

EXECUTIVE SESSION – 6:00 PM – THE LIBRARY
MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING
Board of Commissioners
Commissioners Meeting Room

November 14, 2016
Monday, 7:00 p.m.
Township of Haverford

1. **Opening of Meeting** – Commissioner Connell, President, opened the meeting and stated that the Board met in Executive Session prior to the meeting to discuss a Real Estate and legal matter.

a. **Roll Call** – All 9 Commissioners were present at roll call: Commissioners D’Emilio, McCloskey, Siegel, Lewis, Holmes, McGarrity, Wechsler, Oliva and Connell

Also present: Lawrence J. Gentile, Township Manager, Gary Zlotnick, Esquire CPA, Township Solicitor, James J. Byrne, Jr., Township Solicitor, Lori Hanlon-Widdop and Tim Denny, Assistant Township Managers, Chief John Viola, Aimee Cuthbertson, Finance Director, Joseph Celia, Codes Director and David Pennoni, Township Engineer

b. **Opening Prayer** led by Rev. Ryan Whitley

c. **Pledge of Allegiance**

*Commissioner Connell announced that the Board of Commissioners received an Outstanding Advocate Award from the Library at their recent gala.

2. **Proclamation** – Ted Rogers – Eagle Scout – Proclamation presented by Commissioner Lewis.

Haverford Township Rotary Club – Proclamation presented by Commissioners Oliva and D’Emilio.

Small Business Saturday – Proclamation presented by Commissioner Wechsler.

3. **Presentations**

a. **PECO Update** – Road Programs – Ralph Brown and Tim Clark

Mr. Brown indicated that PECO has 21 projects listed. 15 are completed.

There are many gas line upgrades being worked on.

He indicated that temporary paving on Eagle Road begins next week with final paving in the Spring.

Commissioner Siegel asked that there be minimized disruption when crews are working in the township.

*Commissioner D'Emilio announced that Chief Viola was recently honored at a dinner.

b. Haverford Township Adult School Representative – Gail Farally-Semerad

Mrs. Semerad was present tonight speaking on behalf of the Adult School. The Haverford Township Adult School has been offering courses for 60 years. They are a community partner with the Library. They are sponsored by local businesses. They have an annual budget of \$125,000. This money comes from tuition, donations and grants.

She is asking that the Board promote them in their newsletters and emails to their constituents.

They are always open for volunteers, new course ideas and teachers.

c. Haverford Township Rotary Club - postponed

4. Crime Update Report

Chief Viola presented his October report; which included the number parking citations, traffic and warnings written. There was a sexual offense and an arrest made. Firearms were recovered from a recent burglary; there were thefts from unlocked vehicles and 4 vehicle thefts. The K9 unit was called in six times.

5. Township Auditor Update

Mr. Zlotnick reviewed the disbursements from October 18th through November 14th. He raised certain questions to the Finance Director. He found no irregularities.

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

Chad Brooks – 400 Campbell Avenue – Previous and Upcoming Festive Events

There were two new Fall events at the Grange and they were a huge success.

Tours will begin the weekend after Thanksgiving; with the train display fully operational.

December 10th will be picture day for the kids with the train display

Photographers are welcome on December 12th from 6:30 to 8:30 pm to photograph the train display.

A Rotary Club Party will close out the holiday season in January.

Tours of township historic homes will take place December 11th from 1 to 4 pm.

Upcoming Runs:

Annunciation Turkey Trot

Trail Run

Reindeer Romp

END OF REGISTERED SPEAKERS

Open Forum – Agenda Items Only

Bruce Woodruff – 408 Llanerch Avenue – Parking on Llanerch Avenue.

He thought No Parking of Commercial Vehicles (trucks) on his street would be on the agenda tonight; as was discussed last month.

Commissioner Holmes stated that the Nuisance Property – 2508 Chestnut Avenue would be added to the agenda tonight. 2510 Chestnut Avenue homeowners were present to speak tonight.

Bruce and Sarah Bedar – 2510 Chestnut Avenue

Mr. & Mrs. Bedar have been complaining about the adjoining twin home at 2508; it is deplorable and disgusting.

Responses to Citizens Forum

Commissioner Oliva stated the Ordinance before the board tonight has nothing to do with no truck parking on the entire length. He told Mr. Woodruff that not all his neighbors are in favor. He needs to receive a signed petition from the residents.

Commissioner Holmes stated that he will be adding two items for the agenda tonight for the board to take action on the property 2508 Chestnut Avenue.

Commissioner Wechsler made a motion to move New Business to item #9 after the Warrants. This was seconded by Commissioner McGarrity. All Commissioners agreed.

7. Approval of Minutes Regular Meeting Minutes of October 17, 2016

Motion made by Commissioner D'Emilio and seconded by Commissioner Siegel to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of October 17, 2016.

Roll Called.

All 9 Commissioners voted Yes: Commissioners D'Emilio, McCloskey, Siegel, Lewis, Holmes, McGarrity, Wechsler, Oliva and Connell

8. Approval of Warrants

Motion made by Commissioner Holmes and seconded by Commissioner McGarrity to approve the following warrant #11-2016 totaling \$3,722,704.34

General & Sewer fund Payroll for October 20, 2016 in the amount of \$665,164.12

General & Sewer fund Payroll for November 3, 2016 in the amount of \$615,620.38

General Fund disbursements #11-2016 in the amount of \$1,313,171.31

Sewer Fund disbursements #11-2016 in the amount of \$47,792.04

Community Development Block Grant Fund disbursement #11-2016
in the amount of \$83,602.68

Home Grant Fund #11-2016 in the amount of \$16,696.50

Capital Projects Fund #11-2016 in the amount of \$978,662.35

Credit Card Statement ending October 27, 2016 in the amount of \$1,994.96

Roll Called.

All 9 Commissioners voted Yes: Commissioners D’Emilio, McCloskey, Siegel, Lewis, Holmes, McGarrity, Wechsler, Oliva and Connell

***9. New business**

a. Motion made by Commissioner Holmes and seconded by Commissioner Oliva to authorize the Township Solicitor to take legal steps to secure money already expended and what it will spend to exercise Eminent Domain.

Roll called.

All 9 Commissioners voted Yes: Commissioners D’Emilio, McCloskey, Siegel, Lewis, Holmes, McGarrity, Wechsler, Oliva and Connell

b. Motion made by Commissioner Holmes and seconded by Commissioner Oliva to authorize the Township Manager to expend and not to exceed \$30,000 to make necessary repairs to the property 2508 Chestnut Avenue.

Roll Called.

All 9 Commissioners voted Yes: Commissioners D’Emilio, McCloskey, Siegel, Lewis, Holmes, McGarrity, Wechsler, Oliva and Connell

c. Resolution for 2017 Meeting Dates Discussion

Commissioner Siegel announced to the Board that at the December Regular Meeting, they will adopt a Resolution approving 2017 Meeting Dates. Keeping in mind Jewish holidays:

The Work Session that would be scheduled for Monday, April 3rd will be the Regular Meeting, the July and November Work Sessions Cancelled.

d. Commissioner Connell - Candidate Interview Nights for Boards and Commissions – dates need to be addressed.

10. Ordinance No. P12-2016

Fences and Retaining Walls (2nd Reading)

Motion made by Commissioner D’Emilio and seconded by Commissioner Holmes to adopt the second reading of Ordinance No. P12-2016 FURTHER AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 182 (ZONING), BY REVISING THE PROVISIONS OF SECTIONS 106 AND 727 REGARDING FENCES AND RETAINING WALLS.

Roll Called.

7 Commissioners voted Yes: Commissioners D’Emilio, McCloskey, Siegel, Lewis, Holmes, Wechsler, and Oliva.

2 Commissioners voted No: Commissioners McGarrity and Connell.

11. Ordinance No. P22-2016

Pensions & Benefits (2nd Reading)

Motion made by Commissioner Wechsler and seconded by Commissioner Oliva to adopt the second reading of Ordinance No. P22-2016 amending Chapter 30, Pensions and Employment Benefits as it pertains to employer and employee contributions to the Civilian Defined Contribution Plan.

Roll Called.

All 9 Commissioners voted Yes: Commissioners D’Emilio, McCloskey, Siegel, Lewis, Holmes, McGarrity, Wechsler, Oliva and Connell

12. Ordinance No. P23-2016

Traffic (2nd Reading)

Motion made by Commissioner Lewis and seconded by Commissioner Siegel to adopt the second reading of Ordinance No. P23-2016 authorizing traffic restrictions on the following highways:

Stop Intersection:

Establish

On Blakely Road at the intersection of Tunbridge Road

PARKING OF ALL VEHICLES PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES

Amended to read:

Farwood Road, East Side, 90 feet south of E. Manoa Road

Establish:

Brookview Lane, west side, 65 feet north of Strathmore Road (by 558 Strathmore Road)

Roll Called.

All 9 Commissioners voted Yes: Commissioners D’Emilio, McCloskey, Siegel, Lewis, Holmes, McGarrity, Wechsler, Oliva and Connell

13. Ordinance No. P26-2016 Traffic (1st Reading)

Motion made by Commissioner Oliva and seconded by Commissioner McCloskey to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. P26-2016 authorizing traffic restrictions on the following highways:

Establish:

Parking of All Vehicles Prohibited at All Times on:

The east side of Llanerch Avenue from Mifflin Avenue to a point 30 feet north.

The east side of Llanerch Avenue from W. Park Road to a point 30 feet north.

Roll Called.

All 9 Commissioners voted Yes: Commissioners D’Emilio, McCloskey, Siegel, Lewis, Holmes, McGarrity, Wechsler, Oliva and Connell

14. Resolution No. 2029-2016 Land Development –Burger King – 233 West Chester Pike

Motion made by Commissioner Oliva and seconded by Commissioner Siegel to adopt Resolution No. 2029-2016 approving the Preliminary/Final Land Development for Carrols Corporation d/b/a Burger King Corporation, for the property located at 233 West Chester Pike, Havertown, Haverford Township, Delaware County, and known as D.C. Folio No. 22-02-00863-00 has been submitted to demolish the existing 3,079 square foot restaurant and construct a new 2,703 square foot restaurant with a thirty-nine (39) space parking lot and an underground storm water management facility. The subject property is zoned C-1, Limited Commercial District, and is located in the 2nd Ward. The aforesaid plans were prepared by GBC Design, Inc., Akron, OH 44320, dated August 23, 2016 and last revised on October 6, 2016; subject to the recommendations of the Planning Commission.

Roll Called.

All 9 Commissioners voted Yes: Commissioners D’Emilio, McCloskey, Siegel, Lewis, Holmes, McGarrity, Wechsler, Oliva and Connell

15. YMCA – Release of Bond

Motion made by Commissioner Holmes and seconded by Commissioner Siegel to release the improvement security bond related to the development of 891 N. Eagle Road, Havertown.

Roll Called.

All 9 Commissioners voted Yes: Commissioners D’Emilio, McCloskey, Siegel, Lewis, Holmes, McGarrity, Wechsler, Oliva and Connell

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

Bruce Woodruff – 408 Llanerch Avenue – Safety Issues – Quarry Center

Drivers are not adhering to the No left turn sign onto Township Line Road.

**Was the township reimbursed from the recent Hillary Clinton event at the CREC?
Everyone needs to move on from the recent results of the presidential election.**

17. Other business

Steve D’Emilio – 1st Ward Commissioner

Commissioner D’Emilio thanked everyone that came out and voted. Polls were very calm.

He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Kevin McCloskey, Esquire – 3rd Ward Commissioner

Commissioner McCloskey also highlighted all the:

Upcoming Runs:

Annunciation Turkey Trot

Trail Run at the CREC

Reindeer Romp

He and Commissioner Siegel will hold their constituent meeting this Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Commissioners Meeting Room.

Dan Siegel, Esquire – 4th Ward Commissioner

Commissioner Siegel said that on Election Day he handed out 1,000 recycling labels for cans. They were well received.

Andy Lewis – 5th Ward Commissioner

Commissioner Lewis congratulated Eagle Scout, Ted Rogers and he also thanked Gail Semerad for her presentation. He asked that the Board advertise charities in upcoming newsletters.

He asked that all residents keep leaves out of the street.

He announced that there is a delay in the College Avenue bridge repair until the end of November.

Larry Holmes, Esquire – 6th Ward Commissioner

This was a record voter turnout! We need to move forward.

Commissioner Holmes thanked Township Solicitor and Manager for their help in addressing the concerns at 2508 Chestnut Avenue.

Jim McGarrity – 7th Ward Commissioner

Bins for the Annual US Marines Toys for Tots will be placed in many areas throughout the Township. The Annual Tree Lighting Ceremony will be held Friday, December 16th at the Brookline Fire House – 6:30 p.m.

Commissioner Wechsler will be collecting money from the Commissioners for the annual employee luncheon.

He reminded everyone to go to the Grange and experience the live train display. The holiday party will be December 8th.

William F. Wechsler – 9th Ward Commissioner

Commissioner Wechsler will hold a follow-up PADOT Meeting this Thursday, 7:30 pm at the Bon Air Fire Company regarding the changes on Township Line Road. This is a 1.57 million dollar project.

Mario Oliva – 2nd Ward Commissioner

Commissioner Oliva thanked Rep Santora for his help in the 1st and 9th Wards on election day.

The HPED will hold a Meet and Greet on November 5th at the CREC.

The HPED will provide a presentation at the January Regular Meeting of the Board.

Larry Gentile – Township Manager

This is a busy time for the Public Works Department.

Chris Connell – 8th Ward Commissioner

We are a government by the people. We all need to have an open mind and mutual respect for each other.

18. All Commissioners agreed to adjourn.