

MINUTES

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

**June 12, 2017
Monday, 7:00 p.m.
Township of Haverford**

1. Opening of Meeting Chris Connell, Sr. opened the meeting.

- a. Roll Call – all 9 Commissioners were present a roll call: Commissioners D’Emilio, McCloskey, Siegel, Lewis, Holmes, McGarrity, Wechsler, Oliva and Connell.**

Also present were: Lawrence J. Gentile, Township Manager, Gary Zlotnick, Esquire, CPA, Township Auditor, Kelly Hayes, Esquire, Township Solicitor, Lori Hanlon Widdop and Tim Denny, Assistant Township Managers, Chief John Viola and Dave Pennoni, Township Engineer.

- b. Opening Prayer led by Jim Taylor, Manoa Community Church**

- c. Pledge of Allegiance**

2. Proclamation – Wilbur Clevens

Commissioners McGarrity and Oliva presented Mr. Clevens his proclamation for serving 25 years on the Parks & Recreation Board.

3. Police Department – Crime Update

Police Chief John Viola provided an overview of police stats for the month of May.

4. Commissioner Committee Updates

Commissioner Oliva stated that the HPED and local businesses installed a new fountain at the triangle on Darby Road.

5. Discussion – Commercial Vehicle Parking – this will be sent to the Ordinance Committee for further research.

***This item will be moved and discussed before Contract Awards. All Commissioners agreed.**

6. Township Auditor Update

Mr. Zlotnick reviewed the disbursements commencing May 9th through June 12th. He raised certain questions and all his questions were answered to his satisfaction.

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

Jean Lutes – 169 Clemson Road - Climate Control/Emission and

Gerry Hart – 610 Penfield Avenue

Many residents are looking to the Board of Commissioners to continue with their decision to make a statement to improve and update their climate control/emission goals and to adopt a simple and powerful resolution on such matter.

Sammy Darling – 823 Dover Road and Anne McCammon – 1008 Crest Road – Brandon Bates – Brookline Boulevard. – Backyard Hens

All speakers are in favor of the township changing the health ordinance allowing residents to keep backyard hens on their properties. They did obtain many signatures in favor.

They listed all the benefits.

Jennifer Rizzi – Martin Avenue – Dogs in Parks

50 to 75 residents have been walking their dogs at Preston Field for many years. It has become a tight community of dog walkers. There was never an issue until recently. Police Officers are asking them to leave the premise. The signage and ordinance needs to be reviewed and revised.

Responses to Registered Speakers

Backyard Hens – Commissioner Connell did indicate that the township does have an ordinance with animal restrictions. He was happy to hear that the young women did go out and obtain signatures.

This topic was discussed during the July 2013 meeting. This video is on YouTube for review.

Recommendation: this issue will be reviewed by the Health and Zoning Departments.

Climate Control – Commissioner Connell stated that the Board had taken action in 2008. Since then, the township has been moving forward: the CREC is geothermal, the new Municipal Services Building will have a green roof, the parking lot and Skatium have all new LED lights, rain gardens are being planted and the tree tenders are planting trees. All these are examples of the township's commitment.

Commissioner Siegel indicated that the Codes Department is going paperless and the use of new technology is being utilized.

All Commissioners agreed to update the Climate Action Plan and ask the General Assembly to act.

Dogs in Parks – Commissioner Connell agreed that residents are bringing their dogs to the parks. It is something we have to watch for – they are township and school district properties.

The Board will take a look at the ordinance.

Next Month – Dogs in Park Update, Backyard Hens Update and Climate Control Update

The Board took a 5 minute recess.

8. Approval of Minutes Regular Meeting Minutes of May 8, 2017

Motion made by Commissioner Wechsler and seconded by Commissioner McGarrity to adopt the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 8, 2017.

Roll Called.

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

Commissioner Holmes abstained. He was absent from the May 8th meeting.

9. Approval of Warrants

Motion made by Commissioner Holmes and seconded by Commissioner Wechsler to approve the following warrant #6-2017 totaling \$7,266,942.73

General & Sewer fund Payroll for May 18, 2017 in the amount of \$687,793.63

General & Sewer fund Payroll for June 1, 2017 in the amount of \$969,372.12

General Fund disbursements #6-2017 in the amount of \$1,333,627.86

Sewer Fund disbursements #6-2017 in the amount of \$488,342.50

Community Development Block Grant Fund disbursement #6-2017 in the amount of \$90,267.43

Capital Projects Fund disbursement #6-2017 in the amount of \$1,803,533.09

DEBT SERVICE – 2016 SERIES (INTEREST) in the amount of \$183,596.44

DEBT SERVICE – 2010 series (INTEREST & PRINCIPAL) in the amount of \$1,705,131.25

Credit Card Statement ending May 27, 2017 in the amount of \$5,278.41

Roll Called.

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

10. Ordinance No. P6-2017 Medical Marijuana Dispensary (2nd Reading)

Motion made by Commissioner D’Emilio and seconded by Commissioner Lewis to adopt the second 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.

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

11. Ordinance No. P7-2017 Sale of 516 Eagle Road at Public Auction (2nd Reading)

Motion made by Commissioner Oliva and seconded by Commissioner McGarrity to adopt the second reading of Ordinance No. P7-2017 AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF TOWNSHIP PROPERTY AT 516 SOUTH EAGLE ROAD, HAVERTOWN, PA, AT A PUBLIC AUCTION. *June 27th @ 7:00 P.M.

Roll Called.

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

Commissioner McGarrity was not present for the vote.

12. Ordinance No. P8-2017 Repealing Bicycle Registrations (2nd Reading)

Motion made by Commissioner Siegel and seconded by Commissioner D’Emilio to adopt the second 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 Commissioners voted Yes: Commissioners D’Emilio, McCloskey, Siegel, Holmes, Lewis, McGarrity, Wechsler, Oliva and Connell.

13. Ordinance No. P9-2017 Revising the Capital Projects to be funded with proceeds from the 2014 General Obligation Bond Issue (1st Reading)

Motion made by Commissioner Holmes and seconded by Commissioner Lewis to adopt Ordinance No. P9-2017 AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2735-2014 ENACTED NOVEMBER 10, 2014 TO REVISE THE CAPITAL PROJECTS TO BE FINANCED WITH PROCEEDS OF THE TOWNSHIP'S GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES 2014.

Roll Called.

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

14. Ordinance No. P10-2017 Traffic (1st Reading)

Motion made by Commissioner McCloskey and seconded by Commissioner Lewis to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. P10-2017 authorizing traffic restrictions on the following highways:

Rescind § 175-91 Schedule XVI: Parking of All Vehicles Prohibited at All Times, on Hirst Terrace, east side, between the driveways leading to 34 East Eagle Road, approximately 118 feet north of East Eagle Road and add § 175-94 Schedule XIX: Parking Time Limited, on Hirst Terrace, east side, Anytime, 2 hours, 140 feet north of E. Eagle Road.

Removal of Special Purposes Parking Zones

In front of 178 Juniper Road and on Foster Avenue on the side of 178 Juniper Road

Commissioner McGarrity amended the motion and was seconded by Commissioner Siegel to include:

Add 15 Minute Parking Only in front of 1014 Darby Road – at the Skatium

Roll Called.

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

15. Resolution No. 2053-2017 Citizens Commission/Legislative and Congressional Redistricting

Motion made by Commissioner Lewis and seconded by Commissioner Holmes to adopt Resolution No. 2053-2017 that the Board of Commissions of the Township of Haverford, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, County of Delaware, does hereby support legislative efforts to secure expeditious action to either amend the Pennsylvania constitution to assign the decennial task of state legislative and congressional redistricting to an independent citizens redistricting commission or institute legislation designed to achieve the aforementioned Goals.

Motion made by Commissioner D’Emilio and seconded by Commissioner McGarrity to TABLE until Redistricting Committee meets.

Roll Called to TABLE.

6 Commissioners voted No to TABLE: Commissioners McCloskey, Siegel, Lewis, Holmes, Oliva and Connell.

3 Commissioners voted Yes to TABLE: Commissioners D’Emilio, McGarrity and Wechsler.

Roll Called for vote:

6 Commissioners voted Yes: Commissioners McCloskey, Siegel, Lewis, Holmes, Oliva and Connell.

2 Commissioners voted No: Commissioners McGarrity and Wechsler

Commissioner D’Emilio abstained.

16. Resolution No. 2054-2017 Fee Schedule

Motion made by Commissioner Holmes and seconded by Commissioner Oliva to adopt Resolution No. 2054-2017 that the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Haverford

authorized by the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to charge appropriate costs for certain public services.

Roll Called.

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

17. Resolution No. 2055-2017

Professional Fee Schedule - Consultants

Motion made by Commissioner Holmes and seconded by Commissioner Lewis to adopt Resolution No. 2055-2017 authorizing the appropriate fees, costs, charges and expenses for Professional Consultants.

Roll Called.

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

18. Resolution No. 2056-2017

Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program Grant Application/Hilltop Park Improvements

Motion made by Commissioner Wechsler and seconded by Commissioner McGarrity to adopt Resolution No. 2056-2017 that Haverford Township hereby requests a Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program (GTRP) Grant in the amount of \$140,000 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for various improvements at the Steel Road Facility and 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 Commissioners voted Yes: Commissioners D'Emilio, McCloskey, Siegel, Holmes, Lewis, McGarrity, Wechsler, Oliva and Connell.

19. Resolution No. 2058-2017

DUI Grant Application

Motion made by Commissioner D’Emilio and seconded by Commissioner McCloskey to adopt Resolution No. 2058-2017 authorizing the Township Manager to file yearly DUI Grant application.

Roll Called.

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

20. Contract Award and Purchase

Darby Road Streetscape

Motion made by Commissioner McGarrity and seconded by Commissioner Oliva to award the Darby Road Streetscape contract to Premier Concrete, Inc., Broomall, PA, in the amount of \$739,135.00 (includes various alternates after base bid of \$665,135.00); submitting the lowest responsible bid.

Roll Called.

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

Parks & Recreation

Motion made by Commissioner McGarrity and seconded by Commissioner McCloskey to authorize the purchase of playground equipment from George Ely Associates, Inc, Carlisle, PA, under CoStars 014-011, in the amount of \$31,157.00. Equipment is for Merwood Park.

Roll Called.

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

***Discussion began on Commercial Truck Parking**

21. Continuation of Citizen's Forum for Non-Agenda Items

Ross Anderson – 220 Heatherwood Road – Redistricting

Mr. Anderson provided his opinion on redistricting. He is in favor of the Resolution.

Ron O'Connor – 2608 Chestnut Avenue

Mr. O'Connor also congratulated Wilbur Clevens on being recognized by the Board of Commissioners.

He also spoke on the environment.

22. New business

No new business tonight.

23. Other business

Steve D'Emilio – 1st Ward Commissioner

Commissioner D'Emilio thanked Mrs. Lutes for taking the children to discuss Climate Control. There is a problem for future generations.

Westgate Civic Association will hold their July 4th celebration on the 4th.

Commissioner D'Emilio asked everyone to remember the major killing in Florida. It has been one year since they lost their lives. He also asked individuals to remember the people in Britain.

Kevin McCloskey, Esquire – 3rd Ward Commissioner

Commissioner McCloskey was encouraged to see many people present tonight. All opinions are welcome.

Commissioner McCloskey re-announced the series of 5K Run at the CREC. They are held the last Wednesday of the month.

There were two Gay Pride events held in the township. These are encouraging things.

Dan Siegel, Esquire – 4th Ward Commissioner

Commissioner Siegel indicated that many events over the weekend show that communities stay together. The crowd tonight reminded him of civic engagement and how it makes a difference.

Maryland Park block party will be this Friday at 6 p.m.

Upcoming 4th of July festivities:

Paddock Farms – Saturday, July 1st – 10:30 parade – beginning on Merrybrook.

Lynnewood Civic Association– July 4th – 9:15 – 9:15 parade – beginning on Mt. Pleasant & Howell Lane.

Commissioner Siegel thanked the Historical Society for sponsoring the Heritage Festival.

Andy Lewis – 5th Ward Commissioner

Commissioner Lewis announced that there may be a delay in completion of the College Avenue Bridge; which in turn, will cause a delay in beginning the Ardmore Avenue bridge.

He thanked everyone that came out from the 5th Ward to discuss Climate Control and Dog Park issues.

Chris Connell, Sr. – 8th Ward Commissioner

Penfield Civic Association will hold their 4th of July festivities beginning at 9 with parade and Brookline Fire Engine rides.

The bridge on E. Manoa Road will be rebuilt by PennDot.

June 16th is the last day of school. Please drive carefully.

The Public Works Department did an exquisite job in the landscaping around the temporary memorial just right outside this building.

24. All Commissioners agreed to adjourn.