

EXECUTIVE SESSION – 6:30 PM – REAL ESTATE

MINUTES

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

**January 9, 2017
Monday, 7:00 p.m.
Township of Haverford**

1. **Opening of Meeting** – Chris Connell, Sr., President, opened the meeting and indicated that the Board met in Executive Session prior to the meeting to discuss a real estate and legal matter.
 - a. **Roll Call** – 8 Commissioners were present at roll call: Commissioners D’Emilio, McCloskey, Siegel, Lewis, McGarrity, Wechsler, Oliva and Connell.

Commissioner Holmes was absent.

Also present were: Lawrence J. Gentile, Township Manager, James J. Byrne, Jr., Esquire, Township Solicitor, Lori Hanlon Widdop and Tim Denny, Assistant Township Managers, Chief John Viola, Aimee Cuthbertson, Finance Director and Dave Pennoni, Township Engineer.

- b. **Opening Prayer:** Chaplain Casey Bien-Aime from Lankenau Hospital

Commissioner Connell asked for a moment of silence for Dori Lasorsa, longtime Public Works staff employee.

- c. **Pledge of Allegiance**

2. **Proclamation** – Cross Country Coaches National Youth Championship team received individual proclamations from Commissioners McGarrity, Oliva, McCloskey and Connell

Eagle Scouts – Marcus Jacob Shera received his Eagle Scout Proclamation from Commissioner Lewis.

Alex Matthew Greene received his Eagle Scout Proclamation from Commissioner Connell.

3. Construction Manager Update – Mr. Brennan from Reynolds Construction

Mr. Brennan stated that there were zero change orders this month. Progress has picked up significantly, January 17th - steel framework should begin and underground plumbing is currently being worked on. He will have a completion date tomorrow.

4. Police Department – Crime Update

Chief Viola reported on December's citations, parking tickets, warnings, CVS robbery (suspect was detained), home burglaries and vehicle break ins and stolen vehicles. He was happy to report that an arrest has been made and actor did take ownership of recent home burglaries. Great job for the detective in charge of this investigation.

5. Township Auditor Update

Mr. Zlotnick was absent from tonight's meeting. Mr. Zlotnick asked Mr. Gentile to make a statement on his behalf. Mr. Zlotnick reviewed the expenditures for the month, raised several questions and received satisfactory responses.

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

No one registered to speak.

No one from the audience spoke.

7. Approval of Minutes Budget/Regular Meeting Minutes of December 12, 2016

Motion made by Commissioner D'Emilio and seconded by Commissioner Oliva to approve the Budget/Regular Meeting Minutes of December 12, 2016.

Roll Called.

All 8 Commissioners voted Yes: Commissioners D’Emilio, McCloskey, Siegel, Lewis, McGarrity, Wechsler, Oliva and Connell

8. Approval of Warrants

Motion made by Commissioner McGarrity and seconded by Commissioner Siegel to approve the following warrant #1-2017 totaling \$3,139,018.02

General & Sewer fund Payroll for December 15, 2016 in the amount of \$664,154.31

General & Sewer fund Payroll for December 29, 2016 in the amount of \$652,671.81

General Fund disbursements #1-2017 in the amount of \$1,046,242.46

Sewer Fund disbursements #1-2017 in the amount of \$146,946.86

Community Development Block Grant Fund disbursement #1-2017 in the amount of \$60,899.29

Home Grant Fund #1-2017 in the amount of \$690.00

Capital Projects Fund disbursement #1-2017 in the amount of \$557,655.93

Credit Card Statement ending December 27, 2016 in the amount of \$9,757.36

Roll Called.

All 8 Commissioners voted Yes: Commissioners D’Emilio, McCloskey, Siegel, Lewis, McGarrity, Wechsler, Oliva and Connell

9. Ordinance No. P27-2016 Amend Chapter 136 – Police Services (2nd Reading)

Motion made by Commissioner D’Emilio and seconded by Commissioner McGarrity to adopt the second reading of Ordinance No. P27-2016 amending Chapter 136 – Police Services.

Roll Called.

All 8 Commissioners voted Yes: Commissioners D’Emilio, McCloskey, Siegel, Lewis, McGarrity, Wechsler, Oliva and Connell

10. Ordinance No. P28-2016

Traffic (2nd Reading)

Motion made by Commissioner McGarrity and seconded by Commissioner D’Emilio to adopt the second reading of Ordinance No. P28-2016 authorizing traffic restrictions on the following highways:

Establish: STOP SIGNS

On Harvard Road at both eastbound and westbound directions where it intersects with the Pennsy Trail.

Roll Called.

All 8 Commissioners voted Yes: Commissioners D’Emilio, McCloskey, Siegel, Lewis, McGarrity, Wechsler, Oliva and Connell

11. Ordinance No. P1-2017

Animal Control – Invisible Fences (1st Reading)

Motion made by Commissioner McGarrity and seconded by Commissioner D’Emilio to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. P1-2017 AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING ORDINANCE NO. 1960, ADOPTED JUNE 30, 1986, AND KNOWN AS THE “GENERAL LAWS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HAVERFORD”, FURTHER AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 49, ANIMALS.

Discussion began concerning setbacks and signage.

This Ordinance will have language changes and be placed on the February Work Session Agenda for further discussion.

Motion made by Commissioner D’Emilio and seconded by Commissioner Oliva to TABLE.

Roll Called.

6 Commissioners voted Yes to TABLE: Commissioners D’Emilio, McCloskey, McGarrity, Wechsler, Oliva and Connell.

2 Commissioners voted No to TABLE: Commissioners Siegel and Lewis.

12. Resolution No. 2035-2017

Destruction of Financial Documents

Motion made by Commissioner Lewis and seconded by Commissioner McGarrity to adopt Resolution No. 2035-2017 authorizing the disposition of the public records itemized in Resolution.

Roll Called.

All 8 Commissioners voted Yes: Commissioners D’Emilio, McCloskey, Siegel, Lewis, McGarrity, Wechsler, Oliva and Connell

13. Resolution No. 2036-2017

Liquid Fuels – On line reporting

Motion made by Commissioner McGarrity and seconded by Commissioner D’Emilio to adopt Resolution No. 2036-2017 authorizing the Township’s participation in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania’s dotGrants on-line reporting system to file the annually required Liquid Fuels forms.

Both this Resolution and the next pertain to Radar Signs to track speeding and reports back to PaDot.

Roll Called.

All 8 Commissioners voted Yes: Commissioners D’Emilio, McCloskey, Siegel, Lewis, McGarrity, Wechsler, Oliva and Connell

14. Resolution No. 2037-2017

Application for Traffic Signal Approval

Motion made by Commissioner Wechsler and seconded by Commissioner McGarrity to adopt Resolution No. 2037-2017 authorizing the Chief of Police, John Viola to file application with the Pa Department of Transportation for traffic signal approval between Lindale Avenue and Morgan Avenue.

Roll Called.

All 8 Commissioners voted Yes: Commissioners D’Emilio, McCloskey, Siegel, Lewis, McGarrity, Wechsler, Oliva and Connell

15. Resolution No. 2038-2017

Application for Traffic Signal Approval

Motion made by Commissioner Wechsler and seconded by Commissioner McGarrity to adopt Resolution No. 2038-2017 authorizing the Chief of Police, John Viola to file application with the Pa Department of Transportation for traffic signal approval North of Foss Avenue.

Roll Called.

All 8 Commissioners voted Yes: Commissioners D'Emilio, McCloskey, Siegel, Lewis, McGarrity, Wechsler, Oliva and Connell

16. Purchases

Police Vehicles

Motion made by Commissioner D'Emilio and seconded by Commissioner Oliva to authorize the purchase of six (6) 2017 Chevrolet Tahoe police vehicles from Hondru Chevrolet, Manheim, PA, under COSTARS Contract #26, in the amount of \$240,110.00.

Roll Called.

All 8 Commissioners voted Yes: Commissioners D'Emilio, McCloskey, Siegel, Lewis, McGarrity, Wechsler, Oliva and Connell

Public Works

Tree Crew

Motion made by Commissioner McGarrity and seconded by Commissioner Wechsler to authorize the purchase of one (1) fully configured FA Model attachment (chipper) for the new Tree Truck Bucket Truck, from Altec Environmental Products, Birmingham, AL, in the amount of \$38,900.00.

Roll Called.

All 8 Commissioners voted Yes: Commissioners D'Emilio, McCloskey, Siegel, Lewis, McGarrity, Wechsler, Oliva and Connell

Highway Department

Motion made by Commissioner McGarrity and seconded by Commissioner Oliva to authorize the purchase of one (1) Elgin Broom Dual Mounted Sweeper mounted on International 4400 Chassis, from GrandTurk Equipment Co, Bridgeport, PA, under CoStars 025-046 Contract, in the amount of \$256,366.25.

Roll Called.

All 8 Commissioners voted Yes: Commissioners D'Emilio, McCloskey, Siegel, Lewis, McGarrity, Wechsler, Oliva and Connell

Motion made by Commissioner McGarrity and seconded by Commissioner D'Emilio to authorize the purchase of two (2) 2017 Ford Super Duty F-350 Pick Up Trucks, one with Western V Plow and the other with one Utility Body and Lift Gate, from Hondru Ford, Manheim, PA, under CoStars 25-006 Contract, in the amount of \$74,651.00.

Roll Called.

All 8 Commissioners voted Yes: Commissioners D'Emilio, McCloskey, Siegel, Lewis, McGarrity, Wechsler, Oliva and Connell

Sewer Department

Motion made by Commissioner Wechsler and seconded by Commissioner McGarrity to authorize the purchase of one (1) 2017 Ford Super Duty F-350 Pick Up Truck with Western V Plow, from Hondru Ford, Manheim, PA, under CoStars 25-006 Contract, in the amount of \$33,408.00.

Roll Called.

All 8 Commissioners voted Yes: Commissioners D'Emilio, McCloskey, Siegel, Lewis, McGarrity, Wechsler, Oliva and Connell

17. Appointments

Civil Service Commission (Alternate Position) – 6 Year Term

Motion made by Commissioner D’Emilio and seconded by Commissioner McGarrity to appoint Chris Lerario to serve on the Civil Service Commission for a 6 year term to expire December 31, 2022.

Motion made by Commissioner Siegel and seconded by Commissioner McCloskey to appoint Philip Goldsmith to serve on the Civil Service Commission for a 6 year term to expire December 31, 2022.

Discussion began. Mr. Lerario is resigning from the Vacancy Committee and would like to serve on the Civil Service Commission.

Mr. Lerario needs to submit his letter of resignation before being nominated to serve on another board.

Motion made by Commissioner D’Emilio and seconded by Commissioner Oliva to TABLE.

5 Commissioners voted Yes to TABLE: Commissioners D’Emilio, Lewis, McGarrity, Oliva and Connell.

3 Commissioners voted No to TABLE: Commissioners McCloskey, Siegel and Wechsler.

Environmental Advisory Committee – 2 Year Term

Ward 3 TABLED

Ward 5 Victor Barsky

Ward 6 TABLED

Ice Rink Advisory – 3 Year Term

Motion made by Commissioner Oliva and seconded by Commissioner McGarrity to TABLE to fill an unexpired three year term on the Ice Rink Advisory Board to expire December 31, 2018.

Roll Called.

All 8 Commissioners voted yes to TABLE: Commissioners D’Emilio, McCloskey, Siegel, Lewis, McGarrity, Wechsler, Oliva and Connell

Library Board of Trustees - 3 Year Term

Motion made by Commissioner McGarrity and seconded by Commissioner Oliva to reappoint Angela Gasparro to serve as a Library Board of Trustee for a three year term to expire December 31, 2019.

Motion made by Commissioner McCloskey and seconded by Commissioner Siegel to appoint Margaret Fox-Tully to serve as a Library Board of Trustee for a three year term to expire December 31, 2019.

Motion to close made by Commissioner D’Emilio and seconded by Commissioner McGarrity.

Roll Called.

5 Commissioners voted for Angela Gasparro: Commissioners D’Emilio, Lewis, McGarrity, Oliva and Connell.

3 Commissioners voted for Margaret Fox-Tully: Commissioners McCloskey, Siegel and Wechsler.

Senior Citizens Advisory Council – 1 Year Term – Ward Commissioner Appointment

Ward 1 TABLED

Ward 3 TABLED

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Ward 5 Steve Cohen

Ward 6 Joanne Gattone

Ward 7 TABLED

Vacancy Property Review Committee – 5 Year Term

A Commissioner needs to sit on this committee

Motion made by Commissioner Lewis and seconded by Commissioner Oliva to appoint Larry Holmes, Esquire, to serve on the Vacancy Property Review Committee for a five year term to expire December 31, 2021.

Motion to close made by Commissioner McGarrity and seconded by Commissioner D’Emilio.

Roll Called.

All 8 Commissioners voted yes to TABLE: Commissioners D’Emilio, McCloskey, Siegel, Lewis, McGarrity, Wechsler, Oliva and Connell

18. Continuation of Citizen’s Forum for Non-Agenda Items

Boy Scout Troop 19 was in the audience tonight to ascertain another badge. The Patrol Leader was asked to speak at the podium.

Chris Faris – Library Director

Mrs. Faris requested that the library has a World War I exhibit through January 22nd. They received a grant to have it constructed.

19. New business

Commissioner Connell is requesting that two new Commissioner Committees be added:

All Commissioners were in favor.

Redistricting

4 Commissioners volunteered: Commissioners D'Emilio (Chair), McGarrity, Wechsler and McCloskey

Health & Welfare Committee (to work with HADA)

Commissioner McCloskey will Chair this Committee. Others will reach out to Commissioner Connell if interested. Many are willing.

Comment was made by Commissioner Siegel: each Commissioner should be asked what Board they are interested in and not just placed on a committee. The Boards and Commissions have drastically improved. Minutes and Agendas need to be kept and submitted; even when a committee holds an Executive Session. Records should be noted. Residents need to be aware of what is discussed in the township.

20. Other business

Steve D'Emilio – 1st Ward Commissioner

The Public Works Department, again, did another great job with the recent snow.

Commissioner D'Emilio continues to thank the Police Department, volunteer Firefighters and fire police and all EMS.

The Manoa Fire Women's Auxiliary recently contributed \$1,500 to "Living Beyond Breast Cancer". They still have sweatshirts and tee shirts.

The West Gate Civic Association did a great job holding Christmas festivities: including Santa.

He will hold his quarterly constituent meeting on march 15th at 7 p.m.

Kevin McCloskey, Esquire – 3rd Ward Commissioner

Commissioner McCloskey indicated that the College Avenue Bridge Closure update meeting was very successful.

He is very happy with the board's commitment to HADA. January 20th, 7:30 p.m. they will hold Youth Awareness at the Ford's basketball game.

He offered his thanks to all candidates that submitted their interest in serving Haverford Township on Boards and Commissions and to all those that were appointed and reappointed.

Dan Siegel, Esquire – 4th Ward Commissioner

Commissioner Siegel discussed Brennan Drive. He is very aware of the power surges on Brennan Drive and adjacent areas. He is in the process of setting up a meeting with PECO representatives.

PaDot has submitted proposed road resurfacing from now to 2020. He indicated that Haverford is under-served. Many other roads in need of repair were not listed. State Reps and State Senators need to be contacted.

Paddock Farms is in need of new leadership.

HADA will hold a new Membership Meeting at the Library.

Andy Lewis – 5th Ward Commissioner

Commissioner Lewis thanked Troop 19 for attending tonight's meeting and to Eagle Scout, Marcus Jacob Shera on obtaining his Eagle Scout Award.

He, too, thanked everyone for coming out for the College Avenue Bridge Project. Many great suggestions and comments were offered. Haverford Police is doing a great job in monitoring the area and PaDot has installed a three way stop at Coopertown and College.

Both he and Commissioner McCloskey will hold a meeting in the fall to discuss the upcoming Ardmore Avenue Bridge closing.

Jim McGarrity – 7th Ward Commissioner

This year's Toys for Tots collection was a banner year. 21 filled bins were donated. Commissioner McGarrity thanked all the individuals involved in organizing and offering to have a bin placed in their businesses. He will provide a list in his next newsletter.

He thanked Chief John Viola for the use of the Brookline Fire House.

He congratulated the cross country runners on their accomplishment.

He congratulated the HT Police Department for their work in apprehending the burglar.

He thanked the scouts for attending tonight's meeting.

He announced upcoming view arrangements for long-time Haverford Township employee, Dori Lasorsa.

The tree crew is in the process of collecting Christmas trees – with the exception of January 16th. There will be no yard waste collection the remainder of the month.

William F. Wechsler – 9th Ward Commissioner

HADA will be present on January 26th at the Bon Air Fire House to discuss the current opioid epidemic.

Commissioner Wechsler thanked our police department and the Upper Darby Police Department for their help with the recent break-ins and thefts from unlocked vehicles in the 9th Ward.

Mario A. Oliva – 2nd Ward Commissioner

Commissioner Oliva offered up remembrances of Dori Lasora.

He thanked the Public Works Department for the recent snow removal and also thanked all EMS personnel.

Larry Gentile – Township Manager

Mr. Gentile thanked the Board for their continual support. 2017 will be a very productive year in Haverford Township; the new MSB, sanitary improvements and traffic adaptive equipment installed on West Chester Pike.

He offered a Happy 5th Birthday to his eldest granddaughter, Ava.

Chris Connell, Sr. – 8th Ward Commissioner

The 2nd Annual Firefighter Recognition Night will be held at the CREC on January 18th at 7:00 p.m. for any volunteer serving 20+ years and those that graduated Fire Training 101.

He reiterated again, lock your cars.

21. All Commissioners agreed to adjourn.