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REGULAR MEETING
Board of Commissioners
Township of Haverford

January 11, 2010
MONDAY- 7:30 P.M.
Commissioners Meeting Room

1. Opening of Meeting – William F. Wechsler, President, opened the meeting.

a. Roll Call – 8 Commissioners were present at roll call – Commissioners Oliva, Trumbull, Siegel, Heilmann, McGarrity, Connell, D’Emilio and Wechsler.

Commissioner Holmes arrived at 7:45 p.m.

Also present were: Lawrence J. Gentile, Township Manager, Carl O’Fria, Township Auditor, Lori Hanlon Widdop and Tim Denny, Assistant Township Managers, Kelly Sullivan, Esquire, Township Solicitor, Aimee Cuthbertson, Finance Director, Chief Carmen Pettine, Haverford Police and Dave Pennoni, Township Engineer.

b. Opening prayer led by Lawrence J. Gentile

c. Pledge of Allegiance led by Chief Carmen Pettine

2. Presentation – 2010 Census

Representatives from the Census Bureau were present to describe the upcoming census and how it is very important that residents cooperate. They are also hiring seasonal employees. Jobs are still available. The census is to begin March of 2010.

Mr. Gentile indicated that this is an important issue for Haverford Township. This will affect what amount the Township receives in Liquid Fuels money.

3. Citizens’ Forum – 20 Minutes Registered Speakers/20 Minutes Agenda Items

Mr. Houseworth – 129 Landover Road

Mr. Houseworth also spoke about the importance of doing the census. He also spoke about Commissioner expenses.

Richard Thau – Director of the Library

Mr. Thau highlighted the good changes the Library is undergoing.

Brian McGoff – 1335 Maryland Avenue

Mr. McGoff is on the Board of Trustees. He indicated that the Library is an asset to the community – residents have access to materials and technology.

END OF REGISTERED SPEAKERS

Open Forum

Judy Clemens – 27 West Hillcrest Road

Ms. Clemens indicated that she is against Ordinance P29.

Joe Clemens – 27 West Hillcrest Road

Mr. Clemens is also against this Ordinance.

Mr. Houseworth – 129 Landover Road

Mr. Houseworth questioned the Audit firm item on the agenda and voiced his concerns on the vehicle purchases and who puts the decals, etc. on the vehicles?

END OF OPEN FORUM

Responses to Citizens Forum by Mr. Wechsler

Mr. Wechsler thanked everyone for their comments.

Mr. Wechsler stated the Board would be voting shortly on Ordinance P29.

Mr. Wechsler stated that after the vehicles are purchased by the Township, the Vehicle Maintenance Department takes care of putting decals and loading the vehicles.

**4. Approval of Minutes - Regular Meeting of December 14, 2009
Special Meeting of December 21, 2009**

Motion made by Commissioner D'Emilio and seconded by Commissioner Oliva to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 14, 2009 and Special Meeting Minutes of December 21, 2009.

Roll Called.

Voting Yes: Commissioners Oliva, Trumbull, Siegel, Heilmann, Holmes, McGarrity, D'Emilio and Wechsler. Commissioner Connell abstained because he was not a Commissioner at the time of those meetings.

****5. Motion made by Commissioner Holmes and seconded by Commissioner McGarrity to move Item 10 of the agenda forward. All Commissioners were in favor.**

****10. Suspension of Proposed Ordinance No. P29-2009 and Canceling of Public Hearing**

Motion made by Commissioner McGarrity and seconded by Commissioner Holmes to suspend further action on proposed Ordinance No. P29-2009 and cancel the February 8, 2010 Public Hearing scheduled for consideration of the said ordinance.

Roll Called.

Voting Yes: Commissioners Oliva, Trumbull, Siegel, Heilmann, Holmes, McGarrity, Connell, D'Emilio and Wechsler.

6. Motion made by Commissioner McGarrity and seconded by Commissioner D'Emilio to approve the following warrants:

G.F. P/R Warrant No. 314	in the amount of	\$ 576,322.17
G.F. & S.F. P/R Warrant No. 500	in the amount of	\$ 765,811.16
G. F. Bus. Warrant No. 800	in the amount of	\$2,626,963.39
S.F. P/R Warrant No. 412	in the amount of	\$ 27,093.17
S.F. Bus. Warrant No. 799	in the amount of	\$ 166,501.24
Comm Dev. Warrant No. 1-10	in the amount of	\$ 84,993.00
Comm Dev. Warrant No.34114R	in the amount of	\$ 59,378.40
Skateboard Park Warrant No.1-10	in the amount of	\$ 1,615.00
Cable Access Warrant No. 1-10	in the amount of	\$ 96.25

Roll Called.

Voting Yes: Commissioners Oliva, Trumbull, Siegel, Heilmann, Holmes, McGarrity, Connell, D'Emilio and Wechsler.

7. Resolution No. 1740 – 2010 -Township Manager/Secretary Reappointment

Motion made by Commissioner D'Emilio and seconded by Commissioner Heilmann to adopt Resolution No. 1740-2010 authorizing the President of the Board of Commissioners to execute the employment agreement with Larry Gentile as Township Manager/Secretary for a period of two years and one month effective January 1, 2010.

Roll Called.

Voting Yes: Commissioners Oliva, Trumbull, Siegel, Heilmann, Holmes, McGarrity, Connell, D'Emilio and Wechsler.

**8. Ordinance No. P34-2009 Amendment Chapter 165 – Local Taxpayers
Bill of Rights (2nd Reading)**

Motion made by Commissioner Trumbull and seconded by Commissioner McGarrity to adopt the second reading of Ordinance No. P34-2009 amending Chapter 165, Local Taxpayer's Bill of Rights.

Roll Called.

Voting Yes: Commissioners Oliva, Trumbull, Siegel, Heilmann, Holmes, McGarrity, Connell, D'Emilio and Wechsler.

9. Ordinance No. P1-2010 Parking Meter Rates/Fines (1st Reading)

Motion made by Commissioner D'Emilio and seconded by Commissioner Trumbull to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. P1-2010 amending parking meter rates and violation fines.

**Commissioner Trumbull asked to amend the Fire Zone Fine to \$50.00
Commissioner D'Emilio accepted the amendment.**

Roll Called.

Voting Yes: Commissioners Oliva, Trumbull, Siegel, Heilmann, Holmes, Connell, D'Emilio and Wechsler.

Voting No: Commissioner McGarrity.

9. Ordinance No. P2-2010

Traffic (1st Reading)

Motion made by Commissioner Holmes and seconded by Commissioner D'Emilio to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. P2-1010 establishing traffic restrictions on the highways:

establish No Parking Anytime Zone on:

The west side of Merwood Lane, 60 feet north of Eagle Road

establish Parking Time Limited:

15 minute increments on the east side of Allston between Brookline and Sagamore Road during the hours of 8 am to 4 pm during weekdays.

establish Parking of Commercial Vehicles over 8,000 lbs PROHIBITED on:
the 300 block of Davis - at all times.

The Unit Block of East Wilmont – at all times.

Roll Called.

Voting Yes: Commissioners Oliva, Trumbull, Siegel, Heilmann, Holmes, McGarrity, Connell, D'Emilio and Wechsler.

10. Resolution No. 1737-2010

Destruction of Finance Records

Motion made by Commissioner Trumbull and seconded by Commissioner Siegel to adopt Resolution No. 1737-2010 in accordance with the Municipal Records Manual authorizes the disposition of financial records.

Roll Called.

Voting Yes: Commissioners Oliva, Trumbull, Siegel, Heilmann, Holmes, Connell, D'Emilio and Wechsler.

Voting No: Commissioner McGarrity.

11. Resolution No. 1739-2010 Mowing Agreement

Motion made by Commissioner McGarrity and seconded by Commissioner Oliva to adopt Resolution No. 1739-2010 authorizing Agreement with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to be responsible for mowing 34 state route acres.

Roll Called.

Voting Yes: Commissioners Oliva, Trumbull, Siegel, Heilmann, Holmes, McGarrity, Connell, D'Emilio and Wechsler.

12. Resolution No. 1741-2010 Municipality's Professional Consultants Fees

Motion made by Commissioner Holmes and seconded by Commissioner Trumbull to adopt Resolution No. 1741-2010 amending Professional Consultants fees for the year 2010.

Roll Called.

Voting Yes: Commissioners Oliva, Trumbull, Siegel, Heilmann, Holmes, McGarrity, Connell, D'Emilio and Wechsler.

13. Contract Awards

Finance Department - Bee, Bergvall & Company

Motion made by Commissioner Holmes and seconded by Commissioner Oliva to confirm that Bee, Bergvall & Company, Certified Public Accountants will audit the financial statements of the governmental activities, business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information, which collectively comprise the entity's basic financial statements of Haverford Township as of and for the year ended December 31, 2009.

Roll Called.

Voting Yes: Commissioners Oliva, Trumbull, Siegel, Heilmann, Holmes, McGarrity, Connell, D'Emilio and Wechsler.

Police Department – Towing/Impound

Motion made by Commissioner D’Emilio and seconded by Commissioner McGarrity to award the Impound Yard Operator contract to both Brendan’s Collision Service, 210 W. Hillcrest Avenue, Havertown, PA and Direct Paint and Collision, 100 N. Eagle Road, Havertown, PA - meeting the Police Department requirements as a Township Impound Yard Operator.

Roll Called.

Voting Yes: Commissioners Oliva, Trumbull, Siegel, Heilmann, Holmes, McGarrity, Connell, D’Emilio and Wechsler.

Motion made by Commissioner D’Emilio and seconded by Commissioner Oliva to award the Duty Tow contract to both Bob and Joes Towing, LLC, 1000 N. Eagle Road, Havertown, PA and Ardmore Auto Care, 2550 Haverford Road, Ardmore, PA - meeting Haverford Township Code, 175-65.

Roll Called.

Voting Yes: Commissioners Oliva, Trumbull, Siegel, Heilmann, Holmes, McGarrity, Connell, D’Emilio and Wechsler.

Police/Paramedic Departments Vehicles

Motion made by Commissioner D’Emilio and seconded by Commissioner Connell to authorize the purchase of three Crown Victoria Police Interceptor Marked from Warnock Fleet and Leasing, East Hanover, New Jersey, under State of Pennsylvania CoStars Contract #013-024 in the amount of \$69,328.11, one Police Ford Expedition in the amount of \$29,199.49 and a Paramedic purchase of one Ford Expedition in the amount of \$29,199.49.

Roll Called.

Voting Yes: Commissioners Oliva, Trumbull, Siegel, Heilmann, Holmes, McGarrity, Connell, D’Emilio and Wechsler.

15. Continuation of Citizens' Forum - Non-Agenda Items

Freedom Playground representative stated a fundraiser will be held on January 22nd at P. J. Henry's. The playground will be built from April 20th through the 25th. Volunteers can go to www.freedomplay.org to help them build.

Al Austin – Haverford Hawks President

Mr. Austin thanked the Board with regard to moving forward with the Skatium project.

Mr. Pennoni indicated that the Specs are being prepared for Request for Proposals.

16Commissioner Holmes asked to continue with Old Business regarding the Library Board of Trustees appointment.**

Commissioner Holmes made a motion to appoint Bridget Cuffia to fill the unexpired term to expire December 31, 2010. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Siegel.

Commissioner Heilmann made a motion to appoint Angela Gasparro.

Discussion began as to whether or not the Board could even make this appointment tonight. They went into recess until Solicitor could provide a legal opinion.

Opinion of Counsel is to withdraw this motion and vote to place this item on tonight's agenda. All Commissioners were in favor.

Motion made by Commissioner Holmes and seconded by Commissioner Trumbull to appoint Bridget Cuffia to fill the unexpired term on the Library Board to expire December 31, 2010.

Motion made by Commissioner Heilmann and seconded by Commissioner McGarrity to appoint Angela Gasparro.

Motion to close by Commissioner Holmes and seconded by Commissioner McGarrity.

Roll called.

Commissioners Oliva, Heilmann, McGarrity, Connell and Wechsler voted for Angela Gasparro.

Commissioner McGarrity – 7th Ward Commissioner

Commissioner McGarrity stated that Andrea Broido did a fabulous job singing at the Grange. Over 60 people attended.

Commissioner McGarrity thanked Lori Widdop for all the hardwork involved in researching Ord. P29-09.

Commissioner Connell – 8th Ward Commissioner

Nothing to report.

Commissioner Wechsler – 9th Ward Commissioner

Commissioner Wechsler announced that on January 28th, Upper Darby Township will be holding a Zoning Hearing Board Variance Meeting. A 106 foot Cell Tower could be built on the Upper Darby side of the Pilgrim Garden section – opposite Haverford Township.

Commissioner Wechsler said that Ed Pratt could provide his Words of Wisdom.

17. Adjournment