

BOROUGH OF HATBORO
COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 27th, 2008

PRESENT

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

ABSENT

Assistant Fire Marshal Reading was absent this evening.

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

Mayor Hawkes gave the invocation for the October 27th, 2008 meeting of Borough Council.

MINUTES

President Zygmunt stated Council is in receipt of the minutes of the September 22nd, 2008 Council meeting. Vice President LaSorsa made a motion to approve the September 22nd, 2008 Council meeting minutes. Councilperson Reymer stated she requested Assistant Secretary review the Zoning portion of the meeting again. President Zygmunt stated the minutes would be approved with the exception of the Zoning, Planning & Historic Preservation Committee that would be deferred to the November meeting. This motion was seconded by Councilperson Guenst and approved by Council unanimously.

President Zygmunt stated Council is in receipt of the minutes of the September 26th, 2008 special Council meeting. Vice President LaSorsa made a motion to approve the September 26th, 2008 special 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

Borough Manager/Chief Gardner stated he was going to combine his Manager's Report with this Police Department Report. Borough Manager/Chief Gardner updated Council on the status of the repairs to the pool slide. Borough Manager/Chief Gardner is meeting with the manufacturer on Wednesday at 8:00 AM, he will update Council on the meeting.

Borough Manager/Chief Gardner stated the bid documents are prepared and are available for contractors; the bid opening is scheduled for November 21, 2008 at Borough Hall.

Borough Manager/Chief Gardner stated plans are in place with the Police, Fire, Ambulance, Public Works and Emergency Management if the Phillies win the World Series.

Borough Manager/Chief Gardner stated that with sorrow, the loss of Mike "Boz" Garvin, paramedic with the Second Alarmers. Borough Manager/Chief Gardner stated that not only was Boz a paramedic, he was involved in search and rescue and a constable. Borough Manager/Chief Gardner stated that Boz was 39 years old and died suddenly at home, leaving behind a wife and young child.

Borough Manager/Chief Gardner thanked everyone involved including the news media with the recent case at the Garner House. Borough Manager/Chief Gardner stated that this was not a random act and the person(s) involved were apprehended and the case is still under investigation.

Borough Manager/Chief Gardner stated he hopes the Phillies win and wants everyone to have fun but be safe and behave.

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 none.

TREASURER'S REPORT

1. CASH BALANCES & INVESTMENT INCOME REPORT

Treasurer Lutz reported the interest earned in September was \$9,345.46. This was for all 14 accounts at Commerce Bank at a rate of 2.11%. Total account balance is \$5,281,146.38. Vice President LaSorsa made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of September 2008. This motion was seconded by Councilman Tompkins 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 of Department Head. Vice President LaSorsa made a motion to approve the warrant list and manual checklist for the month of October. This motion was seconded by Councilperson Ostrander 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 October 2008. This motion was seconded by Councilperson Ostrander and approved by Council unanimously.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hawkes thanked Borough Manager/Chief Gardner, the Hatboro Police Department, Bob Stauch and the Emergency Management Team for the outstanding job recently at the Garner House.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Meyer reported he prepared a legal opinion regarding adoption of ordinances.

Solicitor Meyer reported he reviewed the lease with the County for District Court space.

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

10. COUNCIL/COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE – Mayor Hawkes (Chairman) & Councilperson Ostrander

Mayor Hawkes stated he had one item to report this month, to consider Resolution #2008-13, Civil Service status for the police chief. Councilperson Ostrander made a motion to approve Resolution #2008-13, Civil Service Status for Chief of Police James Gardner. This motion was seconded by Vice President LaSorsa and approved by Council unanimously. Council congratulated Chief Gardner.

B. FIRE BOARD – Vice President LaSorsa(Chairman) & Mayor Hawkes

Vice President LaSorsa stated he had three items on his agenda for this evening. The first item, is to consider approval of Resolution #2008-14, authorizing RACP Application in the amount of \$500,000 for the Enterprise Fire Company project. Councilperson Guent made a motion to approve Resolution #2008-14, Authorizing RACP Application in the amount of \$500,000. This motion was seconded by Councilperson Ostrander and approved by Council unanimously.

Vice President LaSorsa stated the second item on his agenda was the Presentation Report on Activities for the Enterprise Fire Company of Hatboro. Vice President LaSorsa stated Council was in receipt of a report prepared by Fire Chief Zollers. Vice President LaSorsa asked Chief Zollers to review with Council the report. Vice President LaSorsa thanked Fire Chief Zollers for the great job with the report and everything the Fire Company does for the Borough.

Vice President LaSorsa stated the third item on his agenda was the Presentation of the 2009 Operating Budget for the Enterprise Fire Company of Hatboro. Councilperson Tompkins asked if Council could get actual numbers from the Fire Company. President Zygmunt stated for the benefit of the audience the Fire Company submitted their budget in advance and has kept costs in check and there is no call for a raise in taxes. President Zygmunt thanked the Fire Company.

C. PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE - Councilman Rich (Chairman) & Guenst

Councilman Rich stated he had one item on his agenda tonight; the purchase of signage for Borough Hall. Assistant Manager Hartey got prices from different vendors, which he reviewed with Council. Vice President LaSorsa made a motion to approve the purchase of signage from All American in the amount of \$2,653.00 for a replacement sign at Borough Hall. This motion was seconded by Councilperson Guenst and approved by Council unanimously.

C. ZONING, PLANNING and HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE - Councilman Tompkins (Chairman) & Guenst

Councilman Tompkins stated he had four items on his agenda tonight; the first item was to consider an escrow release for Station Park. Vice President LaSorsa made a motion to approve an Escrow Release in the amount of \$39,000 for Station Park. This motion was seconded by Councilman Tompkins and approved by Council unanimously.

Councilman Tompkins stated the second item on his agenda was the consideration of Resolution #2008-15, Jacksonville Road (Elm Street Lighting). President Zygmunt stated he spoke with Borough Engineer Dougherty and they needed to clarify the height of the poles and the length of the banner arms. Councilperson Guenst stated she had the specifications from the York Road poles, she stated she would email those specs to Borough Engineer Dougherty. Vice President LaSorsa made a motion to approve Resolution #2008-15 adopting the lighting standard along Jacksonville Road with the height of the pole and length of banner arm to be determined by the Borough Engineer. This motion was seconded by Councilperson Guenst and approved by Council unanimously.

Councilman Tompkins stated the third item on his agenda was to consider approval of Resolution #2008-17, Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance Update. Councilman Tompkins stated this Resolution fixes the date, time and place for a public hearing for an amendment to the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance (SALDO) update to be held on December 15th, 2008 at 7:00 PM in Borough Hall. This motion was seconded by Councilman Tompkins and approved by Council unanimously.

Councilman Tompkins stated the last item on his agenda was to consider approval of Resolution #2008-18, Wireless Communications Ordinance. Councilman Tompkins stated this Resolution fixes the date, time and place for a public hearing for the Wireless Communication Ordinance to be held on December 15th, 2008 at 7:00 PM in Borough Hall. This motion was seconded by Councilman Tompkins and approved by Council unanimously.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE - Councilperson Guenst (Chairperson) & LaSorsa

Councilperson Guenst stated she had one item on her agenda tonight, to consider the waiving of permit fees for the Tanner Park signage. Vice President LaSorsa made a motion to approve the permit fee waiver for the new signage at Tanner Park. This motion was seconded by Councilperson Reymer and approved by Council unanimously.

FINANCE, BUDGET AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE - Vice President LaSorsa (Chairman) & Reymer

Vice President LaSorsa stated he had nothing on his agenda tonight.

PUBLIC RELATIONS AND COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE - Councilperson Reymer (Chairperson) & Guenst

Councilperson Reymer stated she had one item on her agenda to consider RFP's (Request for Proposal) for the printing of the Fall 2009 Newsletter. Councilperson Reymer stated the RFP's were received and opened on October 21st and the apparent low bidder for the job was Sir Speedy Printing for a total of \$3268.70, which includes printing, binding, stapling, sealing and pre-addressing 10 pages to be mailed by the Borough. There was a discussion about the amount of color used, the number of pages, and the possibility of going over budget. Vice President LaSorsa made a motion to approve Sir Speedy Printing for the Fall 2008 Newsletter printing in the amount of \$3268.70. This motion was seconded by Councilperson Ostrander and approved by Council unanimously.

ADMINISTRATION & CONTRACTS COMMITTEE - President Zygmunt (Chairman) & Tompkins

President Zygmunt stated he had several items on his agenda for this evening; the first was to consider the approval of Resolution #2008-19, Berkheimer Associates for Earned Income Tax (EIT) Collection. Vice President LaSorsa made a motion to approve Resolution #2008-19. This motion was seconded by Councilperson Ostrander and approved by Council unanimously.

President Zygmunt stated the second item on his agenda was to consider the approval of Resolution #2008-20, Appointment of Liason, James Gardner as the Borough's authorized representative for Berkheimer Associates. Vice President LaSorsa made a motion to approve Resolution #2008-20. This motion was seconded by Councilperson Guenst and approved by Council unanimously.

President Zygmunt stated the third item on his agenda was to consider the approval of Resolution #2008-21, Appointment of Berkheimer Associates as Tax Hearing Officer. Vice President LaSorsa made a motion to approve Resolution #2008-21. This motion was seconded by Councilperson Guenst and approved by Council unanimously.

President Zygmunt stated the fourth item on his agenda was to consider Resolution #2008-22, Berkheimer Associates, Collection Cost Schedule. Vice President LaSorsa made a motion to approve Resolution #2008-21. This motion was seconded by Councilperson Guenst and approved by Council unanimously.

President Zygmunt stated the fifth item on his agenda was to consider Resolution #2008-23, Open Records Ordinance Public Hearing Date. President Zygmunt stated this resolution fixes the date, time and place for the public hearing on the Open Records Ordinance to be held on December 15th, 2008 at 7:00 PM. Vice President LaSorsa made a motion to approve Resolution #2008-23. This motion was seconded by Councilperson Guenst and approved by Council unanimously.

President Zygmunt stated the sixth item on his agenda was to consider Resolution #2008-24, the Upper Moreland Hatboro Joint Sewer Authority Pretreatment Ordinance Public Hearing Date. President Zygmunt stated this resolution fixes the date, time and place for the public hearing to be held on November 24th, 2008 at 7:00 PM. Vice President LaSorsa made a motion to approve Resolution #2008-24. This motion was seconded by Councilperson Guenst and approved by Council unanimously.

President Zygmunt stated the seventh item on his agenda was to consider Resolution #2008-25, the Upper Moreland Hatboro Joint Sewer Authority Extension Ordinance Public Hearing Date. President Zygmunt stated this resolution fixes the date, time and place for the public hearing to be held on November 24th, 2008 at 7:00 PM. Vice President LaSorsa made a motion to approve Resolution #2008-24. This motion was seconded by Councilperson Guenst and approved by Council unanimously.

President Zygmunt stated the last item on his agenda was to consider the employee ratification for October 2008. Vice President LaSorsa made a motion to approve the October 2008 list. This motion was seconded by Councilperson Guenst and approved by Council unanimously.

EMERGENCY SERVICES AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY - Councilperson Ostrander (Chairperson) & Rich

Councilperson Ostrander stated she had one item on her agenda this evening, to consider Resolution #2008-16, the Emergency Operating Plan Update. Vice President LaSorsa made a motion to approved Resolution #2008-16, Emergency Operating Plan Update. This motion was seconded by Councilperson Guenst and approved by Council unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to come before Council tonight.

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Harriet Ehram, Librarian, presented the Union Library of Hatborough 2009 Budget to Borough Council. Mrs. Ehram reviewed with Council some of the many programs the Library offers and the reasons why the Library was asking for an additional \$25,000 in funding from the Borough. Mrs. Ehram stated the Library is open 45 hours per week, staffed by a full time Library Director and 3 part time employees. The Library provides high-speed access to the Internet and remote access for Hatboro patrons to the Power Library. Mrs. Ehram reviewed with Council some statistics as to number of patrons, books, videos and other information. Mrs. Ehram stated that several organizations meet at the Library monthly, there are story times for toddlers and book discussions for adults and the library also has fundraising events throughout the year. Mrs. Ehram also listed savings that some of Council realize per year when utilizing the services of the Library.

Mr. Lou Russo of Continental Road who sits on the Board for the Library stated that outside of the Police Department and Fire Department the Library is important to more people.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Mr. John Demcisak asked Council to support the Library, as the Library is a National Treasure.

President Zygmunt stated this would be discussed in November when Council meets to discuss the budget.

ADJOURNMENT

President Zygmunt adjourned the October 27th, 2008 Council meeting at 8:00 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

President Zygmunt stated there would be a brief executive session this evening to discuss a Real Estate matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane C. Hegele
Assistant Borough Secretary