

**BOROUGH OF HATBORO
COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28th, 2009**

PRESENT

President Zygmunt, Vice President LaSorsa, Councilpersons Ostrander, Guent, Reymer & Rich, Mayor Hawkes, Borough Manager/Chief Gardner, Assistant Secretary Hegele, Superintendent Thomas, Building Code Official/Zoning Officer Fugate, Assistant Fire Marshal Reading, Borough Engineer Dougherty, & Ms. Bernadette Keurney for Borough Solicitor Pionzio.

ABSENT

Councilman Tompkins, Solicitor Pionzio & Treasurer Lutz were all absent this evening.

CALL TO ORDER

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

President Zygmunt announced there was an executive session held prior to this meeting to discuss a potential legal matter.

INVOCATION

Mayor Hawkes gave the invocation for the September meeting of Council.

MINUTES

President Zygmunt stated Council is in receipt of the August 10th, 2009 Committee/Council Meeting Minutes. Vice President LaSorsa made a motion to approve the August 10th, 2009 Committee/Council Meeting Minutes. This motion was seconded by Councilperson Guent and approved by Council unanimously.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

President Zygmunt stated he had nothing to report tonight.

BOROUGH MANAGER/CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT

Borough Manager/Chief of Police reported the police department conducted a speed enforcement detail on North York Road at Crescent Road, twelve citations were issued for violating the 40MPH speed limit, and the average violator speed was 57.6 MPH.

Borough Manager/Chief Gardner reported there is a change order before Council tonight for the current road-paving project. The bid specification for E. Monument and Lancaster called for a seal coating. However, based on the unit costs provided on the bid documents, complete milling and paving could be done at this location for a net of plus \$1,185.00. This matter is on the agenda for Council consideration.

Borough Manager/Chief Gardner reported some staff and elected officials attended a flood mitigation seminar at the Montgomery County EOC. Presenters including state and federal government officials who spoke of various grant programs aimed at mitigating flooding. The Borough has taken advantage of these programs. Also presented was information on flood insurance that officials recommend all property owners consider.

Borough Manager/Chief Gardner reported receiving an update from Sharon Fang of the EPA on the Raymark Fund Site, advised that although test wells are on SEPTA property; they need to secure an access agreement from SEPTA for the equipment to access the wells.

Borough Manager/Chief Gardner reported he received notification within the last several days that grants for police communications equipment (\$125,000) and replacement firearms (approx. \$12,000) have received federal approval in the full amounts. These are separate grants and more information will follow on these issues in the coming months.

MAYORS REPORT

Mayor Hawkes reported receiving information from Allyson Schwartz's office regarding the new Washington Crossing National Cemetery located in Newtown Bucks County for veterans in the Philadelphia Area. Allyson Schwartz's office was hosting two informational sessions to provide an overview about the cemetery and answer questions. Dates and times would be posted in Borough Hall.

TREASURERS REPORT

1. CASH BALANCES & INVESTMENT INCOME REPORT

Vice President LaSorsa gave the monthly treasurers report in Treasurer Lutz's absence. Vice President LaSorsa stated the interest earned in August 2009 was \$2270.76. This was for all 14 accounts at TD Banknorth at a rate of 0.595%. Total account balance is \$4,472,919.09. Councilperson Ostrander made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report for the month of September 2009. This motion was seconded by Councilperson Guent and approved by Council unanimously.

2. APPROVAL OF WARRANTS LIST

President Zygmunt stated Council is in receipt of the warrant list and manual checklist. President Zygmunt stated 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 for the month of September. 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 September. This motion was seconded by Councilperson Guenst and approved by Council unanimously.

SOLICITORS REPORT

Ms. Bernadette Kearney stated there was no report tonight.

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 stated he had nothing additional to report.

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 reminded everyone that October was Fire Prevention Month and that if anyone was in need of a smoke detector to please contact the Fire Company or Fire Marshals office for free smoke detector. He also reminded everyone that Open House this year would be on 10-10-09 at the Enterprise Fire Company of Hatboro.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

President Zygmunt stated this privilege of the floor is for residents to address Council to discuss voting items on tonight's agenda. There was no comment.

A. ADMINISTRATION & CONTRACTS – President Zygmunt

President Zygmunt announced the first item; Payment Request 4&5 for the Commuter Lot was removed from the agenda this evening per the Borough Engineer who stated the parking meters are not in yet.

Vice President LaSorsa made a motion to approve the Miller Property Release. This motion was seconded by Councilperson Ostrander and approved by Council unanimously.

Vice President LaSorsa made a motion to approve the District Court Lease between the County of Montgomery and the Borough of Hatboro for a period of 10 years starting in 2009 through 2019. This motion was seconded by Councilperson Ostrander and approved by Council unanimously.

Vice President LaSorsa made a motion to approve using Pepper & Hamilton as Bond Finance Counsel for the refinance of the GOB. This motion was seconded by Councilperson Guenst and approved by Council unanimously.

Vice President LaSorsa made a motion to approve Resolution #2009-20, authorizing Liquid Fuels Ordinance Advertising. This motion was seconded by Councilperson Ostrander and approved by Council unanimously.

Vice President LaSorsa made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 992, Liquid Fuels Ordinance for the addition of roads for Liquid Fuels. This motion was seconded by Councilperson Ostrander and approved by Council unanimously.

Vice President LaSorsa made a motion to approve Resolution #2009-21 for York Road Safety Enhancements at no cost to the Borough. This motion was seconded by Councilperson Ostrander and approved by Council unanimously.

B. **ZONING, PLANNING & HISTORIC PRESERVATION** – Councilman Tompkins

Vice President LaSorsa made a motion to approve Resolution #2009-22, 2 Home Road Waiver request. This motion was seconded by Councilperson Reymer and approved by Council unanimously.

Vice President LaSorsa made a motion to approve Escrow Release #4, for the Stoveworks Project in the amount of \$109,485.00. This motion was seconded by Councilperson Ostrander and approved by Council unanimously.

C. **PUBLIC WORKS** – Councilman Rich

Vice President LaSorsa made a motion to approve Change order #1 for the Hatboro Road Improvements Program for East Monument Avenue. This motion was seconded by Councilperson Ostrander and approved by Council unanimously.

D. **PUBLIC & COMMUNITY RELATIONS** – Councilperson Reymer

Councilperson Ostrander made a motion to approve the Tanner Walkway Project Proposal. This motion was seconded by Councilperson Guenst and approved by Council unanimously.

Councilperson Reymer made a motion to approved the Elm Street Gateway Signage Proposal. This motion was seconded by Councilperson Guenst and approved by Council unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Borough Manager/Chief Gardner reported that the 2004 Bond Refinancing is progressing. There is a lot of work involved in this process and the work involves staff time and has to be done in a timely fashion.

Mr. Daren Miller presented Council with a status report of grants and applications. He reviewed with Council each item. He also included a listing of vacant commercial properties in the Borough.

There was no other old business to come before Council this evening.

NEW BUSINESS

Vice President LaSorsa reviewed with Council the Fire Company Operating Budget for 2010. Fire Chief Zollers and President Gowan reviewed with Council some of the budget. Vice President LaSorsa stated there is no increase in 2010 and the debt service would be remaining the same.

There was no other new business to come before Council this evening.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. Scott Randolph of Arrival Videos addressed Council regarding the upcoming premier of the Battle of Crooked Billet. Mr. Randolph passed out invitations to Council asking everyone to come out on October 22nd to Valley Forge for the presentation. He stated this is an invitation only event; he was working with the Hatboro Horsham Educational Foundation to host this event locally and open to the public. Mr. Randolph also asked Council to get involved in the upcoming 300-year celebration of the Borough, as this was an important event. Mr. Randolph also asked Council if they could consider a Historic Preservation Ordinance to protect and preserve the Borough's history. Mr. Randolph was advised that Councilman Tompkins chairs a committee that is assigned to working on this.

ADJOURNMENT

President Zygmunt adjourned the September 28th, 2009 Council meeting at 7:48 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane C. Hegele
Assistant Borough Secretary
Open Records Officer

