Haverford Township - Board of Commissioners

Meeting: Monday, May 11, 2026

Time: 7:00 p.m.

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

Regular Meeting Minutes

Opening of Meeting

Commissioner Trombetta opened the meeting by announcing that the Board met in an executive session prior to the meeting to discuss a personnel matter.

Roll Call

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

Also present were Assistant Township Manager Aimee Cuthbertson, CPA, Township Solicitor John F. Walko, Township Auditor Ross Andersen, CPA, Chief of Police John Viola, Deputy Chief of Police Thomas J. Long, Director of Community Development Jaime Jilozian, and EMS Chief Jim McCans.

Pledge of Allegiance

Chief Viola led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Proclamations

National Police Week and National Police Officers Memorial Day

Commissioner Gondek read the proclamation recognizing National Police Week and National Police Officers Memorial Day.

National Stuttering Awareness Week

Commissioner Quinn read the proclamation recognizing National Stuttering Awareness Week.

Mental Health Awareness Month

Commissioner Cavender read the proclamation recognizing Mental Health Awareness Month.

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

Zach Scott, Jim Blumenstock, Sheila Breen, Renee DeFiore, Sheila Young, and James Greytok, all of Woodmere Way, spoke about Ordinance No. P6-2026.

Dory Doughty, Ward 6, spoke about Resolution No. 2483-2026.

Mike Lee spoke about Resolution No. 2483-2026.

Janet Hutchinson, Woodmere Way, spoke about Ordinance No. P6-2026.

Commissioner Quinn addressed the comments about Ordinance No. P6-2026.

Bureau of Fire Update

Commissioner Gondek announced that in April, Haverford Township's fire companies responded to 78 total incidents, including 51 within the township and 27 out-of-township mutual aid. The average personnel per call was 15. There were 596 personnel hours committed to incidents and 667 personnel hours committed to training. The township provided mutual aid to 7 working fires in Delaware County and 2 working fires in Montgomery County. In regard to EMS services, there were a total of 423 dispatches resulting in 363 patient care reports.

Township Auditor Update

Township Auditor Anderson reported that he reviewed the warrants and expenditures, found no irregularities, and all his questions were answered to his satisfaction.

Township Manager Update

Assistant Township Manager Cuthbertson shared information on upcoming dates in the Township.

Approval of Warrants

Commissioner Holmes moved to approve the following warrant #05-2026 totaling $6,343,724.89:

General & Sewer Fund Payroll for April 23, 2026, in the amount of $860,731.21
General & Sewer Fund Payroll for May 7, 2026, in the amount of $893,485.15

General Fund disbursements in the amount of $1,271,463.67
Sewer Fund disbursements in the amount of $143,422.35
Community Development Block Grant disbursement in the amount of $31,489.52
Capital Projects Fund disbursements in the amount of $113,618.25
American Rescue Plan Fund disbursements in the amount of $33,612.00
Debt Service – 2018 Series (Principal) in the amount of $2,070,000.00
Debt Service – 2018 Series (Interest) in the amount of $434,598.75
Debt Service – 2020 Series (Principal) in the amount of $320,000.00
Debt Service – 2020 Series (Interest) in the amount of $74,246.25
Debt Service – 2021 Series (Interest) in the amount of $78,673.75
Credit Card Statement ending April 27, 2026, in the amount of $18,383.99

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

Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes of April 13, 2026
Contract Award – Parks & Recreation – Polo Field Basketball Court
Contract Award – Parks & Recreation – Haverford Reserve Turf Lights
Land Development Escrow Release – Haverford Middle School (Final)
Land Development Escrow Release – Chatham Park Elementary (Final)
Land Development Escrow Release – 14 Claremont Avenue (Partial)
Memorandum of Understanding with Delaware County – Storage & Use of Delaware County Emergency Response Vehicles

Commissioner Quinn moved to approve Items a-g 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.

Appointments

Senior Citizens Advisory Council – 1 Vacancy

Commissioner Gondek moved to appoint Nick Sachetti to the Senior Citizens Advisory Council for the term ending December 31, 2026.

Ordinances:

Ordinance No. P7-2026 – Zoning Map Amendment – 2nd Reading

Commissioner Gondek moved to adopt the second reading of Ordinance No. P7-2026, amending the Zoning Map of the Township and changing the Zoning Classification of a portion of the property located at 24 S. Eagle Road, Havertown, Delaware County, PA, consisting of approximately 4,738 square feet and identified as Tax Folio No. 22-09-00678-00, from O-1 Office District to R-8 Garden Apartment District, and further providing for severability and establishing an effective date upon enactment. Commissioner McCloskey seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted YES: Commissioners Gondek, Forste-Grupp, Cavender, Holmes, Quinn, Hart, McCollum, McCloskey, and Trombetta.

Ordinance No. P6-2026 - Traffic – 1st Reading

Commissioner Quinn moved to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. P6-2026, 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, prohibiting parking during school hours on a portion of Woodmere Way. Commissioner McCloskey seconded the motion. 8 Commissioners voted YES: Commissioners Gondek, Forste-Grupp, Cavender, Quinn, Hart, McCollum, McCloskey, and Trombetta. Commissioner Holmes voted NO. The motion passed 8-1.

Ordinance No. P8-2026 – Traffic – 1st Reading

Commissioner Hart moved to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. P8-2026, 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, removing the special purpose parking zone at 169 Juniper Road. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted YES: Commissioners Gondek, Forste-Grupp, Cavender, Holmes, Quinn, Hart, McCollum, McCloskey, and Trombetta.

Ordinance No. P9-2026 – Traffic – 1st Reading

Commissioner McCollum moved to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. P9-2026, 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 stop sign on Leedom Rd. eastbound at the intersection of Belfield Rd. Commissioner McCloskey seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted YES: Commissioners Gondek, Forste-Grupp, Cavender, Holmes, Quinn, Hart, McCollum, McCloskey, and Trombetta.

Ordinance No. P10-2026 – Lease Amendment – 1st Reading

Commissioner McCloskey moved to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. P10-2026, further amending and supplementing Ordinance No. 1960, adopted June 30, 1986, and known as "General Laws of the Township of Haverford" amending the Lease Agreement

with UniSite/Omnipoint PA Tower Venture, LLC for property located at 2080 Old West Chester Pike. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted YES: Commissioners Gondek, Forste-Grupp, Cavender, Holmes, Quinn, Hart, McCollum, McCloskey, and Trombetta.

Resolutions:

Resolution No. 2483-2026 – Third ARPA Fund Obligations Re-Assignment

Commissioner Holmes moved to approve Resolution No. 2483-2026, approving the third American Rescue Plan Act Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Re-Assignment of Obligations. Commissioner Cavender seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted YES: Commissioners Gondek, Forste-Grupp, Cavender, Holmes, Quinn, Hart, McCollum, McCloskey, and Trombetta.

Resolution No. 2484-2026 – Subdivision and Land Development – 1039 Sproul Rd.

Applicant has requested a continuance to June 8, 2026.

Continuation of Citizens' Forum for Non-Agenda Items

Alice Callison, Victoria Brown, Larry Surland, and Michelle Marsh spoke about Chapter 123 of the Township Code.

New Business

There was no new business.

Other Business

Commissioner Gondek wished the present mothers a happy belated Mothers' Day, congratulated the officers recognized at the ceremony, and shared information on the Township's Memorial Day Observation services.

Commissioner Forste-Grupp also thanked the officers and shared some information on the Haverford Township Library.

Commissioner Cavender shared information on the May 12 Town Hall for the 5th Ward.

Commissioner Holmes reminded residents to vote.

Commissioner Quinn also thanked the officers for their service and thanked the community for their support.

Commissioner Hart thanked the Parks and Recreation department for their work in preparing for the fundraiser race.

Commissioner McCollum thanked the officers for their work.

Commissioner McCloskey also thanked the officers for their work. He also reminded residents to drive safely in the area of the St. Denis Fair.

Commissioner Trombetta shared an update on PECO's rate increase request.

Adjourn.