Haverford Township - Board of Commissioners

Meeting: Monday, July 13, 2026

Time: 7:00 p.m.

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

Regular Meeting Minutes

1. Opening of Meeting

A. Roll Call

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

Also present were Township Manager David R. Burman, Assistant Township Manager Aimee Cuthbertson, CPA, John Walko, Esq., Chief of Police John Viola, Deputy Chief of Police Thomas J. Long, Director of Community Development Jaime Jilozian, and EMS Chief Jim McCans.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Chief Viola led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Presentations

A. Verizon Cable Franchise Renewal

Daniel S. Cohen, Esq., Cohen Law Group, presented on the Verizon Cable Franchise Renewal.

B. Police Entry-Level Testing Announcement

Bernard McCabe, Chair, Civil Service Commission, announced the advertising of applications for Police Entry-Level Testing.

C. Cop Camp 2026 Highlights

Chief John Viola shared the highlights of the 2026 Cop Camp.

3. Proclamations

A. Haverford America 250

Commissioner Forste-Grupp read the Haverford America 250 Proclamation.

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

Cheryl Woo and Paul Parashac, Ward 8, spoke about road safety at Manoa Road and Farwood Road.

Charles Burch and Susan Cannon, Ward 5, spoke about the Haverford School Master Plan.

Commissioner Hart addressed the comments about road safety at Manoa Road and Farwood Road. Commissioner Cavender addressed the comments about the Haverford

School Master Plan.

5. Bureau of Fire Update

Commissioner Gondek announced that in June, Haverford Township's fire companies responded to 96 total incidents, including 69 within the township and 27 out-of-township mutual aid. The average personnel per call was 20. There were 840 personnel hours committed to incidents and 464 personnel hours committed to training. The Township provided mutual aid to 8 working fires in Delaware County. In regard to EMS services, there were a total of 420 dispatches resulting in 370 patient care reports.

6. Township Auditor Update

Township Auditor Anderson was not present for the meeting.

7. Township Manager Update

Township Manager Burman spoke about the response from the last major storm and the start of the curbside composting project.

8. Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Quinn moved to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of June 8, 2026. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted YES: Commissioners Gondek, Forste-Grupp, Cavender, Holmes, Quinn, Hart, McCollum, McCloskey, and Trombetta.

9. Approval of Warrants

Commissioner Holmes moved to approve the following warrant #07-2026 totaling $6,297,905.64:

General & Sewer Fund Payroll for June 18, 2026, in the amount of $855,883.66

General & Sewer Fund Payroll for July 2, 2026, in the amount of $939,542.85

General Fund disbursements in the amount of $3,404,959.60

Sewer Fund disbursements in the amount of $56,363.35

Community Development Block Grant disbursement in the amount of $84,160.12

Capital Projects Fund disbursements in the amount of $831,487.20

American Rescue Plan Fund disbursements in the amount of $101,032.03

Credit Card Statement ending June 27, 2026, in the amount of $24,476.83

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

10. Appointments

Zoning Hearing Board – 1 Vacancy

Commissioner Cavender moved to appoint J.J. Gingerich to the Zoning Hearing Board for the term ending December 31, 2030. Commissioner Forste-Grupp seconded the motion. Commissioner McCollum moved to appoint Kevin Wilson to the Zoning Hearing Board for the term ending December 31, 2030. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. 6 Commissioners voted for Kevin Wilson: Commissioners Gondek, Holmes, Quinn, Hart, McCollum, and Trombetta. 3 Commissioners voted for JJ Gingrich: Commissioners Forste-Grupp, Cavender, and McCloskey. Kevin Wilson was appointed 6-3.

11. Ordinances

A. Ordinance No. P11-2026 – Traffic – 2nd Reading

Commissioner Forste-Grupp to adopt the second reading of Ordinance No. P11-2026, 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 special purpose parking zone at 4 W. Mercer Avenue. Commissioner Gondek seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted YES: Commissioners Gondek, Forste-Grupp, Cavender, Holmes, Quinn, Hart, McCollum, McCloskey, and Trombetta.

B. Ordinance No. P12-2026 – Traffic – 2nd Reading

Commissioner Holmes moved to adopt the second reading of Ordinance No. P12-2026, 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 727 Humphrey's Road. Commissioner McCloskey seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted YES: Commissioners Gondek, Forste-Grupp, Cavender, Holmes, Quinn, Hart, McCollum, McCloskey, and Trombetta.

C. Ordinance No. P13-2026 – Traffic – 2nd Reading

Commissioner Holmes moved to adopt the second reading of Ordinance No. P13-2026, 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 at 2220 Bryn Mawr Avenue. Commissioner Cavender seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted YES: Commissioners Gondek, Forste-Grupp, Cavender, Holmes, Quinn, Hart, McCollum, McCloskey, and Trombetta.

12. Resolutions

A. Resolution No. 2488-2026 – Verizon Cable Franchise Agreement

Commissioner McCloskey moved to approve Resolution No. 2488-2026, authorizing execution of a Cable Franchise Agreement between the Township and Verizon Pennsylvania LLC. Commissioner Gondek seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted YES: Commissioners Gondek, Forste-Grupp, Cavender, Holmes, Quinn, Hart, McCollum, McCloskey, and Trombetta.

B. Resolution No. 2489-2026 – Act 537 Plan Revision

Commissioner McCloskey moved to approve Resolution No. 2489-2026, revising the,

Act 537 Plan. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted YES: Commissioners Gondek, Forste-Grupp, Cavender, Holmes, Quinn, Hart, McCollum McCloskey, and Trombetta.

13. Contract Awards

A. Public Works – Rescind 2026 Road Paving Program Contract

Commissioner McCollum moved to rescind the conditional Award of the 2026 Road Paving Contract to N. Abbonizio and Sons. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted YES: Commissioners Gondek, Forste-Grupp, Cavender, Holmes, Quinn, Hart, McCollum, McCloskey, and Trombetta.

B. Public Works – Award of 2026 Road Paving Program Contract

Commissioner McCollum moved to award a contract in the amount of $1,205,989.05 to Glasgow, Inc., the lowest responsible bidder, for the 2026 Road Paving Program. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted YES: Commissioners Gondek, Forste-Grupp, Cavender, Holmes, Quinn, Hart, McCollum, McCloskey, and Trombetta.

C. Public Works – Bus Depot Retaining Wall Repair Project Contract

Commissioner McCollum moved to award a contract in the amount of $90,000 to James R. Kenney Excavating and Paving, Inc., the lowest responsible bidder, for the Bus Depot Retaining Wall Repair Project (including Alternate Number 1). Commissioner Gondek seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted YES: Commissioners Gondek, Forste-Grupp, Cavender, Holmes, Quinn, Hart, McCollum, McCloskey, and Trombetta.

D. Police – Chief of Police Search Professional Services Contract

Commissioner Holmes moved to award a professional services contract in the amount of $20,450 to Aspirant Consulting Group, LLC to conduct a structured Chief of Police search for Haverford Township. Commissioner McCollum seconded the motion. 8 Commissioners voted YES: Commissioners Gondek, Forste-Grupp, Cavender, Holmes, Quinn, Hart, McCloskey, and Trombetta. Commissioner McCollum voted NO. The motion passed 8-1.

E. Parks & Recreation – Paddock Park Pickleball Court Resurfacing Contract

Commissioner Hart moved to award a contract in the amount of $53,475 to Top-A-Court for the Paddock Park Pickleball Court Resurfacing Project. Commissioner Gondek seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted YES: Commissioners Gondek, Forste-Grupp, Cavender, Holmes, Quinn, Hart, McCollum, McCloskey, and Trombetta.

F. Parks & Recreation – Polo Field Park Benches Purchasing Contract

Commissioner Hart moved to award a contract in the amount of $18,055 for the purchase of 10 benches for Polo Field. Commissioner Cavender 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

Ed Germick, Farwood Road, spoke about road safety on Farwood Road.
Amy Heisman, Farwood Road, spoke about road safety on Farwood Road.
Victor Barky, Bambi Lane, spoke about curbside composting.

15. New Business

There was no new business.

16. Other Business

Commissioner Gondek thanked Township staff, especially Public Works, for their work cleaning up after the severe storms.

Commissioner Forste-Grupp thanked Llanerch Fire Company for a good 4th of July celebration.

Commissioner Cavender gave an update on Polo Field. She also spoke about the Haverford School Master Plan proposal.

Commissioner Holmes thanked Township staff, especially Public Works, police, and fire crews, for their work cleaning up after the severe storms.

Commissioner Quinn congratulated the Police Department for another successful Cop Camp and reminded residents to place their trash and recycling cans earlier than usual.

Commissioner Hart thanked Township staff, especially Public Works, police, and fire crews, for their work cleaning up after the severe storms.

Commissioner McCollum reminded residents to place their trash and recycling cans earlier than usual.

Commissioner McCloskey thanked the volunteers for the July 4th events that took place across the Township. He also thanked the public works department for their hard work.

Commissioner Trombetta thanked our public works department and parks and recreation department for their hard work.

17. Adjourn.