

EXECUTIVE SESSION – 6:00 p.m. – REAL ESTATE

MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING
Board of Commissioners
Commissioners Meeting Room**

**APRIL 3, 2017
Monday, 7:00 p.m.
Township of Haverford**

1. Opening of Meeting – Chris Connell, Sr., President, opened the meeting and stated that the Board met in Executive Session prior to the meeting.

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

Commissioner Lewis was absent.

Also present were: Lawrence J. Gentile, Township Manager, Gary Zlotnick, Esquire, CPA, Township Auditor, James J. Byrne, Jr., Township Solicitor, Tim Denny, Assistant Township Manager, Chief John Viola, Aimee Cuthbertson, Finance Director and David Pennoni, Pennoni Associates

b. Opening Prayer led by Rev. Jim Taylor – Manoa Community Church

c. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Proclamation/Presentation:

Sean Summerfield – Eagle Scout received his Eagle Scout Award Proclamation from Commissioner Holmes.

Commissioners Oliva and McCloskey presented Don Kelly, Haverford Township resident/volunteer for his selfless dedication and service on many civic association projects.

Donation to the Police Memorial Fund from the Haverford Township Day 5 K Run Proceeds. Chad Brooks read a letter of thanks from the National Police Memorial Fund President (Washington, DC) for this year’s contribution of \$2,061.00

3. Construction Manager Update – update was sent to Commissioners

4. Police Department - Crime Update – Chief Viola presented the March update.

5. Commissioner Committee Update – no one presented any update.

6. Township Auditor Update – Mr. Zlotnick stated that he reviewed disbursements for the period March 14th to April 3, 2017. He raised certain questions. Answers were to his satisfaction and he found no irregularities.

7. Citizens Forum – 20 Minutes Registered Speakers/20 Minutes Agenda Items

Kelly Brennan – Historical Society Board Member – 570 Mill Road topic

This property is up for sale but has high historical history and is special to the society.

Fran Kaiser – 524 Wynn Avenue – Temporary signs on properties

Mr. Kaiser spoke on enforcement of temporary signs on properties. There are requirements.

He, did, compliment Codes Inspector Steve Andrien.

END OF REGISTERED SPEAKERS

No one spoke during Agenda Items Only segment.

8. Approval of Minutes Regular Meeting Minutes of March 13, 2017

Motion made by Commissioner D’Emilio and seconded by Commissioner Oliva to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of March 13, 2017.

Roll Called.

All 8 Commissioners voted Yes: Commissioners D’Emilio, McCloskey, Siegel, Holmes, McGarrity, Wechsler, Oliva and Connell.

9. Approval of Warrants

Motion made by Commissioner McGarrity and seconded by Commissioner Holmes to approve the following warrant #4-2017 totaling \$3,829,666.78

General & Sewer fund Payroll for March 9, 2017 in the amount of \$637,376.96
General & Sewer fund Payroll for March 23, 2017 in the amount of \$616,280.17
General Fund disbursements #4-2017 in the amount of \$1,077,160.77
Sewer Fund disbursements #4-2017 in the amount of \$190,873.06
Community Development Block Grant Fund disbursement #4-2017
in the amount of \$36,078.37
Home Grant Fund #4 in the amount of \$31,815.00
Capital Projects Fund disbursement #4-2017 in the amount of \$893,850.72
DEBT SERVICE on 2014 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS in the amount of
\$157,458.75
DEBT SERVICE on 2013 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS in the amount of
\$183,341.26
Credit Card Statement ending March 27, 2017 in the amount of \$5,431.72

Roll Called.

All 8 Commissioners voted Yes: Commissioners D'Emilio, McCloskey, Siegel, Holmes, McGarrity, Wechsler, Oliva and Connell.

10. Ordinance No. P5-2017

Traffic (1st Reading)

Motion made by Commissioner McCloskey and seconded by Commissioner McGarrity to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. P5-2017 authorizing traffic restrictions on the following highways:

*Commissioner Holmes amended the motion to Prohibit Truck parking over 8,000 lbs. on Rosewood Lane.

Special Purpose Parking Zone

In front of 43 W. Marthart Avenue

Parking of Trucks Prohibited at All Times; under 8,000 lbs.

Rosewood Lane, West Side, entire length

Roll Called.

All 8 Commissioners voted Yes: Commissioners D'Emilio, McCloskey, Siegel, Holmes, McGarrity, Wechsler, Oliva and Connell.

11. Resolution No. 2045-2017

Circuit Trails

Motion made by Commissioner Oliva and seconded by Commissioner Siegel to adopt Resolution No. 2045-2017 whereby the Township hereby endorses the concept of the nine county region completing 180 miles of Circuit Trails by 2025 in order to achieve 500 miles of completed Circuit trails and the Circuit Trails passage through the Township, and encourages our neighboring townships to do the same; and the Township supports the existing trails along the alignment of the Circuit Trails being designated as “Circuit Trails”; and that Circuit guidance signage be installed with the coordination of the Parks and Recreation department.

Roll Called.

7 Commissioners voted Yes: Commissioners McCloskey, Siegel, Holmes, McGarrity, Wechsler, Oliva and Connell.

Commissioner D’Emilio was absent from the vote.

12. Resolution No. 2046-2017

2017 Mowing Agreement

Motion made by Commissioner McGarrity and seconded by Commissioner Wechsler to adopt Resolution No. 2046-2017 authorizing the Township of Haverford to enter into a Municipal Mowing Contract with PaDot for the mowing of 34.00 acres at \$91.22 per acre for FY 17.

Roll Called.

6 Commissioners voted Yes: Commissioners McCloskey, Siegel, McGarrity, Wechsler, Oliva and Connell.

Commissioners D’Emilio and Holmes were absent from the vote.

13. Resolution No. 2047-2017

Lot Line Change – 401-403 Virginia Avenue

Motion made by Commissioner McGarrity and seconded by Commissioner D’Emilio to adopt Resolution No. 2047-2017 approving the Subdivision/Reverse Subdivision Plan for Richard & Ellen Heath, 401 Virginia Avenue, Haverford Township, Delaware County, and known as D.C. Folio No. 22-01-02078-11 and Paul & Ann Buckley, 403 Virginia Avenue, Haverford Township, Delaware County, and known as D.C. Folio No. 22-01-00579-01, has been submitted to consolidate two (2) parcels and convey 274 square feet from 403 Virginia Avenue to 401 Virginia Avenue, resulting in 401 Virginia Avenue containing 8,810 square feet and 403 Virginia Avenue containing 8,810 square feet. The property is zoned R-5 Residential, and is located in the 1st Ward. The aforesaid plans were prepared by Catania Engineering

Associates, Inc., Milmont Park, PA, dated December 19, 2016 and last revised on February 23, 2017; subject to compliance of the Planning Commission.

Roll Called.

All 8 Commissioners voted Yes: Commissioners D’Emilio, McCloskey, Siegel, Holmes, McGarrity, Wechsler, Oliva and Connell.

14. Appointments

Environmental Advisory Committee – 2 Year Term

Ward 6 Robert Graff

Ice Rink Advisory Board - 3 Year Term

Motion made by Commissioner Oliva and seconded by Commissioner Siegel to appoint Robert Cohen to fill an unexpired three year term on the Ice Rink Advisory Board to expire December 31, 2018.

Motion to close made by Commissioner Holmes and seconded by Commissioner D’Emilio.

Roll Called.

All 8 Commissioners voted Yes: Commissioners D’Emilio, McCloskey, Siegel, Holmes, McGarrity, Wechsler, Oliva and Connell.

15. Contract Award

Skatium – Electrical Improvements

Motion made by Commissioner D’Emilio and seconded by Commissioner McGarrity to award the electric improvement contract to A. N. Lynch, Inc, Spring City, PA, in the

amount of \$20,000.00; submitting the lowest responsible bid; contingent upon execution of the contract and supply of the required Bonds and Insurance.

Roll Called.

All 8 Commissioners voted Yes: Commissioners D’Emilio, McCloskey, Siegel, Holmes, McGarrity, Wechsler, Oliva and Connell.

16. Continuation of Citizen’s Forum for Non-Agenda Items

Jim Taylor – 4410 Township Line – Bicycles

This is Mr. Taylor’s only means of travel and is asking when the sidewalks at Swiss Farms, Eagle Road and at the Y will be completed.

PECO has indicated the end of April their work will be completed in this area.

Sidewalks next week.

PECO will also begin another project on Eagle at Darby down to St. Denis.

Pete Puglionesi – EAC President

Mr. Puglionesi announced that April 22nd is Earth Day. Plenty of activities will be held at the CREC.

17. New business

Motion: to authorize the purchase of VISTA HD Cameras, software and licensing, installation and technical services from Watch Guard, Allen, TX, under co-stars contract, in the amount of \$164,445.00.

Roll Called.

All 8 Commissioners voted Yes: Commissioners D’Emilio, McCloskey, Siegel, Holmes, McGarrity, Wechsler, Oliva and Connell.

***Commissioner Siegel asked that Resolution No. 2048-2017 be placed on tonight’s agenda. Commissioner Siegel seconded the motion.**

All Commissioners agreed.

The Resolution is authorizing the Township Manager to execute documents on behalf of the Township for the recent \$1,000,000 RACP Grant award.

Roll Called.

All 8 Commissioners voted Yes: Commissioners D'Emilio, McCloskey, Siegel, Holmes, McGarrity, Wechsler, Oliva and Connell.

****Commissioner Connell asked that during the May Work Session, the Board to discuss Firemen's Act 172 – Health & Safety for fire departments.**

*****Commissioner Siegel also brought to the Board's attention Chapter 55 of the Municipal Code Book – Bicycles, Licenses and Registration be revised for a first reading in May. This Ordinance is not enforced. This was seconded by Commissioner Oliva.**

Commissioner Siegel is requesting to Repeal the provisions in Chapter 55 – 2 through 55 – 13.

Commissioner McCloskey made a motion to TABLE which was seconded by Commissioner Holmes.

Roll Called to TABLE.

Yes to Table: Commissioners D'Emilio, McCloskey, Holmes, McGarrity, Wechsler and Connell.

No to Table: Commissioners Siegel and Oliva.

******Commissioner Connell read aloud a thank you letter he received from Christine Faris.**

*******Commissioner Oliva made note that while at the recent Parks Board Meeting, the homeowners at 2503 Chestnut Avenue thanked the Board and Commissioner Holmes for taking care of the nuisance property on Chestnut Avenue.**

18. Other business

Steve D'Emilio – 1st Ward Commissioner

Commissioner D'Emilio thanked Larry Gentile, Chief Viola and Joe Celia for attending his recent constituent meeting. The police department cannot emphasize enough to residents: **Lock your vehicles.**

Commissioner D'Emilio thanked HADA for sponsoring a Comedy Night at Sacred Heart. It was a very good show.

Announcement: the Annual K9 Competition will be held on April 23 from 12 -4.

Kevin McCloskey, Esquire – 3rd Ward Commissioner

Commissioner McCloskey was thankful that no one got hurt when lightning hit the lower school at Cardinal Foley. He commended teachers, staff and 8th graders for their help with the little ones.

Announcements: Easter Egg Hunts – Merwood Park – April 15th – 10 am

Paddock Park – April 15th – 11 am

Earth Day Celebration – at the CREC – April 22nd.

Dan Siegel, Esquire – 4th Ward Commissioner

Commissioner Siegel announced that he and Commissioner McCloskey will be holding their constituent meeting on April 18th, 7 pm in this building. Township staff and YMCA staff reps will be present.

PECO will be working in the upper end of Darby Road and Brennan Drive area. They will be enhancing the telephone poles with new cabling. This area has had consistent black outs and surges.

Commissioner Siegel commended the Police Department. Haverford Township was ranked 10th as being a safe municipality to live in.

Spring is right around the corner. Commissioner Siegel requests that kids stay out of the street. Traffic has increased.

Commissioner Siegel wished everyone a Happy Easter and Passover.

Larry Holmes, Esquire – 6th Ward Commissioner

Commissioner Holmes thanked Lori Widdop and Deputy Chief Hagan for attending his recent constituent meeting. He also thanked Commissioner McCloskey for also attending.

He thanked the School District for the continual use of Chestnutwold School.

He thanked the Public Works Department for their excellent work during the sloppy snowstorm.

He requested that the township send out a mass calling letting everyone know that the township has finished plow work.

Jim McGarrity – 7th Ward Commissioner

Commissioner McGarrity stated that the Kevin Cain run had a great turnout. He thanked Doc and Steve Sinibaldi for all their help.

Announcement: Haverford Spring Fest – May 7th – 12 to 7 pm. Donations are acceptable.

Brookline Fire Company Annual Pancake Breakfast will be Sunday, April 9th from 8 to 1 pm.

Commissioner McGarrity was happy to hear that a former SEPTA employee that he worked with was finally given \$15,000 of money he found laying in the street. The money was drug money and no one claimed it; nor did Upper Darby think anyone would!

William F. Wechsler – 9th Ward Commissioner

Announcement: Easter Egg Hunt – April 8th – at Bon Air Fire Company.

Mario Oliva – 2nd Ward Commissioner

Announcement: Easter Egg Hunt – Llanerch Park – 9:30 pm.

Llanerch Advocacy is holding a fundraiser at Tip O’Leary’s – April 7th.

He also announced Earth Day on April 22nd.

Darby Creek Clean up – Merry Place – April 29th from 9 to 12.

Annual CROP Walk – April 30th – 1 pm.

Commissioner Oliva indicated that he attended Commissioner D'Emilio's constituent meeting and spoke on the subject of rats. He provided a Do Not Do list.

Commissioner Oliva welcomed Tom Kelly Music for Life Coffee House/Music venue which will be located on Eagle Road.

He indicated that the YMCA Meet and Greet Meeting was successful. The next one will be at McGillicuddy's in June.

Painting with a Twist is scheduled to open in the Manoa Shopping Center.

PennDot will be meeting with Commissioners Connell, McCloskey and Oliva to discuss the Eagle Road Project.

Chris Connell, Sr – 8th Ward Commissioner

Commissioner Connell thanked Larry Gentile, the Police Department, the Codes Department and Pennoni Associates for attending his constituent meeting.

The next meetings of the Board will be held May 1st and May 8th.

19. All Commissioners agreed to adjourn.