

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 6:30 pm - LEGAL

MINUTES

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

**October 9, 2018
TUESDAY, 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 legal matter.

a. **Roll Call** – All 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, Kelly Sullivan, Esquire, Township Solicitor, Tim Denny and Aimee Cuthbertson, CPA, Assistant Township Managers, Lt. James Kelly, Joseph Celia, Codes Enforcement Director and Dave Pennoni, Township Engineer.

b. **Pledge of Allegiance**

2. **Civil Service/Police Department Appointments**

Motion made by Commissioner D’Emilio and seconded by Commissioner Oliva to appoint Anthony Hughes as a Haverford Township Entry Level Police Officer.

Roll Called.

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

Motion made by Commissioner D’Emilio and seconded by Commissioner McGarrity to appoint Matthew Uffelman as a Haverford Township Entry Level Police Officer.

Roll Called.

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

3. **Commissioners’ Committee Update**

The Police Committee met with Chief Viola, Deputy Chief Hagan and members of HCAN regarding the thin Blue Line flag. This flag represents fallen police officers. Communication has begun and everyone will meet regularly.

4. Township Auditor Update

Mr. Anderson reviewed the expenditures for the month and found no irregularities.

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

Tim Denny – Haverford Township Day

Mr. Denny announced that the past Saturday was the 24th Annual Haverford Township Day. He thanked all volunteers. He specifically wanted to thank Mr. Jim Taylor. Jim will be moving to Denver. Jim has been a loyal volunteer in the community for years.

Chad Brooks – The Grange

Mr. Brooks highlighted all the improvements completed and upcoming projects at the Grange:

A new gas pipe was installed in the kitchen due to an odor of gas.

The Farm House was converted to gas.

There has been some damage to the lower Spring House. Mr. Gentile has obtained a grant.

The amphitheater will now become handicapped accessible.

A new Water Wheel has been installed.

Major improvements are begin made to the garden.

Conversations have begun to have a book club formed and the group would meet at the Grange.

October 14th is the Fall Open House and a plaque will be dedicated in memory of Roy Sandstrom.

October 28th, the Grange will close to decorate for Christmas. Volunteers are always needed.

The following individuals are spoke in favor of the Climate Action Plan Resolutions on tonight's agenda, Greenhouse gases, global warming and renewable energy:

Lauren Baxter – 1713 Sue Ellen Drive

Anna Ferry – 2400 Darby Road

Melissa Romano – 1700 Robinson Avenue

Noel Smythe – 1838 Rose Tree Lane

Peter Puglionesi – 634 Lawson Avenue – the EAC is sponsoring a Climate Action Expo.

END OF REGISTERED SPEAKERS

Open Forum

Jennifer Fair – 2212 Olcott Avenue

Ms. Fair questioned the cost of renewable energy versus fossil fuel.

Steve Clark – 205 Mill Road

Mr. Clark works for PECO's Smart Ideas Department. He will soon be presenting the township with a reimbursement check for the new street lights.

Annetta Ing – 164 Morlyn Avenue

She and her husband installed Solar panels on their roof. They received many positive responses from residents.

6. Approval of Minutes Regular Meeting Minutes of September 4, 2018

Motion made by Commissioner D'Emilio and seconded by Commissioner McGarrity to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 4, 2018.

Roll Called.

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

7. Approval of Warrants

Motion made by Commissioner Holmes and seconded by Commissioner Oliva to approve the following warrant #10-2018 totaling \$4,758,771.47

**General & Sewer fund Payroll for September 6, 2018 in the amount of \$664,468.40
General & Sewer fund Payroll for September 20, 2018 in the amount of \$659,357.62
General & Sewer fund Payroll for October 4, 2018 in the amount of \$651,847.01
General Fund disbursements #10-2018 in the amount of \$1,974,706.02
Sewer Fund disbursements #10-2018 in the amount of \$264,067.02
Community Development Block Grant Fund disbursement #10-2018
in the amount of \$168,690.31
Capital Projects Fund disbursement #10-2018 in the amount of \$369,889.58
Credit Card Statement ending September 27, 2018 in the amount of \$5,745.51**

Roll Called.

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

8. Finance Department

Purchase of Certificate of Deposit

Motion made by Commissioner Holmes and seconded by Commissioner Oliva to authorize Township Manager and Finance Director to execute documents relating to the purchase of a 30-month certificate of deposit with Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union.

Roll Called.

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

9. Ordinance No. P19-2018

Traffic (2nd Reading)

Motion made by Commissioner D’Emilio and seconded by Commissioner McGarrity to adopt the second reading of Ordinance No. P19-2018 authorizing traffic restrictions on the following highways:

Establish: Parking of All Vehicles Prohibited at All Times

Oak Way, West Side, from Glendale Road to a point 125 feet south thereof.

Roll Called.

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

10. Ordinance No. P20-2018

Dogs in Parks (1st Reading)

Motion made by Commissioner Oliva and seconded by Commissioner D’Emilio to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. P20-2018 FURTHER AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 126: Parks, Playgrounds and Township Property, Article I Public Parks and Playgrounds.

Roll Called.

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

11. Ordinance No. P21-2018 Traffic (1st Reading)

Motion made by Commissioner McGarrity and seconded by Commissioner Oliva to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. P21-2018 authorizing the installation of traffic restrictions on the following highways:

Special Purpose Parking Zone:

In front of 9 Strathmore Road

Parking of All Vehicles Prohibited at all Times

Columbia Road, both sides, from W. Manoa to a point 400 feet north thereof

Roll Called.

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

12a. Resolution No. 2104-2018

- Motion made by Commissioner Hart and seconded by Commissioner McCloskey to adopt Resolution No. 2104-2018 resolving that Haverford Township will join other leading towns and cities to transition to 100% clean and renewable energy community-wide, and set a goal to complete this transition to 100% clean renewable electricity by 2035 and 100% renewable energy for heat and transportation by 2050;
- The Board of Commissioners will continue to use the Haverford Township Environmental Advisory Committee as a valuable source of guidance in the creation of an energy transition plan for achieving these goals, to include interim milestones, financial impacts, equity metrics, potential financing mechanisms and percentage of clean energy that is locally produced.
- The Board of Commissioners will encourage all Township residents to participate in the planning and implementation process;

- **The clean renewable energy will be defined as carbon-free and pollution-free energy generated sustainably from renewable sources such as wind, solar, small hydro, tidal, and geothermal;**
- **Locally produced and distributed energy is prioritized whenever feasible for the resilience benefits it provides to the community; and,**
- **Haverford Township will seek Sustainable PA Communities Certification to be recognized for its efforts by the public and in grant applications (Pennsylvania Municipal League: <http://www.sustainablepacommunitycertification.org/pages/certification-details>).**

Roll Called.

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

Commissioner Lewis received a letter from Haverford College’s President and read it aloud. Haverford College is supporting the two Resolutions being voted on tonight.

He thanked Haverford College for being a wonderful neighbor.

12b. Resolution No. 2105-2018

Motion made by Commissioner Hart and seconded by Commissioner D’Emilio to adopt Resolution No. 2105-2018 resolving that Haverford Township will benefit from the cooperation of other governments and elected officials, and therefore calls upon:

- **The Pennsylvania House Representatives and Senate to approve legislation that calls for a transition to 100% renewable electricity in Pennsylvania by 2035 as well as 100% renewable heat and transportation in the state by 2050.**
- **The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to increase the Alternative Energy Portfolio Standard to levels that put us on track to meet 100% renewable energy goals; and,**
- **The United States Congress to address climate change and enact sound, effective legislation with well-established economic benefits to put the United States on track to meet 100% renewable energy goals, such as restoring the October 15, 2012 Final Rule on Corporate Average Fuel Economy Standards and providing free market incentives such as a Carbon Fee and Dividend.**

Commissioner D’Emilio asked that this Resolution also be sent to the President of the United State. All Commissioners agreed.

Roll Called.

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

13. Contract Award/Rejection

Emergency Sanitary Sewer Repairs

Motion made by Commissioner McGarrity and seconded by Commissioner Lewis to award an Emergency Sanitary Sewer Repair contract to N. Abbonizio Contractors, Inc., in the amount of \$266,682.50; submitting the lowest responsible bid.

Roll Called.

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

Skatium Plaza

Motion made by Commissioner McGarrity and seconded by Commissioner Oliva to reject both Skatium Plaza bids at Veterans Park and to reevaluate the original opinion of probable cost.

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

No one spoke.

15. New business

Commissioner Wechsler is asking all event planners in the township to work with township staff when planning festivities that may fall on a religious holiday.

16. Other business

Steve D'Emilio – 1st Ward Commissioner

Commissioner D'Emilio will hold his constituent meeting on October 24th, 7 p.m. at the Manoa Fire House. Invited guests: State Representatives Santora and Leach. The trail will also be discussed.

Commissioner D'Emilio thanked all the Haverford Township Day volunteers. He also announced that Kelly Music will host the 1st Haverford Italian Festive on Saturday, October 13th and Sunday, October 14th at St. Denis. Commissioner D'Emilio will be the Grand Marshal.

He thanked the EAC for doing a fantastic job in preparing the two Resolutions. The township now owns two propane trucks.

Commissioner D'Emilio thanked Jim Taylor and wished him the best.

Mario A. Oliva – 2nd Ward Commissioner

Llanerch Fire Company will have an Open House on October 12th at 6 p.m.

Kevin McCloskey, Esquire – 3rd Ward Commissioner

Oakmont Fire House will have their Open House October 11th from 7 to 9 p.m.

November 6th is Election Day. Commissioner McCloskey stated that there is more power getting out to vote than placing an opinion on Social Media.

Dan Siegel, Esquire – 4th Ward Commissioner

Commissioner Siegel also spoke on the upcoming elections. Go to vote and voice your views.

Commissioner Siegel thanked the Parks Department for installing new playground equipment at Paddock Park.

Commissioners Siegel, McCloskey and Hart will hold their constituent meeting on November 7th, 7 p.m. in this room. County Council member, Kevin Madden will be present.

Larry Holmes, Esquire – 6th Ward Commissioner

Commissioner Holmes announced that the Human Relations Commission will host a Town Hall Meeting on Diversity and Inclusion on October 17th, 7 p.m. in this room.

Commissioner Holmes will hold his constituent meeting on October 23rd at Chestnutwold School.

Election Day is in 28 days, register to vote. By voting, this is a step to help make positive changes.

Andy Lewis – 5th Ward Commissioner

Commissioner Lewis announced that Ward 5, 3rd Precinct will be voting at Haverford College on November 6th.

Commissioner Lewis also said goodbye to Jim Taylor.

Jim McGarrity – 7th Ward Commissioner

Commissioner McGarrity also thanked Jim Taylor and wished him well.

Brookline Fire House Open House will be held this Friday from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. They will also hold a 50/50 drawing.

This weekend, Haverford College will hold the annual Billy Lake ALS Fundraiser from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Commissioner McGarrity indicated that he has been a part of Haverford Township Day the last 24 years.

Toys for Tots will begin in November.

Post 338 is looking for new members.

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

Commissioner Hart also announced that he and both Commissioners Siegel and McCloskey will hold a constituent meeting on November 7th at 7 p.m. in this room.

He congratulated Commissioner McCloskey for running in the 5K Run.

The Library will host a Dewey Decimal 5K Run on November 10th.

Commissioner Hart also thanked the EAC for the work they did in drafting the Climate Action Plan Resolution. Change begins with each individual.

William F. Wechsler – 9th Ward Commissioner

Commissioner Wechsler also thanked the EAC.

Commissioner Wechsler also announced that residents have the opportunity to vote on 94WIP Turkey Bowl 2018 website to see what team 94WIP should broadcast live on Thanksgiving Day. Sts. Dorothy/Bernadette/Sacred Heart or Haverford vs Upper Darby.

NO WORK SESSION IN NOVEMBER

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH

PRELIMINARY BUDGET MEETING: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH

17. All Commissioners voted to adjourn.