

BOROUGH OF HATBORO

COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, January 28th, 2008

PRESENT

President Zygmunt, Vice President LaSorsa, Councilpersons Guent, Moll, Ostrander, Tompkins & Reymer, Mayor Hawkes, Borough Solicitor Meyer, Borough Manager/Chief Gardner, Assistant Secretary Valesky-Hegele, Assistant Fire Marshal Reading & Borough Engineer Dougherty.

ABSENT

CALL TO ORDER

President Zygmunt called the December meeting of the Council of the Borough of Hatboro to order at 7:05 P.M.

INVOCATION

Mayor Hawkes gave the invocation for the January 28th, 2008 meeting of Borough Council.

MINUTES

President Zygmunt stated Council is in receipt of the minutes of the December 17th Council meeting. Vice President LaSorsa made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 17th, 2007 Council meeting. This motion was seconded by Councilperson Guent and approved by Council unanimously.

President Zygmunt stated Council is also in receipt of the minutes of the January 7th, 2008 Reorganization meeting of Borough Council. Vice President LaSorsa made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 7th reorganization meeting. This motion was seconded by Councilperson Guent 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 his Police Department report. Borough Manager/Chief Gardner stated he had several items to report on this evening. Borough Manager/Chief Gardner stated on 1/10/08 he along with supervisory staff of the Police Department attended valuable free training in Chester County presented by Maglocen and PA State Police detailing the West Nickel Mines School Shooting tragedy.

Borough Manager/Chief Gardner wanted to recognize Sgt. Goold and Officer Murphy for their excellent handling of an assault involving shots being fired at an individual last week, and the arrest of the suspect. Borough Manager/Chief Gardner stated commendations would be issued to those officers in February.

Borough Manager/Chief Gardner stated he received notification from the County that the Borough would be receiving \$82,000 plus for the recently completed Southern Gateway Project, which is out front of Borough Hall.

Borough Manager/Chief Gardner stated that he spoke with the architect for the District Court fit out last week and the Borough should have plans and documents within a couple of weeks. Borough Manager/Chief Gardner stated the Solicitor is working on the transfer of the District Court office property to the Borough.

Borough Manager/Chief Gardner stated the Civil Service Commission met and moved forward with testing for eligibility list. Borough Manager/Chief Gardner stated applications are available at the Police Station and on line at www.abington.org. Borough Manager/Chief Gardner stated that Abington must receive the completed applications by February 29, 2008, the test will be on March 15, 2008 at Montgomery County Community College.

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 none.

TREASURER'S REPORT

1. CASH BALANCES & INVESTMENT INCOME REPORT

Acting Treasurer Gardner reported the interest earned in December was \$17,482.68. This was for all 14 accounts at Commerce Bank at a rate of 3.575%. Total account balance is \$5,458,503.32. Vice President LaSorsa made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of December 2007. 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 January. 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 December 2007/January 2008. This motion was seconded by Councilman Tompkins and approved by Council unanimously.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Hawkes stated he had three items for this evening, the first was to congratulate Borough Solicitor Adrian Meyer on his recent election as President of the Bucks County Bar Association.

Mayor Hawkes stated his second announcement was he is accepting letters of request for Marriage Fund disbursements. Mayor Hawkes stated he has been marrying couples for a donation, which has been placed in an account to be used for projects in the Borough. Mayor Hawkes has asked for all requests to be into Borough Hall by March 15th and can be sent to the attention of Assistant Secretary Hegele.

Mayor Hawkes stated his third announcement is a new program his office is starting this year, "Walk with the Mayor." Walk with the Mayor will be on the first and third Wednesday of each month, meeting at Horsham and Academy Roads. Residents can walk with the Mayor and discuss ideas and other issues. Mayor Hawkes stated this program will be advertised on Channel 22, Website and in area Newspapers and also that the walk will include Hurricane.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Meyer received an order from Supreme Court of Pennsylvania which denied appeal of Schieber on substantive issues.

Solicitor Meyer received an order from Supreme Court of Pennsylvania dismissing Schieber's Petition for Substitution of Parties as moot since appeal was denied.

Solicitor Meyer reviewed contract with Wu Associates for Loller Restorations.

Solicitor Meyer drafted Escrow and Developer Agreements for 399 Springdale Avenue, Braccia.

Solicitor Meyer appeared before Zoning Hearing Board, Schieber appeal on procedural grounds and draft Brief and Reply Memorandum.

Solicitor Meyer prepared for and attended oral argument at Norristown Court of Common Pleas, Judge Corso for the appeal by Brubaker Massage Therapist which was taken under advisement.

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 stated she had one item on their agenda for this evening, consider approval of Pandemic Plan Annex, Resolution Number 2008-01. Councilman Tompkins made a motion to approve Resolution #2008-01, Pandemic Plan Annex. This motion was seconded by Vice President LaSorsa and approved by Council unanimously.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE – COUNCILMAN MOLL

Councilman Moll stated he had nothing on his agenda for this evening.

ZONING, PLANNING and HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMITTEE – COUNCILMAN TOMPKINS

Councilman Tompkins stated he had nothing on his agenda for this evening.

PARKS and RECREATION COMMITTEE - COUNCILPERSON GUENST

Councilperson Guenst stated she had one item on her agenda for this evening, the approval of new fee schedule for 2008 Season at Memorial Pool by Resolution, Number 2008-02. Vice President LaSorsa made a motion to approve Resolution #2008-02, Update Pool Fee Schedule. This motion was seconded by Councilperson Ostrander 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 nothing on her agenda for this evening.

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE -PRESIDENT ZYGMONT

President Zygmont stated he had two items on his agenda for this evening. The first item was to consider the purchase of a 2008 Police Patrol Vehicle. Vice President LaSorsa made a motion to purchase a 2008 Police Patrol Vehicle. This motion was seconded by Councilman Tompkins and approved by Council unanimously.

President Zygmont stated the second item on his agenda, was the appointments to several Boards and Commissions. President Zygmont stated the first appointment would be Mr. Joe Lutz as Borough Treasurer for a term of one year. Vice President LaSorsa made a motion to appoint Mr. Joe Lutz as Borough Treasurer for a one-year term. This motion was seconded by Councilman Tompkins and approved by Council unanimously.

President Zygmunt stated the following individuals would be appointed; Mrs. Cathy Farnen and Mr. Jeff Preston to Shade Tree Commission for 3 years. Mr. Jeff Preston to Upper Moreland Hatboro Joint Sewer Authority for 5 years, Mrs. Lee Bergiven and Mrs. Beverly Lutz to the Library Board for 3 years, Mr. Allen Mosebach and Mr. Rich Seeds to the Fire Board for 3 years and Mr. Dave Shannon, Borough Historian for 1 year. Vice President LaSorsa made a motion to approve the appointments listed above for the terms above. This motion was seconded by Councilperson Guenst and approved by Council unanimously.

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

There was no one wishing to address Council.

ADJOURNMENT

President Zygmunt adjourned the January 28th Council meeting at 7:20 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

CONDITIONAL USE HEARING - Stoveworks 2, 301 Jacksonville Road was re-opened prior to the January 28th Council meeting. Official testimony was taken by Court Reporter and are part of the record for this application.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane C. Valesky-Hegele
Assistant Borough Secretary