

## MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING  
Board of Commissioners  
Commissioners Meeting Room

July 14, 2014  
Monday, 7:30 p.m.  
Township of Haverford

1. Opening of Meeting – Mario Oliva, President opened the meeting and stated that the Board met in Executive Session prior to the meeting to discuss a legal issue.

a. Roll Call – 7 Commissioners were present at roll call: Commissioners Hall, Siegel, Holmes, McGarrity, Connell, Wechsler and Oliva. Commissioners Heilmann arrived at 8:37 p.m. and Commissioner D’Emilio was on vacation.

Also present were: Lawrence J. Gentile, Township Manager, Gary Zlotnick, Township Auditor, James J. Byrnes, Jr., Township Solicitor, Lori Hanlon Widdop and Tim Denny, Assistant Township Managers, Chief Carmen Pettine, Deputy Chief Victor Berg, EMS, Aimee Cuthbertson, Finance Director and David Pennoni, Township Engineer.

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

c. Pledge of Allegiance led by Chief Pettine

2. Proclamations – Jeffrey Falls and Joseph Lord – Township Employees received proclamations from Commissioners McGarrity and Connell for their role in the apprehension of two bank robbers.

3. Township Auditor Update

Mr. Zlotnick reviewed disbursements and had a few questions. His questions were answered to his satisfaction.

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

Regina Pfeiffer – 11 East Langhorne - Walgreens

Mr. & Mrs. Pfeiffer own the business next door to where Walgreens wants to buy and she is asking the Board to please appeal the Zoning Hearing Board’s decision on the three variances.

**Mr. & Mrs. Heller – 1604 Ridgeway Road – Water Problems**

They are asking the Board to fund the project to correct the major water issues on Ridgeway. 15 homes are affected. Mr. Pennoni provided three different possible solutions costing between 1 to 3 million.

**Gary Bogossian – 2410 Linden Drive – Proposed New Buildings**

Mr. Bogossian will support Option 3B. The cost would be 17 to 18 million and the timeline shorter. He also spoke on the tax increase.

**Christine Faris and Christopher Blackwall – the Library**

Mrs. Faris stated that the library is a source of pride in a community. Why is it in Haverford Township? Life-long education and for socialization. How is it funded? Majority from Township appropriations and What does it do? Enhance and enrich lives while adding culture and art.

Mr. Blackwall thanked the Board for listening.

**Brendan Goggan – Oakmont Pub and resident on Hastings Avenue – Parking**

Keep the township building where it is and renovate it. The businesses use the parking lot. However, more parking is needed.

**END OF REGISTERED SPEAKERS**

**Open Forum**

**Mr. Reiff – 2501 Darby Road – Walgreens**

Putting the Walgreens there is inappropriate. Traffic is currently heavy. The township has made a lot of positive changes.

**Sheryl Forest-Grumpp – 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward Resident**

Walgreens will be problematic for the neighborhood.

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**Mike McGrath – 2001 Laurel Road- Renaming of Grasslyn Field**

Mr. McGrath is against the renaming of Grasslyn Field. He knew nothing about it.

**Gloria Reiff – 2501 Darby Road - Walgreens**

The township has improved dramatically and is against Walgreens being built there.

**Chavon Savitsky – 425 Heatherwood Road – Parking**

She is speaking about item #14. She presented a plan to help with the prevention of future car accidents on Heatherwood and Manoa Roads. She has met with various state, township and police officers concerning this area.

**David Churn – 1716 Ridgeway Road - Subdivision**

Mr. Churn's mother's home is next to the proposed subdivision on Woodmere. The subdivision runs through her front and back. He has asked to review the easement and has yet to see it.

**Mike Levin – Walgreens**

Traffic problems will increase. He received a letter from Walgreens advertising health exams. He believes they will be expanding their health care line. They will become a medical facility.

**Marie Sweeney – Harrington Road**

She uses Katz pharmacy. She is also located where she can shop at CVS or Rite Aid. Walgreens is not necessary. We can't take on anymore traffic.

**Irene Coffey – Maryland Road – the Library**

Mrs. Coffey is in favor of a new library location. There is a huge amount that is not on line and there will be a greater need for computers.

**Christina Littlewood – 1607 Woodmere Way – the Library and Infrastructure repairs**

Christina Littlewood agrees with Mrs. Coffey except for a new location. Infrastructure and water problems are major issues that also need to be addressed.

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**Terri Lynn Alessi – 236 Washington Avenue – Proposed New Buildings**

Terri agrees that infrastructure needs to be repaired. Why is the Board rushing for a vote? Only three individuals asked questions.

**Elizabeth Negry – owner of Negry Eye Associates on Eagle Road – Walgreens**

Opposes the Walgreens. Do you want a family community or a highway community?

**END OF OPEN FORUM**

**Responses to Citizens' Forum**

We are voting tonight on whether to appeal the Zoning Hearing Board decision.

Mr. Gentile stated that we are well aware of the problems on Ridgeway. Mr. Pennoni will sit down with Mr. Gentile and look at all the areas dramatically affected.

Ms. Widdop indicated that an easement would allow Mrs. Churn's patio to remain where it is.

Commissioner Connell thanked the residents on Heatherwood and stated that their plan will be presented to PaDot for review.

**The Board took a 5 minute break.**

**5. Continued Discussion - Feasibility study for the Police, Municipal and Library designs**

See attachment. Vote will be taken at the September regular meeting on which option.

**6. Discussion – Curbs – point of sale**

Commissioner Hall asked that this be removed from the agenda and placed on the Work Session Agenda next month and also P11-2014. Commissioner Holmes seconded.

All Commissioners agreed.

Commissioner Hall requested that item #22 – Renaming of Grasslyn Field be moved up to item #7. Commissioner Wechsler seconded.

All Commissioners agreed.

Motion was then made by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Commissioner Heilmann to rename Grasslyn Field to the Joe Cirillo Ballfield. Ballfield only.

Roll Called.

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

**7. Approval of Minutes Regular Meeting of June 9, 2014**

Motion made by Commissioner Holmes and seconded by Commissioner Siegel to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 9, 2014.

Roll Called.

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

**8. Approval of Warrants**

Motion made by Commissioner Holmes and seconded by Commissioner Wechsler to approve the following warrant #7-2014 totaling \$3,444,417.45

General & Sewer fund Payroll for June 5, 2014 in the amount of \$892,278.84  
General & Sewer fund Payroll for June 19, 2014 in the amount of \$667,312.46  
General Fund disbursements #7 in the amount of \$1,412,726.20  
Sewer Fund disbursements #7-2014 in the amount of \$142,823.35  
Community Development Block Grant Fund disbursement #7-2014 in the amount of \$53,565.61  
Cable Access Equipment Fund in the amount of \$18.00  
Capital Projects Fund disbursement #7-2014 in the amount of \$270,185.82  
Credit Card Statement ending June 6, 2014 in the amount of \$5,507.17

Roll Called.

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

**\* 9. Potential Zoning Hearing Board Appeal**

Motion made by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Commissioner Heilmann to have Township Solicitor, Jim Byrne file to appeal the decision made by the Zoning Hearing Board approving the three variances for Walgreens, 2400 Darby Road, Havertown, PA

Roll Called.

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

**10. Ordinance No. P6-2014                      Fire Pits – Open Burning (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)**

Motion made by Commissioner Heilmann and seconded by Commissioner Wechsler to adopt the second reading of Ordinance No. P6-2014 further amending Chapter 43, AIR POLLUTION REGARDING THE USE OF PORTABLE OUTDOOR FIREPLACES.

Roll Called.

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

**11. Ordinance No. P7-2014                      Traffic (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)**

Motion made by Commissioner Holmes and seconded by Commissioner Hall to adopt the second reading of Ordinance No. P7-2014 authorizing traffic restrictions on the following highways:

**Establish: STOP SIGNS**

Stop Intersection on Hirst Avenue, 30 feet north of the intersection of Merion Avenue, stopping traffic on Hirst Avenue.

On the corner of Cherry Lane, where it intersects with Wynnefield Drive, stopping the traffic on Cherry Lane.

On the corner of Rosewood Lane, where it intersects with Wynnefield Drive, stopping the traffic on Rosewood Lane.

On Tunbridge and Taylor, making this a three way stop.

**Remove: STOP SIGNS**

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**On Wynnefield Drive at the intersection of Cherry Lane.**

**On Wynnefield Drive (Northbound) at the intersection of Cherry Lane.**

**Commissioner Hall asked that Sticker Parking Only on Bevedere be removed.  
Commissioner Holmes accepted the request.**

**Roll Called.**

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

**12. Ordinance No. P8-2014                      Amend Chapter 30 -Pensions and Employee Benefits  
(2<sup>nd</sup> reading)**

**Motion made by Commissioner Holmes and seconded by Commissioner Siegel to adopt the second reading of Ordinance No. P8-2014 by further amending Chapter 30, “Pensions and Employee Benefits”.**

**Roll Called.**

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

**13. Ordinance No. P9-2014                      Amendments to Police Pension Plan (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)**

**Motion made by Commissioner Holmes and seconded by Commissioner McGarrity to adopt the second reading of Ordinance No. P9-2014 AMENDING THE POLICE PENSION PLAN TO INCLUDE AN ACT 44 RETIREMENT PROGRAM AND AMENDING THE PRE-RETIREMENT SURVIVOR BENEFIT.**

**Roll Called.**

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

**14. Ordinance No. P10-2014                      Traffic (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)**

Motion made by Commissioner Connell and seconded by Commissioner Hall to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. P10-2014 establishing traffic restrictions on the following highways:

**Establish Special Parking Zone :**

in front of 178 Juniper Road

**STICKER PARKING ONLY:**

the 700 block of Powder Mill Lane, from 8:00 am to 11:00 am, Monday-Friday

**PARKING OF VEHICLES PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES**

- The South Side of Decatur Road from Darby Road to a point 55 feet East.
- The West Side of Myrtle Road, from E. Manoa Road to a point 64 feet South
- The North Side of Heatherwood Road from Manoa Road to the driveway leading to 427 Heatherwood.
- The South Side of Heatherwood Road, from the crosswalk at Manoa Road to a point 30 feet east.
- The North Side of Ralston Avenue, from Belvedere Avenue to the dead end.

Corrections were noted and corrected above.

Roll Called.

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

**15. Ordinance No. P11-2014                      Curbs (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)**

Motion: to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. P11-2014 FURTHER AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 157, STREETS AND SIDEWALKS, RELATED TO SIDEWALK AND CURB MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR.

This item was voted earlier to be removed from tonight's agenda.

**16. Resolution No. 1944-2014                      Investment Advisor**

Motion made by Commissioner Holmes and seconded by Commissioner Siegel to adopt Resolution No. 1944-2014 approving the name of InR Advisory Services, LLC

to manage, direct and administer the investment fund accounts into which the Act 44 Program benefits will be deposited.

Roll Called.

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

**17. Resolution No. 1945-2014 Subdivision – 1710 Woodmere Road**

Motion made by Commissioner McGarrity and seconded by Commissioner Holmes to adopt Resolution No. 1945-2014 approving the Minor Subdivision Plan at 1710 Woodmere Way, Haverford Township, Delaware County, and known as D.C. Folio No. 22-07-01597-00 has been submitted to permit the subdivision of the existing 17,017 square foot lot to create two (2) lots. The resultant lot areas are as follows: Lot No. 1 – 7,610 square feet, Lot No. 2 – 9,407 square foot. The subject property is zoned R-4 Residential District, and is located in the 7<sup>th</sup> Ward. The aforesaid plans were prepared by RKW Engineering Services, dated May 19, 2014 and last revised on June 24, 2014; subject to the recommendations of the Planning Commission.

Roll Called.

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

**18. Resolution No. 1946-2014 Flood Mitigation Grant Request**

Motion made by Commissioner Hall and seconded by Commissioner McGarrity to adopt Resolution No. 1946-2014 whereby Haverford Township requests a Flood Mitigation Fund Grant in the amount of \$400,000 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for repair of the existing flood control channel along Cobbs Creek in Merwood Park and designates 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 Hall, Siegel, Holmes, McGarrity, Connell, Wechsler, Heilmann and Oliva.

**19. Agreements/Contract Awards**

**Final Review and Approval of New Agreement with the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania**

Motion made by Commissioner Heilmann and seconded by Commissioner Siegel to authorize the Township Manager to execute an amended agreement with the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania; with the proposed changes discussed on Monday, July 7, 2014.

Roll Called.

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

Commissioner Connell recused himself due to immediate family members employed by the township.

**Lancaster Avenue Streetscape**

Motion made by Commissioner Heilmann and seconded by Commissioner McGarrity to award the Lancaster Avenue Streetscape contract to Premier Concrete, Inc. of Broomall in the amount of \$87,560.00, submitting the lowest responsible bid.

Roll Called.

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

Commissioner Holmes was absent from the vote.

**2014 Road Program**

Motion made by Commissioner Heilmann and seconded by Commissioner Hall to award the 2014 Street Improvements/Road Program Contract to Joseph E. Sucher & Sons, Folcroft, PA, in the amount of \$627,030.00; submitting the lowest responsible bid.

Roll Called.

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

**20. Purchases**

**EMS Vehicles from Llanerch and Manoa**

**Llanerch Fire Company**

Motion made by Commissioner Heilmann and seconded by Commissioner Siegel to authorize the purchase of Llanerch Ambulance #34-7 in the amount of \$45,000.00 and Oxygen Cascade System in the amount of \$3,900.00

Roll Called.

6 Commissioners voted Yes: Commissioners Hall, Siegel, Holmes, McGarrity, Wechsler, and Heilmann.

2 Commissioners recused themselves: Commissioners Connell and Oliva.

**Manoa Fire Company**

Motion made by Commissioner Heilmann and seconded by Commissioner McGarrity to authorize the purchase of one 2012 Chevrolet 2500 Ambulance and one 2011 GMC 4500 ambulance in the amount of \$175,000.00.

Roll Called.

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

2 Commissioners recused themselves: Commissioners Connell and Wechsler

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

**Mike Levin – the proposed Buildings**

The area is only suitable for a police station. Traffic will be beyond reasonable use. He also spoke on borrowing and taxation.

**Terri Lynn Alessi – proposed new Buildings**

She questioned contingencies and parking spaces for the Skatium. She still is questioning the timing for this vote after only 8 months.

**Dave Schwartz – EAC**

Mr. Schwartz spoke on Rain Gardens and is seeking volunteers. They have received two grants one for \$4,100 and one for \$51,000.

**Rich Caroto – 1304 Rose Glen – Parks and Recreation Decision – Grasslyn Field**

There are guidelines in place for rename a field and they used them. There is already a tree and plaque in memory of Joe Cirillo. He is requesting an explanation to take back to the Board as to why the Board approved the renaming.

**22. New business**

Renaming of Grasslyn Field – This was moved up earlier in the meeting.

Commissioner Connell made a motion to add – requesting the Township Solicitor attend the Zoning Hearing Board Meeting this Thursday, the 17<sup>th</sup> regarding the new singular wireless (doing business as AT & T) at Temple Lutheran Church, 501 Brookline Boulevard. Commissioner Wechsler seconded.

Roll Called.

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

Commissioner McGarrity spoke on the water issues on Ridgeway and Woodmere. Mr. Pennoni stated that the infrastructure is from the 50's and has different options.

The Board will hold a Special Meeting the end of September on this matter.

Redistricting was brought up. The Committee will meet and inform the other Commissioners of their numbers.

**23. Other business**

**Jane Hall – 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward Commissioner**

She has been working closely with Sgt. Scott on parking matters. She stated that the US Open passes worked out well and asked Chief Pettine to use hanging tags instead of stickers.

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**Dan Siegel, Esquire – 4<sup>th</sup> Ward Commissioner**

Commissioner Siegel stated that during the last meeting, he found some comments offensive. We are all different but live together in the community.

**Larry Holmes, Esquire – 6<sup>th</sup> Ward Commissioner**

Commissioner Holmes stated that there have been break-ins in the 6<sup>th</sup> Ward. He thanked Chief Pettine and his department for responding quickly.

**Jeff Heilmann – 5<sup>th</sup> Ward Commissioner**

Nothing to report this month.

**Jim McGarrity – 7<sup>th</sup> Ward Commissioner**

Commissioner McGarrity thanked the board for their support to the residents on Ridgeway and Woodmere.

He also thanked his library supporters.

He also thanked the two public works employees.

**Chris Connell, Sr. – 8<sup>th</sup> Ward Commissioner**

Commissioner Connell reminded everyone to be safe on the roads.

**William F. Wechsler – 9<sup>th</sup> Ward Commissioner**

Enjoy your vacations!

**Mario A. Oliva – 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward Commissioner**

Commissioner Oliva understands why the Parks Board did what they did but he feels differently.

We all want the same thing for everyone. Please be patient with us, we have a lot of major issues we are dealing with.

24. All Commissioners agreed to adjourn.