

**BOROUGH OF HATBORO**  
**MONDAY, JULY 21, 2025.**  
**COMMITTEE MEETING**

**PRESENT** – Vice President Reichner, Councilman Myers, Councilwoman Jacobus, Councilwoman Shay, Councilman Hoover, Councilwoman Hendrickson, Manager Hegele, Assistant Secretary DeRenzis, Fire Marshal Valesky, EFC 1<sup>st</sup> VP Ide, Solicitor Geiser, Engineer McNair, Treasurer Smith and Library Representative Williams were present.

**ABSENT** – President Bollendorf, Councilwoman Jacobus, Chief Ruegg, and Mayor Schultz were excused.

**CALL TO ORDER** – Vice President Reichner called the July 21, 2025, Committee Meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

**INVOCATION** – Councilwoman Shay gave the invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – Sergeant Valleley led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**FAVORITE TEACHER CONTEST WINNER ANNOUNCEMENT** – Vice President Reichner recognized Heather Brzezinski as the favorite teacher contest winner and was presented with a free membership to the Hatboro Memorial Pool.

**MEETING NOTES** – Vice President Reichner reviewed the Public Comment Policy on the back of the agenda with regards to addressing Council and time allotment.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – There was no public comment.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**1) Public Safety Committee**

- **ENTERPRISE FIRE COMPANY EXPENDITURE LIST** – Councilwoman Shay stated included in your packet is the Enterprise Fire Company Expenditure list for the month of June 2025 in the amount of \$6,613.31. This item is listed on the voting meeting portion of the agenda for consideration.
- **CONSHOHOCKEN MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT** – Councilwoman Shay stated included in your packet is a copy of a mutual aid agreement between the Borough of Hatboro and Conshohocken Borough. Conshohocken Borough is lending the Borough modular vehicle barriers to be used for this year's car show. These are very valuable pieces of equipment and will be essential in this year's event. In accordance with the lending of this equipment, the Borough is entering a mutual aid agreement with Conshohocken Borough which covers standard items including insurance, damages to equipment, etc. while in the Borough's possession. As noted in the agreement itself, Borough Council must approve the agreement prior to the equipment being loaned to the Borough. This item is listed on the voting meeting portion of the agenda for consideration.
- **VOLUNTEER TAX REBATE PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT FOR FIRST RESPONDERS** - Councilwoman Shay stated at the June 16, 2025, action meeting, the Hatboro-Horsham School District Board of Directors unanimously approved an expansion of the District's Property Tax Rebate Program. Residents of Hatboro or Horsham who actively volunteer with local fire or EMS services may now qualify for a property tax rebate of up to \$1,500 from HHSD. This program matches the rebate received through Montgomery County's Act 91 of 2020. Eligible volunteer organizations include a. Enterprise Fire Company of Hatboro b. Horsham Fire Company c. Horsham Fire Company Ambulance d. Second Alarmers Association & Rescue Squad of Montgomery County 2 To qualify, residents must first be approved through Montgomery County's Active Volunteer Property Tax Relief program. To learn more, please visit the district's website. Thank you to our local volunteer firefighters and EMTs for your continued service to the community.

**2) Finance/Grants Committee**

- **UNION LIBRARY EXPENDITURE LIST** – Councilman Myers stated included in your packet is a copy of the Union Library Expenditure List for the month of June 2025 in the amount of \$ 40,766.00. This item is listed on the voting meeting portion of the agenda for consideration.
- **ADA PLAYGROUND GRANT UPDATE** – Councilman Myers stated the Borough continues to work with HUD on the ADA Playground Grant. Engineer MacNair is currently working on paperwork pertaining to the required environmental assessment. Once the paperwork is completed, it will be submitted to HUD. HUD will then prepare the finalized grant agreement and authorize the Borough to bid the project and contract with playground equipment providers.
- **LOCAL SHARE ACCOUNT GRANT APPLICATIONS** – Councilman Myers stated Applications for the Local Share Account Grant Program open in September 2025. This is a no match grant program that awards funds for capital purchases, public improvements, and more. Included in your packet is a memo from Chief Ruegg regarding these modular vehicle barrier

units and information on why he is requesting a grant application for these items. This item and the corresponding resolution are listed on the voting meeting portion of the agenda for consideration.

- **DCED MAIN STREET MAIN STREET MATTERS GRANT** – Councilman Myers stated Included in your packet is a copy of the grant manual for DCED’s Main Street Matters Grant Program. This grant program awards Municipalities with various grants aimed to improve and revitalize main street districts. The main categories of grant funding and eligible projects are as follows: a. Planning Grants: Planning grants are available for Main Street Managers, Main Street designations, implementation of a business development survey in anticipation of a business development strategy, planning for the establishment of a Neighborhood Improvement District/Business Improvement District/Downtown Improvement District, and planning for construction projects aimed at revitalization. Planning grants are awarded up to a maximum of \$50,000 and require a 25% match. 2 b. Façade Grants: Façade grants are available to stimulate private investment properties, foster an attractive environment, and preserve architectural heritage of communities. Façade grants are awarded a maximum of \$100,000 and require a dollar-for-dollar match. c. Business Improvement Grants: Business Improvement Grants are available to stimulate private business investment and to better enable business attraction, retention, and expansion. Business Improvement Grants award a maximum of \$100,000 and require a dollar-for-dollar match. d. District Development Grants: District Development Grants are available for large public and private development projects which improve the buildings, housing units, and infrastructure associated with downtowns and commercial districts and residential areas and neighborhoods adjacent to the community’s downtown or commercial district, as well as for public safety and permanent aesthetic improvements for these districts. The deadline for applications to this program is August 31, 2025. If Borough Council would like to apply to this program, you will need to select a project and authorize staff to proceed with an application. Council decided to apply for the \$50,000.00 for a main Street manager. This item is listed on the voting meeting portion of the agenda for consideration.
- **RATIFICATION OF APPLICATION KEEPING PENNSYLVANIA BEAUTIFUL GRANT** - Councilman Myers stated at t the end of June 2025, the EAC requested to apply to the Keeping Pennsylvania Beautiful Grant Program. This grant program, if awarded, will provide \$4,000 in grant funding to purchase trees to be planted in the Borough’s Parks, specifically Miller Meadow. A copy of the grant application is included in your packets for reference. Because this grant application was due on July 1st, Manager Hegele authorized the EAC to submit the application prior to the deadline. Borough Council will need to ratify Manager Hegele’s approval of this grant application. This item is listed on the voting meeting portion of the agenda for consideration.

### 3) **Community Outreach & Events Committee**

- **UPCOMING EVENTS** – Councilman Hoover stated the following events are taking place in Hatboro over the next month: • **UPCOMING EVENTS:** The following events are taking place in Hatboro over the next month: a) Diabetes Prevention (Type 2) for Seniors: On Wednesday, July 23rd from 10 AM – 11 AM, seniors are welcomed to the Pennypack Community Center for an educational class on diabetes prevention. b) Senior Swim at The Hatboro Pool: Our Senior Swim event is returning for 2025! Seniors 55 years of age and over are welcome to swim at the Hatboro Pool from 12 PM to 4 PM on July 23rd and August 20th! This event is free to attend for seniors that are Hatboro Residents (pay taxes to the Borough of Hatboro) and Veterans. A \$5.00 admission fee will be charged to any Non-Resident Seniors. Please note, no one under the age of 55 years of age is permitted at the pool during the event. After 4:00 PM on the dates of the Senior Swim, the pool will reopen to guests of all ages. c) 32nd Annual Moonlight Memories Car Show: The 32nd Annual Moonlight Memories Car Show will be taking place this Saturday, July 26th from 5 PM to 9:30 PM along York Road. As in prior years, York Road will be closed to vehicular traffic beginning at 12:00 PM on Saturday and will remain closed through 11 PM. For residents that use the Moreland and Orchard parking lot, please make note that the lot will be closed beginning 9 PM on Friday, July 25th and will remain closed through 11 PM on Saturday, July 26th. This closure includes permiss holders for the lot. As in prior years, Public Works will be delivering flyers to vehicles along York Road and in the Moreland/Orchard lot reminding vehicles of these special restrictions for the day of the show. d) Beginner Ukulele Class: Join us at the Pennypack Community Center for a beginner ukulele class from July 28th to August 1st, 2025. This class will be taking place 9 AM to 12 PM and is for ages 10-17. The cost of this class is \$150.00 per child plus the cost of a ukulele (\$50.00). Students will learn how to play ukulele in a fun and engaging way with modern songs and songs of their choice. By the end of the week, students will know how to play at least 10 chords and 3-8 different songs. To register for this class, please contact Rob Jacobus at [rjacobus@myhatboro.org](mailto:rjacobus@myhatboro.org) or call Borough Hall at 215-443-9100. e) Music Memories with DJ Rick: Hatboro’s own Rick Michael will be sharing stories about music and the legends who contributed to the soundtrack of our lives in this free event for seniors! Join us at the Pennypack Community Center (130 Spring Avenue, Hatboro, PA 19040) for this fun filled event on Wednesday, July 30, 2025, from 10 AM to 11 AM. To register for this event, please contact Borough Hall at 215-443- 9100 or Rob Jacobus at [rjacobus@myhatboro.org](mailto:rjacobus@myhatboro.org) f) Pizza with A Planner: The Montgomery County Planning Commission is hosting a series of Pizza with A Planner Events to share feedback on the Montco 2050 comprehensive plan. Hatboro has been selected as the first stop on their county-wide tour. County representatives will be at Borough Hall on Wednesday, July 30th from 12 PM – 2 PM for this event. Everyone is welcome to attend this event to discuss the plan while having free lunch with representatives from Montgomery County. g) Party in The Park: Join us on Friday, August 1, 2025, at the Pennypack Community Center for Party in The Park! These events take place on the grounds of the Pennypack Community Center, 130 Spring Avenue, Hatboro, PA 19040 from 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM. All Party in The Park events feature live music/entertainment, lawn games, foam/bubble parties (weather permitting), food trucks, activities, and more! h) First Friday: First Fridays are back in Hatboro! Join the Hatboro Chamber of Commerce and local businesses on Friday, August 1, 2025, from 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM along York Road. This event will

feature activities, specials from businesses, and more throughout our business district. i) Williams Lane Dining Area: The Williams Lane Dining Area will be open for visitors from August 1st to 7 AM on August 4th. This outdoor dining area will allow residents and visitors to purchase takeout from their favorite local businesses and enjoy food with a side of fresh air! Please visit the Borough website for more information on parking restrictions in accordance with this event. j) Children's Entrepreneur Market: The Children's Entrepreneur Market has returned for 2025! The Hatboro Chamber of Commerce is partnering with local, children owned businesses to hold this special market featuring a wide variety of goods on Saturday, August 2, 2025. Each event will take place from 10 AM to 1 PM in Miller Meadow (across the street from the Borough of Hatboro Municipal Building – 414 S. York Road, Hatboro, PA 19040.) Come on out to support these young businessmen and businesswomen! National Night Out: Join the Hatboro Chamber of Commerce and the Hatboro Police Department for National Night Out on Friday, August 8, 2025, from 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM. This event will be taking place in Miller Meadow (across the street from the Borough of Hatboro Municipal 3 Building – 414 S. York Road, Hatboro, PA 19040). Come meet your local first responders including the Hatboro Police Department, Enterprise Fire Company, Second Alarmers, SWAT Team, Montgomery County Sheriff's Department, and more! This event features interactive booths and demonstrations from these organizations and offers fun for the whole family! l) Cruise Night/Food Drive/Family Fun Night: Join the Hatboro Chamber of Commerce for a Cruise around Hatboro! Cruise Nights have returned for 2025 and will be taking place from 5:30 PM to 8:30 PM on August 15, 2025. Whether you're cruising throughout Hatboro in your favorite vehicle or strolling York Road as a spectator, Cruise Nights offer fun activities for everyone! Each Cruise Night of 2025 will also feature a special Food Drive and Family Fun activities taking place at Reid Repairs (2 S. York Road, Hatboro, PA 19040). Be sure to also keep an eye out for specials and sales from your favorite local businesses each Cruise Night!

- **NEW BUSINESSES** – Councilman Hoover stated a. Pacitti Brothers Ice Cream & Hot Dogs - 105 N York Road b. Bleigh Street on York - 102 S. York Road BUSINESS UPDATES – Wolfie's closed - 210 N York Road - Alterations by Greta (47 N York) might be moving to that location. The new owner will let the Borough know the proposed use after they close on the property. 345 N York Road - Formerly Hatboro Medical Associates - A new business Evergreen Counseling & Wellness is closing their doors in Warminster after 12 years and chose to make Hatboro their home and hope to open mid to late August.
- **SENIOR PROM SPECIAL EVENT APPLICATION** – Councilman Hoover stated Included in your packet is a copy of the Pennypack Committee's Special Event Request for their "Hopelessly Devoted" Senior Prom to take place at the Pennypack Community Center on Saturday, November 8, 2025, from 1 PM to 4 PM. This event will feature music, dancing, food, and photos for residents 55 and over. This item is listed on the voting meeting portion of the agenda for consideration.
- **CUB SCOUT PACK 17 PICNIC & BBQ SPECIAL EVENT REQUEST**– Councilman Hoover stated included in your packet is a copy of the Cub Scout Pack 17 Special Event Request for their Picnic and BBQ scheduled to take place on August 23, 2025, in Eaton Park. This request is listed on the voting meeting portion of the agenda for consideration.
- **SIDEWALK SALE SPECIAL EVENT REQUEST** - Councilman Hoover stated included in your packet is a copy of the Arts & Crafts Block Show Special Event Request which was submitted by Sarah Cunningham (business owner 221 N York Road – Sarah Anne Photography). The request is for September 5, 2025, from 5:30 -8:30 and would take place on the 100-200 blocks of N. York Road where art and craft vendors can sell their products. Sarah is in attendance this evening if Council has any questions. This item is listed on the voting meeting portion of the agenda for consideration.

#### 4) **Public Works Committee.**

- **2025 ROAD PAVING PROGRAM**– Councilwoman Shay stated Included in your packet is a copy of a memo from Engineer MacNair detailing the bid results for the 2025 Road Paving Program. Engineer MacNair is recommending Council awards the project to the lowest responsible bidder, Land-Tech Enterprises for the Base Bid and Alternate Bid 1 in the amount of \$199,538.00. This item will be on the voting meeting portion of the agenda for consideration. Per Engineer MacNair G&A recommends Council award the 2025 Road Program project to Land-Tech Enterprises, Inc. in the amount of \$199,538.00 for all items under the base bid and alternate 1. The scope of work includes Base Bid 1. South Chester Avenue, from Williams Lane to West Moreland Avenue o Milling, base repair as necessary, paving, replacement of pavement markings 2. Jacksonville Road, from East Moreland Road to East Montgomery Avenue o Milling, base repair as necessary, paving, replacement of pavement markings 3. Crescent Road, from York Road to York Road o Milling, base repair as necessary, paving, replacement of pavement markings o Replace 2 non-compliant curb ramps Alternate Bid 4. Bright Road, from Bright Road to Home Road o Milling, base repair as necessary, paving, replacement of pavement markings o Replace 1 non-compliant curb ramp the bids for this project were opened via Penn Bid on July 11, 2025, and a copy of the bid tabulation is attached for your review. A total of eight (8) bids were received.

#### 5) **Environmental Affairs and Parks**

- **EAC UPDATE** – Councilwoman Hendrickson the Environmental Advisory Council did not meet in July. The EAC will hold their next meeting on Monday, August 4, 2025, beginning at 7:00 PM at Borough Hall.

#### 6) **Administration Committee**

- MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS – Vice President Reichner stated he following public meetings are scheduled for the next month, which will be held in the Council Room beginning at 7:00 P.M.: • Parking Commission – July 29th • EAC – August 4th • Planning Commission – August 12th • ZHB – August 13th • Borough Council/Committee Meeting – August 18th • Shade Tree Commission – August 20th Please note, the Historical Commission will not be meeting in August. This meeting schedule can also be found on our website myhatboro.org.
- LAND DEVELOPMENT UPDATE – Vice President Reichner stated Land Development updates are as follows: • CVS Property: Construction at 24-28 S. York Road continues to progress and the developer is hoping to have the building open for residents in late Summer 2025. • 21-23 & 37 N. York Road (Canalley Property): The developer has been issued his permit for the new construction. • Gamburg's: The Borough does not have any updates regarding proposed land development applications or projects for the Gamburg's property but in the meantime, Mrs. Gamburg gave the Borough permission to paint the window boards which have been completed and look great!
- WEST MORELAND AVENUE BRIDGE UPDATE - Vice President Reichner stated On June 24, 2025, Manager Hegele, Assistant Secretary DeRenzis, and Foreman Young attended a Preconstruction meeting for the West Moreland Avenue Bridge Project. As previously announced, the project was awarded to Haines and Kibble house and is expected to be fully completed by December 31, 2025. The first step of this project is the removal of vegetation and trees within the construction area. Once this is done, the county and Traffic Planning and Design will be working with utility companies (PECO, AQUA, Comcast, Verizon, 2 LUMEN, Crown Cashle, and PennDOT Fiber) to have utilities in the area relocated prior to construction. The County is hoping to have utility work completed by the end of 2025 and proceed with demolition of the bridge in early 2026. The project is expected to be completed by December 2027. Once demolition begins, the Moreland Avenue bridge will be closed to motorists and detours will be put into effect. More information on the exact detour routes will be forthcoming from Montgomery County. These detours will utilize main roads to help prevent impact to residential streets including Broad, Monument, etc. During the PreCon meeting, Manager Hegele stressed the importance of keeping the Memorial Pool accessible to swimmers including its parking lots on both side of Moreland Avenue. This project will prevent access to the pool from Blair Mill Road; however, swimmers will still have access to the pool from West Moreland Avenue throughout the season. The County and their contractor will do their best to minimize any impacts to the pool during its operating season. Manager Hegele will continue to provide updates on this project monthly as they are available.
- VOLUNTEER ANNOUNCEMENTS – Vice President Reichner stated The Borough is still looking for volunteers for the Shade Tree Commission, Historical Commission, and Parking Commission. Residents interested in serving on any of these boards or commissions should send a letter of interest to Borough Manager, Diane Hegele, at [dhegele@myhatboro.org](mailto:dhegele@myhatboro.org) or in person at Borough Hall.
- 200 BONAIR AVENUE SETTLEMENT STIPULATION – Vice President Reichner stated: Included in your packet is a memo from Solicitor Geiser regarding a Settlement Stipulation for the property located at 200 Bonair Avenue. Solicitor Geiser is recommending approval of this stipulation as proposed. If approved, the stipulation will result in a total of \$4,632.24 owed to the Borough of Hatboro for the years 2022-2025. This item will be on the voting meeting portion of the agenda for consideration.
- 13 HEDLEY LANE ASSESSMENT APPEAL – Vice President Reichner stated Included in your packet is a copy of a memo from Solicitor Geiser detailing an assessment reduction for the property at 13 Hedley Lane. The proposed change will lower the assessment effective January 1, 2026, from \$154,990 to \$144,910.00. Given the small amount of the reduction, Solicitor Geiser's office does not recommend filing an assessment appeal due to the small impact this will have on revenue. As such, they are recommending that the Borough accepts the change in assessment. This item is listed on the voting meeting portion of the agenda for consideration.
- MICHELE JOHNSON RESIGNATION – Vice President Reichner stated Included in your packet is a copy of a letter of resignation from Michele Johnson memorializing her resignation from the Library Board. This item is listed on the voting meeting portion of the agenda for consideration.
- LIBRARY BOARD APPOINTMENT – Vice President Reichner stated Included in your packet is a letter of interest from Tom Smith requesting appointment to the vacant seat on the Library Board. This appointment would fill Michele Johnson's seat on the board after her resignation last month. Should Council wish to appoint Mr. Smith to this position, his term would expire on December 31, 2027. This item will be on the voting meeting portion of the agenda for consideration.
- PENNSYLVANIA MUNICIPAL LEAGUE LEGISLATIVE LIASON DESIGNATION – Vice President Reichner stated Included in your packet is a copy of the Pennsylvania Municipal League Legislative Liaison Designation Form and a memo pertaining to the form. This Liaison will receive communication directly from the League on important legislation proposed to impact the Borough. Borough Manager, Diane Hegele, should be appointed as the Liaison. This item is listed on the voting meeting portion of the agenda for consideration.

- **MILLINER LOFTS PARKING SIGNAGE REQUEST** – Vice President Reichner stated Included in your packet is an email from the Milliner Lofts Developer pertaining to signage at the Moreland and Orchard lot. The developer is requesting to reface the Borough's Shoppers Lot Sign on Orchard Avenue. The proposed sign would reflect "Milliner Lofts Parking" instead of the current language. The lot still contains shared parking spaces that are to be used for shoppers in addition to parking spaces for the apartments. As such, Manager Hegele, and Solicitor Geiser are not in favor of the Borough's signage being removed entirely or refaced with language indicating the spaces are exclusively for Milliner Lofts. Because this request pertains to Borough property, we have placed this item on Council's agenda for discussion and consideration. Borough Council has the following options pertaining to this request: 1. Council can deny the proposed changes entirely and leave the Shopper's Lot sign on Orchard Avenue the same as it is now. 2. Council can approve the removal of the Shopper's Lot Sign from Orchard Avenue entirely. 3. Council can approve the Milliner Lofts developer to reface the Moreland and Orchard sign to either note parking exclusively for Milliner Lofts 4. Council can approve the Milliner Lofts developer to reface the Moreland and Orchard sign only if they create a design that incorporates both Milliner Lofts and Shopper's Parking that does not light up. If this option is selected, the developer would need to present Council with a proposed design to be approved prior to being hung. Council chose option number 4.
- **WAWA PROJECT CLOSE OUT** - Vice President Reichner stated The Borough was notified on June 11, 2025, that the letter of credit posted for the Wawa project will be expiring on August 18, 2025. As you are aware, this project has not been closed out and the developer owes past due escrow fees to the Borough. To complicate matters further, the original property owner/developer, The Verricchia Company, recently sold the property to a company named Arc Trust. This sale was performed without a Use and Occupancy from the Borough and as a result, the Borough only learned about this transfer of the property from the County's Board of Assessment Records. Manager Hegele, Assistant Secretary DeRenzis, Solicitor Geiser, and Engineer MacNair met on Wednesday, July 16th to discuss the Borough's next steps in closing out this project and ensuring all funds owed to the Borough for professional services are paid. On the engineering front, there are multiple items that need to be addressed including: 1. Confirmation from PennDOT that all improvements have been completed. 2. As-Built Plans need to be submitted to the Borough. 3. Underground utility information must be submitted to the Borough. 4. Stormwater management plans must be submitted to the Borough. 5. Information on the property corner monuments must be submitted to the Borough. 6. All items listed on the Engineer's letter dated November 24, 2023, must be addressed including punch list items. In addition to the above items, the developer owes the Borough \$115.49 in past due escrow funds. There will be additional bills from the Engineer and Solicitor that the developer will need to pay because of work associated with the closing out of the project. Presently, there is approximately \$52,469.47 remaining in the letter of credit after approved releases and funds the Borough withdrew for other past due escrow costs. Manager Hegele has prepared a notice to the original developer, current owner, and Wawa's corporate offices notifying them about the outstanding issues. Engineer MacNair is also working on ensuring that all items included in the closeout letter. If the developer, current owner, nor Wawa are cooperative in the closing out of this project, Solicitor Geiser, Engineer MacNair, and Manager Hegele may need to draw on more funds from the letter of credit to cover any outstanding improvements and outstanding escrow funds. Because August 18, 2025, is approaching quickly, we are asking Council to authorize Manager Hegele and Solicitor Geiser to proceed with all necessary measures needed to close out the project including but not limited to pursuit of the letter of credit for any unpaid escrow invoices and outstanding improvements. Solicitor Walko stated that the new property owners, ARC Trust, will cooperate with the Borough to close out the project.

**OLD BUSINESS AND UPDATES** - There was no old business or updates.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – **Gary Bickley, 46 Harding**, stated that he thinks the sign should not be changed at all and business owner Sarah Cunningham stated that some people don't even read the signs and it will still say Shoppers Lot on half of the sign. He also stated he wasn't aware of the paving and asked when it was talked about or advertised. Engineer MacNair stated that she mentioned the streets last month and were mentioned in the Public Works report this evening and read them out loud again. Manager Hegele stated that they could not be found as last month's minutes are to be voted on this evening and once approved, they will be posted and stated that the paving has been discussed several times.

**Kelly A 'Harrah, 45 W. Lehman Avenue**, stated that the EAC was prepared to have a meeting in July which was cancelled as they need a new EAC member and asked the Borough to advertise that.

**Todd A 'Harrah, 145 W. Lehman Avenue**, stated he had to step down from the Library Board when he was on Council and asked if it is a conflict of interest that Treasurer Smith expressed interest in the Library Board and is being considered for appointment. Vice President Reichner stated that there is no conflict of interest as he does not make decisions or vote and Solicitor Walko confirmed Treasurer Smith can be on the Library Board

**ADJOURNMENT** – Vice President Reichner adjourned the July 21, 2025, Committee Meeting at 7:37 P.M.

### **COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA**

**CALL TO ORDER** - Vice President Reichner called the July 21, 2025, Council Meeting to order at 7: 37 P.M.

**MEETING NOTES** – Vice President Reichner reviewed the Public Comment Policy on the back of the agenda with regards to addressing Council and time allotment and thanked Public Works and Fire Marshal Valesky for their help with the storm.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – There was no public comment.

**MAYORS REPORT** – There was no report this evening.

**OFFICER'S REPORTS -**

- **PRESIDENT'S REPORT** – Vice President Reichner thanked the Hatboro Police Department for supporting the Hatboro Storm car wash.
- **TREASURER'S REPORT** – Treasurer Smith stated the balance in all accounts for the period ending June 30, 2025, is \$ 4,767,656.31 with interest earned in the amount of \$ 5,614.80.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT** – Solicitor Walko stated Solicitor Geiser attended the 7/17/2025 Souslin appeal which the Court denied, and assisted administration with routine matters and Right to Know requests.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT** – Engineer McNair stated Land Development Projects 1. 21-23, 27 South York Road/Station at Hatboro/Canalley Tract (24-00804) Project approved as a 3-story mixed-use building with 102 residential units and 4,732 square feet of retail space. Site work on hold until November to concentrate on building work. 2. Milliner Lofts (24-00936) Project was approved with a total of 36 1- and 2-bedroom residential units and 2,320 square feet of commercial space at 24-28 South York Road. Escrow release 1 approved by Council on 4/28/25. G&A continues to observe the remaining site construction for conformance with the approved plans. 3. 206 Wood Street (25-00135) Minor subdivision project approved in November 2024 to permit division of the existing lot into two lots. G&A reviewing a revised submission intended to address comments from 2/13/25 review letter. 4. 237 Jacksonville Road (25-00434) Pre-construction meeting held on 4/16/25 related to crosswalks and curb ramps at Jacksonville Road intersections with Tanner Avenue and Summit Avenue. Solar-powered rectangular rapid flashing beacons to be installed along Jacksonville Road at Tanner Avenue. Developer to proceed once PennDOT permit conditions have been addressed. 5. Stony Brook Condominiums (25-00794) Minor land development application to demolish a 3,300 square foot commercial use building and construct a 3,300 square foot 4-unit residential townhome building near the entrance to the Stony Brook Condominiums. Public Improvement Projects 1. MS4 Permitting G&A received MS4 permitting information from RVE. G&A provided recommendations to the Borough for meeting the DEP's MS4 permit requirements. G&A provided comments to the DEP on the draft MS4 permit documents published for the next permitting cycle. G&A preparing annual report. 2. Stormwater Concerns G&A provided recommendations for addressing two stormwater concerns located on Borough property. G&A performed infiltration testing in the Corinthian Avenue right-of-way in February and provided the Borough with a riprap lined swale design based on the results. G&A provided the Borough with three design options to consider for replacing a storm pipe and end wall on Borough property adjacent to 501 South York Road and is working with the Borough to facilitate construction by Public Services. 3. Road Opening G&A is reviewing the Borough's current road opening ordinance and permit requirements to provide recommended updates. 4. 2025 Paving Program Bids were opened on 7/11/25 for the paving of several roads in the Borough as recommended by Public Works: South Chester Avenue, from Williams Lane to West Moreland Avenue; Jacksonville Road, from East Moreland Avenue to East Montgomery Avenue; Crescent Road, from York Road to York Road; and an alternate of Bright Road, from Bright Road to Home Road. Award recommended to lowest responsible and responsive bidder, Land-Tech Enterprises.

**MANAGER'S REPORT** – Manager Hegele stated Borough is now offering discounted tickets for amusement parks and other attractions. They can be purchased at Borough Hall during business hours. DCNR was out last week and did the final mowing for the DCNR Meadow Project at Pennypack. They did not give us notice when they were coming, with the rain and unpredictable weather, they told us they were doing it as their schedule, time and weather permitted. Thank you to resident Ray Byrnes for another donation of 7 Bird Houses. These will be placed in our parks by Public Works. ZHB met on 7/9 and heard the application for a commissary kitchen at El Limon, the ZHB did not issue a decision. They will render a decision at their August meeting. The PC meeting for July was cancelled due to a tornado warning for Hatboro. The three developments in the Borough are moving along, Victorian Village 2 is seeing new residents weekly. Milliner Lofts will be having their open house in August. The construction fence has been removed, and the sidewalk has reopened. Station at Hatboro is moving as well, they just got their permits. There was an issue with mud on York Road which the Borough Engineer addressed. With all the rain the site is wet, and the trucks are bringing onto the road, we investigated a complaint about mud going into the storm sewer, this was unfounded, they have all their proper E&S on site. For those that are not sure, developments like this are subject to frequent inspections and the engineer and Borough staff are continually monitoring the site. Yard sale and other signs, there was a question over the weekend regarding this topic. We do have an ordinance that prohibits this especially on the decorative poles as when persons use tape, it pulls the paint off. PECO and Verizon also frown upon these types of signs on their infrastructure as people often use nails and staples, these signs are removed as most times people do not come back to get them, and it leaves York Road looking bad. Staff has been reviewing the current sign ordinance and have a few suggestions on how to better handle these street signs. Finished gathering information for the approved Rotary mural on the York Road bridge at Horsham Road. All the setbacks and other information needed were gathered from PW and the police and returned to the Rotary. Council has already approved the mural, so this was the final step for the Borough for this project. Our insurance carrier was out earlier this month to visit all our properties for their annual safety visit. A full report will be forthcoming, and any issues will be fixed. They visit our parks, facilities as well as observe staff working at the pool and Public Works. West Moreland Avenue Bridge Project, as you heard during the earlier report the bridge project has begun. It should take 2 years to complete. The county just did a bridge in Abington that was expected to be closed for roughly the same time and the contractor was able to get done early and the road opened sooner. We have a lot of bridge experts in Hatboro. There is a lot of work with relocation of utilities, I knew there was some stuff under this bridge but not everything that they discussed during the pre-con meeting. They will be staging equipment in Eaton Park as well as on the road once it closes and the pool as per the agreement after the pool closes. This is a county project, not a Borough project, we do not have much say. I know that persons will take other roads, specifically West Monument Avenue, and has spoken to the Chief to discuss things the PD can do once this starts. The Borough cannot stop people who know the area from taking other roads to avoid the posted detour, but we can when we have personnel available enforce the stop signs and other traffic laws. There will be no pedestrian access, the entire area will be fenced off once the bridge closes. This is not new; we have been talking about this for some time.

## **STAFF REPORTS –**

- **POLICE** – Sergeant Valleley stated they have the Car Show plans of action in place and are prepared and they have notified all the businesses that are affected. He also thanked Public Works and Fire Marshal Valesky for the great job they did from the June 19<sup>th</sup> storm.
- **TAX COLLECTIONS** – The tax collectors' report was submitted electronically.
- **PUBLIC WORKS** – Manager Hegele stated They have been very busy after the June storm cleaning up. We lost a lot of trees in the Borough not only on Borough property but on private property. It took them several days to get our facilities and parks cleaned up. They finally finished and as usual the Borough looks great. They are now working to prepare the Borough specifically York Road, for the Car Show this weekend. As they always do, they will be out there after the show cleaning up and you will never know the town had so many people the day before. Pool, there was an incident last week that necessitated the closure of the pool for almost two days. While we do not like it like the many who complained, I can only continue to remind members and guests that if you have children 2 and under, they must be in swimming diapers and if your child is not potty trained, they must wear the same. This is in the pool rules that members and guest's sign. We have strict guidelines that we must follow when we have incidents at the pool. Thank you to the HHSD for the donation of tables and chairs from the former Keith Valley School. PW picked up the items and as time permits, we will get the chairs delivered to Borough Hall where they will be used in this room for meetings and the folding chairs will go to Pennypack to be used for events. Lastly PW crews are out working in the early morning hours sprucing up and painting lines throughout the Borough. Thank you to the HPD for their assistance this weekend while the guys painted the intersection of County Line and York.
- **DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT** – Manager Hegele stated Silvio's is now offering ice cream.
- **FIRE MARSHAL** – Fire Marshal Valesky stated the Borough of Hatboro Fire Marshal's Office provides the following report of activities for the month of June 2025. INSPECTIONS: 15 Commercial Fire Inspections (YTD as of 6/30: 102) \*NOTE: This number includes Fire Inspections and Commercial U&O Inspections. -1 Fire Re-inspection 8 Residential U&O Inspections (YTD as of 6/30: 49) -0 Residential U&O reinspection 83 Units/ 10 Properties Rental Inspections (YTD as of 6/30: 329 Units/93 Properties) -0 Rental Re-inspection FIRE CALLS/INVESTIGATIONS: 13 Fire Calls (YTD as of 6/30: 55) -DETAILS: Struck gas line, Sewer leak, storm related issues 1 Investigations (YTD as of 6/30: 12) -DETAILS: Woodland Avenue Fire. Please note that the fire is being classified as ACCIDENTAL with the cause being CANDLES. SMOKE DETECTOR INSTALLS: In partnership with the Red Cross, I assisted with installing 17 smoke alarms (YTD as of 6/30: 59) \*Note- I have found homes during U&O inspections or rentals that do not have working smoke detectors, or enough working smoke detectors. By code, you are required to have one smoke detector on every level of your home, and one in each bedroom. She recommended every home have at least one CO detector, but two would be better. If you need smoke detectors, please reach out. TRAINING: I attended the monthly Bucks County Fire Marshal Association meeting. PERMITS: 0 Fire Permits (YTD: 0) PROPERTY MAINTENANCE: We received 66 complaints (YTD: 274). The breakdown is as follows: 9 Work w/o permit complaints 10 Unregistered rental complaint 1 Unregistered business complaints 11 Grass/tree/overgrowth complaint 9 Safety/Fire complaints 10 Misc. complaints (stealing power, gutter, zoning, parking, illegal dumping, fence, drain) 16 Trees from Storm COURT: 0 Cases. OTHER: I attended a KinderCare Camp Visit. I picked up Kidde combination smoke/CO detectors as part of the Philadelphia Fire & Kidde Smoke Detector Campaign. I met with the following residents/tenants/property owners regarding issues: 1. 437 Jacksonville Rd tenant regarding upcoming rental inspection 2. 200 S. Warminster/ 234 Byberry property owner in follow-up to May meeting re: work w/o permits and various items 3. Property owner 50 E. Moreland re: work w/o permits 4. Property owner 77 Byberry re: plans for new apartments 5. Property owner 102 S. York Rd re: various issues for U&O inspection 6. Business owner 34 S. York Rd re: adding a fryer and fire code 7. Met with the tenants of 13 Belmar Rd re: property maintenance issues 8. Met with the tenant of 37 Summit re: property maintenance issue in neighbor's yard 9. Met with Rick Flores, a potential new business owner in town regarding fire code requirements for specific applications 10. Met with property owner at 456 Oakdale re: work w/o permits 11. Met with property owners at 347 Bonair re: trees after storm 12. Met with numerous other property owners or responded to phone calls and questions regarding trees and damages after storms, including multiple on York Rd MONTHLY SAFETY MESSAGE: July is #SummerReady! With the increase in the number of storms that have caused power outages, here are some power outage safety tips: • Be prepared in advance, have a kit and evacuation plan (that includes your pets). • Charger spare devices, have flashlights that work, and extra batteries. • Make sure you plan for surge protection and have surge protectors on household electronics. • Unplug appliances and electronics to avoid power overloads or damage from power surges. • Use flashlights, not candles. • Turn off the utilities only if you suspect damage. Your gas line can only be turned on by a qualified professional. If any circuit breakers have been tripped, contact an electrician to inspect them before turning them on. • Prevent carbon monoxide poisoning. Don't use a gas stove to heat your home and do not use outdoor stoves indoors for heating or cooking. If using a generator keep it outside in a well-ventilated area away from windows.
- **FIRE COMPANY** – EFC 1<sup>st</sup> VP Steve Ide stated for May and June the EFC had 48 calls of which 36 were in Hatboro, assisted other Townships for a total of 12, had a working house fire on Woodland Avenue, responded to 13 calls during the June 19<sup>th</sup> storm, continues training, attending community events, they are ready for the car show, thanked Mr. Bill Gotshall, who passed away, for his 60+ years of service to Hatboro.

- **UNION LIBRARY REPORT** – Representative Williams stated as of June 1, 2025, 57 new cards were issued, 128 new books were received, 36 programs were held, and 2,586 books, DVDs etcetera have been checked out. He also announced the upcoming events.

#### **ORDER OF BUSINESS AND VOTING ITEMS**

**ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF REPORTS** – Councilwoman Shay made a motion to acknowledge receipt of Public Works, Fire Marshal, Treasurer’s Reports, EAC Minutes, and UMHJSA minutes. Motion was seconded by Councilman Myers, all ayes. Motion carried 5-0.

**APPROVAL OF WARRANT LIST, PAYMENT OF BILLS, MANUAL CHECKS, AND TRANSFERS** – Councilman Hoover made a motion to approve Warrant List, Payment of Bills, Manual Checks, and Transfers for the month of June 2025. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hendrickson, all ayes. Motion carried 5-0.

**JUNE 16, 2025, COMMITTEE/COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES** – Councilman Myers made a motion to approve the June 16, 2025, Committee/Council Meeting minutes. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Shay. Motion carried 5-0.

**ENTERPRISE FIRE COMPANY EXPENDITURE LIST** – Councilman Myers made a motion to approve the Enterprise Fire Company Expenditure list for the Month of June 2025 in the amount of \$ 6,613.31. Motion was seconded by Councilman Hoover, all ayes. Motion carried 5-0.

**CONSHOHOCKEN MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT** – Councilman Hoover made a motion to approve the mutual aid agreement between the Borough of Hatboro and the Borough of Conshohocken. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hendrickson, all ayes. Motion carried 5-0.

**LIBRARY EXPENDITURE LIST** – Councilwoman Hendrickson made a motion to approve the Library Expenditure List for the month of June 2025 in the amount of \$ 40,766.00. Motion was seconded by Councilman Hoover, all ayes. Motion carried 5-0.

**LOCAL SHARE ACCOUNT GRANT APPLICATIONS** – Councilman Myers made a motion to approve three grant applications to the no match Local Share Grant Program from and application for modular vehicle barrier units and approve Resolution 2025-33 memorializing the same. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Shay, all ayes. Motion carried 5-0.

**RATIFICATION OF APPLICATION TO KEEPING PENNSYLVANIA BEAUTIFUL GRANT PROGRAM** – Councilwoman Hendrickson made a motion to ratify Manager Hegele’s approval of the application for keeping Pennsylvania Beautiful Grant in the amount of \$ 4,000.00 which would obtain trees for the Boroughs parks. Motion was seconded by Councilman Myers, all ayes. Motion carried 5-0.

**DCED MAIN STREET MATTERS PROGRAM** – Councilman Hoover made a motion to authorize application to the Main Street Matters Grant Program in the amount of \$50,000.00 to hire a Main Street Manager. Motion was seconded by Councilman Myers, all ayes. Motion carried 5-0.

**SENIOR PROM SPECIAL EVENT REQUEST** – Councilwoman Shay made a motion to approve the Special Event Request for the Senior Prom event. Motion was seconded by Councilman Hoover, all ayes. Motion carried 5-0.

**CUB SCOUT PACK 17 PICNIC & BBQ** – Councilman Hoover made a motion to approve the Cub Scout Pack 17 Picnic & BBQ Special Event Request for August 23, 2025, in Eaton Park. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Shay and Councilwoman Hendrickson abstained. Motion carried 4-0 with 1 abstention.

**SIDEWALK SALE SPECIAL EVENT REQUEST** – Councilwoman Shay made a motion to approve the sidewalk sale special event request submitted by Sarah Cunningham to take place September 5, 2025, from 5:30 P.M. until 8:30 P.M. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Hendrickson, all ayes. Motion carried 5-0.

**2025 ROAD PAVING PROGRAM – AWARDING OF BID** – Councilwoman Shay made a motion to award the 2025 Road Paving Program to Land-Tech Enterprises in the amount of \$ 199,538.00 for the base and alternate bids. Motion was seconded by Councilman Myers, all ayes. Motion carried 5-0. The scope of work includes Base Bid

1. South Chester Avenue, from Williams Lane to West Moreland Avenue o Milling, base repair as necessary, paving, replacement of pavement markings
  2. Jacksonville Road, from East Moreland Road to East Montgomery Avenue o Milling, base repair as necessary, paving, replacement of pavement markings
  3. Crescent Road, from York Road to York Road o Milling, base repair as necessary, paving, replacement of pavement markings o Replace 2 non-compliant curb ramps
- Alternate Bid 4. Bright Road, from Bright Road to Home Road o Milling, base repair as necessary, paving, replacement of pavement markings o Replace 1 non-compliant curb ramp. The bids for this project were opened via Penn Bid on July 11, 2025, and a copy of the bid tabulation and a total of eight (8) bids were received.

**200 BONAIR AVENUE SETTLEMENTS STIPULATION** – Councilman Myers made a motion to approve the Assessment Appeal Settlement Stipulation for the property located at 200 Bonair Avenue resulting in a total of \$ 4,632.24 owed to the Borough of Hatboro.

**13 HEDLEY LANE ASSESSMENT APPEAL** – Councilwoman Shay made a motion to accept the assessment reduction for 13 Hedley Lane. Motion was seconded by Councilman Hoover, all ayes. Motion carried 5-0.

**MICHELE JOHNSON RESIGNATION** – Councilman Hoover made a motion to formally accept Michele Johnson’s resignation from the Library Board. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Shay, all ayes. Motion carried 5-0.

**LIBRARY BOARD APPOINTMENT** – Councilman Hoover made a motion to appoint Tom Smith to the Library Board for a term of two years. Motion was seconded by Councilwoman Shay, all ayes. Motion carried 5-0.

**PENNSYLVANIA MUNICIPAL LEAGUE LEGISLATIVE LIASON DESIGNATION** – Councilman Hoover made a motion to appoint Manager Hegele as the Legislative Liaison for the Pennsylvania Municipal League. Motion was seconded by Councilman Myers, all ayes. Motion carried 5-0.

**MILLINER LOFTS PARKING SIGNAGE REQUESTS** – Councilwoman Shay made a motion to approve the request made by the Milliner Lofts Developer for the removal of the Shoppers Lot Sign on Orchard Avenue and approve the refacing of the sign to indicate Milliner Lofts. Motion was seconded by Councilman Hoover, all ayes. Motion carried 5-0.

**Sarah Cunningham, 221 N. York Road**, asked if the sign will also state shoppers’ lot along with Milliner Lofts and Vice President Reichner stated that yes, both will be indicated on the sign.

**WAWA PROJECT CLOSE OUT** – Councilwoman Shay made a motion to authorize the Solicitor, Engineer, and Manager Hegele to proceed with all necessary measures including the pursuit of the Developer’s Letter of Credit for all outstanding escrow invoices and improvements remaining under the developer’s agreement. Motion was seconded by Councilman Myers, all ayes. Motion carried 5-0.

**OLD BUSINESS AND UPDATES** - There was no old business or updates.

**NEW BUSINESS** – There was no new business.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – **Todd A ‘Harrah, 145 W. Lehman Avenue**, asked if Mr. Smith is finishing the last two years of Representative Johnsons term and Vice President stated yes.

**Kelly A ‘Harrah, 145 W. Lehman Avenue**, stated regarding the Moreland Avenue Bridge she knows about a year ago Public Safety spoke about requesting pedestrian crossing and asked if that was happening. She also asked about precautions for the equipment and the creek as when trees were removed, oil leaked into the creek and wants to make sure they are careful, so it doesn’t happen again. She also asked the Borough to do a better job to let neighbors know what is going on at Pennypack as the Boy Scouts have been there with BB guns and archery and would appreciate more notice on behalf of herself and the neighbors there. She stated she thinks it sends a bad message as this is a park and asked to move the BB gun range behind the building and the BBS will be thoroughly cleaned up and she thinks its inconsiderate of the wildlife to leave BBs around. She asked that in the future if there are nay events that will affect the wildlife, to please include the EAC in the discussion. Councilman Myers asked Manager Hegele id there was a way to advertise the events with signage and Manager Hegele stated that staff does everything they can to notify what is going on there but there is not enough staff to go out and individually notify the residents each event that is taking place as they are advertised on several platforms. Vice President Reichner stated that the Boy Scout camp was approved by the Chief of Police and the Scout leaders must be trained as well to run the ranges, so all security had to be in place. Mrs. A ‘Harrah stated that she thinks it is inconsiderate as for some, it is their back yard and if staff is too busy there should be less events. Vice President Reichner apologized and stated that this was the first time they had the ranges and that they believe they have done and have been doing all they can to notify residents there and, in the future, they will make sure notices are sent. Manager Hegele stated that she would like to see more people sign up for Savvy Citizen App as it gives notifications for everyone happening in the Borough. Manager Hegele also stated that last year individual notices were hand delivered to the neighborhood (all streets surrounding Pennypack).

Manager Hegele stated that is regards to the pedestrian crossing bridge once the Moreland Avenue bridge replacement takes place, she brought it up several times and the last time she brought it up was the preconstruction meeting and was told absolutely not and it will be fenced off and that is it. Vice President Reichner stated that as far as the tree work that was done that resulted in oil in the creek, the County was responsible to handle and did. Manager Hegele also stated that the Borough was not even notified about the tree work that the County came out and did it and that certain things the Borough cannot control regarding notifying and gave the utility companies as an example and staff will continue to do their best regarding notifying residents.

**ADJOURNMENT** – Councilwoman Shay made a motion to adjourn the July 21, 2025, Council Meeting. Motion was seconded by Councilman Myers, all ayes. Motion carried 5-0. Vice President Reichner adjourned the July 21, 2025, Council Meeting at 8:17 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

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