

EXECUTIVE SESSION – 6:30 p.m. – PERSONNEL

MINUTES

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

**December 14, 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 to discuss real estate and a personnel matter.

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

b. Opening Prayer led by Rev. Bakalian

c. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Presentation by Mario A. Oliva, President of the Board of Commissioners

Commissioners Siegel and Wechsler presented Commissioner Heilmann his thank you gift for serving as Township Commissioner.

Commissioners Oliva and Connell presented Commissioner Hall her thank you gift for serving as Township Commissioner.

Both Commissioners Heilmann and Hall stated their sincere thanks.

3. Township Auditor Update – Mr. Zlotnick was absent. Commissioner Holmes indicated that Mr. Zlotnick reviewed and questioned disbursements. The answers were to his satisfaction.

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

Mike Levin – 414 Mill Road – various topics (see attachment which he read aloud)

Mike Armand and Christine Henzy – Skate Board Park Proposal (see attachment)

*DEP will be at the Harvard Road site on December 21st at 10:30 a.m. to review the report.

END OF REGISTERED SPEAKERS

Open Forum – no one spoke

5. Budget Hearing and Adoption

Commissioner Holmes indicated that the only change was the addition of \$75,000 for the Economic Development contractual position to expenses.

A. Review Any Changes to 2016 Preliminary Budget

Motion made by Commissioner Holmes and seconded by Commissioner Heilmann to accept any changes to the 2016 Preliminary Budget.

Roll Called.

7 Commissioners voted Yes: Commissioners Hall, Siegel, Heilmann, Holmes, Wechsler, Connell and Oliva.

2 Commissioners voted No: Commissioners D’Emilio and McGarrity

B. Ordinance No. P28-2015 Sewer Rental Charge (final reading)

Motion made by Commissioner Holmes and seconded by Commissioner Wechsler to adopt the final reading of Ordinance No. P28-2015 authorizing the imposition of an annual sewer rate in the amount of \$4.70 per 1,000 gallons of water consumed.

Roll Called.

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

C. Ordinance No. P29-2015 Trash Fee (final reading)

Motion made by Commissioner Holmes and seconded by Commissioner Siegel to adopt the final reading of Ordinance No. P29-2015 establishing the annual trash fee at \$194.00.

Roll Called.

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

D. Ordinance No. 2771-2015 Tax Levy (first reading is a final reading)

Motion made by Commissioner Holmes and seconded by Commissioner Connell to adopt Ordinance No. 2771-2015 fixing the tax rate for the year 2016 at 7.785 mills.

Roll Called.

7 Commissioners voted Yes: Commissioners Hall, Siegel, Heilmann, Holmes, Wechsler, Connell and Oliva.

2 Commissioners voted No: Commissioners D'Emilio and McGarrity

E. Ordinance No. 2772- 2015 Budget Appropriations (first reading is a final reading)

Motion made by Commissioner Holmes and seconded by Commissioner Connell to adopt Ordinance No. 2772-2015 appropriating funds established to be required for the specific purpose of financing the municipal government for the year 2016 including all taxes, fees, service charges and other revenue sources provided within all funds.

Roll Called.

8 Commissioners Voted Yes: Commissioners Hall, Siegel, Heilmann, Holmes, McGarrity, Wechsler, Connell and Oliva.

1 Commissioner Voted No: Commissioner D'Emilio

END OF BUDGET PORTION

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

6. Approval of Minutes

**Regular Meeting Minutes of November 9, 2015
Preliminary Budget Meeting of November 16, 2015**

Motion made by Commissioner Wechsler and seconded by Commissioner Siegel to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 9, 2015 and the Preliminary Budget Meeting Minutes of November 16, 2015.

Roll Called.

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

Approval of Warrants

Motion made by Commissioner Holmes and seconded by Commissioner Hall to approve the following warrant #12-2015 totaling \$7,848,802.58

**General & Sewer fund Payroll for November 5, 2015 in the amount of \$590,601.50
General & Sewer fund Payroll for November 19, 2015 in the amount of \$614,559.98
General & Sewer fund Payroll for December 3, 2015 in the amount of \$915,967.18
General Fund disbursements #12-2015 in the amount of \$4,595,149.91
Sewer Fund disbursements #12-2015 in the amount of \$315,700.22
Community Development Block Grant Fund disbursement #12-2015
in the amount of \$101,584.73
HOME Fund disbursement #12-2015 in the amount of \$34,031.25
Capital Projects Fund disbursement #12-2015 in the amount of \$211,465.40
Scheduled Debt Service – Interest on 2010 GO Bonds in the amount of \$463,281.25
Credit Card Statement ending November 27, 2015 in the amount of \$6,461.16**

Roll Called.

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

7. Ordinance No. P13A-2015

Zoning Reclassification (2nd Reading)

Motion made by Commissioner Wechsler and seconded by Commissioner Hall to adopt the 2nd Reading of Ordinance No. P13A-2015 amending the supplementing the General Laws of the Township of Haverford, Chapter 182, "Zoning" by reclassifying the Zoning Classification of certain properties known as Delaware County Folio NO. 22-07-00338-00, DARBY ROAD FROM INS- INSTITUTIONAL DISTRICT TO C-3 GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT; DELAWARE COUNTY FOLIO NO. 22-07-00934-00, MANOA ROAD TO REVISE THE INS-INSTITUTIONAL DISTRICT BOUNDARY LINE; DELAWARE COUNTY FOLIO NO. 22-07-00278-00, COLUMBIA ROAD.

Roll Called.

8 Commissioners voted Yes: Commissioners Hall, Siegel, Heilmann, Holmes, McGarrity, Wechsler, Connell and Oliva.

Commissioner D'Emilio abstained.

9. Ordinance No. P13C-2015

Zoning Reclassification (2nd Reading)

Motion made by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Commissioner Siegel to adopt the 2nd Reading of Ordinance No. P13C-2015 DELAWARE COUNTY FOLIO NOS. 22-02-00709-00, 22-02-00650-00 FROM THE INS – INSTITUTIONAL DISTRICT TO R-4 LOW- TO MEDIUM-DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT.

Roll Called.

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

10. Ordinance No. P27-2015

Traffic (2nd reading)

Motion made by Commissioner Connell and seconded by Commissioner McGarrity to adopt the second reading of Ordinance No. P27-2015 establishing traffic restrictions on the following highways:

Stop Intersections

on Farwood Road at both northbound and southbound directions where it intersects with Severn Lane, and the westbound direction of Severn Lane where it intersects with Farwood Road, making this a 3-way stop intersection.

Parking of All Vehicles Prohibited at All Times

on the West side of Belmont Avenue from Loraine Street to Willow Avenue.

Roll Called.

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

11. Ordinance No. P30-2015

Chapter 95, Garbage, Rubbish & Refuse (1st Reading)

Motion made by Commissioner Heilmann and seconded by Commissioner Wechsler to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. P30-2015 FURTHER AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 95, GARBAGE, RUBBISH AND REFUSE. The size of each container shall not exceed fifty (50) gallon capacity.

Roll Called.

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

**12. Amendment to Ordinance No. 1992-1987 Agreement between Delaware County
Solid Waste and the Township of Haverford**

Motion made by Commissioner Wechsler and seconded by Commissioner Connell to adopt Ordinance No. 2774-2015 amending Ordinance No. 1992-2015 extending the agreement for a period of twenty five years and said term shall commence on January 1, 2017.

Roll Called.

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

13. Resolution No. 1991-2015 Township Meetings

Motion made by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Commissioner Connell to adopt Resolution No. 1991-2015 giving public notice of date, time, and place of meetings held by the Board of Commissioners and the various Boards and Commissions of the Township of Haverford for the year 2016.

Roll Called.

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

14. Resolution No. 1992-2015 Land Development – 5 Llandillo Road

Motion made by Commissioner Connell and seconded by Commissioner Wechsler to adopt Resolution No. 1992-2015 approving the Minor Subdivision & Land Development Plan for Llandillo Road Development Partners, LLC, for the property at 5 Llandillo Road, Haverford Township, Delaware County, has been submitted to permit the subdivision of D.C. Folio No. 22-02-00709-00 into two lots, each containing approximately 6,250 square feet, and for the development of D.C. Folio No. 22-02-00650-00 by converting the existing 2-story stone building into 13 apartment units with associated parking. The subject property is zoned R-4 Residential District, and is located in the 2nd Ward. The aforesaid plans were prepared by Maser Consulting P.A., Philadelphia, PA, dated 9/21/15 and last revised on November 25, 2015; subject to the recommendations of the Township Engineer and the Planning Commission.

Roll Called.

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

15. Resolution No. 1993-2015

Multi-Modal Transportation Grant

Motion made by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Commissioner D'Emilio to adopt Resolution No. 1993-2015 authorizing Lawrence J. Gentile (Township Manager) as the official to execute all documents and agreements between the Township and the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation to Facilitate and assist in obtaining a Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant in the amount of \$451,000 from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation to be used for multimodal, streetscape and pedestrian improvements along the west side of Darby Road from Strathmore Road to the Haverford Middle School.

Roll Called.

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

16. Contract Awards

Finance Department

Motion made by Commissioner Holmes and seconded by Commissioner McGarrity to award the administration and collection of business privilege, mercantile and local services tax to Tri-State Financial Group, LLC of Bridgeport, PA for the period January 1, 2016 thru December 31, 2017.

Roll Called.

All 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

David Freed – Harvard Road

Mr. Freed spoke on the continual issues to the residents on Harvard Road.

Jeff Steigerwalt – 2036 Belvedere Road – Llandillo Road

Mr. Steigerwalt thanked the board for a unanimous vote.

He also indicated that there will be 13 apartments and 2 residential homes built on the property. He spoke about the traffic study and indicated that a light issue needs to be addressed.

Christine Faris – Director of the Library

Mrs. Faris thanked the Board, Larry Gentile, all Police and EMS staff and a special thank you to Jeff Heilmann and Jane Hall.

Scott McCullin – 307 Virginia Avenue

Mr. McCullin indicated that there is stagnant water and odors from the flow of water on Virginia Avenue.

18. New business

Commissioner Connell indicated that the Police Department will be celebrating their 100th Anniversary. Deputy Chief Viola indicated that two officers have volunteered to work on a celebration. Commissioner D'Emilio also offered his assistance.

Mr. Gentile announced a new initiative. The County has upgraded the reverse 911 Emergency Contact Notification System and will not cost the township any money. Again, we will have a community outreach to obtain resident's cell numbers. They cannot be transferred over from the older version.

19. Other business

Steve D'Emilio – 1st Ward Commissioner

Commissioner D'Emilio publically thanked Commissioners Hall and Heilmann for their countless hours and dedication.

He thanked all Emergency Services personnel and wished everyone a peaceful New Year!

Jane Hall – 3rd Ward Commissioner

Commissioner Hall thanked Commissioner Wechsler for appointing her four years ago as the Library Liaison. She has worked well with Christine Faris.

She wished Happy Holidays to all!

Dan Siegel, Esquire – 4th Ward Commissioner

Commissioner Siegel commended the Public Works Department on this year's leaf collection. They township collected approximately 7,000 tons of leaves this year. This is a significant savings in dumping fees to the township.

He also thanked the Board for adding a staff position. This individual will be responsible for updating media.

He hopes that this Board will continue to be bi-partisan.

He thanked Commissioners Heilmann and Hall.

Jeff Heilmann – 5th Ward Commissioner

Commissioner Heilmann indicated that he had only missed 4 Work Sessions while serving as Commissioner. He plans to continue attending meetings.

Larry Holmes, Esquire – 6th Ward Commissioner

Commissioner Holmes stated that Commissioner Heilmann was an excellent advocate for the 5th Ward. The two may have disagreed at certain times - but always shook hands.

He also indicated that when he first met Commissioner Hall, he knew the 3rd Ward was in great hands.

Jim McGarrity – 7th Ward Commissioner

Commissioner McGarrity stated that this year's Toys for Tots Campaign was very successful. The toys collected this year was larger than last year. Friday evening's celebration at the Brookline Fire House was also successful! He thanked numerous individuals: Victor Berg, Fran McGarrity, granddaughter Chrissy, Ken Richardson, Al DeFelice, Larry Gentile and Gloria Cugini. A special thanks to Santa.

He encouraged everyone to visit the train display at the Grange and to also tour the mansion. Commissioner McGarrity thanked Mr. & Mrs. Chas Brooks for their decorating talents and volunteer, Connor Quinn.

He reminded everyone that dogs need to be on a leash and not run at large.

William F. Wechsler – 9th Ward Commissioner

Commissioner Wechsler made note that the Manoa Fire Company contributed over \$800 to purchase toys for the Toys for Tots Campaign.

Commissioner Wechsler also thanked Commissioners Heilmann and Hall for their service and stated that no one can ever criticize the service you provided.

Chris Connell – 8th Ward Commissioner

Commissioner Connell also extended his thanks to both Commissioners Heilmann and Hall.

He also thanked Kathleen for standing by Jeff Heilmann and Jeff standing by Jane while they were Commissioners. Spouses also play a large role.

Commissioner Connell announced that Sunday was Llanerch Fire Company's Santa Sunday in the 8th Ward and more are coming throughout the township.

He thanked all paid and volunteer staff and wished everyone a Happy Hanukkah and a Merry Christmas.

Mario A. Oliva – 2nd Ward Commissioner

Commissioner Oliva also offered thanks to Commissioners Heilmann and Hall. He stated that we have a very good Board and we have moved forward.

20. All Commissioners agreed to adjourn.

Happy and Safe Holiday to ALL!

Board of Commissioners 2016 Reorganization Meeting – Monday, January 4, 2016

7:30 PM