

Haverford Township - Board of Commissioners

Meeting: Monday, January 12, 2026

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Commissioners' Meeting Room -1014 Darby Rd., Havertown PA, 19083

Regular Meeting Minutes

1. Opening of Meeting

President Trombetta opened the meeting by announcing that the Board of Commissioners met prior to the meeting in an Executive Session to discuss a legal matter.

A. Roll Call

All Commissioners were present at roll call: Commissioners Gondek, Forste-Grupp, Cavender, Holmes, Quinn, Hart, McCollum, McCloskey, and Trombetta.

Also present were Assistant Township Manager / Director of Finance Aimee Cuthbertson, CPA, Township Solicitor John F. Walko, Chief of Police John Viola, former Deputy Chief Joseph Hagan, and Deputy Chief T.J. Long.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Chief Viola led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Presentation

A. Proclamation Recognizing Deputy Chief Joseph Hagan

Commissioners Trombetta and Quinn presented the Proclamation.

3. Citizens' Forum: 20 Minutes for Registered Speakers, 20 Minutes for Agenda Items

Marie Occhiogrosso, Haverford Human Relations Commission, spoke in support of Resolution No. 2476-2026.

Deborah Kossman, Ward 7, spoke in support of Resolution No. 2476-2026.

Nicholas Kerber, Ward 8, spoke in support of Resolution No. 2476-2026.

Monica Medina-McCurdy, Ward 7, spoke in support of Resolution No. 2476-2026.

Lee Berry, Ward 1, spoke in support of Resolution No. 2476-2026.

Todd Hall, Ward 2, shared his thoughts on the current events in Minnesota.

Blake Colantonio spoke in opposition to Resolution No. 2476-2026.

John Ryan, Ward 8, spoke in support of Resolution No. 2476-2026.

Bonnie McMans, Ward 3, spoke in support of Resolution No. 2476-2026.

Bethany Monday, Ward 2, spoke in support of Resolution No. 2476-2026.

Mike Lee, spoke about a past motion to purchase License Plate Readers.

Mary Sullivan, Ward 3, spoke in support of Resolution No. 2476-2026.

Barbara White, Ward 7, spoke in opposition to Resolution No. 2476-2026.

Mara O'Brien, Ward 6, spoke on behalf Havertown Area Community Action Network in support of Resolution No. 2476-2026.

Chris Tobal spoke in opposition to Resolution No. 2476-2026.

Hannah Campbell spoke in opposition to Resolution No. 2476-2026.

Chris Shelton, Ward 8, spoke in support of Resolution No. 2476-2026.

Peter Webb, Ward 6, spoke in support of Resolution No. 2476-2026.

Brain Vance, Ward 9, spoke in opposition to Resolution No. 2476-2026.

Linda Mitchell, Ward 3, spoke in opposition to Resolution No. 2476-2026.

Melissa Raffel, Ward 7, spoke in support of Resolution No. 2476-2026.

Stephen Pierce, Ward 8, spoke in support of Resolution No. 2476-2026.

Commissioner Holmes moved to move Resolution No. 2476-2026 to the next item on the agenda. Commissioner Cavender seconded the motion.

Moved by Motion

Resolution No. 2476-2026 – Immigration Laws

Commissioner Cavender moved to adopt Resolution No. 2476-2026, establishing an official policy that law enforcement officers and resources of Haverford Township shall not be engaged in the enforcement of non-criminal federal immigration laws. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion.

Commissioner Holmes, Gondek, Cavender, McCloskey, Forste-Grupp, and Trombetta shared their thoughts.

Commissioner Gondek moved to amend the first sentence of the last paragraph. The amendment was accepted. Two Commissioners voted NO: Commissioners Gondek and McCollum. Seven Commissioners voted YES: Commissioners Forste-Grupp, Cavender, Holmes, Quinn, Hart, McCloskey, and Trombetta. The motion passed 7-2.

Back to meeting as presented in the Agenda

4. Bureau of Fire Update

Commissioner Gondek announced that in December, Haverford Township's fire companies responded to 98 total incidents, including 72 within the township and 26 out-of-township mutual aid. The average personnel per call was 17. There were 982 personnel hours committed to incidents and 353 personnel hours committed to training. The township provided mutual aid to 4 working fires in Delaware County and 3 working fires in Montgomery County.

5. Township Auditor Update

Township Auditor Ross Anderson had to leave the meeting early, but he reported to Assistant Manager Cuthbertson that he reviewed the warrants and expenditures, found no irregularities, and all his questions were answered to his satisfaction.

6. Township Manager Update

Assistant Manager Cuthbertson shared that the annual Township tax bill will be sent the end of January. The Township can accept payments beginning on February 2nd. She shared the various ways residents can send their payments.

7. Approval of Warrants

Commissioner Holmes moved to approve the following warrant #01-2026 totaling \$3,481,622.94:

General & Sewer Fund Payroll for December 18, 2025, in the amount of \$870,190.69

General & Sewer Fund Payroll for December 31, 2025, in the amount of \$866,796.25

General Fund disbursements in the amount of \$984,710.47

Sewer Fund disbursements in the amount of \$153,536.61

Community Development Block Grant disbursement in the amount of \$34,647.94

Capital Projects Fund disbursements in the amount of \$194,614.57

American Rescue Plan Fund disbursements in the amount of \$357,242.65

Credit Card Statement ending December 27, 2025, in the amount of \$19,883.76

Commissioner Gondek seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted YES: Commissioners Gondek, Forste-Grupp, Cavender, Holmes, Quinn, Hart, McCollum, McCloskey, and Trombetta.

8. Appointments

A. Health Advisory Board – 1 Vacancy

Commissioner Hart moved to appoint Cathleen Goodsell to the Health Advisory Board for the term ending December 31, 2027. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted YES: Commissioners Gondek, Forste-Grupp, Cavender, Holmes, Quinn, Hart, McCollum, McCloskey, and Trombetta.

9. Consent Agenda

- a. Approval of Minutes – December 8, 2025
- b. Approval of Minutes – January 5, 2026

Commissioner Quinn moved to approve items a and b of the consent agenda, as further detailed in the public packet. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted YES: Commissioners Gondek, Forste-Grupp, Cavender, Holmes, Quinn, Hart, McCollum, McCloskey, and Trombetta.

10. Ordinances

A. Ordinance No. P19-2025 – Traffic – 2nd Reading – Special Purpose Parking at 2922 Berkley Road

Commissioner Holmes moved to adopt the second reading of Ordinance No. P19-2025, further amending and supplementing Ordinance No. 1960, adopted June 30, 1986, and known as "General Laws of the Township of Haverford" Chapter 175, Vehicles and Traffic, installing a special purpose parking zone in front of 2922 Berkley Road. Commissioner Cavender seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted YES: Commissioners Gondek, Forste-Grupp, Cavender, Holmes, Quinn, Hart, McCollum, McCloskey, and Trombetta.

B. Ordinance No. P20-2025 – Traffic – 2nd Reading – Special Purpose Parking at 2401 Clover Lane

Commissioner McCloskey moved to adopt the second reading of Ordinance No. P20-2025, further amending and supplementing Ordinance No. 1960, adopted June 30, 1986, and known as "General Laws of the Township of Haverford" Chapter 175, Vehicles and Traffic, installing a special purpose parking zone in front of 2401 Clover Lane. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted YES: Commissioners Gondek, Forste-Grupp, Cavender, Holmes, Quinn, Hart, McCollum, McCloskey, and Trombetta.

C. Ordinance No. P1-2026 – Traffic – 1st Reading – Special Purpose Parking at 605 Woodland Drive

Commissioner McCloskey moved to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. P1-2026, further amending and supplementing Ordinance No. 1960, adopted June 30, 1986, and known as "General Laws of the Township of Haverford" Chapter 175, Vehicles and Traffic, installing a special purpose parking zone in front of 605 Woodland Drive. Commissioner Forste-Grupp seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted YES: Commissioners Gondek, Forste-Grupp, Cavender, Holmes, Quinn, Hart,

McCollum, McCloskey, and Trombetta.

11. Resolutions

A. Resolution No. 2474-2026 – Disposition of Public Records

Commissioner Holmes moved to adopt Resolution No. 2474-2026, authorizing the disposal of public records. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted YES: Commissioners Gondek, Forste-Grupp, Cavender, Holmes, Quinn, Hart, McCollum, McCloskey, and Trombetta.

B. Resolution No. 2475-2026 – 2026 Professional Consultant Fees

Commissioner Holmes moved to adopt Resolution No. 2475-2026, authorizing the 2026 professional consultant fees schedule. Commissioner Cavender seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted YES: Commissioners Gondek, Forste-Grupp, Cavender, Holmes, Quinn, Hart, McCollum, McCloskey, and Trombetta.

12. Authorization to Participate in Amicus Brief

Commissioner Holmes moved to authorize Haverford Township's participation in an Amicus Brief Filing in regard to the Lincoln National Life Insurance Company vs Radnor Township. Commissioner Gondek seconded the motion. Eight Commissioners voted YES: Commissioners Gondek, Forste-Grupp, Cavender, Holmes, Quinn, Hart, McCollum, and Trombetta. Commissioner McCloskey was not present for the vote. The motion passed 8-0.

13. Contract Awards

A. EMS – Ambulance Chassis

Commissioner Cavender moved to award a Purchase Order to Hondru Fleet for a 2026 Ford Super Duty F-550 chassis in the amount of \$61,995.00 under the Pennsylvania COSTARS Cooperative Purchasing Agreement. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted YES: Commissioners Gondek, Forste-Grupp, Cavender, Holmes, Quinn, Hart, McCollum, McCloskey, and Trombetta.

B. EMS – Ambulance Retrofit

Commissioner Gondek moved to award a contract in the amount of \$197,213.00 to 10-8 Emergency Vehicles for the retrofit of the Township's existing LifeLine ambulance to the new 2026 chassis under the Pennsylvania COSTARS Cooperative Purchasing Agreement. Commissioner McCloskey seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted YES: Commissioners Gondek, Forste-Grupp, Cavender, Holmes, Quinn, Hart, McCollum, McCloskey, and Trombetta.

C. Parks & Recreation – Electrical Box at Veterans Field

Commissioner Hart moved to award a contract in the amount of \$15,720.00 to Charles A. Higgins and Sons for replacement of the damaged electrical cabinet at Veterans Field. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted YES: Commissioners Gondek, Forste-Grupp, Cavender, Holmes, Quinn, Hart, McCollum, McCloskey, and Trombetta.

D. Skatium – Locker Room Renovation Project

Commissioner Gondek moved to authorize a Change Order in the amount of \$6,621.82 to LGB Mechanical for heavy duty shower diverters/handles for the Locker Room Renovation Project. Commissioner McCloskey seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted YES: Commissioners Gondek, Forste-Grupp, Cavender, Holmes, Quinn, Hart, McCollum, McCloskey, and Trombetta.

E. Finance – Auditing Services

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Commissioner Holmes moved to award a Professional Service Contract in the amount of \$126,750.00 for a three (3) year engagement with Maillie LLP. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted YES: Commissioners Gondek, Forste-Grupp, Cavender, Holmes, Quinn, Hart, McCollum, McCloskey, and Trombetta.

14. Continuation of Citizens' Forum for Non-Agenda Items

Todd Hall, Ward 2, commented on signage for children with food allergies and a clothing recycling bin. Mike Lee, commented on License Plate Readers.

Commissioner Holmes responded to Mr. Lee. Commissioner Trombetta responded to Mr. Hall. Commissioner Forste-Grupp responded to Mr. Hall.

15. New Business

Commissioner Hart shared an update on the Zoning Ordinance update.

Commissioner Cavender read a letter of commendation in memoriam of Kathleen Case.

16. Other Business

Commissioner Gondek thanked everyone who came to provide their comments.

Commissioner Forste-Grupp had nothing to share.

Commissioner Cavender shared her experience at the Haverford Township Free Library.

Commissioner Holmes thanked everyone who came to provide their comments.

Commissioner Quinn thanked everyone who came to provide their comments and also thanked the Police Department.

Commissioner Hart reminded residents about Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service.

Commissioner McCollum congratulated former Fire Chief Viola and newly appointed Chief Steven Poole.

Commissioner McCloskey wished everyone a good night.

Commissioner Trombetta thanked everyone who came to provide their comments and reflected on the meaning of democracy.

17. Adjourn.