

BOROUGH OF HATBORO

COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, August 25th, 2008

PRESENT

President Zygmunt, Vice President LaSorsa, Councilpersons Guenst, Ostrander, Tompkins, Reymer & Rich, Mayor Hawkes, Borough Solicitor Meyer, Planner/Assistant Manager Hartey, Assistant Secretary Valesky-Hegele, Fire Marshal Stauch, Assistant Fire Marshal Reading, Borough Engineer Dougherty & Sgt. Petrik.

ABSENT

Borough Manager/Chief Gardner, Superintendent Thomas & Treasurer Lutz

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

Mayor Hawkes gave the invocation for the August 25th, 2008 meeting of Borough Council.

MINUTES

President Zygmunt stated Council is in receipt of the minutes of the July 28th, 2008 Council meeting. President Zygmunt announced that due to a request to change the minutes to detail the vote on the purchase of equipment for the Boy Scouts, under the Public Relations and Community Relations Committee, Council will vote to approve the minutes for the July 25th Council meeting, with the exception to that committee which will be deferred for approval at the September Council meeting. Vice President LaSorsa made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 28th, 2008 Council meeting. This motion was seconded by Councilperson Guenst and approved by Council unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Zygmunt stated he had nothing to report this evening.

BOROUGH MANAGER/CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT

President Zygmunt stated Borough Manager/Chief Gardner was absent tonight, Sgt. Petrik from the Hatboro Police Department was attending tonight to read a statement from the Department and Chief Gardner. Sgt. Petrik stated the new school year for the Hatboro-Horsham schools begins on September 3rd, 2008. The police department would like to remind all motorists to be prepared for the opening of schools. With the new school year motorist need to pay close attention for children waiting for school buses, boarding those buses and walking to or from their schools. Several streets in the areas of our schools are posted with one-way restrictions or special speeds during certain times during school days. Please help us protect our children by strictly adhering to these and other traffic laws.

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. Mr. Bruce Hart, 175 Earl Lane advised Council that he thought sending the quilt to Belgium was a poor idea, it was the only quilt we have, do not have another one. Mr. Ron Battis, 320 W. Moreland Avenue agreed with Mr. Hart, quilt has been in the cabinet a long time, not sure the conditions the quilt will be stored in, where being hung, light exposure, should stay in Hatboro.

TREASURER'S REPORT

1. CASH BALANCES & INVESTMENT INCOME REPORT

President Zygmunt reported Treasurer Lutz was absent this evening due to a work commitment. Vice President LaSorsa reported the interest earned in July was \$12,276.63. This was for all 14 accounts at Commerce Bank at a rate of 2.30%%. Total account balance is \$6,267,225.43. Councilperson Guenst made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of July 2008. This motion was seconded by Councilperson Ostrander 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 August. Assistant Secretary Valesky-Hegele stated there would not be a manual list to approve this month. This motion was seconded by Councilperson Guenst and approved by Council unanimously.

3. PAYMENT OF BILLS

Vice President LaSorsa made a motion to authorize the payment of bills and ratification of transfers for the month of August 2008. This motion was seconded by Councilman Tompkins and approved by Council unanimously.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hawkes asked Mr. Al Wipplinger, Past President of Main Street Hatboro to please come forward and accept a proclamation honoring him for his service to Hatboro as President of Main Street Hatboro. Mr. Wipplinger thanked the Mayor, Council, the Main Street Board, Connie Wood, Bob Johnston and his wife.

Mayor Hawkes asked State Representative Tom Murt to come forward to make his presentation to the Elm Street Hatboro Organization. Representative Murt presented John Farnen, Marianne Reymmer and Nancy Guenst with a check for \$5000.00 for Elm Street Hatboro Gateway Signs.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Meyer reported he received a Court Order dismissing the Petition for Bond filed by the landowners in the matter Schieber vs. Hatboro.

Solicitor Meyer reviewed the County Line Road Signalization Maintenance Agreement.

Solicitor Meyer drafted temporary construction easements for the municipal parking lot on Moreland Avenue.

Solicitor Meyer reviewed easement and Condominium documents regarding Victorian Village.

Solicitor Meyer reviewed loan agreement, Art in Embassies Program for NATO.

Solicitor Meyer reviewed the Consortium Recycling Contract.

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. Superintendent Thomas was absent this evening.

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. Fire Marshal Stauch stated he had nothing additional to report.

COUNCIL/COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE - MAYOR HAWKES

Mayor Hawkes stated he had one item on his agenda tonight, to consider Resolution #2008-08, Civil Service, Chief of Police. Councilperson Ostrander made a motion to approve Resolution #2008-08, Civil Service for Chief James Gardner. Councilperson Reymer asked if the Resolution was for the test for the Chief only. Mayor Hawkes stated yes, the Civil Service Commission would be administering the test. This motion was seconded by Councilperson Guenst and approved by Council unanimously.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – COUNCILMAN RICH

Councilman Rich stated he had one item on his agenda tonight, to consider County Line Road Signalization Maintenance Agreement. Vice President LaSorsa made a motion to approve the County Line Road Signalization Maintenance Agreement. This motion was seconded by Councilperson Ostrander and approved by Council unanimously.

ZONING, PLANNING and HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE – COUNCILMAN TOMPKINS

Councilman Tompkins stated he did not have anything on his agenda for tonight, however he did want to update Council on four applications that will be on the agenda in September. Councilman Tompkins stated another application was received for a cell tower at 248 E. County Line Road, Delaware Valley Concrete, the matter will be before the Zoning Hearing Board at their September meeting.

Councilman Tompkins stated the second application was for a lot line change for 226 North York Road, this matter will be before the Planning Commission and Council in September.

Councilman Tompkins stated the third item was a sketch plan application for the property located at 69 Byberry Road, this matter will be before the Planning Commission and Council in September.

Councilman Tompkins stated the Jacksonville Road lighting resolution will also be on the agenda for the September Council meeting for approval.

PARKS and RECREATION COMMITTEE - COUNCILPERSON GUENST

Councilperson Guenst stated she had one item on her agenda tonight, the consideration of waiving fees for the use of Miller Meadow for HatOberFest by the Greater Hatboro Chamber of Commerce. Councilperson Guenst stated the Chamber is a non-profit organization and \$9800.00 or approximately \$700.00 a day in fees would be a lot for the organization. Councilperson Guenst stated the Chamber has agreed to restore the field and pay for any additional services they may need. Vice President LaSorsa made a motion to waive the Park Use fees for the use of Miller Meadow for HatOberFest. This motion was seconded by Councilperson Ostrander and approved by Council unanimously.

BUDGET and INSURANCE COMMITTEE - VICE PRESIDENT LASORSA

Vice President LaSorsa stated he had one item on his agenda, the approval of accounting services. Councilperson Guenst made a motion to approve the proposal received from Daren Miller CPA for quarterly accounting services. This motion was seconded by Councilperson Ostrander and approved by Council unanimously.

PUBLIC RELATIONS and COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE - COUNCILPERSON REYMER

Councilperson Reymer stated she had two items for her agenda; the first is the consideration to send the quilt to Belgium as part of the Art in Embassies Program. Councilperson Reymer stated this is a great opportunity to show Hatboro to the rest of the world. Councilperson Reymer read a short article written by Barbara Haas of the Crooked Billet Women's Club on the quilt, a copy of this article will be placed with these minutes. Councilperson Ostrander stated the Library has a similar blanket made around the same time that they will loan to the Borough to display in Borough Hall. Councilperson Reymer stated the Art in Embassies Program would be responsible for the proper care, handling and shipping of the quilt. Vice President LaSorsa made a motion to approve the loan of the Hatboro Quilt from Borough Hall to the Arts in Embassies Program. This motion was seconded by Councilperson Guenst and approved by Council unanimously.

Councilperson Reymer announced that the Borough Staff received information earlier this afternoon from the Montgomery County Health Department that the DEP would be conducting an aerial spray due to the high mosquito population in the area including Hatboro on Wednesday, August 27th or Thursday, August 28th between the hours of 8:30 PM to midnight. The Borough would be putting information on the Community Channels 21 & 22 and the Borough website. Councilperson Reymer also stated there was a DEP website and phone number that residents could call for more information.

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE -PRESIDENT ZYGMONT

President Zygmont stated he had several items on his agenda; the first item was to consider the employee ratification for the month of August 2008. Vice President LaSorsa made a motion to approve employee ratification for August 2008. This motion was seconded by Councilperson Guenst and approved by Council unanimously.

President Zygmont stated the second item on his agenda was to consider approval of the Victorian Village Condominium documents. Borough Solicitor Meyer reviewed with Council a letter he prepared dated August 22nd, 2008, which listed items that needed to be addressed further. Mr. Keith Brown, Esquire, attorney for the developer addressed Council with answers and further information. Mr. Brown stated there are several items needed tonight from Borough Council; they are 4 easement agreements, approval of declaration of condominium, bylaws and public offering statement. President Zygmont stated this matter has been discussed for some time and he polled Council on questions and a motion. Councilperson Guenst made a motion to approve the Condominium documents for Victorian Village. This motion was seconded by Councilman Tompkins and approved by Council unanimously.

President Zygmont stated that Council approved in May subject to re-ratification vote on easements. Councilman Tompkins made a motion to approve the easements. This motion was seconded by Councilperson Guenst and approved by Council unanimously.

Mr. Pileggi, developer of the Victorian Village Project asked if Abington Bank could open tomorrow. Fire Marshal Stauch stated he is ok with this as long as Pennoni Associates is ok. The recording of the deeds will need to take place, which will be done by his attorney. Pennoni Associates can issue a temporary Use & Occupancy for Abington Bank until the documents are recorded. President Zygmont stated 15 day temporary U&O should be issued by Pennoni.

EMERGENCY SERVICES AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY COMMITTEE – COUNCILPERSON OSTRANDER

Councilperson Ostrander stated she had nothing on her agenda tonight.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to come before Council.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to come before Council.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. Bruce Hart, 175 Earl Lane asked about motorists who make u-turns along York Road in the business district. Sgt. Petrik stated it is illegal to make a U-turn along York Road.

Ms. Cathy Jeffries, E. Moreland Avenue stated she is starting a business, Creative Gifts from the Heart. Ms. Jeffries states she wants to market jars of baking recipes, the jars would be dry ingredients only in canning jars and needs a letter from the Borough stating she can do this. President Zygmunt stated it was a zoning question and referred her to Planner/Assistant Manager Hartey to assist her.

ADJOURNMENT

President Zygmunt adjourned the August 25th Council meeting at 7:52 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Zygmunt stated there would not be an executive session this evening.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane C. Valesky-Hegele
Assistant Borough Secretary