

EXECUTIVE SESSION – 6:00 P.M. – REAL ESTATE MATTER
PUBLIC HEARING – 6:30 P.M. – VACATE PANMURE ROAD
MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING
Board of Commissioners
Commissioners Meeting Room

February 9, 2015
Monday, 7:00 p.m.
Township of Haverford

1. **Opening of Meeting** – Mario A. Oliva, President, opened the meeting and indicated that the Board met in Executive Session prior to the meeting.

- a. Roll Call – All 9 Commissioners were present at roll call: Commissioners D’Emilio, Hall, Siegel, Heilmann, Holmes, McGarrity, Wechsler, Connell and Oliva.

Also present were: Lawrence J. Gentile, Township Manager, Gary Zlotnick, Township Auditor, James J. Byrne, Township Solicitor, Lori Hanlon Widdop and Tim Denny, Assistant Township Managers, Chief Carmen Pettine and Lt. Joseph Hagan, Aimee Cuthbertson, Finance Director and Dave Pennoni, Township Engineer.

Invited Guest: Janet Boccella, Administrator, Civil Service Commission

- b. Pledge of Allegiance led by St. Denis Boy Scout Troop #144.

2. **Proclamation**: Rich Caroto

Commissioners D’Emilio, Connell and McGarrity presented a proclamation to Rich Caroto for his many years of service.

3. **Township Auditor Update**

Mr. Zlotnick reviewed expenses for the period 1/13/2015 through 2/9/2015. He raised some questions, received answers that were to his satisfaction and found no irregularities.

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

Don Kelly – 135 E. Hathaway Lane

Mr. Kelly is speaking tonight in favor of the township hiring a Business Development Coordinator. This will help to bring in more revenue.

END OF REGISTERED SPEAKERS

Open Forum

Chad Brooks – 400 Campbell Avenue

Mr. Brooks spoke on Item 10 – the Grimes Center. The Board will vote tonight to change zoning to R4 or R6.

He also recommends that the township commissioners use twitter accounts to keep residents up to date on what is occurring in the township.

5. Approval of Minutes

Reorganization Meeting of January 5, 2015
Regular Meeting of January 12, 2015

Motion made by Commissioner Siegel and seconded by Commissioner Connell to approve the Reorganization Meeting Minutes of January 5, 2015 and the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 12, 2015.

Roll Called.

All 9 Commissioners voted Yes: Commissioners D’Emilio, Hall, Siegel, Heilmann, Holmes, McGarrity, Wechsler, Connell and Oliva.

6. Approval of Warrants

Motion made by Commissioner Holmes and seconded by Commissioner Wechsler to approve the following warrant #2-2015 totaling \$2,946,978.76

General & Sewer fund Payroll for January 15, 2015 in the amount of \$712,271.17

General & Sewer fund Payroll for January 29, 2015 in the amount of \$601,923.72

General Fund disbursements #2-2015 in the amount of \$1,404,288.64

Sewer Fund disbursements #2-2015 in the amount of \$79,088.10

Community Development Block Grant Fund disbursement #2-2015 in the amount of \$59,027.08

Home Grant Fund disbursement #2-2015 in the amount of \$8,664.00

Capital Projects Fund disbursement#2-2015 in the amount of \$74,235.42

Credit Card Statement ending January 6, 2015 in the amount of \$7,480.63

Roll Called.

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All 9 Commissioners voted Yes: Commissioners D'Emilio, Hall, Siegel, Heilmann, Holmes, McGarrity, Wechsler, Connell and Oliva.

7. 2 Year Contract Renewal - Chief Carmen Pettine

Motion made by Commissioner McGarrity and seconded by Commissioner D'Emilio to authorize the Township Manager to execute an employment agreement with Chief Carmen Pettine as the Township of Haverford Police Chief for a period of two years.

Roll Called.

All 9 Commissioners voted Yes: Commissioners D'Emilio, Hall, Siegel, Heilmann, Holmes, McGarrity, Wechsler, Connell and Oliva.

8. Approval – Police Department – Conditional Letter of Employment for three new officers

Motion made by Commissioner D'Emilio and seconded by Commissioner Connell to accept the Police Officer Entry Level Eligibility List.

All 9 Commissioners voted Yes: Commissioners D'Emilio, Hall, Siegel, Heilmann, Holmes, McGarrity, Wechsler, Connell and Oliva.

Motion: approve a Conditional Letter of Employment for three new officers.

***Mrs. Boccella, Civic Service Commission Administrator, was present to read the names of proposed entry level police officers and ask the board to approve a Conditional Letter of Employment for the three new officers.**

The first three names were: James Starr, Brian McDonald and Andrew Jones

Mrs. Boccella indicated that James Starr has Veteran's preference under the code and the Board is obligated to hire him.

Motion made by Commissioner McGarrity and seconded by Commissioner D'Emilio to appoint James Starr.

All 9 Commissioners voted Yes for Mr. Starr: Commissioners D'Emilio, Hall, Siegel, Heilmann, Holmes, McGarrity, Wechsler, Connell and Oliva.

The next three names were: Brian McDonald, Andrew Jones and Justin Echeverria.

Motion made by Commissioner McGarrity and seconded by Commissioner D'Emilio to appoint Brian McDonald.

All 9 Commissioners voted Yes for Mr. McDonald: Commissioners D'Emilio, Hall, Siegel, Heilmann, Holmes, McGarrity, Wechsler, Connell and Oliva.

The final three names were: Andrew Jones, Justin Echeverria and David Vernacchio. Mrs. Boccella stated that David Vernacchio is a Veteran and the board is obligated under the code to hire him.

Motion made by Commissioner McGarrity and seconded by Commissioner D'Emilio to appoint David Vernacchio.

All 9 Commissioners voted Yes for Mr. Vernacchio: Commissioners D'Emilio, Hall, Siegel, Heilmann, Holmes, McGarrity, Wechsler, Connell and Oliva.

9. Authorization

Part Time Business Development Coordinator

Motion made by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Commissioner Siegel to authorize the Township Manager to advertise and hire a part time Business Development Coordinator.

Discussion began concerning criteria for this position and if it will be a part time employee or consultant.

Motion made by Commissioner McGarrity and seconded by Commissioner Hall to TABLE.

Roll Called.

5 Commissioners voted Yes to TABLE: Commissioners Hall, Siegel, Holmes, McGarrity and Wechsler.

4 Commissioners voted No to TABLE: Commissioners D'Emilio, Heilmann, Connell and Oliva.

10. Ordinance No. P16-2014

Zoning Map Amendments (1st Reading)

Motion made by Commissioner McGarrity and seconded by Commissioner Hall to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. P16-2014 BY RECLASSIFYING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF CERTAIN PROPERTIES KNOWN AS DELAWARE COUNTY FOLIO NOS. 22-02-00651-00, 22-02-00652-00, 22-02-00653-00, 22-02-00708-00, 22-02-00707-00, 22-02-00706-00 AND 22-02-00705-00 FROM THE INS – INSTITUTIONAL DISTRICT

TO R-4 LOW- TO MEDIUM-DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT; DELAWARE COUNTY FOLIO NO. 22-02-00650-01 FROM INS – INSTITUTIONAL DISTRICT TO ROS – OUTDOOR RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT; DELAWARE COUNTY FOLIO NO. 22-03-00264-00 AND 22-03-00265-00 FROM INS – INSTITUTIONAL DISTRICT TO R-4 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT AND; DELAWARE COUNTY FOLIO NO. 22-03-00958-10 FROM R-5 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT TO ROS – OUTDOOR RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT.

Discussion began among Commissioners.

Roll Called.

8 Commissioners voted Yes: Commissioners D’Emilio, Hall, Siegel, Heilmann, McGarrity, Wechsler, Connell and Oliva.

1 Commissioner voted No: Commissioner Holmes.

11. Petition to Vacate Panmure Road

Motion: to approve the petition for the Vacation of Panmure Road.

***Motion made by Commissioner Heilmann and seconded by Commissioner Holmes to TABLE until next month.**

8 Commissioners Voted Yes: Commissioners D’Emilio, Hall, Heilmann, Holmes, McGarrity, Wechsler, Connell and Oliva.

Commissioner Siegel previously submitted a recusal letter.

12. Ordinance No. P2-2015 Traffic (2nd Reading)

Motion made by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Commissioner Wechsler to adopt the 2nd Reading of Ordinance No. P2-2015 authorizing traffic restrictions on the following highways:

STICKER PARKING ONLY:

Current: the entire length of Thompson Drive on both sides, from 12 pm to 12:00 am.

Amendment: the sticker parking will begin 130 feet north of Campbell Avenue on the east side and conclude 100 feet north of Campbell Avenue on the west side.

Roll Called.

All 9 Commissioners voted Yes: Commissioners D’Emilio, Hall, Siegel, Heilmann, Holmes, McGarrity, Wechsler, Connell and Oliva.

13. Ordinance No. P3-2015 Traffic (1st Reading)

Motion made by Commissioner Holmes and seconded by Commissioner McGarrity to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. P3-2015 authorizing traffic restrictions on the following highways:

SPECIAL PURPOSE PARKING ZONE:

**In front of 103 Juniper Road
In front of 2226 Bryn Mawr Avenue**

PARKING OF ALL VEHICLES PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES:

Amended to restrict parking on the west side of Darby Road from the north side of the Police Station driveway to 80 feet in a northerly direction (“No Parking Between Signs” would be installed in the amended location.)

PARKING TIME LIMITED:

Rescind: Parking on Moewyn Road on the north side for 2 hours (Ord. No. 2088)

Establish: PARKING OF ALL VEHICLES PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES (Section 175-91, Schedule XVI)

Restrict parking on Moewyn Road on the north side.

STICKER PARKING ONLY:

On the south side of Moewyn Road, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday – entire length.

Roll Called.

All 9 Commissioners voted Yes: Commissioners D'Emilio, Hall, Siegel, Heilmann, Holmes, McGarrity, Wechsler, Connell and Oliva.

14. Resolution No. 1965-2015 Establishment of Parking Meters

Motion made by Commissioner Connell and seconded by Commissioner McGarrity to adopt Resolution No. 1965-2015 authorizing the installation of six parking meters in front of the Skatium.

Roll Called.

All 9 Commissioners voted Yes: Commissioners D'Emilio, Hall, Siegel, Heilmann, Holmes, McGarrity, Wechsler, Connell and Oliva.

**15. Resolution No. 1966-2015 Highway Occupancy Permit
West Chester Pike & Old West Chester Pike**

Motion made by Commissioner D'Emilio and seconded by Commissioner Hall to adopt Resolution No. 1966-2015 authorizing the Township Manager to submit an Application for Traffic Signal Approval to the Department of Transportation.

Roll Called.

All 9 Commissioners voted Yes: Commissioners D'Emilio, Hall, Siegel, Heilmann, Holmes, McGarrity, Wechsler, Connell and Oliva.

**16. Resolution No. 1967-2015 Highway Occupancy Permit
West Chester Pike & North Lawrence Road**

Motion made by Commissioner D'Emilio and seconded by Commissioner Hall to adopt Resolution 1967-2015 authorizing the Township Manager to submit an Application for Traffic Signal Approval to the Department of Transportation.

Roll Called.

All 9 Commissioners voted Yes: Commissioners D'Emilio, Hall, Siegel, Heilmann, Holmes, McGarrity, Wechsler, Connell and Oliva.

17. Resolution No. 1968-2015 Karakung Drive Closed for Recreational Use on Sundays

Motion made by Commissioner Connell and seconded by Commissioner Hall to adopt Resolution No. 1968-2015 approving the closing of Karakung Drive commencing Sunday, and only Sundays, April 26, 2015 through Sunday, November 1, 2015 and authorizing the Deputy Chief to execute any documents with PaDot and be responsible for the safety and welfare of residents utilizing Karakung Drive.

Roll Called.

All 9 Commissioners voted Yes: Commissioners D'Emilio, Hall, Siegel, Heilmann, Holmes, McGarrity, Wechsler, Connell and Oliva.

18. Purchases:

a. Police Department

Motion made by Commissioner McGarrity and seconded by Commissioner D'Emilio to approve the purchase of three (3) marked and one (1) unmarked 2015 Chevrolet Tahoe police vehicles, from Hondru Fleet, 350 S. Main Street, Manheim, PA, under PA COSTARS #26 Contract, in the amount of \$152,713.15.

Roll Called.

All 9 Commissioners voted Yes: Commissioners D'Emilio, Hall, Siegel, Heilmann, Holmes, McGarrity, Wechsler, Connell and Oliva.

Motion made by Commissioner McGarrity and seconded by Commissioner D'Emilio to approve the purchase of one (1) 2015 Dodge Ram 1500 SSV police vehicle from Videon Chrysler Municipal Services, 4951 West Chester Pike, Newtown Square, PA, under PA COSTARS contract #013-121, in the amount of \$27,480.00.

Roll Called.

All 9 Commissioners voted Yes: Commissioners D'Emilio, Hall, Siegel, Heilmann, Holmes, McGarrity, Wechsler, Connell and Oliva.

b. Public Works

Traffic Adaptive System

Motion made by Commissioner Heilmann and seconded by Commissioner Siegel to approve the purchase of a Traffic Adaptive System for three intersections: West Chester Pike and Darby Road, West Chester Pike and Township Line and Township Line and Darby Road/Lansdowne Avenue from Rhythm Engineering in the amount of \$94,650.00

Roll Called.

All 9 Commissioners voted Yes: Commissioners D'Emilio, Hall, Siegel, Heilmann, Holmes, McGarrity, Wechsler, Connell and Oliva.

Sewer Department

Motion made by Commissioner Heilmann and seconded by Commissioner D'Emilio to approve the purchase of one 2015 F450 Cube Van with RS Technical Equipment from H A Dehart and Son, Thorofare, NJ, under PA Costars #025-052, in the amount of \$130,800.00.

Roll Called.

All 9 Commissioners voted Yes: Commissioners D'Emilio, Hall, Siegel, Heilmann, Holmes, McGarrity, Wechsler, Connell and Oliva.

Highway Sign Department

Motion made by Commissioner Heilmann and seconded by Commissioner D'Emilio to approve the purchase of one 2015 Ford F350 Utility Body Truck with Western Plow from Hondru Fleet, Manheim, PA, under PA Costars #125126, in the amount of \$36,895.10.

Roll Called.

All 9 Commissioners voted Yes: Commissioners D'Emilio, Hall, Siegel, Heilmann, Holmes, McGarrity, Wechsler, Connell and Oliva.

Sanitation Department

Motion made by Commissioner Heilmann and seconded by Commissioner McGarrity to approve the purchase of one Leach 20 Yard Trash Compactor, from Grand Turk, Bridgeport, PA, under Costars #025-046, in the amount of \$63,659.50.

Roll Called.

All 9 Commissioners voted Yes: Commissioners D'Emilio, Hall, Siegel, Heilmann, Holmes, McGarrity, Wechsler, Connell and Oliva.

Motion made by Commissioner Heilmann and seconded by Commissioner McGarrity to approve the purchase of one 2015 International Model 7400 4 x 2 Sanitation Truck, from Ransome International, West Chester Pa, under Costars #025-062, in the amount of \$92,799.00.

Roll Called.

All 9 Commissioners voted Yes: Commissioners D'Emilio, Hall, Siegel, Heilmann, Holmes, McGarrity, Wechsler, Connell and Oliva.

19. Appointments:

Environmental Advisory Committee

Ward 3 Mike Schaffer

Ward 4 Aurora Lizel

Ward 6 Ann D'Antonio

Historical Commission

Motion made by Commissioner Connell and seconded by Commissioner D'Emilio to appoint Andrea Smith to serve on the Historical Commission for a four (4) year term to expire on December 31, 2018.

Roll Called.

All 9 Commissioners voted Yes: Commissioners D'Emilio, Hall, Siegel, Heilmann, Holmes, McGarrity, Wechsler, Connell and Oliva.

Human Relations Commission

Motion made by Commissioner Connell and seconded by Commissioner McGarrity to appoint Patrick Oleskey to serve on the Human Relations Commission for a three (3) year term to expire on December 31, 2017.

Roll Called.

All 9 Commissioners voted Yes: Commissioners D'Emilio, Hall, Siegel, Heilmann, Holmes, McGarrity, Wechsler, Connell and Oliva.

Senior Citizens' Advisory Board

Ward 1 TABLED

Ward 5 TABLED

Ward 6 TABLED

Ward 9 TABLED

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

Michelle Alvare indicated that she likes when the meetings were 7:30 p.m.

21. New business

Motion made by Commissioner McGarrity and seconded by Commissioner Heilmann to add Shade Tree Commission appointment. All Commissioners agreed.

Motion made by Commissioner McGarrity and seconded by Commissioner Heilmann to appoint Joe Rastatter to serve on the Shade Tree Commission for a 5 year term to expire December 31, 2019.

Roll Called.

All 9 Commissioners voted Yes: Commissioners D'Emilio, Hall, Siegel, Heilmann, Holmes, McGarrity, Wechsler, Connell and Oliva.

22. Other business

Steve D'Emilio – 1st Ward Commissioner

Commissioner D'Emilio thanked the Public Works Department for all they do in getting township streets ready for potential snow.

He thanked the Police Chief and the department for being aggressive in placing two Do Not Block intersection signs at two different locations.

He also thanked all military personnel.

Jane Hall – 3rd Ward Commissioner

Commissioner Hall had nothing to report this month but also thanked Chief Pettine and looks forward to working with him another two years.

Dan Siegel, Esquire – 4th Ward Commissioner

Commissioner Siegel likes having the meetings begin at 7:00 P.M.

Commissioner Siegel made note of all the volunteers; including Commissioner Wechsler, that were on the call helping with the Blue Route accident and that they are to be admired.

Commissioner Siegel is appreciative to the Library and to Christine Faris. He donated two of his published books to the Library and indicated that books aren't going anywhere.

Jeff Heilmann – 5th Ward Commissioner

Commissioner Heilmann thanked Lori Widdop, Dave Pennoni, Lt. Hagan and Sgt. Bedrossian for attending a meeting he had with residents that live on Panmure and Old Buck Roads.

He will be having another meeting to find alternatives.

Larry Holmes, Esquire – 6th Ward Commissioner

Commissioner Holmes read aloud a letter he just received from Father Gallagher at St. Denis indicating he is fine with the Board voting to make the Grimes Center R4.

The Haverford Adult School will begin next week.

He also thanked Chief Pettine.

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Jim McGarrity – 7th Ward Commissioner

Commissioner McGarrity indicated that there is movement on the library issue.

Haverford Cheerleaders went to Florida for a competition and came in 4th in the country.

Wilbur Clevens would have been here tonight for Rich Caroto but due to the weather, he could not attend.

The Kevin Cain Run will be held March 29th. This year they will be selling tickets for a chance to go to a baseball game in Chicago.

William F. Wechsler – 9th Ward Commissioner

Commissioner Wechsler also thanked Chief Pettine.

Commissioner Wechsler announced that he receives phone calls from residents indicating that the Public Works Department employees that are on the street often do random acts of kindness for the elderly.

Chris Connell, Sr. – 8th Ward Commissioner

Commissioner Connell also congratulated Chief Pettine and thanked all of the fire department volunteers and public works employees.

He congratulated all the new appointees that were voted on tonight.

Tree Tenders will be planting trees April 25th and April 26th. They are also looking for volunteers.

February is Heart Healthy Month.

Mario A. Oliva – 2nd Ward Commissioner

Commissioner Oliva also acknowledged the Public Works Department and stated it is unbelievable what they do.

He also congratulated Chief Pettine.

He asked that everyone be mindful of black ice.

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23. All Commissioners agreed to adjourn .