

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 6:00 P.M. – PERSONNEL AND REAL ESTATE

MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING
Board of Commissioners
Commissioners Meeting Room**

**January 14, 2019
Monday, 7:00 p.m.
Township of Haverford**

1. **Opening of Meeting** – Andy Lewis, President, opened the meeting and indicated that the board met in Executive Session prior to the meeting.

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

Also present were: Lawrence J. Gentile, Township Manager, Ross Anderson, CPA, Township Auditor, Tim Denny, Assistant Township Manager, Chief John Viola, Kelly Kirk, Zoning Officer and Dave Pennoni, Township Engineer.

b. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Commissioner D’Emilio asked for a Moment of Silence in remembrance of Peg Giacomucci, longtime Haverford Township resident, volunteer and someone that was always willing to reach out to someone in need.

2. **Proclamations**

Ryan Stump – Good Samaritan

Commissioner Hart and Chief Viola presented Mr. Stump a proclamation for his help in saving two lives when their home was on fire.

Joseph V. Rodriguez, Eagle Scout

Commissioner Lewis presented Joseph Rodriguez his proclamation on obtaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

3. Presentations were moved to Items 16 and 17 with their appropriate Resolutions.

986 & 996 E. Railroad Avenue- Final Land Development Plans

BMMSBA Railroad, LLC

Presented by applicant's attorney, Christen G. Pionzio, Esq.

924 Haverford Road- Preliminary Land Development Plans

Pets First Veterinary Center, LLC.

Presented by applicant's attorney, Jim Greenfield, Esq.

4. Commissioners Committee Update

No Commissioner updates this month.

5. Police Department – Crime Update

December 2018

Criminal Arrests: 25

Juvenile Arrests: 3

Traffic Citations: 124

Non-Traffic Citations: 26

Written warnings: 158

Parking Tickets: 31 Alert

171 Automated (MEO)

Robbery/Strong Arm (1)

Burglary (2)

Aggravated Assault (1)

Motor Vehicle Thefts (1)

Theft from Autos and attempts (25)

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Sex Offense (1)

Bicycle Thefts (1)

K9 Usage (8)

6. Township Auditor Update

Mr. Anderson reviewed the warrants, asked certain questions and all questions were answered to his satisfaction.

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

There were no registered speakers this month.

Agenda Items only:

Lynn Elliott – 704 Polo Road

Ms. Elliott spoke on two concerns of hers. First being, Bryn Mawr Medical Specialists Resolution No. 2116-2019:

There will be more traffic in this area, speed mitigation by considering installing speed tables, painting of a crosswalk which would help to slow down speeders and overgrown bushes on Railroad Avenue side need to be cut.

The second, Pets First, Resolution No. 2114-2019:

They have been a non-conforming use since the early 1900's, the new building being a kennel, the need to be adjacent to the current Veterinary Hospital but they are being allowed to build on the other side which will only be 25 feet to a residential home.

END OF CITIZENS FORUM

Commissioner Lewis indicated that the overgrown bushes will be cut and the issue of speed mitigation will be researched to try to mitigate traffic. Presentations will be given later in the meeting.

8. Approval of Minutes Budget/Regular Meeting Minutes of December 10, 2018

Motion made by Commissioner Holmes and seconded by Commissioner Siegel to approve the Budget/Regular Meeting Minutes of December 10, 2018.

Commissioner Holmes requested that in the overview of Section A, Trash Fee increase - \$30 add (\$197.00 to \$227.00).

Roll Called.

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

9. Approval of Warrants

Motion made by Commissioner Holmes and seconded by Commissioner Oliva to approve the following warrant #1-2019 totaling \$3,426,823.90

General & Sewer fund Payroll for December 13, 2018 in the amount of \$972,432.37

General & Sewer fund Payroll for December 29, 2018 in the amount of \$647,153.01

General Fund disbursements #1-2019 in the amount of \$1,112,073.90

Sewer Fund disbursements #1-2019 in the amount of \$229,287.11

**Community Development Block Grant Fund disbursement #1-2019
in the amount of \$121,405.95**

Capital Projects Fund disbursement #1-2019 in the amount of \$337,725.04

Credit Card Statement ending December 27, 2018 in the amount of \$6,746.52

Roll Called.

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

10. Ordinance No. P22-2018 Amend Zoning Chapter/599 Glendale Road (2nd Reading)

Motion made by Commissioner Wechsler and seconded by Commissioner Oliva to adopt the second reading of Ordinance No. P22-2018 AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE GENERAL LAWS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HAVERFORD, CHAPTER 182, “ZONING” BY RECLASSIFYING THE ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF A PORTION OF THE PROPERTY KNOWN AS DELAWARE COUNTY FOLIO NO. 22-09-00094-00, 599 GLENDALE ROAD, FROM ROS- OUTDOOR RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT TO R-4- LOW TO MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT.

Roll Called.

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

Commissioner McGarrity voted No.

11. Ordinance No. P26-2018 Traffic (2nd Reading)

Motion made by Commissioner D’Emilio and seconded by Commissioner Oliva to adopt the second reading of Ordinance No. P26-2018 authorizing traffic restrictions on the following highways:

Parking of All Vehicles Prohibited at All Times

Stanton Road, East Side, from Briarwood Road to a point 90 feet north thereof.

Roll Called.

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

12. Ordinance No. P1-2019 Cell Tower Amendment with T-Mobile (1st Reading)

Motion made by Commissioner Siegel and seconded by Commissioner D’Emilio to authorize Township Manager to execute documents with T-Mobile Northeast, LLC, amending lease agreement for cell tower at 3500 Darby Road.

This amendment will also provide 7 additional years of rental income.

Roll Called.

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

13. Ordinance No. P3-2019

Traffic (1st Reading)

Motion made by Commissioner Holmes and seconded by Commissioner Oliva to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. P3-2019 authorizing traffic restrictions on the following highways:

PARKING ON PUBLIC PROPERTY:

Adding Subsection g: making it unlawful for any unauthorized person to park any motor vehicle on the parking lots of the Haverford Township Municipal Complex, 1010-1014-1018 Darby Road, except for Township business.

Roll Called.

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

14. Ordinance No. P4-2019

Acquisition of 1105 Earlington Road from the School District of Haverford Township (1st Reading)

Motion made by Commissioner Hart and seconded by Commissioner Wechsler to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. P4-2019 AUTHORIZING THE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1105 EARLINGTON ROAD, HAVERTOWN, PA, SUBJECT TO REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE RELATED CONTRACTS BY THE TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR.

Commissioner McGarrity stated that this Board needs to have public meetings for citizen input on this acquisition. He would like the School Board to give the crossing guards a pay increase. They are dedicated individuals.

Commissioner Siegel indicated to the public that no decision has been made on what will happen on the property. We will be holding many meetings. He announced that our communications and relationship with the School Board has dramatically improved.

Roll Called.

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

Commissioner McGarrity voted No.

15. Resolution No. 2113-2019

Document Destruction

Motion made by Commissioner Holmes and seconded by Commissioner Oliva to adopt Resolution No. 2113-2019 that the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Haverford, County of Delaware, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in accordance with the Municipal Records Manual hereby authorizes the disposition of public records.

Roll Called.

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

16. Resolution No. 2114-2019

Preliminary Land Development – Pets First/924 Haverford Road

Motion made by Commissioner D’Emilio and seconded by Commissioner Oliva to adopt Resolution No. 2114-2019 approving the Preliminary Land Development for Pets First Veterinary Center, LLC., for the property located at 924 Haverford Road, Bryn Mawr, Haverford Township, Delaware County, and known as D.C. Folio No. 22-05-00399-00 has been submitted to demolish the existing non-conforming veterinary clinic and construct a new 3,000 square foot veterinary clinic with a twenty-five (25) space parking lot and an underground stormwater management facility. A one and a half (1.5) story residential structure will remain on the property. The subject property is legally non-conforming, zoned R-4, Low to Medium Residential District, and is located in the 5th Ward. The aforesaid plans were prepared by Site Engineering Concepts, LLC., Southeastern, PA 19399, dated November 15, 2018; subject to compliance with the Planning Commission recommendations.

Discussion began with presentation.

Background was provided by Township Solicitor, Jim Byrne: Zoning issues are all cleared up and now we are at the preliminary land development phase. The plan will go back to the Planning Commission again with their final land development plan and then back to this Board for vote.

Applicant’s attorney, Jim Greenfield, indicated that buffers of trees planted plus added landscaping will help the next door neighbor.

Roll Called.

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

17. Resolution No. 2116-2019 Final Land Development – Bryn Mawr Medical/986-996 E. Railroad Avenue

Motion made by Commissioner Oliva and seconded by Commissioner McGarrity to adopt Resolution No. 2116-2019 approving the Final Land Development for BMMSBA Railroad LLC, for the property located at 986 & 996 E. Railroad Avenue, Haverford Township, Delaware County, and known as D.C. Folio Nos. 22-05-00917-00 and 22-05-00918-00 has been submitted to develop the combined 1.5808 acre lot with a three (3) story, approximately 20,439 gross square foot medical office building, together with sixty-five (65) parking spaces, and other associated site improvements. The subject property is zoned O-1 Office District, and is located in the 5th Ward. The aforesaid plans were prepared by Robert E. Blue, Consulting Engineers, P.C., Blue Bell, PA, dated May 4, 2018 and last revised on November 16, 2018; subject to compliance of the Planning Commission.

Discussion began concerns trees on the property, the impact of traffic on Polo, Railroad and Haverford Roads. The medical building will hold 65 vehicles.

Roll Called.

8 Commissioners voted Yes: Commissioners D’Emilio, Oliva, McCloskey, Siegel, McGarrity, Hart, Wechsler and Holmes.

Commissioner Lewis voted No.

18. Resolution No. 2118-2019 Subdivision for 599 Glendale Road

Motion made by Commissioner D’Emilio and seconded by Commissioner Hart to adopt Resolution No. 2118-2019 approving the Subdivision for Haverford Township, 599 Glendale Road, Havertown, PA 19083, Haverford Township, Delaware County, and known as D.C. Folio No. 22-09-00094-00 has been submitted to permit the subdivision of the existing 105,438 square foot lot to create four (4) lots as follows: Lot No. 1 – approximately 68,759 square feet, Lot No. 2 –approximately 9,000 square feet, Lot No. 3- approximately 9,024 square feet, and Lot No. 4- approximately 18,655 square feet. Lot No. 1 is proposed to remain ROS, Recreational Open Space, with Lot Nos. 2 through 4 to be rezoned to R-4 (Low-Med Residential.) This property is located in the 9th Ward. The aforesaid plans were prepared by Pennoni Associates, Inc., Philadelphia, PA, dated November 5, 2018; subject to the recommendations within the Resolution.

Roll Called.

8 Commissioners voted Yes: Commissioners Oliva, McCloskey, Siegel, McGarrity, Hart, Wechsler, Holmes and Lewis.

Commissioner D'Emilio was absent from vote.

19. KCBA – Haverford Township Municipal Building – Water Leaks Invoice

Motion made by Commissioner McGarrity and seconded by Commissioner Siegel to authorize the payment of \$27,001.45 to KCBA for work relating to other water intrusions for new building.

The Board broke for Executive Session to discuss a real estate matter.

The payment will be paid from the Capital Fund.

Roll Called.

7 Commissioners voted Yes: Commissioners Oliva, McCloskey, Siegel, McGarrity, Hart, Holmes and Lewis.

Commissioner Wechsler voted No.

Commissioner D'Emilio was absent from the vote.

20. Purchases/Police Department

Motion made by Commissioner Oliva and seconded by Commissioner McGarrity to authorize the purchase of five (5) 2019 Chevrolet Tahoe police vehicles from Hondru Chevrolet, 2005 S. Market Street, Manheim, PA, under PA COSTARS Contract 13, for a total purchase price of \$194,725.00.

Roll Called.

8 Commissioners voted Yes: Commissioners Oliva, McCloskey, Siegel, McGarrity, Hart, Wechsler, Holmes and Lewis.

Commissioner D'Emilio was absent from vote.

21. Continuation of 2019 Appointments

Environmental Advisory Commission – 2 Year Term

Ward 4 Deferred

Ward 6 Deferred

Senior Citizens Advisory Board – 1 Year Term

Ward 1 Deferred

Ward 4 Deferred

Ward 6 Deferred

Ward 8 Deferred

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

Lynn Elliott spoke again and indicated that she never asked for their party status at a Zoning Hearing Board meeting and indicated that she did not say there would be a kennel built at Pet’s First.

She also clarified the percentage of vehicles traveling to Bryn Mawr Medical Specialists - 35% on Haverford Road and 65% on Railroad Avenue.

23. New business

Commissioner Lewis announced that the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee together with the Commissioners AD HOC Committee will meet on January 23rd and every 4th Wednesday of the month. Please advise Commissioner Lewis if you wish to be removed from the AD HOC Committee or if any other Commissioner is interested in serving.

24. Other business

Mario Oliva – 2nd Ward Commissioner

Commissioner Oliva also reflected on Peg Giacomucci's life. She helped everyone and was a great force in the township.

Kevin McCloskey – 3rd Ward Commissioner

Commissioner McCloskey announced that he, Commissioners Lewis and Siegel will be hold a meeting in this room on February 20th, 7:00 p.m. with PaDot regarding the Ardmore Avenue bridge reconstruction.

He stated that taking acquisition of the Brookline School is an opportunity for the township to do something good on the property.

Dan Siegel, Esquire – 4th Ward Commissioner

Commissioner Siegel indicated that we voted on two major developments tonight and both the Zoning Hearing Board and the Planning Commission are very important.

As most are aware, the Board interviews candidates that desire to serve on Boards and Commissions. This year's process was interesting and exceptional individuals submitted their resumes. He thanked everyone for participating. All Boards are important!

Jim McGarrity – 7th Ward Commissioner

Commissioner McGarrity announced that the Grange had a fabulous year. A substantial amount of money was raised from the train display, house tour and the gift shop.

Tomorrow evening volunteer firefighters will be honored at the CREC, 7:00 P.M. Everyone is welcome.

It was another great year for Toys for Tots. Each year the collection becomes larger and larger.

Commissioner McGarrity stated again his thoughts on the Brookline School and that the School Board needs to give the Crossing Guards a pay increase.

Gerry Hart, M.D. – 8th Ward Commissioner

Commissioner Hart announced that the Library will be screening “Catching the Sun” (Global Warming). The screening is being sponsored by the EAC.

William F. Wechsler – 9th Ward Commissioner

Commissioner Wechsler’s Constituent Meeting will be held next Thursday night, 7:00 p.m.

Two major issues will be discussed: a subdivision on Ellston & Peach Roads and 1400 Fairview Road.

Larry Holmes, Esquire – 6th Ward Commissioner

Commissioner Holmes announced that Monday will be the 34th Annual Martin Luther King Observance. If you are off, spend the day in service to the community.

Andy Lewis – 5th Ward Commissioner

Commissioner Lewis also announced that February 20th is our Ardmore Avenue Bridge reconstruction meeting with PaDot.

25. All Commissioners agreed to adjourn.