

MINUTES

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

**May 8, 2017
Monday, 7:00 p.m.
Township of Haverford**

1. **Opening of Meeting** – Chris Connell, Sr., President, opened the meeting and indicated that the Board met in Executive Session prior to the meeting to discuss real estate and legal matters.

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

Commissioner Holmes was not present at roll call and was absent from the meeting.

Also present were: Lawrence J. Gentile, Township Manager, James J. Byrne, Jr., Esquire, Township Solicitor, Lori Hanlon Widdop and Tim Denny, Assistant Township Managers, Chief John Viola, Deputy Chief Joseph Hagan and Lt. James Kelly, Aimee Cuthbertson, Finance Director and Dave Pennoni, Township Engineer.

b. **Opening Prayer** led by Sr. Kay Joy Cooper, St. Raphaela Retreat House

c. **Pledge of Allegiance**

2. **Proclamations** – David Welsh – Special Olympics Gold Medalist received his Proclamation from Commissioners Lewis and Oliva

National Police Week and Police Officers’ Memorial Day was recognized by Commissioner D’Emilio

Officer of the Year Commendation to Officer Mike Kenny

Arbor Day remembrance by Commissioner Oliva

3. **Slide Presentation by Kelly Kirk, Community Development Office** – Medical Marijuana Dispensary Locations

Background – Pennsylvania Act 16 requires an update to the Township Zoning Code should growers and processors apply.

Requirements – 1,000 feet from schools, churches and day care centers and must be located in appropriate Commercial Districts.

4. Commissioners' Committee Update – no updates this month.

5. Township Auditor Update presented by Lawrence J. Gentile, Township Manager

Mr. Zlotnick was absent tonight. He did review various invoices for the period. He found no irregularities.

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

The following three residents spoke on Redistricting and asked this Board to support a state wide bi-partisan resolution to eliminate gerrymandering and bring back trust to the residents and to appoint an independent committee when it is time for redistricting in Haverford Township. They also have formed a group entitled "Havertown Community Action Network".

Ms. Griffin – 1109 Garfield Avenue

Mr. Jason Pelc – 200 Hastings Avenue

Mr. John Randolph – 19 E. Clearfield Road

Mrs. Jane Hall – 161 Golfview Road – the Library

Mrs. Hall indicated that what is going on at the Library is a travesty. She attended a meeting at the Library last week; which was not posted properly and was totally out of control. They tried to change the by-laws without taking appropriate steps.

Commissioner Connell thanked everyone that spoke tonight. The Board will not be redistricting until 2021.

He also stated that the Board of Commissioners is well aware of what is going on at the Library.

END OF REGISTERED SPEAKERS

Open Forum – no one spoke.

7. Approval of Minutes

Regular Meeting Minutes of April 3, 2017

Motion made by Commissioner D'Emilio and seconded by Commissioner Siegel to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 3, 2017.

Roll Called.

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

8. Approval of Warrants

Motion made by Commissioner Lewis and seconded by Commissioner Oliva to approve the following warrant #5-2017 totaling \$4,418,709.58

**General & Sewer fund Payroll for April 6, 2017 in the amount of \$610,024.16
General & Sewer fund Payroll for April 20, 2017 in the amount of \$667,308.41
General & Sewer fund Payroll for May 4, 2017 in the amount of \$625,296.22
General Fund disbursements #5-2017 in the amount of \$1,528,113.20
Sewer Fund disbursements #5-2017 in the amount of \$73,659.13
Community Development Block Grant Fund disbursement #5-2017
in the amount of \$71,470.43
Home Grant Fund #5-2017 in the amount of \$47,152.23
Capital Projects Fund disbursement #5-2017 in the amount of \$787,067.61
Credit Card Statement ending April 27, 2017 in the amount of \$8,618.19**

Roll Called.

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

9. Ordinance No. P5-2017

Traffic (2nd Reading)

Motion made by Commissioner McCloskey and seconded by Commissioner Oliva to adopt the 2nd reading of Ordinance No. P5-2017 authorizing traffic restrictions on the following highways:

Special Purpose Parking Zone

In front of 43 W. Marthart Avenue

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

Rosewood Lane, West Side, entire length

Roll Called.

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

10. Ordinance No. P6-2017

Medical Marijuana Facility (1st Reading)

Motion made by Commissioner Siegel and seconded by Commissioner Wechsler to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. P6-2017 AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 182 (ZONING), TO ADD PROVISIONS ESTABLISHING CERTAIN NEW USE DEFINITIONS, AND FURTHER ESTABLISHING AND REGULATING MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARY FACILITIES AS CONDITIONAL USES IN THE C-5 SHOPPING CENTER COMMERCIAL DISTRICT AND FURTHER ESTABLISHING AND REGULATING MEDICAL MARIJUANA GROWER/PROCESSOR FACILITIES AS CONDITIONAL USES IN THE LIN LIGHT INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT.

Roll Called.

7 Commissioners present voted Yes: Commissioners D'Emilio, McCloskey, Siegel, Lewis, Wechsler, Oliva and Connell.

Commissioner McGarrity abstained.

11. Ordinance No. P7-2017

**Sale of South 516 Eagle Road at Public Auction
(1st Reading)**

Motion made by Commissioner Oliva and seconded by Commissioner Siegel to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. P7-2017 AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF TOWNSHIP PROPERTY AT 516 SOUTH EAGLE ROAD, HAVERTOWN, PA, AT A PUBLIC AUCTION.

Roll Called.

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

12. Ordinance No. P8-2017

Repealing Bicycle Registrations (1st Reading)

Motion was amended to read:

Motion made by Commissioner Siegel and seconded by Commissioner D'Emilio to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. P8-2017 to repeal Sections 55-2 through 55-13, 55-23, 55-25 and amend 55-24 of the Haverford Township Code, relating to the licensing and registration of bicycles.

Roll Called.

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

13. Resolution No. 2049-2017

**Traffic Signal Approval – Darby & Mill Roads
Streetscape Project**

Motion made by Commissioner McGarrity and seconded by Commissioner Wechsler to adopt Resolution No. 2049-2017 authorizing the Township Manager to submit application to PennDot for traffic signal approval at the intersection of Darby & Mill Roads.

Roll Called.

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

14. Resolution No. 2050-2017

**Traffic – Approval for Beacon Flashing Light at
Darby Road Crosswalk – Streetscape Project**

Motion made by Commissioner McGarrity and seconded by Commissioner Oliva to adopt Resolution No. 2050-2017 authorizing the Township Manager to submit application to PennDot for installation of flashing beacons at the existing crosswalk on Darby & Fairfield Roads.

Roll Called.

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

15. Resolution No. 2051-2017

DCED Application – 224 Foster Avenue

Motion made by Commissioner Oliva and seconded by Commissioner Wechsler to adopt Resolution No. 2051-2017 that Haverford Township hereby requests a Greenways, Trails and

Recreation Program (GTRP) Grant in the amount of \$250,000 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for the acquisition of the property at 224 Foster Avenue and the redevelopment of the parcel into a Community Dog Park and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners does hereby designate Lawrence J. Gentile (Township Manager) as the official to execute all documents and agreements between the Township and the Commonwealth Financing Authority to Facilitate and assist in obtaining the requested grant.

Roll Called.

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

16. Resolution No. 2052-2017

DCED Application – Flood Mitigation

Motion made by Commissioner Oliva and seconded by Commissioner Lewis to adopt Resolution No. 2051-2017 that Haverford Township hereby requests a Flood Mitigation Program (FMP) Grant in the amount of \$500,000 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for the construction of an underground retention facility at the Chatham Park Elementary School and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners does hereby designate Lawrence J. Gentile (Township Manager) as the official to execute all documents and agreements between the Township and the Commonwealth Financing Authority to Facilitate and assist in obtaining the requested grant.

Roll Called.

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

17. Appointment – Library Board

Motion made by Commissioner Siegel and seconded by Commissioner Oliva to appoint Philip Goldsmith to fill the unexpired three year term on the Library Board to expire December 31, 2018.

Motion to close made by Commissioner Siegel. All Commissioners agreed.

Roll Called.

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

18. Contract Awards

Public Works – Traffic Signal Maintenance Contract

Motion made by Commissioner Oliva and seconded by Commissioner Siegel to award the Traffic Signal Maintenance Contract to Charles A. Higgins & Sons, Media, PA, in the amount of \$33,981.00; submitting the lowest responsible bid - contingent upon their execution of the Contract and supply of the required Bonds and Insurance.

7 Commissioners voted Yes: Commissioners D’Emilio, McCloskey, Siegel, Lewis, Wechsler, Oliva and Connell.

Commissioner McGarrity voted No.

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

Rachelle Nocito – 85 Rodmor Road – Acting Library Director

Mrs. Nocito spoke on the turmoil down at the library between the Board of Trustees and staff. She requested that Board does not cut funding.

She is thankful and the Board should be for appointing Mr. Goldsmith as a Library Board of Trustees member.

William Munich – 2926 Oakford Road – Normandy Park

Mr. Munich is aware that there is an ordinance prohibiting alcohol in township parks. However, there was a party this past weekend with loud music and beer.

Sheryl Forste-Grupp – 107 Llandaff Road – the Library

Ms. Forste-Grupp sat on the Library Board for seven years. She attended the recent meeting and provided the same opinion. The Library Board tried to pass an amendment to the Bylaws and constituent of the Library prohibiting any employees, spouses and family members residing in the township from casting a vote for a Library Trustee candidate. The Library appoints three members and the Board of Commissioners appoints four.

Commissioner Connell reinforced Mrs. Nocita that the board does support the Library and no board member has spoke about cutting funding to the library.

Commissioner Siegel is also happy that Mr. Goldsmith was appointed to the Library Board.

Mr. Munich was advised to continue to call 911 should the residents notice alcohol. Mr. Denny will monitor park permits submitted for parties. Music, however, is allowed.

20. New business

Commissioner D'Emilio presented a slide presentation on the recent Barnaby's fire. He reminded everyone that our firefighters are all volunteers. He thanked every fire company that responded; including fire police, HT police, Narberth Ambulance, HT public works and other neighboring fire houses that all responded to the call.

21. Other business

Steve D'Emilio – 1st Ward Commissioner

Commissioner D'Emilio visited West Gate Hills Park last week to hear resident's thoughts and opinions for park improvements and repairs and the possibility of a trail. He thanked Tim Denny for the immediate repairs that were done.

Commissioner D'Emilio thanked everyone for all the good wishes, cards, food that were provided to his family while his wife is battling breast cancer.

Kevin McCloskey, Esquire – 3rd Ward Commissioner

Commissioner McCloskey stated that the St. Denis Fun Fair continues this Wednesday through Saturday.

Merwood Park will hold a Quizzo Night to support park improvements.

He congratulated all the Havertown residents that ran in the Broad Street Run. The CREC will be holding a series of Sunset 5K Runs.

Commissioner McCloskey also stated that the Library Board is projecting a lack of confidence to others. Having surprise meetings are inappropriate.

The upcoming Board election needs to be appropriately advertised.

Dan Siegel, Esquire – 4th Ward Commissioner

Commissioner Siegel thanked PECO for paving half of Eagle Road.

Commissioner Siegel indicated that his last joint constituent meeting with 3rd Ward Commissioner McCloskey, the room was filled with a "Spirit of Optimism". The Y addressed many constituent concerns. He thanked all township officials that attended.

Andy Lewis – 5th Ward Commissioner

Update on the College Avenue Bridge – PennDot indicates that reconstruction is on schedule with a November/December completion date.

Ardmore Avenue Bridge – commencing January of 2018. He and Commissioner McCloskey will hold a constituent meeting regarding this matter.

Commissioner Lewis announced “Anything with a Plug” electronic drop off day will be held on May 20th from 9 to 1:00 p.m. at Delaware County Community College.

Commissioner Lewis does support the Redistricting Resolution supporting the Senate Bill 22 and the new House Bill 722.

Jim McGarrity – 7th Ward Commissioner

Commissioner McGarrity thanked Fr. Cox, Pastor, Annunciation BVM for the use of the hall for the Kevin Cain festivities.

He also thanked Pastor Tim, Temple Lutheran for his continued support.

Commissioner McGarrity also thanked all our volunteer firefighters. Please send in your dues.

Please lock your vehicles. Thefts are continuing to happen from unlocked cars.

This year’s Memorial Day Ceremony will be held in the township parking lot due to construction at the police station and will be held on Monday, May 29th at 11 a.m.

Commissioner McGarrity thanked Lori Widdop for keeping the new MSB on schedule.

William F. Wechsler – 9th Ward Commissioner

Commissioner Wechsler will hold his quarterly meeting with Hilltop Civic Association at the Bon Air Fire Company on May 25th at 7 p.m.

Commissioner Wechsler indicated that he is happy that Rachelle Nocito is the Acting Library Director. She is a strong person and has a dedicated staff.

He offered condolences on the passing of Sr. Corrine Ritchie.

Mario Oliva – 2nd Ward Commissioner

Newly formed Llanerch Civic Association will hold their first meeting on May 22nd at 6:45 p.m. in the cafeteria at Everett Hall.

A Blood Drive will be held this Friday, May 12th from 8 to 1 p.m. at the CREC.

Lori Widdop was also recognized for obtaining a \$1 million dollar grant for the new MSB.

Commissioner Oliva thanked everyone involved in putting together and volunteering for the Spring Festival.

June 4th will be Heritage Day on Karakung Drive.

May 16th is Primary Election Day.

Chris Connell, Sr. – 8th Ward Commissioner

Commissioner Connell indicated that the next Commissioner newsletter will be mailed out in June.

Sunday Only – Karakung Drive Closing for Recreational Use – April 25th thru November 5th – 7 to dusk.

There will be no trash on Tuesday, May 16th – Primary Election Day.

Commissioner Connell offered his congratulations to Mr. Goldsmith for being appointed to the Library Board of Trustees.

He asked that if residents want to advertise Yard Sales on telephone poles, their signs must be taken down the following day.

The next Work Session of the Board will be held on June 5th and the voting session will be held on June 12th.

22. All Commissioners agreed to adjourn.