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**REGULAR MEETING
Board of Commissioners
Township of Haverford**

**January 12, 2009
Monday – 8:00 P.M.
Commissioners Meeting Room**

1. **Opening of Meeting** – 8:00

Executive Session was held prior to this meeting to discuss personnel issues.

- a. **Roll Call** - Eight Commissioners present at roll call -
Commissioners Oliva, Siegal, Heilmann, D’Emilio, Wechsler,
Holmes, McGarrity and Broido

Also present were: Larry Gentile, Township Manager, James J. Byrne, Jr., Esquire, Solicitor, Chief Pettine, Havertown Police Department, Lori Hanlon Widdop, Assistant Township Manager, Mary Lalla, Secretary, George Rementor, Finance Director and Carl O’Fria, Jr., Auditor.

- b. Opening Prayer was said by Rev. Matthew C. Staniz
c. Pledge of Allegiance

2. **Proclamations: Eagles Scouts**

Robert Masorli received award for outstanding service to the community.

The following were given awards but were not in attendance.
Shawn Crook-McFalls
Nicholas DiBello
Kevin McDonald

3. **Citizen’s Forum – 20 minutes Registered Speakers**

The following were scheduled to speak but were not in attendance:

Mike Levin was injured earlier and is home recovering at this time.

Jan Marie Rushforth was not feeling well but sent in her concerns regarding the public walk on the South Brook Trail at Haverford High School on Saturday January 31 only from 12-3. Please use the Marple Road entrance – park in the lot by the cell tower.

The following were in attendance and were scheduled to speak:

1. **Cheryl Ciccone – Cell Tower** - 33 W. Ardmore Avenue, Havertown, PA 19083. Mrs. Ciccone voiced concerns relating spoke about T-Moble and the meeting of December 4.
2. **Richard Houseworth** - 129 Landover Road, Bryn Mawr, PA. Mr. Houseworth voiced concerns relating to 5th Ward Taxation without representation when a Commissioner was out of state. Mr. Houseworth also spoke about the Recycling Program.
3. **Larry Gordon - Fawn Lane Cul de Sac** - 212 Fawn Lane, Havertown, PA 19083. Mr. Gordon addressed three issues: (i) resurfacing the road; (ii) leaf placement and pick-up; and (iii) Storm drains.
4. **Frances Roga – Fawn Lane Cul de Sac** - 209 Fawn Lane, Havertown, PA 19083. Ms. Roga addressed concerns regarding resurfacing the road and leaf placement.
5. **Ed Pratt** - 22 Kathmere Road, Havertown, PA 19083. Mr. Pratt commemorated Martin Luther King.
6. **Commissioner Holmes** – read a letter from Master Parker Willis, age 7. Master Willis expressed concerns regarding Global Warming.

Open Forum – 20 minutes Agenda Items:

1. **Ty DiGuiseppe** - 1720 Bellemeade Avenue, Havertown, PA 19083. Mr. DiGeseppe questioned the agenda and expressed his belief that it is untimely placed on the web.
2. **Ray Sandstrom** - 21 Colonial Road, Havertown, PA, 19083. Mr. Sandstrom addressed the following topics: (i) 2009 Budget; (ii) lists of financials/debts of the Township; (iii) Capital Budget and the proposed Bond issue; and (iv) financial planning.
3. **Richard Houseworth** - 129 Landover Road, Havertown, PA 19083. Mr. Houseworth addressed the following concerns: (i) Five Million Dollar Note; (ii) bidding for jobs, need to know how each bidder placed; and (iii) the appointment of Lori Hanlon Widdop as Assistant Township Manger.
4. **Allan Latosky – Dedication of Allgates** - 108 Allgates Drive, Havertown, PA 19083. Mr. Latosky addressed the dedication of Allgates and commented that the homeowners do not have a reserve account available for repairs.

Responses to Citizens Forum

Commissioner Wechsler - Thanked everyone for their comments. The Board is doing its best to inform the public about the meetings and placing the agenda on the web page as soon as it is available. Commissioner Wechsler also stressed that the more people utilize single stream recycling the more money the Township can save.

Commissioner Heilman said that he will have code enforcement visit Fawn Cul de Sac to assess the storm drains and the road.

Commissioner Wechsler noted that they are looking into other options for leaf pick-up because the leaf collections are costly.

4. **Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting of December 8, 2008**

Motion by Commissioner Holmes, seconded by Commissioner Oliva to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 8, 2008.

Roll Call: Approved 8-0

5. **Approval of Warrants:**

Motion by Commissioner McGarrity, seconded by Commissioner Oliva to approve the Warrant's listed below:

G.F.P/R Warrant No. 287	in the amount of	\$ 670,283.73
G.F. P/R Warrant No. 288	in the amount of	\$ 527,824.26
G.F. P/R Warrant No. 289	in the amount of	\$ 746,993.47
G.F. P/R Warrant No. 776	in the amount of	\$ 1,279,015.21
S.F. P/R Warrant No. 385	in the amount of	\$ 24,075.27
S.F. P/R Warrant No. 386	in the amount of	\$ 28,743.83
S.F. P/R Warrant No. 387	in the amount of	\$ 32,658.38
S.F. Bus. Warrant No. 777	in the amount of	\$ 171,246.95
CDBG Warrant No. 1-09	in the amount of	\$ 76,156.75

Roll Call: Approved 8-0

6. **Appointments**

Assistant Township Manger

Motion made by Commissioner Heilman, seconded by Commissioner Oliva to appoint Lori Hanlon-Widdop as Assistant Township Manager.

Roll Call: Approved 8-0

**Environmental Advisory Committee – Ward Commissioner Appointment
2 year term to expire December 31, 2010.**

Motion made by Commissioner Holmes and seconded by Commissioner D'Emilio to TABLE Wards 2 and 6

All were in favor. 8-0

Senior Citizens Advisory Council

Motion made by Commissioner D'Emilio and seconded by Commissioner Holmes to TABLE Wards 1 and 3.

Joann Gattone – 816 Wynnewood Road, Ardmore, PA 19003 was appointed for the 6th Ward.

All are in favor. 8-0

7. **Ordinance No. P18-2008 – Zoning Revision – Sign Regulations particular to Political Signs (2nd Reading)**

Motion made by Commissioner Holmes and second by Commissioner Broido to adopt the second reading of Ordinance No. P18-2008 amending the supplementing Chapter 182 (Zoning), by revising certain provisions of the sign regulations particular to political signs.

Motion carried 5 – 1. Roll Call: Five (5) Commissioners voted in favor (Oliva, Heilmann, Wechsler, Holmes, and Broido); Commissioner Siegel voted against. Commissioners D'Emilio and McGarrity abstain.

8. **Ordinance No. P23-2008 – Dedication of Allgates (2nd Reading)**

Motion made by Commissioner Siegel and second by Commissioner D'Emilio to adopt the second reading of Ordinance No. P23-2008 by accepting dedication of a certain street identified as Allgates Drive.

Roll Call: Approved 6-1. Commissioner Broido voted no.

9. **Ordinance No. P24-2008 Change of Commissioner's Meeting Time (2nd Reading)**

Motion made by Commissioner Siegel and second by Commissioner Wechsler to adopt the second reading of Ordinance No. P24-2008 AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING ORDINANCE No. 1960, Adopted June 30, 1986, and known as the "General Laws of the Township of Haverford", by further amending and supplement Chapter 4, Administration of Government, to establish 7:30 p.m. on the second Monday of each month as the regular meeting time of the Board of Commissioners of Haverford Township (§4-203B)

Roll Call: Approved 5-0. Commissioners Oliva, Broido and D'Emilio not present.

10. **Ordinance No. P1-2009 – Traffic (1st Reading)**

Motion made by Commissioner Heilman and second by Commissioner McGarrity to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. P1-2009 establishing/removing traffic restrictions on the highways:

Removal of Handicapped Signs – 328 Darby Road, 330 Darby Road
Installation of Handicapped Signs – 1201 Darby Road and 603 Dayton Road.

Roll Call: Approved 6-0. Commissioners Oliva and D'Emilio not present

11. **Ordinance No. P2-2009 – Auditor Extension (1st Reading)**

Motion made by Commissioner Broido and second by Commissioner McGarrity to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. P2-2009 that Section 4-212 is amended to reflect that due to extenuating circumstances beyond the control of Haverford Township, that the Board of Commissioners hereby designates the firm of Bee, Bergvall & Co., to provide independent auditing services for the Township of Haverford for the calendar years 2007 and 2008. Such appointment will act as a one-time exception to the three-year appointment limit set forth in Section 4-212 of the General Laws of the Township of Haverford.

Roll Call: Approved 8-0.

12. **Ordinance No. Po.P3-2009 Traffic (1st Reading)**

Motion made by Commissioner Heilman and second by Commissioner Siegel to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. P3-2009 by revising Schedule V- Prohibited Turns at Intersections, Schedule VI – Center Structures at Intersections and Schedule II – Traffic control Signals on the followings:

Roll Call: Approved 8-0.

13. **Ordinance No. P5-2009 Authorizing the Incurrence of Nonelectoral Debt (1st Reading is a final reading)**

Motion made by Commissioner Holmes and second by Commissioner Oliva to TABLE Ordinance No. P5-2009 authorizing the incurrence of nonelectoral debt of the Township of Haverford by the issuance of its \$5,000,000 general obligations Note, Series of 2009 for the purpose of providing funds for an towards financing a portion of the Township's ongoing capital improvement program and paying the costs of issuing the note; authorizing the preparation and filing of a debt statement and other documentation;

Roll Call: 7-0 in favor. Commissioner McGarrity was not present.

14. **Resolution No. 1691-2009 Transfer of Funds**

Motion made by Commissioner Holmes and second by Commissioner E'Emilio to adopt Resolution No. 1691 authorizing the transfer of funds for the year 2008.

Roll Call: Approved 8-0.

15. **Contract Awards and Purchases – Information Technology Department Purchases**

Motion made by Commissioner Broido and second by Commissioner Oliva to purchase an Hp Blade server from CDW Government, Vernon Hills, IL, in the amount of \$15,694.90, an EMC Clarion San from CDW Government, in the amount of \$31,910.00 and Virtual Iron Software, from CDW Government, in the amount of \$2,024.42

Roll Call: 7-0. Commissioner D'Emilio was not present.

Police Department – Impound Yard Operator

Motion made by Commissioner Oliva and second by Commissioner McGarrity to award the Impound Yard Operator Contract to Brennan & Collman Direct Collision meeting the Police Department requirements as a Township Impound Yard Operator.

Roll Call: Approved 7-1. Commissioner Broido voted against.

Police Department -- Duty Tow

Motion made by Commissioner Oliva and second by Commissioner McGarrity to award the Duty Tow contract to Ardmore Exxon – meeting Haverford Township Code, 175-65.

Roll Call: Approved 8-0.

Police Department – Purchase of Vehicles

Motion made by Commissioner Oliva and second by Commissioner D'Emilio to award the purchase of three (3) Crown Victoria Police Interceptor Marked, in the amount of \$71,612.37, one (1) Police Ford Expedition, in the amount of \$25,047.94 and one (1) Dodge Charger, in the amount of \$24,280.33 – all being purchased from Warnock Fleet and Leasing, East Hanover, New Jersey, under PA Costars Contract #013-024.

Roll Call: Approved 8-0.

Public Works – Purchase of Vehicles

Motion made by Commissioner Holmes and second by Commissioner Oliva to award the purchase of one (1) Ford Expedition, in the amount of \$25,047.94 being purchased from Warnock Fleet and Leasing, East Hanover, New Jersey, under PA Costars Contract #013-024.

Roll Call: Approved 8-0.

Motion made by Commissioner Holmes and second by Commissioner Oliva to award the purchase of an Elgin Mechanical Sweeper, from Grandturk Equipment Company, Bridgeport, PA, under 2008 PACC Contract, in the amount of \$189,517.21.

Roll Call: Approved 8-0.

Motion made by Commissioner Holmes and second by Commissioner Oliva to award the purchase of an International 7400 6x4 Gal Fab 74,000 Outside Rail Rolloff Hoist, from Grandturk Equipment Company, Bridgeport, PA, under 2008 PACC Contract, in the amount of \$41,274.00.

Roll Call: Approved 8-0.

Motion made by Commissioner Holmes and second by Commissioner Oliva to award the purchase of an Internal 7400 6x4 from Freedom International, Philadelphia, PA, under 2008 PACC Contract, in the amount of \$79,274.65.

Roll Call: Approved 8-0.

Continuation of Non-Agenda Items

Motion made by Commissioner Holmes and second by Commissioner D'Emilio to have a work session on February 2, 2009 regarding Township financing and work sessions on the first Monday of each month thereafter.

Roll Call. 8-0.

Motion by Commissioner Heilman to authorize the Township Solicitor James J. Byrne, Jr. to attend the next Zoning Hearing Board meeting to object to a variance request for student housing at 716 Railroad Avenue.

All in favor – 8-0

Commissioner Siegel and Commissioner Holmes requested that there be a one page summary of the Zoning Hearing Board Meeting agendas so that they have a chance to review agenda items.

17. **Other Business**

Commissioner D'Emilio – 1st Ward Commissioner

Asked Mr. Gentile whether a new schedule was sent out regarding the trash Schedule. Commissioner D'Emilio also inquired into measures taken to curtail the growing speeding problems in the Township. Finally, Commissioner D'Emilio expressed congratulations to Lori Hanlon-Widdop for her appointment as Assistant Township Manager.

Commissioner Oliva – 2nd Ward Commissioner

Discussed the Freedom Playground – for all children. The contact person for the playground is Ann Philips. Congratulations to Lori Hanlon-Widdop.

Commissioner Siegel – 4th Ward Commissioner

Provided details on an upcoming ALS Research benefit.

Jeff Heilmann – 5th Ward Commissioner

Coopertown Teeball signups are happening now. Please visit their website www.coopertownteeball.com for more information.

Commissioner Holmes – 6th Ward Commissioner

The 6th Ward will be holding a Constituents Meeting on February 3rd or 4th. Requested citizens to kindly check in on the elderly during these cold months. Commended the Township for the excellent job the employees have performed in cleaning up the streets.

Commissioner McGarrity – 7th Ward Commissioner

Inquired about the Christmas tree pick-up. Mr. Gentile stated that the trees will be collected this week by trash truck or by a separate vehicle.

Commissioner Broido – 8th Ward Commissioner

When will the recycling trash cans be delivered? Larry Gentile stated that the stickers and cans have arrived and are being delivered tomorrow. Mr. Broido stated that if anyone is unable to pick up their can or sticker to let him know and he will make sure they receive one.

Commissioner Wechsler - 9th Ward Commissioner –

Advised that Mr. Gentile has confirmed that Representative Sestak will be attending our February 2 work session. The Civic Association will be meeting on January 22 at 7:30 p.m. Thank you to the Havertown Fire Department for their outstanding job in putting out and containing two recent fires.

18. **Adjournment – Motion to Adjourn the meeting at 11:54 p.m.**

All in favor 8-0.