

**BOROUGH OF HATBORO**

**COUNCIL MEETING**

**Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

**PRESENT**

President Zygmont, Vice President LaSorsa, Councilpersons, Ostrander, Tompkins, Reymer & Rich, Mayor Hawkes, Borough Solicitor Meyer, Borough Manager/Chief Gardner, Assistant Secretary Valesky-Hegele, Superintendent Thomas, Treasurer Lutz, Assistant Fire Marshal Reading & Borough Engineer Dougherty.

**ABSENT**

Councilperson Guenst & Assistant Manager/Planner Hartey.

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**INVOCATION**

Mayor Hawkes was delayed for the meeting; Vice President LaSorsa gave the invocation for the April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2008 meeting of Borough Council.

**MINUTES**

President Zygmont stated Council is in receipt of the minutes of the March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008 Committee (Voting) Council meeting and the March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2008 Council meeting minutes.. Vice President LaSorsa made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 10<sup>th</sup> & March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2008 Council meeting. This motion was seconded by Councilman Tompkins and approved by Council unanimously.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Zygmont stated he had nothing to report this evening.

**BOROUGH MANAGER/CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT**

Borough Manager/Chief Gardner stated he had two items to report, the first was the approval of the Pennypack Creek Channel application/grant in the amount of \$65,000.

Borough Manager/Chief Gardner stated the second item was to report on the pool. Borough Manager/Chief Gardner stated Public Works are working hard and doing a very nice job at preparing the pool for the 2008 season. Borough Manager/Chief Gardner stated the floodlights are older and very dim; Public Works can replace the lights with newer lights that are necessary for night swimming. Borough Manager/Chief Gardner stated the costs associated with project would be taken out of the line item for Public Works and replaced with money in the Parks & Recreation account.

## **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 comment from the audience.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

### **1. CASH BALANCES & INVESTMENT INCOME REPORT**

Treasurer Lutz reported the interest earned in March was \$12,266.66. This was for all 14 accounts at Commerce Bank at a rate of 2.7350%. Total account balance is \$4,447,014.18. Vice President LaSorsa made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of March 2008. This motion was seconded by Councilman Rich 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 April. This motion was seconded by Councilman Tompkins 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 April 2008. This motion was seconded by Councilperson Ostrander and approved by Council unanimously.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Hawkes stated he had one item for this evening, a proclamation recognizing National Nurses Week, May 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Hawkes read a proclamation and recognized all the Nurses in attendance.

## **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Solicitor Meyer reported he drafted and advertised Comcast Ordinance.

Solicitor Meyer reviewed and drafted documents relating to the Victorian Village Project.

## **SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT**

President Zygmunt stated the Public Works report was submitted in advance and copies of the report were available on the table in the front of the meeting room.

## **FIRE MARSHALS REPORT**

Assistant Fire Marshal Reading reported the Fire Marshal report was submitted in advance.

## COUNCIL/COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Councilperson Ostrander & Mayor Hawkes stated they had several items on their agenda for this evening; the first was the consideration of crosswalk at Byberry & South Penn. Councilperson Reymer made a motion to approve the placement of a crosswalk at Byberry & South Penn. This motion was seconded by Councilperson Ostrander and approved by Council unanimously.

Councilperson Ostrander stated the second item on their agenda was the consideration to purchase two Arrow Boards. Police, Public Works and Fire Department to assist with traffic control would use these Arrow Boards. Councilperson Reymer made a motion to purchase two Arrow Boards. This motion was seconded by Vice President LaSorsa and approved by Council unanimously.

President Zygmunt stated due to an error in the agenda, the appointment of Public Works Superintendent would take place at this point. Borough Manager/Chief Gardner introduced Roy "Butch" Thomas and his wife Janice. Borough Manager/Chief Gardner reported Mr. Thomas has been an employed with the Borough for a number of years, resides in the Borough, is the Deputy Fire Marshal and has been the acting Superintendent since last May. Councilperson Ostrander made a motion to appoint Roy "Butch" Thomas as Superintendent of Public Works. This motion was seconded by Vice President LaSorsa and approved by Council unanimously.

Mayor Hawkes stated the following items; contributions to various organizations from the Matrimonial Fund would be done as individual motions. Councilman Tompkins made a motion to give \$1000.00 from the Matrimonial Fund to the Gardeners of Crooked Billet. This motion was seconded by Councilperson Ostrander and approved by Council unanimously.

Vice President LaSorsa made a motion to give \$300.00 from the Matrimonial Fund to the Hatboro Cub Scout Pack 17. This motion was seconded by Councilperson Reymer with Councilman Tompkins abstaining, this motion was approved by the remainder of Council.

Vice President LaSorsa made a motion to give \$500.00 from the Matrimonial Fund to the Union Library of Hatborough. This motion was seconded by Councilman Tompkins with Councilperson Ostrander abstaining, this motion was approved by the remainder of Council.

Councilperson Ostrander made a motion to give \$600.00 from the Matrimonial Fund to the Hatboro Parks & Recreation Committee. This motion was seconded by Councilman Tompkins and approved by Council unanimously.

Vice President LaSorsa made a motion to give \$600.00 from the Matrimonial Fund to the Hatboro YMCA Gymnastics Program. This motion was seconded by Councilperson Ostrander and approved by Council unanimously.

### PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – PRESIDENT ZYGMONT

President Zygmunt stated he had nothing on his agenda this evening.

**ZONING, PLANNING and HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE** – COUNCILMAN TOMPKINS

Councilman Tompkins stated he had three items on his agenda this evening; the first was the approval of an escrow release #5 in the amount of \$81,414.00 for the Victorian Village Project. Vice President LaSorsa made a motion to approve the escrow release in the amount of \$81,414.00 for the Victorian Village project. This motion was seconded by Councilman Tompkins and approved by Council unanimously.

Councilman Tompkins stated the second item on his agenda was escrow release #6 in the amount of \$92,722.95 for the Victorian Village Project. Councilman Tompkins stated this release represents a 50% retainage release for this project. Vice President LaSorsa made a motion to approve the release in the amount of \$92,722.95 for the Victorian Village Project. This motion was seconded by Councilperson Reymer and approved by Council unanimously.

Councilman Tompkins stated the third item on his agenda was escrow release #1 in the amount of \$218,005.00 for the Stoveworks 1 project. Vice President LaSorsa made a motion for escrow release #1 in the amount of \$218,005.00 for the Stoveworks 1 project. This motion was seconded by Councilperson Ostrander and approved by Council unanimously.

**PARKS and RECREATION COMMITTEE** - COUNCILPERSON GUENST

Vice President LaSorsa stated Councilperson Guenst was absent tonight. Vice President LaSorsa stated there was one item on the agenda for this evening, the approval of Event Request Form from the Hatboro Swim Team to use the Pool Parking Lot on July 13<sup>th</sup> for a Flea Market. Councilperson Ostrander made a motion to approve the use of the pool parking lot on July 13<sup>th</sup> by the Hatboro Swim Team for a Flea Market. This motion was seconded by Councilman Tompkins and approved by Council unanimously.

**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; to consider the contribution in kind to Main Street Hatboro and Elm Street Hatboro. Councilperson Reymer stated both organizations requested copies and the Borough staff provided those copies at a cost of \$20.50 for Main Street and \$5.75 for Elm Street. Vice President LaSorsa made a motion to approve the in kind contribution for records to both Main Street & Elm Street. This motion was seconded by Councilman Tompkins and approved by Council unanimously.

**ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE** -PRESIDENT ZYGMONT

President Zygmont stated he had several items on his agenda for this evening; the first was the approval of Ordinance No. 981, Comcast Cable Franchise Agreement. Vice President LaSorsa made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 981, Comcast Cable Franchise Agreement. This motion was seconded by Councilman Tompkins and approved by Council unanimously.

President Zygmunt stated the next item on his agenda was to consider the proposals for the West Monument Avenue Bridge repairs. President Zygmunt stated two proposals received were for replacement with wood decking or concrete decking. Vice President LaSorsa made a motion to replace the decking of the West Monument Avenue Bridge with wood. This motion was seconded by Councilman Tompkins and approved by Council unanimously.

President Zygmunt stated that Council needed to act on the approval to bid the West Monument Avenue Bridge Project. Vice President LaSorsa made a motion to put out to bid the West Monument Avenue Bridge Project subject to Borough Manager, Solicitor and Engineer review. This motion was seconded by Councilman Tompkins and approved by Council unanimously.

President Zygmunt stated the next item on his agenda was the approval of Elm Street Intersection Improvements Payment Request application in the amount of \$222,551.85. Vice President LaSorsa made a motion to approve the payment request for Elm Street Intersection Improvements in the amount of \$222,551.85. This motion was seconded by Councilperson Reymer and approved by Council unanimously.

President Zygmunt stated the next items on his agenda were the approval of change orders for the Loller Building Project, which will be acted on in two motions. Vice President LaSorsa made a motion to approve non-cost issue change order for the change in date for the Loller Project. This motion was seconded by Councilperson Ostrander and approved by Council unanimously.

Vice President LaSorsa made a motion to approve the Loller Building Change Order in the amount of \$863.94 for window sash repair in the Bell Tower. This motion was seconded by Councilman Tompkins and approved by Council unanimously.

President Zygmunt stated the final item on his agenda was the appointment of Ms. Geri Weideman to the Zoning Hearing Board. President Zygmunt stated Ms. Weideman has been serving on the Planning Commission and would like to be considered to replace Mr. Dave Rich who recently stepped down to serve on Council. Vice President LaSorsa made a motion to appoint Ms. Geri Weideman to the Zoning Hearing Board to fill the term of Mr. Dave Rich. This motion was seconded by Councilman Tompkins and approved by Council unanimously.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Borough Manager/Chief Gardner stated he received information on the York Road Resignalization Project, he reported "the letting of the project" is scheduled for Summer of 2009.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

President Zygmunt asked if the vacancy on the Planning Commission could be advertised on the Cable Channel and website.

### **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

Mr. Bruce Hart, 175 Earl Lane asked about the Comcast Franchise Fee. Councilman Tompkins stated it is 5% and he could understand why Mr. Hart maybe confused, the billing is confusing to some.

Mr. Ron Battis, 320 W. Moreland Avenue stated he recently surveyed residents along the West Monument Avenue Bridge, which he shared with Council. Mr. Battis stated of the people he spoke to two would like concrete, one would like wood with rubber underneath, one would like wood only and the last one would prefer repair not new, does not want to see increased traffic. Mr. Battis stated he surveyed the five closest houses to the bridge.

Mr. Battis also asked when the next Capital Budget meeting would be, he stated he was concerned that it may be too late to discuss Capital needs, prices may be different. Mr. Battis suggested Capital Budget meetings take place before tax season.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

President Zygmunt adjourned the April 28th Council meeting at 7:41 P.M.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

President Zygmunt stated there would be an executive session this evening to discuss a legal and real estate matters.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane C. Valesky-Hegele  
Assistant Borough Secretary