

MINUTES

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

**June 9, 2015
TUESDAY, 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 to discuss Construction Managers.

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, Esquire, Esquire, Township Solicitor, James J. Byrne, Jr., Esquire, Township Solicitor, Lori Hanlon Widdop and Tim Denny, Assistant Township Managers, Deputy Chief Viola, Aimee Cuthbertson, Finance Director and Dave Pennoni, Township Engineer.

b. Opening Prayer led by Rev. Whitley, St. George’s Church

c. Pledge of Allegiance led by Deputy Chief Viola

2. State Representative Jamie Santora – Traffic Light Improvements on West Chester Pike

State Representative Santora has been in contact with Penn Dot’s Regional Director and Engineer. They will be checking the timers in the boxes. It is advised that the township pass a resolution having the Township Manager ask Penn Dot to do a study during am and pm peak hours.

Other items discussed: Lawrence Road traffic and Marple Road paving.

3. Larry Gentile – New Equipment

Mr. Gentile showed photos of two new pieces of equipment recently acquired by the township: a sophisticated sewer camera truck and a new recycling vehicle. The recycling truck was purchased through recycling grant money.

4. Township Auditor Update

Mr. Zlotnick, Township Auditor, stated that he reviewed expenses dated 5/12 through 6/9/15. He raised certain questions and found no irregularities.

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

Mike Levin- 414 Mill Road – Stormwater Issues and Grant Application/Proposed Projects

Highlights: aging and obsolete infrastructure, revenue only from taxable properties and the cost to correct. A committee needs to be formed.

He also spoke on Items 10, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16: Grant applications, the hiring of a Business Consultant and a proposed trail.

Three individuals spoke on the Harvard Road/McCandless Track Development and the recent finding of oil, DEP involvement, a fish kill and odor. Construction has been halted.

Messrs: Bielli, Booth and Freed (all live on Washington Avenue).

END OF REGISTERED SPEAKERS

No One Spoke during Open Forum.

Responses to Citizens' Forum

Mr. Gentile stated that the Sewer Line at the Quarry is an existing line that was part of the agreement to be repaired by the owner and then turned back over to the township.

The properties in the “stormwater” areas: grants will be filed.

The County Line Road Project: this is from CDBG money.

Mr. Pennoni and Ms. Widdop provided history and an update on the recent oil finding.

The report from DEP will be provided to Representative Vitali's office and then to the township.

This is DEP's job to monitor and regulate this type of issue and not the township.

There is nothing definitive about the fish kill.

A few Commissioners will be meeting at the site tomorrow night at 7 p.m.

6. Approval of Minutes Regular Meeting of May 11, 2015

Motion made by Commissioner D'Emilio and seconded by Commissioner Hall to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 11, 2015.

Roll Called.

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

Commissioner Heilmann abstained.

7. Approval of Warrants

Motion made by Commissioner Holmes and seconded by Commissioner Wechsler to approve the following warrant #6-2015 totaling \$3,192,650.82

General & Sewer fund Payroll for May 7, 2015 in the amount of \$604,155.26
General & Sewer fund Payroll for May 21, 2015 in the amount of \$664,027.57
General Fund disbursements #6-2015 in the amount of \$1,046,254.10
Sewer Fund disbursements #6-2015 in the amount of \$789,076.82
Community Development Block Grant Fund disbursement #6-2015
in the amount of \$50,815.43
HOME Grant Fund #6-2015 in the amount of \$20,422.50
Capital Projects Fund disbursement #6-2015 in the amount of \$14,102.80
Credit Card Statement ending May 6, 2015 in the amount of \$303.49
Credit Card Statement end May 27, 2015 in the amount of \$3,492.85

Roll Called.

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

8. Ordinance No. P11-2015 Sign Code Amendment (2nd Reading)

Motion made by Commissioner D’Emilio and seconded by Commissioner Heilmann to adopt the second reading of Ordinance No. P11-2015 BY REPEALING CHAPTER 154, SIGNS; AMENDING CHAPTER 182, ZONING, BY ADDING A DEFINITION FOR OFF-PREMISES ADVERTISING SIGNS AT §182-106.B; AND AMENDING VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF SECTION 182-701, SIGNS.

Roll Called.

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

9. Ordinance No. P12-2015 Zoning – Amendments to Accessory Structures (1st Reading)

Motion made by Commissioner D’Emilio and seconded by Commissioner Siegel to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. P12-2015 AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 182 (ZONING), BY REVISING PROVISIONS FOR ACCESSORY STRUCTURES.

Roll Called.

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

10. Ordinance No. P14-2015 Transfer of Sewer Lines and Open Channel Easement Agreement (1st Reading)

Motion made by Commissioner Wechsler and seconded by Commissioner D’Emilio to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. P14-2015 ACCEPTING THE TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OF SEWER LINES AND RELATED IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN AN EASEMENT AREA AND AUTHORIZING A SANITARY SEWER AND OPEN CHANNEL EASEMENT AGREEMENT ON A PROPERTY LOCATED AT 116 WEST TOWNSHIP LINE ROAD, HAVERTOWN, PA

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Roll Called.

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

**11. Ordinance No. P15-2015 Authorization the Grant of an Easement
(1st Reading)**

Motion made by Commissioner Siegel and seconded by Commissioner Wechsler to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. P15-2015 AUTHORIZING THE GRANT OF AN EASEMENT TO THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY UPON CERTAIN LANDS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HAVERFORD.

Roll Called.

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

12. Resolution No. 1977-2015 \$500,000 Flood Mitigation Application Grant

Motion made by Commissioner Connell and seconded by Commissioner McGarrity to adopt Resolution No. 1977-2015 designating Lawrence J. Gentile (Township Manager) as the official to execute all documents and agreements between the Township and the Commonwealth Financing Authority to Facilitate and assist in obtaining a Flood Mitigation Program (FMP) Grant in the amount of \$500,000 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for the construction of an underground retention facility at the Chatham Park Elementary School.

Roll Called.

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

**13. Resolution No. 1978-2015 \$250,000 Greenways, Trails and Recreation Grant
Application to purchase 224 Foster Avenue**

Motion made by Commissioner Connell and seconded by Commissioner Wechsler to adopt Resolution No. 1978-2015 designating Lawrence J. Gentile (Township Manager) as the official to execute all documents and agreements between the Township and the Commonwealth Financing Authority to Facilitate and assist in obtaining a Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program (GTRP) Grant in the amount of \$250,000 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for the acquisition of the property at 224 Foster Avenue and the redevelopment of the parcel into a Community Dog Park.

Roll Called.

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

**14. Resolution No. 1979-2015 \$250,000 Greenways, Trails and Recreation Grant
Application to purchase 328 Spring Road**

Motion made by Commissioner Connell and seconded by Commissioner McGarrity to adopt Resolution No. 1979-2015 designating Lawrence J. Gentile (Township Manager) as the official to execute all documents and agreements between the Township and the Commonwealth Financing Authority to Facilitate and assist in obtaining a Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program (GTRP) Grant in the amount of \$250,000 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for the acquisition of the property at 328 Spring Road and the redevelopment of the parcel into an Educational Stormwater Facility.

Roll Called.

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

15. Authorization

Haverford Township Free Library

Motion made by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Commissioner D’Emilio to authorize the Township Manager to enter into an agreement with Johnson Controls, Plymouth Meeting, PA, for a temporary cooler, in the amount of \$23,391.00; submitting the lowest responsible proposal.

Roll Called.

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

Haverford Township Free Library

Motion made by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Commissioner Heilmann to authorize the Township Manager to enter into an agreement with Johnson Controls, Plymouth Meeting, PA to purchase a 90 ton YORK Water Cooled Chiller, in the amount of \$71,987.00; submitting the lowest responsible proposal.

Roll Called.

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

Business Development/Economic Development Consultant

Motion made by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Commissioner Wechsler to authorize the Township Manager to hire an Economic Development Consultant for a period of 12 months.

12 months was changed to 6 months due to 2015 budgetary constraints.

Commissioner Hall indicated that 3 outstanding candidates were interviewed and the committee is recommending Graham Copeland of Downtown Dynamics.

Roll Called.

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

16. CONTRACT AWARDS

County Line Road Streetscape

Motion made by Commissioner Holmes and seconded by Commissioner McGarrity to award the County Line Road Streetscape Contract to Premier Concrete, Broomall, PA, in the amount of \$139,415.00; submitting the lowest responsible bid and 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, Hall, Siegel, Heilmann, Holmes, McGarrity, Wechsler, Connell and Oliva.

Newtown Trail 3 – Manoa Road to YMCA Segment

Motion made by Commissioner Connell and seconded by Commissioner Siegel to award the Newtown Trail 3 Contract to Gessler Construction Company, Media, PA, in the amount of \$428,565.00; submitting the lowest responsible bid and contingent upon their execution of the contract and supply of the required bonds and insurance.

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

Roll Called to TABLE.

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

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

Mr. Bieli again spoke on the Harvard Road property. The problem seems to still exist. How far is this going?

Discussion continued with the Board, Township Engineer and Assistant Township Manager.

A special meeting was discussed and to have DEP, Representative Vitali and the residents present.

Mike Levin – 414 Mill Road – the Trail

What is the trail going to be made of?

Mr. Gentile stated that this was tabled tonight because the township will be going back to DVRP to request more money and it will be paved with blacktop. The money was granted by the William Penn Foundation.

A few residents from Commissioner Hall's Ward were present to thank her for all her hard work and dedication since becoming a Commissioner.

Ken Lindstrom – 2564 Rosemont Avenue

Mr. Lindstrom stated that it is expensive to sell your home in Haverford Township due to curb repair and backflow valve installation.

Commissioner Hall indicated that she will revisit the curb ordinance before she leaves office.

18. New business

Commissioner D'Emilio made a motion to add to the agenda Resolution 1980-2015 – Application for the annual DUI Grant to the agenda tonight. This was seconded by Commissioner Wechsler.

All Commissioners voted Yes.

Motion was made by Commissioner D'Emilio and seconded by Commissioner Hall to adopt Resolution 1980-2015 authorizing the Township Manager to apply for the annual DUI Grant.

Roll Called.

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

Commissioner Wechsler made a motion to add to the agenda the hiring of a Construction Manager for the new municipal building. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Connell.

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

Motion made by Commissioner Wechsler and seconded by Commissioner Siegel to approve Reynold's Construction as the Construction Management firm to manage all aspects of the new municipal building, in the amount of \$347,700.

Roll Called.

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

19. Other business

Steve D'Emilio – 1st Ward Commissioner

Commissioner D'Emilio again stated that he is also concerned about the matter on Harvard Road and he will visit the site tomorrow night.

Jane Hall – 3rd Ward Commissioner

An open block party will be held on July 3rd on Cherry Lane.

July 4th celebration will be held on the 4th at Merwood Park.

She thanked the Board, Larry Gentile and Chris Faris for their help in obtaining the well needed a/c units.

Commissioner Hall stated that it is her pleasure to work with all the Board and residents and will continue to remain active in the township.

Dan Siegel, Esquire – 4th Ward Commissioner

Commissioner Siegel stated that he counts Commissioner Hall as a friend.

Commissioner Siegel also indicated the need for continual upgrades in communication; websites, mobile format. We will do more.

Jeff Heilmann – 5th Ward Commissioner

Coopertown will hold their 4th of July parade on July 1st beginning at 7 p.m – beginning at Clemson and Deer.

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Larry Holmes, Esquire – 6th Ward Commissioner

Commissioner Holmes stated that he will enjoy seeing Commissioner Hall the next 6 months.

Jim McGarrity – 7th Ward Commissioner

The Grange will hold the July 4th Celebration and are in need of more young volunteers.

The Heritage Festival was a great success.

The Grange also had an old 1900's wagon at the festival.

William F. Wechsler – 9th Ward Commissioner

Commissioner Wechsler also echoed previous compliments towards Commissioner Hall.

Hilltop Civic Association will sponsor a Movie Night at Steel Field on Saturday, June 20th.

The parade will begin on July 4th, beginning from the Bon Air Fire Company to Steel Field.

Chris Connell, Sr. – 8th Ward Commissioner

Commissioner Connell also acknowledged and thanked Commissioner Hall for her service.

He asked that people hang their flags proudly. Flag Day is June 14th.

He congratulated the Class of 2015 and reminded everyone to not speed while driving.

Many more young volunteers are requested to help with the July 4th Celebration.

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Mario A. Oliva – 2nd Ward Commissioner

Commissioner Oliva stated that he really enjoys having Commissioner Hall on the Board.

She always does what she thinks is the right thing to do.

20. All Commissioners agreed to adjourn.