

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – 6:00 P.M. Real Estate and  
Legal Update**

**MINUTES**

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

**July 9, 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 tonight's meeting.
  - a. **Roll Call** – 8 Commissioners were present at roll call: Commissioners D'Emilio, McCloskey, Siegel, Lewis, McGarrity, Hart, Holmes and Wechsler.

**Commissioner Oliva was absent.**

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

- b. **Pledge of Allegiance**

2. **Civil Service/Police Department** - Entry Level Haverford Township Police Officer

**After Mrs. Boccella, Civil Service Commission Administrator presented three eligible names, Commissioner McGarrity made a motion and seconded by Commissioner D'Emilio to appoint Lawrence Todd, IV, as an Entry Level Haverford Township Police Officer.**

**Roll Called.**

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

**3. Presentation by: Adam Alexander with Spiezel Architects - the concept plan of the Skatium project - the final phase of all work on this site.**

**Mr. Alexander presented the Skatium Plaza Concept Plan. Estimated cost would be \$387,000 and would be a three/four month project. Features: new concrete, seating, landscaping, all new lighting and a spray feature with night lighting.**

**Discussion began concerning the spray feature and how much the cost would be without it, are the interior requests that were made by the Ice Rink Advisory Committee granted, the township could hold concerts and would definitely be a community center.**

**Mr. Gentile indicated that the township does have the money for this project and yes, many of the Ice Rink Advisory Board requests have been granted and the Skatium is part of the new refinancing in the bond.**

**4. Township Auditor Update - Mr. Anderson reviewed the disbursements from the previous month and found no irregularities.**

**5. Police Department – Crime Update**

**Chief Viola provided his update for the month of June. In addition to arrests, citations, tickets, warnings, a road rage incident, four burglaries, a motor vehicle theft and 7 K9 usages, there is a major regional problem with the “East Coast Gang”. They are entering vehicles parked at the CREC, parks and the dog park. They are hitting all surrounding municipalities, NJ and up and down the east coast.**

**Chief Viola stated that everyone should leave their personal items home or put them in their trunks if they are at these locations.**

**6. Commissioners’ Committee Updates**

**Commissioner D’Emilio asked if letters were sent to State Reps concerning the traffic concerns on West Chester Pike. Commissioner Siegel indicated yes.**

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

**NO REGISTERED SPEAKERS**

**Open Forum**

**The following individuals all spoke on the proposed Ordinance, “Beekeeping”:**

**All are in favor and support the Ordinance.**

**Nicole Maclean, 225 Ivy Rock**

**John St. Amour, 56 Brookline Blvd.**

**Lauren Warner – 430 Llanerch Avenue – beekeeper and she also owns “Bee-lievers”  
Lauren’s husband, Sam – they are very concerned about this ordinance. They have a  
considerable investment in this business.**

**Megan Malligan – 2014 Walnut Place – no concerns with neighbor that has bees.**

**8. Approval of Minutes**

**Regular Meeting Minutes of June 11, 2018**

**Motion made by Commissioner D’Emilio and seconded by Commissioner McGarrity to  
approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 11, 2018.**

**Roll Called.**

**All 8 Commissioners voted yes: Commissioners D’Emilio, 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 #7-2018 totaling \$3,596,482.88**

**General & Sewer fund Payroll for June 14, 2018 in the amount of \$961,955.78**

**General & Sewer fund Payroll for June 28, 2018 in the amount of \$634,176.98**

**General Fund disbursements #7-2018 in the amount of \$1,622,621.89**

**Sewer Fund disbursements #7-2018 in the amount of \$167,699.22**

**Community Development Block Grant Fund disbursement #7-2018**

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in the amount of \$70,088.88  
Capital Projects Fund disbursement #7-2018 in the amount of \$128,336.73  
Credit Card Statement ending June 27, 2018 in the amount of \$11,603.40

Roll Called.

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

**10. Ordinance No. P13-2018                      Nonelectoral Debt (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)**

Motion made by Commissioner Holmes and seconded by Commissioner Siegel to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. P13-2018 an ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE INCURRING OF NONELECTORAL DEBT BY HAVERFORD TOWNSHIP TO REFUND EXISTING 2010 AND 2013 GENERAL OBLIGATION ISSUES AND BORROW NEW MONIES TO FINANCE THE COST OF CERTAIN CAPITAL PROJECTS OF THE TOWNSHIP; PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A SERIES OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$50,000,000.00.

Roll Called.

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

**11. Ordinance No. P11-2018                      Property Tax Credits – Qualifying Volunteer  
Firefighters (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)**

Motion made by Commissioner McGarrity and seconded by Commissioner Hart to adopt the second reading of Ordinance No. P11-2018 amending and supplementing Ordinance No 1960, as amended, and known as the “General Laws of the Township of Haverford”, further amending Chapter 165, “Taxation”, Article VI, “Property Tax Credit to Qualifying Volunteers of Bon Air, Brookline, Llanerch, Manoa and Oakmont Fire Companies”.

Roll Called.

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

**12. Ordinance No. P12-2018 Traffic (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)**

**Motion made by Commissioner McGarrity and seconded by Commissioner Lewis to adopt the second reading of Ordinance No. P12-2018 authorizing restrictions on the following highways:**

**RESCIND from Haverford Township Ordinance:  
§ 175-99 Schedule XXIV: Sticker Parking Only:**

**on Kathmere Road, Both Sides, Unit block through the 400 block of Kathmere Road**

**AND**

**ESTABLISH**

**§ 175-99 Schedule XXIV: Sticker Parking Only, on the 100 block of Kathmere Road on school days, 7:00 AM to 10:00 AM - Valid Permit Exempt**

**Roll Called.**

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

**13. Ordinance No. P14-2018 Language Change – Fire Prevention Code (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)**

**Motion made by Commissioner Hart and seconded by Commissioner McGarrity to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. P14-2018 FURTHER AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 86, 'FIRE PREVENTION', SECTION 86-5, 'Additions, deletions and modifications to Fire Prevention Code', and adding provisions for false fire alarms**

**Roll Called.**

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

**14. Ordinance No. P15-2018**

**Maintenance Regulations relating to Beekeeping  
Activities on Residential Properties (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)**

**Motion made by Commissioner McGarrity and seconded by Commissioner Holmes to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. P15-2018 FURTHER SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 49, "ANIMAL CONTROL", ARTICLE IV, ANIMAL MAINTENANCE REGULATIONS AND ESTABLISHING SECTION 49-10.1 WITH REQUIREMENTS RELATING TO BEEKEEPING ACTIVITIES ON RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES.**

**Commissioner Wechsler read the Ordinance aloud.**

**Discussion began among Commissioners.**

**This ordinance would not outlaw bees but would make beekeepers more responsible.**

**Conclusion: Motion was made and seconded by Commissioner Siegel to TABLE.**

**Commissioner Siegel and the Ordinance Committee will evaluate and make recommendations.**

**Roll Called.**

**All 8 Commissioners voted yes to TABLE: Commissioners D'Emilio, McCloskey, Siegel, Lewis, McGarrity, Hart, Holmes and Wechsler.**

**15. Ordinance No. P16-2018**

**Amended and Restated Cell Tower Lease  
Agreement on Certain Township Property (1<sup>st</sup>  
Reading)**

**Motion made by Commissioner Siegel and seconded by Commissioner McGarrity to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. P16-2018 authorizing the amended and restated lease agreement with Unisite/Omnipoint PA Tower Venture LLC for certain land areas located at the Township Public Works site off of 2080 Old West Chester Pike; subject to review by the Township Solicitor and further subject to the approval of the Township Manager of the final document.**

**Roll Called.**

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

**Commissioner Holmes was absent from the vote.**

**16. Ordinance No. P17-2018**

**Traffic (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)**

**Motion made by Commissioner McGarrity and seconded by Commissioner D'Emilio to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. P17-2018 authorizing traffic restrictions on the following highways:**

**Through Traffic Restricted**

**Addition: Darby Road, Median Crossover at exit/entrance of Haverford Township Building, 1014 Darby Road – Do Not Enter and Emergency and Authorized Vehicles Only.**

**\*RIGHT TURN ONLY ON DARBY ROAD FOR NON EMERGENCY VEHICLES TO BE INSTALLED.**

**Special Purpose Parking**

**on Roosevelt Avenue at Harding Avenue along the side of 201 Harding Avenue, Havertown, PA.**

**Roll Called.**

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

**Commissioner Holmes was absent from the vote.**

**17. Resolution No. 2095-2018**

**Broadcasting – Zoning Hearing Board Meetings**

**Motion made by Commissioner Siegel and seconded by Commissioner McCloskey to adopt Resolution No. 2095-2018 authorizing the Township Manager to take all steps necessary to record the meetings of the Haverford Township Zoning Hearing Board for rebroadcast on the Haverford Township cable channels in a fiscally responsible manner.**

**Commissioner Wechsler indicated that we did receive correspondence from the Zoning Hearing Board. Township Solicitor and Zoning Hearing Board Solicitor still need to work out some issues.**

**September would begin taping.**

Roll Called.

5 Commissioners voted Yes: Commissioners D'Emilio, McCloskey, Siegel, Hart and Wechsler.

2 Commissioners voted No: Commissioners Lewis and McGarrity.

Commissioner Holmes was absent from the vote.

Commissioner Lewis wants live tapings.

18. Resolution No. 2098-2018 Preliminary Land Development Plan

Motion made by Commissioner Lewis and seconded by Commissioner Siegel to adopt Resolution No. 2098-2018 approving the Preliminary Land Development Plan for 986-996 Railroad Avenue; subject to the recommendations of the Planning Commission.

This land development will be a new medical office building for Bryn Mawr Medical Specialists.

Roll Called.

7 Commissioners voted yes: Commissioners D'Emilio, McCloskey, Siegel, Lewis, Hart, Holmes and Wechsler.

1 Commissioner voted no: Commissioner McGarrity.

19. Resolution No. 2099-2018

Motion made by Commissioner D'Emilio and seconded by Commissioner Siegel to adopt Resolution No. 2099-2018 authorizing Township Manager, sign the Automated Red Light Enforcement Program Project Funding Agreement on its behalf.

This is for the flashing light at the new cross walk on Darby Road.

Roll Called.

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



**20. Purchases**

**The Skatium - Fire Alarm Replacement**

**Motion made by Commissioner McGarrity and seconded by Commissioner Hart to authorize the purchase and installation of a new Carbon Monoxide and Fire Alarm System at the Skatium, from Unifire Incorporated, Drexel Hill, PA, in the amount of \$17,970.**

**Roll Called.**

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

**Emergency Services**

**Motion made by Commissioner Hart and seconded by Commissioner McGarrity to authorize the purchase of one SUAS (Small Unmanned Aerial System for search and rescue missions, from Darley Defense., Itasca, IL, in the amount of \$38,791.63; to be paid with CDBG grant money.**

**Roll Called.**

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

**Motion made by Commissioner Hart and seconded by Commissioner McGarrity to authorize Township Manager to executive a DCED Emergency Management Grant for the acquisition of 19 Yamaha I2000 Inverters and 1 DJI Matrice 210 for a total amount of \$50,630.99.**

**Roll Called.**

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

**21. Contract Award**

**Flashing Warning Light**

**Motion made by Commissioner McGarrity and seconded by Commissioner D'Emilio to award the Flashing Warning Light on Darby Road, in front of the Middle School to Charles A. Higgins, in the amount of \$52,078.00; submitting the only responsible bid; to be paid from the ARLE Grant.**

**Roll Called.**

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

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

**Mr. St. Amour has been a beekeeper for 11 years and stated that this is a very responsible ordinance. We have never had a problem at my home. Residents should not put the hives in the front of their homes. He is also a member of the Pa State Bee Commission. He is available anytime animal control needs him.**

**Mrs. Warner was the woman responsible for dropping off the two bee hives on Oxford Avenue. The resident was away for two weeks but she was in communication and tried, with her husband to remediate the problem after individuals were bit and the letter carrier did not deliver mail for a week, after we was bitten too. They have revised the bees' behavioral problems.**

**Tina Friels – 216 Walnut Place**

**Ms. Friels indicated that 20 feet from a property will damage people from beekeeping.**

**23. New business**

**Nothing this month.**

**24. Other business**

**Steve D'Emilio – 1<sup>st</sup> Ward Commissioner**

Commissioner D'Emilio also reminded everyone to keep their valuables at home and not in their vehicles. If they do, please put in the trunk.

**Kevin McCloskey, Esquire – 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward Commissioner**

July 25<sup>th</sup> will be the last 5K Run at the CREC.

Commissioner McCloskey thanked all the volunteers that worked putting together the July 4<sup>th</sup> activities.

**Dan Siegel, Esquire – 4<sup>th</sup> Ward Commissioner**

Commissioner Siegel thanked the board for voting to tape the Planning and Zoning Hearing Board meetings. Going live will be more beneficial.

On June 20<sup>th</sup>, he co-sponsored a paper shredding event. The event brought a large turnout.

**Larry Holmes, Esquire – 6<sup>th</sup> Ward Commissioner**

Commissioner Holmes thanked SABA and all the volunteers that worked putting together 4<sup>th</sup> of July activities.

Commissioner Holmes received no updates if there were any fireworks injuries. Air rockets are a serious concern. Chief Viola stated that his department will visit stores during the holidays that sell fireworks to see exactly what they are selling.

**Andy Lewis – 5<sup>th</sup> Ward Commissioner**

Commissioner Lewis stated that work is still being done on the College Avenue Bridge. The Ardmore Avenue Bridge reconstruction will begin next year. He and Commissioner McCloskey will hold a public meeting later this year.

**Jim McGarrity – 7<sup>th</sup> Ward Commissioner**

Commissioner McGarrity went to the annual Crossing Guard luncheon at the end of the school year and asked Mr. Gentile to provide an increase in their salaries; together with the School District.

Union Methodist Church will be celebrating their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Pastor Tim, Temple Lutheran Church has invited all Commissioners to this Sunday's service. He will be attending.

Commissioner McGarrity thanked Kelly and Steve Wilson for all their fundraising efforts for K9's. They will be opening a BBQ restaurant on Township Line Road (across from the Post Office).

**Gerry Hart, M.D. – 8<sup>th</sup> Ward Commissioner**

Commissioner Hart thanked the Brookline Fire House and the Penfield Civic Association for all their help in putting together the 4<sup>th</sup> of July activities at the Grange. This reflects the kind of community we have.

A water retention basin is being installed at Chatham Park Elementary School. This will help with excess water. Residents should consider planting rain gardens. You will be helping your neighbors.

**Commissioner Holmes stated that the township needs to hold a TEFRA Public Hearing because of refinancing the bond. It will be held on Monday, August 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 p.m.**

**The township is still reviewing investments concerning any investment the township owns with gun manufacturers. We will divest.**

**William F. Wechsler – 9<sup>th</sup> Ward Commissioner**

**Commissioner Wechsler sincerely thanked the Hilltop Civic Association, Manoa and Bon Air Fire Companies for all their volunteer efforts putting together the 4<sup>th</sup> of July festivities.**

**Commissioner Wechsler announced the new township initiative: “Hometown Heroes”. Anyone may purchase a banner from the township by submitting a photo of anyone that served or currently is serving in the Military. This is a great honor.**

**25. All Commissioners agreed to adjourn.**