tower could not consider the use of the cell tower located at the Police Department. Mr. Henry also asked why a special exception was applied for vs. a variance. Mr. Henry stated special exception was for height and the variance was to erect at a height higher than allowed. Mr. Henry asked Council to consider sending Solicitor Meyer to the Zoning Hearing Board meeting to oppose the height.

Mr. Ron Battis, 320 West Moreland Avenue asked if there would be interference with Public Works radios if the tower were erected at the Concrete Property.

COMCAST AGREEMENT – PUBLIC HEARING

President Zygmunt reviewed with Council and the Audience highlights of the proposed Comcast Agreement. President Zygmunt stated it was a 10-year agreement with a 5% franchise fee. President Zygmunt asked if there were any questions with regards to the specifics of the agreement. President Zygmunt stated the agreement would be on the agenda for a vote by Council at the March 24th, 2008 meeting.

APPOINTMENT TO BOROUGH COUNCIL

President Zygmont stated due to the resignation of Councilman Moll, Council received letters of interest for this open seat. Vice President LaSorsa made a motion to appoint Mr. Dave Rich to fill the seat vacated by Mr. Moll effective March 24th, 2008. This motion was seconded by Councilperson Ostrander and approved by Council unanimously. President Zygmont stated that Mr. Rich is a 39 year resident of the Borough, a Zoning Hearing Board member and a familiar face at all Committee and Council meetings. President Zygmont stated Mr. Rich would be sworn in at the March 24th, 2008 Council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

President Zygmont adjourned the March 10th, 2008 Committee Meeting of Borough Council meeting at 9:12 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Zygmont stated there would be an executive session this evening to discuss a legal matter.

CONDITIONAL USE HEARING - Stoveworks 2, 301 Jacksonville Road was re-opened and minutes taken and meeting taped by Assistant Borough Secretary Hegele and are wit the application.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane C. Valesky-Hegele
Assistant Borough Secretary