

BOROUGH OF HATBORO

COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, June 23rd, 2008

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

Councilperson Guent.

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

Mayor Hawkes gave the invocation for the June 23rd meeting of Borough Council.

MINUTES

President Zygmunt stated Council is in receipt of the minutes of the May 19th, 2008 Council meeting. Vice President LaSorsa made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 19th, 2008 Council meeting. This motion was seconded by Councilperson Ostrander and approved by Council unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Zygmunt stated he had nothing to report this evening.

BOROUGH MANAGER/CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT

Borough Manager/Chief Gardner reported that the speed trailer that was recently vandalized has been repaired. Borough Manager/Chief Gardner stated that the repairs were made in house for less than \$200.00. Borough Manager/Chief Gardner stated that if anyone knew whom maybe responsible for the vandalism to this equipment to please contact the Hatboro Police Department.

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 May was \$10,820.44. This was for all 14 accounts at Commerce Bank at a rate of 1.840%. Total account balance is \$6,613,084.56. Vice President LaSorsa made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of May 2008. This motion was seconded by Councilperson Ostrander and approved by Council unanimously. Treasurer Lutz also reported that back up tapes are currently being removed from Borough Hall and all transfers will be on the warrant list for approval monthly beginning in July.

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 June. This motion was seconded by Councilman Rich 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 June 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 the Hatboro Horsham High School Girls Softball Team who recently won the State Championship in Shippensburg PA. Mayor Hawkes read a proclamation and presented the proclamation to the coaches and members of the team.

Mayor Hawkes also thanked Assistant Secretary Valesky-Hegele for her assistance in writing the proclamations recently given.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Meyer reported he reviewed and drafted easements and reviewed condominium documents for the Victorian Village Project.

Solicitor Meyer received court order for continuance for Petition for Bond – 400 North York Road.

Solicitor Meyer drafted and advertised ordinance re: cell tower.

SUPERINTENDENT'S 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. Superintendent Thomas stated he nothing further to report or add.

FIRE MARSHALS REPORT

President Zygmunt stated the Fire Marshals Report was submitted in advance and copies of the report were available on the table in the front of the meeting room. Assistant Fire Marshal Reading stated he had nothing further to report or add.

COUNCIL/COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Mayor Hawkes & Councilperson Ostrander both stated they had nothing on their agenda tonight.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – PRESIDENT ZYGMONT

President Zygmont stated he had nothing on his agenda tonight.

ZONING, PLANNING and HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE – COUNCILMAN TOMPKINS

Councilman Tompkins stated he had four items on his agenda this evening; the first was the announcement of meeting schedule for the Zoning Hearing Board to hear the application of Abington Bank. Councilman Tompkins stated the meeting was scheduled for July 9th, 2008.

Councilman Tompkins stated the second item on his agenda was the Zoning Hearing Board application for Abington Bank. Councilman Tompkins excused himself and asked Vice President LaSorsa to address this item as he has stock in Abington Bank. Vice President LaSorsa reviewed the application for signage to be located at the Abington Bank. Ms. Caroline Edwards was in attendance representing Abington Bank. Ms. Edwards addressed Council and stated information that she was asked to gather from the last meeting was forwarded to Assistant Secretary Valesky-Hegele for Council. President Zygmont responded that the information was received and asked if anyone on Council had any further comment or questions with regards to this application. President Zygmont asked if any other provisions have been made for other signage as he has reservations with ticker lights welcoming people to Hatboro. President Zygmont stated there is other signage right near the Bank already welcoming visitors to Hatboro. Mr. Tom Pileggi, owner of development where Abington Bank is located stated he has no knowledge of this sign application. Mr. Pileggi stated he has not given Abington Bank permission to erect this sign. Ms. Edwards apologized to Mr. Pileggi stating she believed that he was notified. After a brief discussion Ms. Edwards was going to contact the applicant and advise them of Mr. Pileggi's concerns and felt Mr. Pileggi and Abington Bank would need to meet and discuss this application. Councilman Tompkins stated the July 9th meeting of the Zoning Hearing Board would be cancelled and rescheduled. Assistant Secretary Valesky-Hegele stated there was no other business to go before the Zoning Hearing Board therefore the meeting could be cancelled. Assistant Secretary Valesky-Hegele stated the members would be contacted on Tuesday.

Councilman Tompkins stated the third item on his agenda was the approval of Resolution #2008-04. Councilman Tompkins made a motion to approve Resolution #2008-04, the Eastern Montgomery County Multi Municipal Stormwater Project. This motion was seconded by Councilperson Ostrander and approved by Council unanimously.

Councilman Tompkins stated the fourth item on his agenda was the approval of escrow release for the Victorian Village Project. Vice President LaSorsa made a motion to approve the escrow release for Victorian Village in the amount of \$191,933.25. This motion was seconded by Councilperson Ostrander and approved by Council unanimously.

PARKS and RECREATION COMMITTEE - COUNCILPERSON GUENST

President Zygmunt stated the Parks & Recreation Committee had one item on their agenda tonight, an event request form for the use of the pool. Chris Dubil, manager of the snack stand and owner of Scoops asked Council to consider allowing the Ukrainian American Sports Club use the Hatboro Pool on July 5th in the morning hours before the pool opens for a swim meet. Mr. Dubil stated the group could not use the pool they normally use. Mr. Dubil stated the park use forms have been completed, the fees would be paid and insurance would be forthcoming. Vice President LaSorsa made a motion to allow the use of the pool on July 5th subject to receipt of insurance. This motion was seconded by Councilperson Reymer and approved by Council unanimously.

FINANCE, BUDGET and INSURANCE COMMITTEE - VICE PRESIDENT LASORSA

Vice President LaSorsa stated he had two items on his agenda tonight; the first item was to consider new/separate-banking account for the Hatboro Memorial Pool. Councilman Rich made a motion to approve a new bank account for the Hatboro Memorial Pool, to be opened at Commerce Bank with the other Borough Banking. This motion was seconded by Councilman Tompkins and approved by Council unanimously.

Vice President LaSorsa stated the second item on his agenda was to consider the Enterprise Fund establishment for the pool. Councilman Rich made a motion to approve Hatboro Memorial Pool as a separate Enterprise Fund, with own accounts. This motion was seconded by Councilperson Ostrander and approved by Council unanimously.

President Zygmunt thanked Vice President LaSorsa, Borough Manager/Chief Gardner, Assistant Secretary Valesky-Hegele and Council for a very productive Capital Budget Workshop on June 19th.

PUBLIC RELATIONS and COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE - COUNCILPERSON REYMER

Councilperson Reymer stated she had nothing on her agenda this evening.

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE -PRESIDENT ZYGMONT

President Zygmunt stated he had several items on his agenda for this evening; the first item on his agenda, consideration of Pennypack Creek Stream Restoration Bids. Vice President LaSorsa made a motion to award the Pennypack Creek Stream Restoration Bid to Toth Brothers Clearing & Dredging, Inc. in the amount of \$54,600.00. Borough Engineer Dougherty stated this amount could increase due to the shoal being twice as large. This motion was seconded by Councilperson Reymer and approved by Council unanimously.

President Zygmunt stated the second item on his agenda was to consider the Elm Street Crosswalk payment. Vice President LaSorsa made a motion to approve the Elm Street Crosswalk payment in the amount of \$27,541.28. This motion was seconded by Councilman Tompkins and approved by Council unanimously.

President Zygmunt stated the third item on his agenda was to consider the Elm Street Intersection Improvement Change order #4. Vice President LaSorsa made a motion to approve the Elm Street Intersection Improvement Change order #4 in the amount of \$2807.00. Councilperson Reymer asked if this was final. Borough Manager/Chief Gardner stated there is still retainage along with the contractor's bond. Borough Manager/Chief Gardner stated the grant closes on June 30, 2008. This motion was seconded by Councilman Rich and approved by Council unanimously.

President Zygmunt stated the fourth item on his agenda was approval of Change Orders for the Loller Project. Vice President LaSorsa made a motion to approve the change order including the pre-approval of a change order up to \$4830.21 to paint the gutters and check the pitch of the gutters. This motion was seconded by Councilperson Reymer and approved by Council unanimously.

President Zygmunt stated the fifth item on his agenda was to consider application for payment for the Loller Project. Vice President LaSorsa made a motion to approve the payment in the amount of \$221,421.57 for the Loller Project to Wu Associates. This motion was seconded by Councilman Rich and approved by Council unanimously.

President Zygmunt stated the sixth item on his agenda was to consider the hiring of the 2008 Pool Staff. Vice President LaSorsa made a motion to approve the hiring of staff as listed and discussed at the Committee meeting for the 2008 Season at the Memorial Pool. This motion was seconded by Councilman Tompkins and approved by Council unanimously.

President Zygmunt stated the last item on his agenda was the consideration of the UMHJSA Facilities Capacity Study/537 Plan. Vice President LaSorsa made a motion to approve the UMHJSA Facilities Capacity Study/537 Plan. This motion was seconded by Councilman Tompkins and approved by Council unanimously.

PUBLIC HEARING – Ordinance #982, Interim Application Process Wireless Telecommunications.

President Zygmunt opened the Public Hearing and turned over to Councilman Tompkins. Councilman Tompkins explained that the Zoning Committee has met to begin to discuss. Councilman Tompkins stated this is a 90-day interim application process ordinance that establishes procedure for Council to use until an Ordinance is formally adopted. President Zygmunt asked if anyone from Council had any questions and then opened the hearing up to the floor and there was no public comment. President Zygmunt closed the public hearing. Vice President LaSorsa made a motion to approve Ordinance A#982, Interim Application Process Wireless Telecommunications Ordinance. This motion was seconded by Councilman Tompkins and approved by Council unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to come before Council.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Tompkins advised Council that he has been attending the Multi Municipal Meetings and the 1st draft of the corridor study will be given to Council in an upcoming packet. Councilman Tompkins stated if anyone had any questions to please let him know.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mrs. Lee Phillips, 204 Wood Street. Mrs. Phillips congratulated Assistant Secretary Valesky-Hegele on the recent award for the newsletter.

Mrs. Phillips asked if the water runoff from the Stoveworks Project would have any impact on the Railroad tracks that run behind that property. Councilman Tompkins stated the water runoff would be a slow process. Borough Engineer Dougherty stated the original plan submitted has the water run off spread out to slow the release.

ADJOURNMENT

President Zygmunt adjourned the June 23rd Council meeting at 8:00 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Zygmunt stated there would be a brief executive session this evening.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane C. Valesky-Hegele
Assistant Borough Secretary