

EXECUTIVE SESSION 6:30 P.M. – PERSONNEL/REAL ESTATE

MINUTES

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

**July 13, 2015
Monday, 7:00 p.m.
Township of Haverford**

1. Opening of Meeting – Vice President, Chris Connell, Sr., 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, Hall, Siegel, Heilmann, Holmes, McGarrity, Wechsler and Connell.

Commissioner Oliva was absent.

Also present were: Lawrence J. Gentile, Township Manager, Kaitlyn Searls, Esquire, Gary Zlotnick, CPA, Esquire, Lori Hanlon Widdop and Tim Denny, Assistant Township Managers, Deputy Chief John Viola and Aimee Cuthbertson, Finance Director

b. Opening Prayer led by Pastor David Stipp-Bethune, Llanerch Presbyterian Church

c. Pledge of Allegiance led by Deputy Chief Viola

2. Proclamations – Eagle Scouts: Ryan Hamilton, Zachary Eddy and Jacob Andrew Wolfe

Commissioner D'Emilio presented Ryan Hamilton his Eagle Scout Proclamation.

Eagle Scout Zachary Eddy was not present but Commissioner McGarrity read his proclamation aloud. Commissioner McGarrity originally presented the proclamation to Zachary the day of the ceremony.

Eagle Scout Jacob Wolfe was previously presented his proclamation the day of his ceremony and was not present tonight. Commissioner Siegel acknowledged Jacob and spoke very highly of him.

3. Township Auditor Update

Mr. Zlotnick stated he reviewed expenditures from 6/10 through 7/13. He made certain inquiries and his questions were answered to his satisfaction. He found no irregularities.

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

Dr. Levin – 414 Mill Road

Dr. Levin stated that he supports the No Smoking Ordinance in Playgrounds and Parks.

He also spoke on the Naylor's Run alleged site contamination and DEP/ EPA protocols. He is questioning if it is related to the superfund site.

David Freed – 548 Washington Avenue

Mr. Freed thanked various Commissioners for coming out to visit the McCandless property.

20 tons of soil was removed for testing and brought back. The builder began digging again and did hit some pipes - oil was released in the soil. The soil was brought for testing.

Dr. Levin – 414 Mill Road

Dr. Levin spoke on the proposed Chatham Park basin. Data was not presented by the engineer.

END OF REGISTERED SPEAKERS

Open Forum

Kevin McCloskey

Mr. McCloskey thanked the Board for the new bathroom at Merwood Park and asked that the bathroom be kept open.

RESPONSES TO CITIZENS FORUM

Commissioner Connell thanked Dr. Levin for voicing his concerns and his comments. His comments will be forwarded to the township engineer.

Commissioner D'Emilio suggested that a Special Meeting be held and have Representative Vitali, DEP and EPA present to discuss the issues at the new construction site on the old McCandless property..

Tim Denny stated that the Merwood Park new bathroom is kept locked due to vandalism. However, the Civic Association does have a key to open it but someone needs to supervise the bathroom when unlocked.

**5. Approval of Minutes Regular Meeting of June 9, 2015
Revised Minutes of March 9, 2015**

Motion made by Commissioner D’Emilio and seconded by Commissioner Wechsler to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 9, 2015 and the Revised Minutes of March 9, 2015.

Roll Called.

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

6. Approval of Warrants

Motion made by Commissioner Holmes and seconded by Commissioner McGarrity to approve the following warrant #7-2015 totaling \$4,154,094.68

- General & Sewer fund Payroll for June 4, 2015 in the amount of \$900,133.16**
- General & Sewer fund Payroll for June 18, 2015 in the amount of \$682,670.36**
- General & Sewer fund Payroll for July 2, 2015 in the amount of \$592,228.02**
- General Fund disbursements #7 in the amount of \$1,697,257.78**
- Sewer Fund disbursements #7-2015 in the amount of \$128,505.07**
- Community Development Block Grant Fund disbursement #7-2015 in the amount of \$32,633.11**
- Home Grant Fund disbursement #7-2015 in the amount of \$38,325.00**
- Capital Projects Fund disbursement #7-2015 in the amount of \$75,366.98**
- Credit Card Statement ending June 27, 2015 in the amount of \$6,975.20**

Roll Called.

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

**7. Ordinance No. P12-2015 Zoning – Amendments to Accessory Structures
(2nd Reading)**

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

Roll Called.

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

**8. Ordinance No. P14-2015 Transfer of Sewer Lines and Open Channel Easement
Agreement (2nd Reading)**

Motion made by Commissioner Wechsler and seconded by Commissioner D’Emilio to adopt the second 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

Roll Called.

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

9. Ordinance No. P15-2015

**Authorization the Grant of an Easement
(2nd Reading)**

Motion made by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Commissioner Siegel to adopt the second 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 8 Commissioners voted Yes: Commissioners D’Emilio, Hall, Siegel, Heilmann, Holmes, McGarrity, Wechsler and Connell.

10. Ordinance No. P17-2015

Traffic (1st Reading)

Motion made by Commissioner Heilmann and seconded by Commissioner Hall to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. P17-2015 authorizing traffic restrictions on the following highway:

Special Purposes Parking Zones:

in front of 414 Washington Avenue

in front of 652 Dayton Road

in front of 338 Darby Road

Roll Called.

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

11. Resolution No. 1981-2015

Fee Schedule

Motion made by Commissioner Holmes and seconded by Commissioner Siegel to adopt Resolution No. 1981-2015 approving a comprehensive fee schedule for the convenience and ease of the general public in determining Township fees for the cost of said services.

Discussion began: Commissioner Wechsler asked that Police Accident Reports be \$15.00 and Police Incidence Reports be \$15.00. Commissioner Siegel accepted the change.

Roll Called.

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

12. Resolution No. 1982-2015

Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant

Motion made by Commissioner Wechsler and seconded by Commissioner McGarrity to adopt Resolution No. 1982-2015 that Haverford Township hereby requests a Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant in the amount of \$450,000 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for multimodal, streetscape and pedestrian improvements along the west side of Darby Road from Strathmore Road to the Haverford Middle School and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners does hereby designate 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 the requested grant.

Roll Called.

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

13. Non-Uniform and Uniform Police Defined Benefit Pension Plans

Motion made by Commissioner Holmes and seconded by Commissioner D'Emilio to approve reduction of interest rate assumption from 8.5% to 8.25% for actuarial valuation purposes of both the Non-Uniform and Police Defined Benefit Pension Plans as of 1/1/2015.

Roll Called.

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

14. CONTRACT AWARDS

Newtown Trail 3 – Manoa Road to YMCA Segment

Motion made by Commissioner Hall 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.

Roll Called.

5 Commissioners Voted Yes: Commissioners Hall, Siegel, Heilmann, Holmes and Wechsler.

3 Commissioners Voted No: Commissioners D’Emilio, McGarrity and Connell.

Robinson Avenue Culvert Replacement

Motion made by Commissioner Siegel and seconded by Commissioner McGarrity to award the Robinson Avenue Culvert Replacement to Donato Spaventa and Sons, Inc. of Philadelphia, PA, in the amount of \$246,117.00, submitting the lowest responsible bid.

Roll Called.

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

15. New business

Commissioner Hall asked if Mr. Pennoni can provide an update on Act 99 (this is being proposed to be incorporated during the Use and Occupancy Permit. The sanitary sewer line would be inspected. It is expensive.

She would also like Representative Vitali come to one of the board’s meeting before she leaves the end of the year.

She is asking the solicitor’s office to research term limits for Commissioners.

16. Other business

Steve D'Emilio – 1st Ward Commissioner

Commissioner D'Emilio announced that on Tuesday, August 4th from 6 to 8:30 p.m., Haverford Township Police Department will be at the Quarry Center for the 32nd National Night Out. There will be food and games and a chance to meet and greet our K-9's. All residents are asked to lock their doors and turn on outside lights and sit with neighbors.

Jane Hall – 3rd Ward Commissioner

The Haverford Township Civic Association has formed a new committee for 2015-2016 – “Haverford in Bloom”. They will be adopting various sections in the township to add to the already established gardens. The train station areas will be included.

Dan Siegel, Esquire – 4th Ward Commissioner

The Paddock Farms Civic Association will be holding a concert featuring Grammy Award singer, John Flynn, on August 1st.

Jeff Heilmann – 5th Ward Commissioner

Nothing to report this month.

Larry Holmes, Esquire – 6th Ward Commissioner

Commissioner Holmes thanked all the volunteers from SABA that helped with all the preparations for the July 4th event at Elwell Field.

James McGarrity – 7th Ward Commissioner

Commissioner McGarrity congratulated all the Eagle Scouts.

He announced the grand opening of McKenna's Kitchen on Darby Road.

The Grange is open on the weekends for tours.

William F. Wechsler – 9th Ward Commissioner

Commissioner Wechsler thanked the Hilltop Civic Association, Bon Air and Manoa Fire Companies, for hosting and their participation on July 4th.

Chris Connell, Sr. – 8th Ward Commissioner

Commissioner Connell thanked all staff and the Recreation Department for their annual summer program. Life Be In It Day is July 31st.

Commissioner Connell thanked Jack Cunningham for organizing this year's festivities on the 4th and a thank you to both Llanerch and Brookline Fire Companies.

He also announced three new restaurants: Slice a Pizza, Have a Burger (at the Skatium) and McKenna's Kitchen.

17. All Commissioners agreed to adjourn.