

**BOROUGH OF HATBORO
COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 24, 2010**

PRESENT – President Reymmer, Vice President Guent, Councilpersons Fleming, LaSorsa, Ostrander and Tompkins. Mayor Hawkes, Borough Manager Ryan, Chief of Police Gardner, Public Works Superintendent Thomas, Building Codes/Zoning Officer Fugate, Fire Marshal Reading, Solicitor Savona and Engineer Dougherty.

ABSENT – Councilman Zygmunt.

CALL TO ORDER – President Reymmer called this May 24, 2010 Council Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m..

INVOCATION – The Invocation was delivered by Pastor Wright, Saint John’s Church.

PLEDGE OF ALLIGENCE – The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Council.

President Reymmer noted the meeting is being recorded by herself and the Borough Secretary.

TREASURER’S REPORT – Councilwoman Fleming reported \$2,157.68 interest earned in April. This interest was earned on 16 accounts held at TD Bank, at a rate of 0.55%. The total balance of all accounts is \$4,411,252.89.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT – President Reymmer stated there was an Executive Session held prior to this evening’s meeting to discuss matters of litigation and personnel.

MAYOR’S REPORT – Mayor Hawkes noted legislative efforts as to the restriction of gun sales to persons on the terrorist watch list.

Mayor Hawkes noted he received a comment pertaining to remarks made at the May 17 Special Meeting; he noted he has not received an apology from the Councilperson who made said remarks.

Mayor Hawkes noted he recently officiated a marriage ceremony; he forwarded the donation for this service to the Borough.

MANAGER’S REPORT – Borough Manager Ryan noted the part-time Codes Clerk will begin employment on June 1.

Borough Manager Ryan noted bids were opened as to the District Court fit-out project, and stated the improvement cost is significantly higher than that estimated. The bids are being reviewed by the architect, and this project will be considered by Council in June.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT – Chief Gardner updated activities as to the Summer Fun Carnival and the annual car show. Chief Gardner likewise noted the Police Department was prepared to address crowd control issues in the event the Philadelphia Flyers advance to the 2010 Stanley Cup Finals.

Chief Gardner recognized Councilwoman Fleming and Mr. Ron Battis for their participation in the Citizens’ Police Academy.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – President Reymer welcomed Solicitor Savona. Solicitor Savona noted he is working with the Borough Manager and the former Borough Solicitor so to efficiently transfer and assume standing projects.

DEPARTMENT SUPERVISORS' REPORTS

1. Superintendent's Report – President Reymer noted the Public Works Report was submitted to Council in advance of tonight's meeting, and that copies of the Report were available on the press table. There was no additional comment.
2. Code Enforcement Report – Building Codes/Zoning Officer Fugate distributed the Code Enforcement Report for Council review. There was no additional comment.
3. Fire Marshal Report – President Reymer noted the Fire Marshal Report was submitted to Council in advance of tonight's meeting, and that copies of the Report were available on the press table. There was no additional comment.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR FOR AGENDA VOTING ITEMS

- There was no comment.

PUBLIC SAFETY – Councilwoman Ostrander presented the following items:

Enterprise Fire Company transfer request – Councilwoman Ostrander motioned to approve the transfer of up to \$10,000.00 to the Enterprise Fire Company Capital Fund from the Enterprise Fire Company Operating Fund, for the purchase of a vehicle for the Assistant Fire Chief, second by Councilwoman Guenst, all ayes. Motion carried 6 – 0.

Police Department request to hire – Chief Gardner stated a vacancy will be created when Patrolman Camp retires in July; he recommended Council direct the Civil Service Commission to certify three individuals from the list of eligible candidates for police officer, for Council's review.

Councilman Tompkins motioned to direct the Civil Service Commission to certify three individuals from the list of eligible candidates for police officer, for Council's review, second by Councilwoman Guenst, all ayes. Motion carried 6 – 0.

ADMINISTRATION – President Reymer presented the following items:

Meeting Minutes – Councilwoman Ostrander motioned to approve the February 8, 2010 Special Meeting Minutes, April 26, 2010 Council Meeting Minutes and May 3, 2010 Special Meeting Minutes, as presented, second by Councilwoman Guenst.

Borough Manager Ryan confirmed the second on the motion to approve Ordinance 996, as noted in the April 26, 2010 Council Meeting minutes, had been corrected to denote "Councilman Zygmunt".

On the motion, all ayes. Motion carried 6 – 0.

Resolution 2010-18 – Records Retention and Disposition Program – Councilwoman Ostrander motioned to approve Resolution 2010-18, so to adopt the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's Record Retention and Disposition Program, second by Councilman LaSorsa, all ayes. Motion carried 6 – 0.

FINANCE & COMMUNITY RELATIONS – Councilwoman Fleming presented the following items:

Warrant List and Manual Check List – Council considered accounts payable.

Councilwoman Fleming motioned to approve the Warrant List, as presented and dated May 19, 2010, second by Councilwoman Ostrander, all ayes. Motion carried 6 – 0.

Councilman Tompkins inquired as to the accounting of petty cash expended for the January reorganization meeting. Borough Manager Ryan will review this matter.

Councilwoman Fleming motioned to approve the payment of bills and transfers, second by Councilwoman Guerst, all ayes. Motion carried 6 – 0.

PARKS, RECREATION & PUBLIC FACILITIES – Councilwoman Guerst presented the following items:

Miller Meadow – Summer Fun Carnival rental fee – Councilwoman Guerst motioned to waive all rental fees pertaining to the use of Miller Meadow for the 2010 Summer Fun Carnival, second by Councilwoman Ostrander, all ayes. Motion carried 6 – 0.

Miller Meadow – Summer Fun Carnival escrow – Councilwoman Guerst motioned to accept a \$750.00 escrow for the use of Miller Meadow for the 2010 Summer Fun Carnival, conditioned upon the Carnival Committee agreeing to provide any funds above this amount that may be required to restore Miller Meadow, second by Councilman LaSorsa, all ayes. Motion carried 6 – 0.

Miller Meadow – Chamber of Commerce escrow release – Councilwoman Guerst motioned to release the balance of an escrow posted by the Chamber of Commerce, in the amount of \$858.88, for use of Miller Meadow for an event in the fall of 2009, second by Councilman LaSorsa.

Borough Manager Ryan confirmed all invoices pertaining to facility restoration have been received and paid.

On the motion, all ayes. Motion carried 6 – 0.

Borough Pool – Pennypack Elementary School rental request – Ms. Jeannie Joyce, representative to the Pennypack Elementary Home & School Association, reviewed the Association's request to rent the Borough pool for a student event. Ms. Joyce noted the event is scheduled for June 17, 2010, with no rain date. Ms. Joyce noted that, at this time, an adequate complement of lifeguards is available for this event. Ms. Joyce stated the Association is agreeable to reimburse the Borough for the expense to provide lifeguards, estimated at \$400.00.

Councilwoman Guerst noted the Association had submitted a rental request form, and that same was reviewed and approved by the Police Department and the Public Works Department. Fire Chief Fred Zollers confirmed Fire Police coverage for this event.

Councilwoman Guerst motioned to approve the rental of Memorial Pool and Park to the Pennypack Elementary Home & School Association for a student event on June 17, 2010, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., conditioned upon (1) the availability of the required complement of lifeguards, and (2) the Association reimbursing the Borough for the expense to provide lifeguards, estimated at \$400.00, second by Councilman LaSorsa, all ayes. Motion carried 6 – 0.

ZONING, PLANNING & HISTORIC PRESERVATION – There was no report.

PUBLIC WORKS – There was no report.

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC REDEVELOPMENT – There was no report.

OLD BUSINESS

- There was no Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

- Councilman Tompkins noted the Borough is required to obtain an easement so to install a traffic signal at the intersection of York Road and Montgomery Avenue. Borough Manager Ryan noted a conflict with an electric line necessitated the traffic signal relocation.

Councilman Tompkins motioned to direct the Borough to proceed in obtaining the legal description, plan of easement and all other items required to obtain an easement to install a traffic signal at the intersection of York Road and Montgomery Avenue, second by Councilwoman Guerst, all ayes. Motion carried 6 – 0.

- Mr. Bruce Hart noted the need to remove a branch in a tree at 118 West Moreland Avenue. Building Codes/Zoning Officer Fugate stated the Borough had notified this property owner of the need to remove this branch; he noted the property owner was granted ten days from the date of this notice to see to the work.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, this Council Meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m..