

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING
Board of Commissioners
Commissioners Meeting Room

May 14, 2018
Monday, 7:00 p.m.
Township of Haverford

1. Opening of Meeting - William F. Wechsler, President, opened the meeting and indicated that the Board met in Executive Session prior to the meeting to discuss a Zoning/Legal matter

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

Commissioner Holmes arrived at 7:45 p.m. in transit from Scranton, PA.

Also present were: Lawrence J. Gentile, Township Manager, Ross Anderson, CPA, Township Auditor, James J. Byrne, Jr., Township Solicitor, Aimee Cuthbertson, CPA/Assistant Township Manager, Chief John Viola, Deputy Chief Joe Hagan, Dave Pennoni, Township Engineer and Kelly Kirk, Zoning/Planning

b. Opening Prayer led by Rev. Mary Jane Kirby

c. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Officer of the Year Award presented by the Police Committee to Officer Watkins.

3. Commissioners’ Committee Update – no updates this month.

4. Township Auditor Update – Mr. Anderson reviewed the disbursements for the month and found no irregularities.

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

Dave Tinsch – President of the Dog Park

Mr. Tinsch thanked the Board for their support and commitment to green space. The Dog Park is one of the busiest parks in the township. We have many volunteers that are willing to fix whatever they can.

Irene Coffey – President, Historical Society

Mrs. Coffey indicated that the Historical Society has saved the township some money. Masonry repairs \$4,500 was paid for through last year’s Heritage Festival contributions of \$2,700 and the Historical Society donated \$1,800.

This year's Heritage Festival is June 3rd, - 11 - 4 on Karakung Drive. This is a popular event; food, music and vendors.

Chris Barnes – 18 W. Wilmont Avenue

She and her neighbors support the upcoming pedestrian bridge on Manoa Road.

END OF REGISTERED SPEAKERS

Open Forum

Mike Levin – 414 Mill Road

Mr. Levin spoke on the pedestrian bridge and indicated that the bridge needs to be 13 feet high. He also asked who owns the bridge and who will maintain it?

Julie Kulzer – 1002 Crest Road

She is in support of sticker parking on Crest Road

Richard Kerr – the Trail

Mr. Kerr indicated that the township received a grant for the new trail. It is safer to have the bridge because the police enter and exit from this area.

RESPONSES TO CITIZENS FORUM

Mr. Wechsler thanked Mr. Tinsch and all the volunteers for their work in caring for the Dog Park; in addition, he thanked Tim Denny.

Mr. Wechsler thanked Mrs. Coffey for all the good work the Historical Society does and also indicated that the Heritage Festival is very popular.

The Board will also look at the Eagle and Darby Road intersection at the time of planning for the new pedestrian bridge.

Mr. Wechsler does understand the parking concerns in the Penfield area. His daughter also resides in this area.

6. Approval of Minutes

Regular Meeting Minutes of April 9, 2018

Motion made by Commissioner D'Emilio and seconded by Commissioner Oliva to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 9, 2018.

Roll Called.

All 8 Commissioners voted yes: Commissioners D'Emilio, Oliva, McCloskey, Siegel, Lewis, McGarrity, Hart and Wechsler.

7. Approval of Warrants

Motion made by Commissioner McCloskey and seconded by Commissioner McGarrity to approve the following warrant #5-2018 totaling \$4,801,780.32

General & Sewer fund Payroll for April 5, 2018 in the amount of \$710,430.95

General & Sewer fund Payroll for April 19, 2018 in the amount of \$670,483.38

General & Sewer fund Payroll for May 3, 2018 in the amount of \$624,710.93

General Fund disbursements #5-2018 in the amount of \$1,878,876.33

Sewer Fund disbursements #5-2018 in the amount of \$497,414.55

Community Development Block Grant Fund disbursement #5-2018
in the amount of \$78,160.88

Capital Projects Fund disbursement #5-2018 in the amount of \$325,859.86

PA OFFICE OF UC BENEFITS (ACH PAYMENTS) 1st Quarter 2018 in the amount of \$8,581.50

Credit Card Statement ending April 27, 2018 in the amount of \$7,261.94

Roll Called.

All 8 Commissioners voted yes: Commissioners D'Emilio, Oliva, McCloskey, Siegel, Lewis, McGarrity, Hart and Wechsler.

8. Ordinance No. P19-2017

Chapter 190 – Waste Water Treatment (2nd Reading)

Motion made by Commissioner Siegel and seconded by Commissioner Oliva to adopt the second reading of Ordinance No. P19-2017 FURTHER AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING ORDINANCE NO. 1960, AS AMENDED, AND KNOWN AS THE "GENERAL LAWS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HAVERFORD", AT CHAPTER 180, *WASTEWATER TREATMENT BY ADDING THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA WATER DEPARTMENT SEWER AND WASTEWATER CONTROL REGULATIONS BY REFERENCE.*

Roll Called.

All 8 Commissioners voted yes: Commissioners D'Emilio, Oliva, McCloskey, Siegel, Lewis, McGarrity, Hart and Wechsler.

9. Ordinance No. P8-2018 Zoning – Fireworks (2nd Reading)

Motion made by Commissioner Siegel and seconded by Commissioner D'Emilio to adopt the second reading of Ordinance No. P8-2018 **AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE GENERAL LAWS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HAVERFORD, CHAPTER 182 "ZONING" BY ADDING CERTAIN NEW USE DEFINITIONS IN SECTION 182-106.B AND FURTHER BY ADDING SUBSECTION 182-405.B(3)(j) ESTABLISHING AND REGULATING THE SALE OF CONSUMER FIREWORKS IN THE C-4 HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL ZONING DISTRICT.**

Roll Called.

All 8 Commissioners voted yes: Commissioners D'Emilio, Oliva, McCloskey, Siegel, Lewis, McGarrity, Hart and Wechsler.

10. Ordinance No. P9-2018 Pension – Retirement Incentive (2nd Reading)

Motion made by Commissioner McGarrity and seconded by Commissioner Oliva to adopt the second reading of Ordinance No. P9-2018 **FURTHER SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 30, "PENSIONS AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS" AND ESTABLISHING SUBSECTION 30-33(G)**

Roll Called.

All 8 Commissioners voted yes: Commissioners D'Emilio, Oliva, McCloskey, Siegel, Lewis, McGarrity, Hart and Wechsler.

11. Ordinance No. P10-2018 Traffic (1st Reading)

Motion made by Commissioner Hart and seconded by Commissioner Lewis to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. P10-2018 authorizing the installation of traffic restrictions on the following highways:

Sticker Parking Only:

Crest Road, Both Sides, 8:00 am to 11:00 am, Monday through Friday

Special Purposes Parking Zones:

in front of 2545 Rosemont Avenue, Ardmore, PA

Parking of All Vehicles Prohibited at All Times

on Columbus Avenue, South Side, 60 feet east from the southwest corner (by 101 Columbus Avenue)

Roll Called.

7 Commissioners voted yes: Commissioners D'Emilio, Oliva, McCloskey, Lewis, McGarrity, Hart and Wechsler.

2 Commissioners voted no: Commissioners Siegel and Holmes.

12. Resolution No. 2092-2018

2019 DUI Grant Application

Motion made by Commissioner Oliva and seconded by Commissioner McGarrity to adopt Resolution No. 2092-2018 authorizing the Township Manager to submit a 2019 DUI Grant Application.

Roll Called.

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

13. Contract Award

Chatham Park School – Water Retention Basin

Motion made by Commissioner Hart and seconded by Commissioner McGarrity to award the Chatham Park School Water Retention Basin Contract to Trio Siteworks, Media, PA, in the amount of \$522,083.75, submitting the lowest responsible bid; contingent upon their execution of the contract and supply of the required Bonds and Insurance.

Roll Called.

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

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

Mike Levin – 414 Mill Road

Mr. Levin stated that flashing lights should be installed on the new bridge in case it is closed due to weather.

Jeff Gregory – 333 Greenbriar Road

Mr. Gregory and many volunteers cleaned up 30 years of junk on the portion of the West Gate Hills Trail. They are looking for township funding to help this portion look like Merry Place.

Ross Anderson spoke as a resident

The pedestrian bridge is a great idea.

He also indicated that for a few years he had to use the R100 line. Many people don't live close to the train, so they drive to it.

15. New business

Dan Siegel indicated that there was a heated Zoning Hearing for a "Special Exception Request". Mr. Siegel stated that all Zoning Hearing Board decisions will now be placed on-line. Many thanks to Jim Byrne and Larry Gentile.

At a later date, Mr. Siegel will make a motion to have both Planning and Zoning Hearing Board hearings televised.

16. Other business

Steve D'Emilio – 1st Ward Commissioner

Mr. D'Emilio indicated that in Lower Merion Township, there is a 42 acre property known as Stone Leigh Estate. The property was donated to Lower Merion Township. Mr. D'Emilio's daughter, stated that it is beautiful. However, Lower Merion School District wants to acquire it by Eminent Domain. He suggests keeping it as open space.

Mr. D'Emilio stated that were an incredible amount of volunteers that came out to clean out the trail. He is requesting the West Gate Hills Civic Council, Larry Gentile and Steve, meet to discuss what the township can or cannot do to help.

Mario A. Oliva – 2nd Ward Commissioner

The Home & Garden Show was a success. Mr. Oliva thanked all the volunteers.

The Annual Anything with a Plug drop off is scheduled for Saturday, May 19th at Delaware County Community College.

Kevin McCloskey, Esquire – 3rd Ward Commissioner

The May 9th PaDot meeting was cancelled and will be rescheduled. This meeting is to discuss plans for the new Ardmore Avenue Bridge. The Ardmore Train Station will remain open during reconstruction.

The VFW 338 at Grasslyn Field will hold a Memorial Day Pancake Breakfast and a ceremony will be held at 1:00 p.m.

The Chestnutwold Chase Run was held and was a lot of fun.

The CREC 2018 Running Series will begin in June on a Wednesday night, one in July and one in August.

Commissioner McCloskey reminded everyone to come out and vote tomorrow.

Dan Siegel, Esquire – 4th Ward Commissioner

Mr. Siegel urges everyone to vote from Governor down.

Discussions are ongoing with the township, police and Dave Pennoni regarding the intersection at the Blue Route.

Larry Holmes, Esquire – 6th Ward Commissioner

Commissioner Holmes complimented Commissioner Oliva on the Home & Garden Show.

Commissioner Holmes expressed the importance of Primary Day. With the state of the country, many have become Independent. He requests individuals to go back to their individual party.

Andy Lewis – 5th Ward Commissioner

Commissioner Lewis also commended the HPED and Commissioner Oliva on the Home & Garden Show.

Commissioner Lewis thanked everyone for their patience during the College Avenue Bridge reconstruction. PaDot indicates that the bridge will reopen May 22nd.

Jim McGarrity – 7th Ward Commissioner

Commissioner McGarrity stated that the K9 Competition was wonderful.

He congratulated his wife, Fran, for becoming President of the Grange Estate.

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

Commissioner Hart also announced the Heritage Festival on June 3rd.

AQUA is finishing up all work on Earlington Road. PaDot, hopefully, will repave soon.

William F. Wechsler – 9th Ward Commissioner

Commissioner Wechsler also indicated that the Home & Garden Show was well done.

He will hold his quarterly constituent meeting on May 24th at 7:30 p.m.

Tomorrow is National Police Officers Day. Flags will be flown half mast.

The Annual Memorial Day Ceremony will be held on Monday, May 28th at 11:00 a.m. at 1014 Darby Road.

17. All Commissioners agreed to adjourn.