

COUNCIL MEETING
December 12, 2012

In attendance:

Council

Mark McCouch
Gregory S. Nesbitt
Andrew Santacroce
Deborah Tustin

Staff

William T. Walker - Township Manager
Richard Sabol – Director of Finance
Michael Galla – Director of Administration
Mary Eberle, Esq. - Solicitor
Russ Dunlevy, PE - Engineer

Absent: W. William Whiteside, III

Mr. McCouch opened the regular Council meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 8:00 PM in the Township Building, 1025 Horsham Road, Horsham, PA. He asked for questions or comments from the public and none were provided.

Mr. Walker identified the Hatboro-Horsham Educational Foundation (HHEF), and announced that the organization is celebrating its 25th anniversary. A short film identifying HHEF was then shown. The film highlighted various programs that HHEF funded and these include concerts, a speaker series, and classroom technology. Township Council thanked HHEF for its efforts and presented it with a certificate of appreciation.

Mr. Walker introduced Horsham Police Captain Joseph Repkoe, and publicly announced his upcoming retirement. Captain Repkoe was hired in September of 1972 and has served the community for over 40 years. He will be retiring on December 28, 2012. The announcement included notification that his retirement party will be held on January 27, 2013, at the Talamore Country Club. Captain Repkoe then spoke about his years of service with the Horsham Township Police Department. Each member of Township Council thanked him for his years of service and wished him a happy, healthy and long retirement.

Mr. Walker introduced Horsham Police Lieutenant William Daly. Lt. Daly, a U.S. Air Force Veteran, was hired in 1987. He was promoted to Sergeant in 1998 and then to Lieutenant in 2004. This past September he graduated from the FBI National Academy. Mr. Walker swore Lt. Daly in as Police Deputy Chief effective January 1, 2013.

Mr. McCouch asked for the will of Township Council concerning the minutes. It was moved by Mr. Nesbitt, and seconded by Mr. Santacroce, to approve the following minutes as presented: Council Meeting 5 November 2012, Council Agenda Meeting 14 November 2012, Council Meeting 14 November 2012, and Council Meeting 26 November 2012. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Walker provided the Treasurer's Report for November, 2012. He stated that the balance in the General Fund as of 30 November 2012 was \$2,361,455.87; and for the most part, expenses and revenues in all funds reflected normal activity with a notable exception of subdivision and land development revenue.

Mr. McCouch asked for the will of Council concerning the List of Checks. It was moved by Mr. Nesbitt, seconded by Ms. Tustin, to approve and authorize payment of the List of Checks in the amount of \$1,025,676.22. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. McCouch asked for the will of Council concerning a second List of Checks. It was moved by Mr. Nesbitt, seconded by Ms. Tustin, to approve and authorize payment of the List of Checks in the General Fund for Line Systems, Inc., and Verizon in the amount of \$1,645.29. Mr. Santacroce abstained, and the motion passed 3-0-1.

Mr. McCouch asked for the will of Council concerning a third List of Checks. It was moved by Mr. Nesbitt, seconded by Ms. Tustin, to approve and authorize payment of the List of Checks in the General Fund for Verizon Wireless and Comcast in the amount of \$532.65. Mr. Santacroce abstained, and the motion passed 3-0-1.

Mr. Walker identified a proposed AFSCME contract that included several changes from the current contract. Mr. Santacroce made a motion, seconded by Mr. Nesbitt, to authorize the AFSCME contract as proposed.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Nesbitt - Aye Mr. McCouch – Aye Mr. Santacroce - Aye Ms. Tustin – Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Walker explained the process for delinquent tax collection and identified how the cost of collection is currently structured. Ms. Tustin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Nesbitt, to adopt the ordinance approving penalty, interest, and fee schedule for the collection of delinquent real estate taxes.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Nesbitt - Aye Mr. McCouch – Aye Mr. Santacroce - Aye Ms. Tustin – Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Walker identified proposed participation with the Pennsylvania Environmental Council on a Wissahickon Multi-Municipal MS4 Education Outreach Program. Mr. Nesbitt made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Tustin, to adopt the Resolution as proposed confirming participation with the Pennsylvania Environmental Council on a Wissahickon Multi-Municipal MS4 Education Outreach Program.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Nesbitt - Aye Mr. McCouch – Aye Mr. Santacroce - Aye Ms. Tustin – Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Walker briefly identified the status of a land development application for Village Mall, 200 Blair Mill Road (10-3-D). Mr. Santacroce made a motion, seconded by Mr. Nesbitt, to table the Resolution as proposed granting preliminary approval to the Horsham Village Mall Expansion land development application. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Walker identified an annual resolution to re-appropriate unexpended funds in the General Fund. Ms. Tustin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Nesbitt, to adopt the Resolution as proposed re-appropriating unexpended funds in the General Fund.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Nesbitt - Aye Mr. McCouch – Aye Mr. Santacroce - Aye Ms. Tustin – Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Walker identified the proposed 2013 Budget and Tax Levy. Ms. Tustin made a motion, seconded by Mr. Nesbitt, to adopt the Ordinance as proposed for the 2013 Budget and Tax Levy Ordinance.

Roll Call Vote:

Mr. Nesbitt - Aye Mr. McCouch – Aye Mr. Santacroce - Aye Ms. Tustin – Aye

Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. McCouch announced that Council's Reorganization meeting will be held on Monday, January 7, 2013 at 7 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 9:05 PM.

William T. Walker