

MINUTES

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

**January 8, 2018
Monday, 7:00 p.m.
Township of Haverford**

1. Opening of Meeting – William F. Wechsler, President, opened the meeting. The Board met for a brief Executive Session prior to the meeting to discuss a personnel matter.

a. Roll Call – All 9 Commissioners were present at roll call: Commissioners D’Emilio, Oliva, McCloskey, Siegel, Lewis, McGarrity, Hart, Holmes and Wechsler

Also present were: Lawrence J. Gentile, Township Manager, Ross Anderson, CPA, Township Auditor, James J. Byrne, Jr., Esquire, Township Solicitor, Assistant Township Manager, Tim Denny, Chief John Viola, Aimee Cuthbertson, Finance Director, Joseph Celia, Codes Enforcement Director and Dave Pennoni, Township Engineer.

b. Opening Prayer led by Bridget McCormick, Temple Lutheran Church

c. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Tribute - In Memory of Angela Gasparro – Library Board of Trustees Member

Postponed to February.

3. Discussion: Increase in members for the following Boards and Commissions

Discussion began concerning increasing the number of members on the following:

Health Advisory – 7 to 9

Ice Rink Advisory – 7 to 9

Parks and Recreation Advisory – 7 to 9

Friends of the Grange – the board’s terms were discussed not increasing the number of members

Shade Tree Commission – 5 to 7

In the future, the duties and terms will be posted on the township website.

4. Appointments

Civil Service Solicitor – 1 Year Term

Motion made by Commissioner Lewis and seconded by Commissioner Oliva to reappoint Kevin O’Neill, Esquire to serve as the Township of Haverford’s Civil Service Solicitor for a one year term to expire December 31, 2018.

Motion made by Commissioner McCloskey and seconded by Commissioner Siegel to appoint Sean Kilkenny, Esquire, to serve as the Township of Haverford’s Civil Service Solicitor for a one year term to expire December 31, 2018.

Motion to close made by Commissioner Oliva and seconded by Commissioner McGarrity. All agreed.

Roll Called.

5 Commissioners voted for Kevin O’Neill, Esq.,: Commissioners D’Emilio, Oliva, Lewis, McGarrity and Wechsler

4 Commissioners voted for Sean Kilkenny, Esq.,: Commissioners McCloskey, Siegel, Hart and Holmes.

Cable Advisory Board – 4 Year Term

Motion: to appoint/reappoint _____ to serve on the Cable Advisory Board for a four year term to expire December 31, 2018.

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

Roll Called.

All Commissioners were in favor.

Human Relations Commission – Unexpired 3 Year Term

Motion made by Commissioner Holmes and seconded by Commissioner Siegel to appoint Sarah McCafferty to fill the unexpired three year term on the Human Relations Commission to expire December 31, 2019.

Motion made by Commissioner D’Emilio and seconded by Commissioner Lewis to appoint Brooke Huff to fill the unexpired three year term on the Human Relations Commission to expire December 31, 2019.

Motion made by Commissioner McCloskey and seconded by Commissioner Hart to appoint Hannah Turlish to fill the unexpired three year term on the Human Relations Commission to expire December 31, 2019.

Motion made by Commissioner McGarrity and seconded by Commissioner Holmes to close. All Commissioners agreed.

Roll Called.

5 Commissioners voted for Brooke Huff: Commissioners D’Emilio, Oliva, Lewis, McGarrity and Wechsler.

3 Commissioners voted for Hannah Turlish: Commissioners McCloskey, Siegel and Hart.

1 Commissioner voted for Sarah McCafferty.

RHM – 5 Year Term

Motion made by Commissioner McGarrity and seconded by Commissioner Oliva to reappoint F. Graham Lee to serve on the RHM Sewer Authority for a five year term to expire December 31, 2022.

Motion made by Commissioners Holmes and seconded by Commissioner Oliva to close. All Commissioners agreed.

Roll Called.

All 9 Commissioners voted for F. Graham Lee: Commissioners: D’Emilio, Oliva, McCloskey, Siegel, Lewis, McGarrity, Hart, Holmes and Wechsler

Vacancy Committee – 1 Year Term

Motion: to appoint _____ to serve on the Vacancy Committee for a one year term to expire December 31, 2018.

**Motion made by Commissioner Oliva and seconded by Commissioner D’Emilio to TABLE.
All Commissioners agreed to TABLE.**

Vacancy Property Review Committee – 5 Year Term

Motion: to appoint/reappoint _____ to serve on the Vacancy Property Review Committee for a five year term to expire December 31, 2023.

**Motion made by Commissioner Holmes and seconded by Commissioner D’Emilio to TABLE.
All Commissioners agreed to TABLE.**

Senior Citizens Advisory Board

**Commissioner D’Emilio passed.
Commissioner Oliva passed
Commissioner McCloskey appointed Pat Hagan
Commissioner Lewis passed**

5. Police Department – Crime Update – presented by Chief Viola

6. Township Auditor Update – Ross Anderson, Township Auditor, stated that he reviewed the disbursements and found no irregularities. The warrants are to his satisfaction.

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

No one spoke.

8. Approval of Minutes Budget/Regular Meeting Minutes of December 11, 2017

Motion made by Commissioner D’Emilio and seconded by Commissioner Oliva to approve the Budget/Regular Meeting Minutes of December 11, 2017.

Roll Called.

All 9 Commissioners voted Yes: Commissioners: D’Emilio, Oliva, McCloskey, Siegel, Lewis, McGarrity, Hart, Holmes and Wechsler

9. Approval of Warrants

Motion made by Commissioner Holmes and seconded by Commissioner Siegel to approve the following warrant #1-2018 totaling \$8,233,156.08

General & Sewer fund Payroll for December 14, 2017 in the amount of \$980,098.36

General & Sewer fund Payroll for December 28, 2017 in the amount of \$679,376.76

General Fund disbursements #1-2018 in the amount of \$154,990.16

Sewer Fund disbursements #1-2018 in the amount of \$4,596,221.10

**Community Development Block Grant Fund disbursement #1-2018
in the amount of \$91,207.96**

Capital Projects Fund disbursement #1-2018 in the amount of \$1,724,913.56

Credit Card Statement ending December 27, 2017 in the amount of \$6,348.18

Roll Called.

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

Commissioner McGarrity was absent from the vote.

10. Ordinance No. P17-2017

Backyard Hens (2nd Reading)

Motion made by Commissioner Oliva and seconded by Commissioner Lewis to adopt the second reading of Ordinance No. P17-2017 further amending and supplementing Chapter 49, Animals.

Discussion began. Commissioners Holmes asked if Commissioner Oliva would consider amending the ordinance by increasing the amount of buffer zone from 20 to 50 feet. Commissioner Oliva said no. 40 feet? Commissioner Oliva said no. Permits, fees and inspections were also discussed.

Roll Called.

5 Commissioners voted Yes: Commissioners Oliva, McCloskey, Lewis, McGarrity and Hart.

4 Commissioners voted No: Commissioners D'Emilio, Siegel, Holmes and Wechsler

11. Ordinance No. P3-2018

Traffic (1st Reading)

Motion made by Commissioner Oliva and seconded by Commissioner Lewis to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. P3-2018 authorizing traffic restrictions on the following highways:

Special Purpose Parking Zones:

On Tenby Road at Lansdowne Road, northeast corner.

Roll Called.

All 9 Commissioners voted Yes: Commissioners: D'Emilio, Oliva, McCloskey, Siegel, Lewis, McGarrity, Hart, Holmes and Wechsler

12. Ordinance No. P4-2018

Advisory Boards & Commissions Membership (1st Reading)

Motion made by Commissioner Siegel and seconded by Commissioner Oliva to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. P4-2018 AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 4 OF THE "GENERAL LAWS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HAVERFORD," REGARDING THE MEMBERSHIP OF ADVISORY BOARD AND COMMISSIONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS.

Health Advisory – 7 to 9

Ice Rink Advisory – 7 to 9

Parks and Recreation Advisory – 7 to 9

Shade Tree Commission – 5 to 7

All 9 Commissioners voted Yes: Commissioners: D’Emilio, Oliva, McCloskey, Siegel, Lewis, McGarrity, Hart, Holmes and Wechsler

13. Resolution No. 2075-2018 2018 Mowing Contract – State Highways

Motion made by Commissioner McGarrity and seconded by Commissioner Oliva to adopt Resolution No. 2075-2018 authorizing the Township Manager to enter into a Mowing Agreement with PennDot.

Roll Called.

All 9 Commissioners voted Yes: Commissioners: D’Emilio, Oliva, McCloskey, Siegel, Lewis, McGarrity, Hart, Holmes and Wechsler

14. Resolution No. 2076-2018 Grange Estate Advisory Board Membership

Motion: to adopt Resolution No. 2076-2018 that the Board of Commissioners hereby establishes the following membership standards for the Friends of the Grange Advisory Board:

- A. The Friends of the Grange Advisory Board shall consist of nine members, each of whom shall be a full-time resident and qualified elector of the Township, appointed by the Board of Commissioners. Members of the Advisory Board shall serve a term of two years.**
- B. Four members of the Advisory Board shall be appointed in odd numbered years. Five members of the Advisory Board shall be appointed in even numbered years.**
- C. Upon approval of this Resolution, the Board of Commissioners shall enumerate which members are appointed for two-year terms and which members shall serve for an initial one year term.**

Motion made by Commissioner Holmes and seconded by Commissioner Lewis to TABLE. All Commissioners agreed to TABLE.

15. Contract Awards

Police Department – Towing/Impound

- **Due to a conflict of interest, Commissioner Siegel recused himself on this matter because of a personal conflict of interest. (see attachment)**

Motion made by Commissioner D’Emilio and seconded by Commissioner McGarrity to award a three year Duty Tow contract to both Bob & Joe’s Towing located at 1000 N. Eagle Road and K & S Towing located at 1375 Lawrence Road, Havertown and a three year Impound Yard contract to both Direct Paint and Collision located at 1000 N. Eagle Road and Havertown Collision located at 1375 Lawrence Road.

Roll Called.

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

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

No one spoke

17. New business

Commissioner McGarrity informed the board that he has received numerous complaints from residents concerning PECO’s subcontractor - tree trimming in the township.

Discussion began.

Conclusion: Mr. Gentile will ask for a PECO representative attend the February Work Session.

18. Other business

Steve D'Emilio – 1st Ward Commissioner

Commissioner D'Emilio offered up prayers for the fallen firefighter.

He thanked the Public Works Department for their hard work during the recent snow storms and cold weather. They are out now salting the streets!

Mario Oliva – 2nd Ward Commissioner

Commissioner Oliva also thanked the Public Works Department. He also stated that there are a lot of water main breaks. He is asking that all be patient with AQUA.

The 10th Annual Scouts Saturday will be held on January 27th from 12 to 2 p.m. All Scouts, Cubs, Girl Scouts and Brownies and their families are invited.

Kevin McCloskey, Esquire – 3rd Ward Commissioner

Commissioner McCloskey wished everyone a Happy New Year!

He, also, thanked the Public Works Department. We all need to be patient and kind to our neighbors.

Daniel J. Siegel, Esquire – 4th Ward Commissioner

Nothing to announce tonight.

Larry Holmes, Esquire – 6th Ward Commissioner

With the extreme cold weather, Commissioner Holmes thanked all Haverford Township Crossing Guards. They are our unsung heroes!

Andy Lewis – 5th Ward Commissioner

Commissioner Lewis has two topics that he would like to bring before the board –

1. **The Leaf Collection Program – Suggestion**

Start collections later and go longer with a final sweep in March/April

2. **Vote by Phone**

Should anyone have committed plans made and cannot attend a Commissioners' Meeting, they are allowed to call in by phone, per Township Solicitor. In this day and age of modern telecommunications, the Board needs to discuss this matter further.

Jim McGarrity – 7th Ward Commissioner

The Public Works Department did a fantastic job.

The Bon Air Fire Company just celebrated their 100th year anniversary. He reminded everyone to please pay your yearly dues to the fire companies. This keeps them going.

Gerry Hart, M.D. – 8th Ward Commissioner

Commissioner Hart recognized and thanked Chris Connell for all his help in this transition. He looks forward to working with everyone.

He also recognized the 8th Ward residents for coming out to vote. There was a 30% increase in voter turnout from when he previously ran for Commissioner. Democracy is alive and well.

William F. Wechsler – 9th Ward Commissioner

Commissioner Wechsler announced that Chris Connell is organizing the Annual Firefighters Award Banquet. It is January 16th at the CREC. All Commissioners are asked to arrive at 6:45 p.m.

Hilltop Civic Association meeting will be January 25th at 7:30 p.m.

He congratulated the Bon Air Fire Company on their 100th Anniversary.

Commissioner Wechsler stated that we are very fortunate to have our Police, Fire and EMS services in the township. With this extreme weather, they are always out there.

19. All Commissioners agreed to adjourn>



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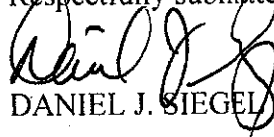
WARD COMMISSIONERS
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6th Ward LARRY HOLMES, ESQ.
7th Ward JAMES E. MCGARRITY
8th Ward CHRIS CONNELL, SR.
9th Ward WILLIAM F. WECHSLER

January 8, 2018

Recusal Statement Pursuant to 65 Pa.C.S. § 1103

Pursuant to 65 Pa.C.S. § 1103, I recuse myself from any participation or vote on matters relating to the Police Department – Towing/Impound Contract Award because of a professional conflict of interest.

Respectfully submitted,


DANIEL J. SIEGEL