

MINUTES

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REGULAR MEETING
Board of Commissioners
Township of Haverford

March 8, 2010
MONDAY- 7:30 P.M.
Commissioners Meeting Room

1. Opening of Meeting – Mr. Wechsler opened the meeting and stated that the Board met in Executive Session last week to discuss a real estate matter.

Mr. Wechsler stated that Special Counsel for the Township, David Brooman, will be attending a bit later to discuss the YMCA Lease and with the possibility of the Board taking action.

- a. Roll Call – all Commissioners were present a roll call: Commissioners Oliva, Trumbull, Siegel, Heilmann, Holmes, McGarrity, Connell, D’Emilio and Wechsler.

Also present were: Lawrence J. Gentile, Township Manager, James J. Byrne, Esquire, Township Solicitor, Lori Hanlon-Widdop and Tim Denny, Assistant Township Managers, Aimee Cuthbertson, Finance Director, Chief Carmen Pettine, Haverford Police Department, David Pennoni and Chuck Faulkner, Pennoni Associates and David Brooman, Esquire, Haverford Township Special Counsel.

- b. Opening Prayer by Reverend Ryan Whitley
- c. Pledge of Allegiance led by Chief Pettine

Pennoni Associates received a Proclamation from the Township for their work in finding, applying for and receiving a \$1,000,000 grant for the Wynnefield Drive issue.

2. Presentation by the Haverford Partnership for Economic Development Corporation

*Commissioner Siegel indicated that he received a note from Brendan Goggan stating there was a miscommunication in scheduling and this presentation would be rescheduled at a later date.

3. YMCA Lease Agreement – to be discussed later in the evening.

4. Citizen’s Forum – 20 Minutes Registered Speakers
- 20 Minutes Open Forum – Agenda Items Only

Mike Levin – 414 Mill Road

Mr. Levin spoke on the Billboard issue, the YMCA, gym competition and costs. Where is the site plan?

Larry Chrzan – 408 Strathmore Road

Mr. Chrzan spoke on Commissioner McGarrity's expense reports and mileage.

Allen Geiger – 5 Lee Circle

Mr. Geiger is glad the Community Center is on the agenda and that the Township received extra money from the developer for the environmental center.

Victor Donnay – 117 Rodney Circle

The vision of the Haverford Reserve is almost realized. Some of Dr. Donnay's students are also going to put together a report to see what the cost would be and the future return to use geothermal energy and/or solar panels on the Community Center.

Mr. Houseworth – 129 Landover Road

Mr. Houseworth questioned Phase II and Phase III. The Township should not consider giving relief to AQUA. Mr. Houseworth thanked Commissioner Siegel for presenting a proclamation to Patrick Donovan.

END OF REGISTERED SPEAKERS

Open Forum

Mike Levin – 414 Mill Road

Mr. Levin spoke on the Superfund Site and the YMCA

Jan Marie Rushforth – 3700 Darby Road

Great possibilities for Haverford Reserve. Jan Marie questioned Item #14

Peter Hickman – 134 Marple Road

Mr. Hickman said to build the Environmental Center now.

Louisa Crawford – Darby Road

Ms. Crawford is encouraged by the progress being made at the Community Center. She also supports a green building.

Mr. Houseworth – 129 Landover Road

Mr. Houseworth would like to see a professional group hired to run the Skatium.

The following four individuals all support the Community Center/Environmental Center: Elizabeth Luft, Mr. Campbell, Francis Alvarez and Michele Alvarez.

END OF OPEN FORUM

Responses to Citizens Forum

Mr. Brooman will be giving an update on the YMCA. 80% of memberships come in from within two miles. Two hundred jobs can be created.

To all Recreation people: The Board is looking to do what's best with the money. They want to get it right.

5. Approval of Minutes - Regular Meeting of February 8, 2010

Motion made by Commissioner Holmes and seconded by Commissioner McGarrity to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 8, 2010.

Commissioner Siegel asked to add that the Police Department is also over 100% capacity and not overcrowded.

Roll Called.

Voting Yes: Commissioners Oliva, Siegel, Heilmann, Holmes, McGarrity, Connell and Wechsler

Commissioner Trumbull abstained.

Commissioner D'Emilio was absent from vote.

6. Approval of Warrants

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

G.F. & S.F. P/R Warrant No. 503	in the amount of	\$ 620,367.11
G. F. Bus. Warrant No. 904	in the amount of	\$1,196,802.86
G.F & S.F. P/R Warrant No. 504	in the amount of	\$ 622,313.09
S.F. Bus. Warrant No. 803	in the amount of	\$ 502,087.77
Comm Dev. Warrant No. 5-10		
	6-10R in the amount of	\$ 55,004.66
Cable Access Warrant No. 3-10	in the amount of	\$ 93.24

Roll Called.

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

7. AQUA Relief Request

Motion made by Commissioner Connell and seconded by Commissioner McGarrity to approve AQUA Pennsylvania's Relief Request from the required Permit Fees for larger projects.

Discussion began among the Commissioners concerning AQUA's request and other fees. Township Solicitor's opinion is to do more research.

Motion made by Commissioner Siegel and seconded by Commissioner Heilmann to TABLE.

All Commissioners agreed to TABLE.

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

8. Phase II Kimmel Bogrette - Haverford Reserve Active Recreation Environmental Center

Motion made by Commissioner Oliva and seconded by Commissioner Trumbull to authorize Kimmel Bogrette Architects to begin the design development phase of the Haverford Recreation Environmental Center at a cost of \$100,500.00.

Discussion began concerning the two \$500,000 grants from the state. The annual cost to run the Community Center and potential revenue from programs.

Roll Called.

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

Voting No: Commissioners Heilmann and Connell

Commissioner McGarrity was absent from vote.

****Item #3 YMCA Lease Agreement**

David Brooman, Esquire, brought the final Lease Agreement with the YMCA. Mr. Brooman indicated that this is a 25 year lease. The Y will construct two pools - one competitive and one recreational. They are responsible for all expenses - including demolition, lifting of tanks and removal of all asbestos. Unfortunately, the initial July 1st demolition date is changed to December 1st (contingent to financing and the acquisition of PECO Parcel). After the 25 years, the Y can turn the property back over to the Township. Construction would begin in 2012 and rent - 2013.

Commissioner Wechsler opened the floor for public comment - just on this item.

Mr. Levin stated that the building will be built on a site that does have problems. No indication of approved funding. He also spoke about EPA.

Jan Marie Rushforth is in favor of the Y but is concerned about the financials.

Mr. Houseworth wants to know how much did we invest in this project and what is the return?

Mr. Ed Pratt is concerned about the timing - December 1st. There are negative factors - weather, darkness.

Mr. Hickman said for everyone to stay positive. The economy will get better. Jobs will be created and money will be coming into the Township.

Motion was made by Commissioner Holmes and seconded by Commissioner Heilmann to add the first reading of the Lease Agreement with the YMCA.

Roll Called.

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

Voting No: Commissioner D'Emilio

Motion made by Commissioner Holmes and seconded by Commissioner Siegel to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. P5-2010 – entering a Ground Lease by and between the Township of Haverford, Landlord and the YMCA of Philadelphia & Vicinity, as Tenant.

Roll Called.

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

Voting No: Commissioner D’Emilio

9. Ordinance No. P3-2010

**Revising Chapter 157 – Streets & Sidewalks/
Prohibiting the Placement of Snow in the
Streets and Sidewalks (2nd Reading)**

Motion made by Commissioner D’Emilio and seconded by Commissioner Holmes to adopt the second reading of Ordinance No. P3-2010 by Revising Chapter 157 – Streets & Sidewalks by Prohibiting the Placement of Snow in the Streets and on Sidewalks.

Roll Called.

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

Voting No: Commissioners Oliva and McGarrity

10. Ordinance No. P4-2010

Traffic (1st Reading)

Motion made by Commissioner McGarrity and seconded by Commissioner D’Emilio to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. P4-2010 authorizing traffic restrictions/removals on public highways:

REMOVE a “SPECIAL PURPOSE PARKING SPACE” on the following highway:

For the property located at 101 Strathmore Road (sign located at the entrance of the property located on Beverly Road)

ESTABLISH “No Parking on the 600 Block of Malvern Road from 65 feet on Malvern in a westerly direction from Maple Shade to 95 feet on Malvern Road.

Roll Called.

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

11. Resolution No. 1749-2010 Establishment of Fee for DVD's of Commissioner Meetings

Motion made by Commissioner McGarrity and seconded by Commissioner Connell to adopt Resolution No. 1749-2010 establishing a fee for copies of Commissioner Meetings on DVDs. The cost will be \$35.00 per DVD.

Roll Called.

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

12. Resolution No. 1750-2010 Intent Resolution – The Skatium

Motion made by Commissioner McGarrity and seconded by Commissioner Oliva to adopt Resolution No. 1750-2010 declaring official intent with respect to reimbursements from proceeds of bonds, notes or other indebtedness of temporary advances made for capital expenditures and related matters; providing for severability; setting forth an effective date.

Commissioner Holmes suggested that the motion include the sentence: up to and not exceeding \$1,500,000.

Roll Called.

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

13. Resolution No. 1751-2010 NextG – Right of Way Use Agreement

Motion made by Commissioner McGarrity and seconded by Commissioner Holmes to adopt Resolution No. 1751-2010 authorizing the Township Manager to execute the Right of Way Agreement with NextG Networks of New York.

The following conditions will be incorporated into the Resolution: upon the Township receiving the required certificates of insurance, the annual \$190. fee, a copy of NextG or the licensed carrier's FCC license and receipt of the master pole attachment agreement which authorizes NextG to occupy the identified utility poles.

Roll Called.

Voting Yes: Commissioners Trumbull, Siegel, Holmes, McGarrity, Connell and Wechsler.

**Voting No: Commissioners Oliva and Heilmann
Commissioner D'Emilio was absent from vote.**

14. Contract Awards

The Grange – Long Barn Roof

Motion made by Commissioner McGarrity and seconded by Commissioner Oliva to award the Grange Estate Long Barn Roof Replacement contract to Jim Miller Roofing, Lansdowne, PA, in the amount of \$45,313.75.

Roll Called.

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

Commissioner D'Emilio was absent from vote.

The Skatium

Motion made by Commissioner McGarrity and seconded by Commissioner Oliva to award the Skatium Ice Replacement contract to Emcor Services Fluidics of Philadelphia, Pa, in the amount of \$778,691.00, submitting the lowest responsible bid.

Roll Called.

Voting Yes: Commissioner Oliva, Trumbull, Siegel, Heilmann, Holmes, McGarrity, Connell and Wechsler.

Commissioner D'Emilio was absent from vote.

The Community Center

Motion made by Commissioner Oliva and seconded by Commissioner McGarrity to reject all bids for the Phase III – Site Buildings and Amenities at the Haverford Reserve Active Recreation Facility - with the understanding that the construction of the dugouts and configuration of the facilities are currently being reconsidered.

Roll Called.

**Voting Yes: Commissioners Oliva, Trumbull, Siegel, Heilmann, Holmes, McGarrity, Connell and Wechsler.
Commissioner D’Emilio was absent from vote.**

Haverford Township Home Improvement Program Contractors

Motion made by Commissioner McGarrity and seconded by Commissioner Oliva to approve Anthony Dunleavy’s, Dunleavy Associates, recommendations of the following contractors for the Community Development Block Grant and Home programs in accordance with the published Request for Proposals and subsequent evaluations for 2010-2013:

**Public Improvement – Pennoni Associates
Streets – Catania Engineering Associates, Inc.
Rehabilitation Technical – Pennoni Associates, Inc. as primary provider
Lead Testing – Leadco Environmental, Inc. as primary provider
Title Services – Security Search & Abstract Company, Inc.**

Roll Called.

**Voting Yes: Commissioners Oliva, Trumbull, Siegel, Heilmann, Holmes, McGarrity, Connell and Wechsler.
Commissioner D’Emilio was absent from vote.**

15. Appointment

Senior Citizen’s Advisory Board – 2nd Ward Representative

Commissioner Oliva appointed Mr. Jack Dougherty as the 2nd Ward Representative.

16. Continuation of Citizens Forum - Non-Agenda Items

Ed Pratt – 22 Kathmere Road

Mr. Pratt spoke about Abraham Lincoln – Malice towards none – Charity for All.

Ann Phillips – Freedom Playground

**The playground will be built – April 20th – 25th.
\$113,000 has been raised through fundraising; in addition to the \$50,000 from the Township. \$30,000 has been promised.**

Maria Pardini – 815 Woodland Drive

Mrs. Pardini is the volunteer coordinator and is seeking volunteers.

Roy Sandstrom – 61 Colonial Road

**Mr. Sandstorm spoke on fiscal sanity. Do not keep the public in the dark
He thanked the Board for approving the contract for the Long Barn Roof Replacement.**

Michele Alvarez – 134 Hastings

Mrs. Alvarez spoke on trash/recycling and hopes that more residents will put a better amount of trash into recycling. She is requesting that the trash haulers do not go against policy.

Mr. Houseworth – 129 Landover Road

Mr. Houseworth asked about surety bonds.

17. Other Business

Mario Oliva – 2nd Ward Commissioner – nothing to report.

Rob Trumbull – 3rd Ward Commissioner

Commissioner Trumbull stated that the Hathaway Lane Bridge work will begin in a couple of weeks.

Dan Siegel, Esquire, - 4th Ward Commissioner

Commissioner Siegel indicated that he received a note from Brendan Goggan stating there was a miscommunication in scheduling and this presentation would be rescheduled at a later date.

Jeff Heilmann – 5th Ward Commissioner

Commissioner Heilmann gave a list of upcoming activities happening in his ward: Coopertown T-Ball needs more players. Visit www.coopertown-tball.com.

March 20th – 9-12 – Coopertown Used Clothing Sale

March 21st – Dodge Ball Fundraiser for Cystic Fibrosis

April 3rd – Easter Egg Hunt

April 10th – St John Neumann Garage Sale

April 11th – Kevin Cain Run/Walk

Mr. Heilmann congratulated Haverford's Swimming Team members.

Steve D'Emilio – 1st Ward Commissioner

Commissioner D'Emilio stated that Home Depot will donate materials and staff for Freedom Playground. He will set up a meeting with them.

Commissioner D'Emilio received an email from Representative Vitali on the tank issue. He was not able to get in touch with other municipalities.

Commissioner D'Emilio asked that the potholes in the streets be repaired.

Commissioner D'Emilio is working on a Town watch in the 1st Ward.

The next Billboard Meeting is scheduled for April 8th.

Larry Holmes – 6th Ward Commissioner

Commissioner Holmes indicated that FEMA Representatives and Insurance Specialists would be available on March 16th to meet with Wynnefield Drive residents (appointment only). Residents are to call – Gloria Cugini at 610-446-1000 ext. 232.

Jim McGarrity – 7th Ward Commissioner

Commissioner McGarrity announced the upcoming Brookline Fire House – Pancake Breakfast on March 21st – 7 to 1 p.m.

Commissioner McGarrity thanked everyone for the concern and they showed toward his wife, Fran.

Chris Connell – 8th Ward Commissioner

Commissioner Connell congratulated Haverford Varsity Hockey Team for winning the championship the sixth year in a row.

William F. Wechsler – 9th Ward Commissioner

Hilltop Civil Association will hold their Easter Egg Hunt on March 20th.

18. All were in favor to adjourn.