

## MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING  
Board of Commissioners  
Commissioners Meeting Room

May 13, 2019  
Monday, 7:00 p.m.  
Township of Haverford

1. Opening of Meeting – Andy Lewis, President, opened the meeting.

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

Also present were: David R. Burman, Township Manager/Secretary, Ross Anderson CPA, Township Auditor, James J. Byrne, Jr., Esquire, Township Solicitor, Tim Denny and Aimee Cuthbertson, CPA, Assistant Township Managers, Chief John Viola, Deputy Chief Joseph Hagan, Dan Mariani, Acting Public Works Director, Joe Celia, Codes Enforcement Director, Kelly Kirk, Zoning Officer and Dave Pennoni, Township Engineer.

- b. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Swearing-in Ceremony

David R. Burman, Township Manager/Secretary was sworn in by the Honorable Robert R. Burke.

3. Race for Peace Recognition Award presented to Deputy Chief Joseph Hagan by the RFPC founder Andrew Howell.

4. Police Week and Officer of the Year Award

Commissioner D’Emilio, Board of Commissioners Police Chair, announced Police Week and presented Officer Michael Travaline a proclamation as “Officer of the Year”.

5. Township Auditor Update

Ross Anderson, Township Auditor, reviewed the month’s disbursements, raised certain questions and answers were to his satisfaction.

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

**Geraldine Houpt – Joanna Circle – Swale behind the Llanerch Quarry**

Mrs. Houpt was happy to announce that Commissioner Wechsler spoke to the management office, and the paper, trash bags, mattresses, etc. that individuals are throwing in the swale have been removed and maintenance will continue.

**Hannah Turlish – 412 Mill Road – Upcoming Equality and Inclusiveness Forum**

This forum will help support students and families during diversity. Schools are to be a place where children need to be safe. Hate crimes are rising.

**Conor Quinn – 7<sup>th</sup> Ward Republican Candidate**

Mr. Quinn indicated that Haverford Township is the most desirable community to live in. We have first rate departments. We are a vibrant community.

We still have many challenges ahead of us: the opioid crisis and traffic.

**END OF REGISTERED SPEAKERS**

No one spoke during Agenda Items only.

**7. Approval of Minutes                      Regular Meeting Minutes of April 8, 2019**

Motion made by Commissioner D’Emilio and seconded by Commissioner Siegel to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of April 8, 2019.

Roll Called.

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

**8. Approval of Warrants**

Motion made by Commissioner Holmes and seconded by Commissioner Siegel to approve the following warrant #5-2019 totaling \$5,944,780.44

- General & Sewer Fund Payroll for April 18, 2019 in the amount of \$680,337.16
- General & Sewer Fund Payroll for May 2, 2019 in the amount of \$603,854.21
- General Fund disbursements #5-2019 in the amount of \$2,024,092.70
- Sewer Fund disbursements #5-2019 in the amount of \$51,649.44
- Community Development Block Grant Fund disbursement #5-2019 in the amount of \$109,247.78

**Capital Projects Fund disbursement #5-2019 in the amount of \$232,496.30  
PA OFFICE OF UC BENEFITS (ACH PAYMENTS) 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2019 in the  
amount of \$495.90**

**Debt Service – 2014 GO Issue (ACH) Interest in the amount of \$149,558.75**

**Debt Service – 2016 GO Issue (ACH) Interest in the amount of \$123,941.25**

**Debt Service – 2018 GO Issue (ACH) Interest in the amount of \$1,963,473.75**

**Credit Card Statement ending April 27, 2019 in the amount of \$5,633.20**

**Roll Called.**

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

**9. Finance Department – Tax Assessment Appeal**

**Motion made by Commissioner Holmes and seconded by Commissioner Wechsler to approve  
the tax assessment appeal for DC Folio #22-03-00842-00 (also known as 4-6 E. Eagle Road)  
settlement stipulation agreement pending in the Court of Common Pleas of Delaware County  
under Docket #2017-10357, and authorize counsel and Township officials to execute necessary  
documents.**

**Roll Called.**

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

**\*10. Resolution 2141-2019                      Blue Route/PennDOT/CMAQ Grant**

**Motion made by Commissioner Siegel and second by Commissioner D’Emilio to authorize the  
Township Manager to draft a letter or prepare other necessary documents supporting and  
endorsing PennDOT’s application for a Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement  
Program (CMAQ) grant to fund the proposed reconstruction of the Interstate 476 (Blue Route)  
northbound interchange and nearby intersections with West Chester Pike and Lawrence Road  
in Haverford Township.**

**Roll Called.**

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

**11. Ordinance No. P2-2019                      Haverford Reserve – Bill of Sale (1<sup>st</sup> Reading)**

**Motion made by Commissioner Siegel and seconded by Commissioner Wechsler  
to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. P2-2019 ACCEPTING THE  
TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OF SEWER LINES AND RELATED**

**IMPROVEMENTS WITHIN CERTAIN PORTIONS OF THE COMMON ELEMENTS OF HAVERFORD RESERVE, THE CARRIAGE HOMES AND AUTHORIZING A SANITARY SEWER AND UTILITY AND ACCESS EASEMENT AGREEMENT ON A PORTION OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3500 DARBY ROAD, HAVERFORD, PA.**

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

**12. Ordinance No. P7-2019 Peddling & Solicitation (1<sup>st</sup> reading)**

**Motion made by Commissioner Siegel and seconded by Commissioner Oliva to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. P7-2019 AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING ORDINANCE NO. 1960, ADOPTED JUNE 30, 1986, AND KNOWN AS THE “GENERAL LAWS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HAVERFORD, BY FURTHER AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 130, PEDDLING AND SOLICITATION, SECTION 130.**

**Roll Called.**

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

**Commissioner McGarrity voted No.**

**13. Ordinance No. P8-2019 Curbs (2<sup>nd</sup> reading)**

**Motion made by Commissioner Siegel and seconded by Commissioner Oliva to adopt the second reading of Ordinance P8-2019 AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING ORDINANCE NO. 1960, KNOWN AS THE “GENERAL LAWS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HAVERFORD”, ADOPTED JUNE 30, 1986, CHAPTER 58 (BUILDING CONSTRUCTION), SECTION 58-2 (ADDITIONS, DELETIONS AND MODIFICATIONS) BY MODIFYING THE PROVISIONS FOR CURB REPLACEMENT.**

**Roll Called.**

**Five Commissioners voted Yes: Commissioners Oliva, Siegel, Hart, Wechsler and Lewis.**

**Four Commissioners voted No: Commissioners D’Emilio, McCloskey, McGarrity and Holmes.**

14. Ordinance No. P9-2019

Amend Chapter 30 – Pensions Employee Benefits  
(2<sup>nd</sup> reading)

Motion made by Commissioner Holmes and seconded by Commissioner Wechsler to adopt the second reading of Ordinance No. P9-2019 of Ordinance No. P9-2019 amending Chapter 30: Pensions and Employee Benefits to include early retirement with actuarial reduction option.

Roll Called.

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

15. Ordinance No. P10-2019

Traffic (2<sup>nd</sup> reading)

Motion made by Commissioner Holmes and seconded by Commissioner McGarrity to adopt the second reading of Ordinance No. P10-2019 authorizing the removal of traffic restrictions on the following highways:

Rescind from Haverford Township Ordinance: § 175-78 Schedule III: One Way highways

Beechwood Bridge Northeast From Beechwood Drive and Lakeside Avenue entrance onto the Beechwood Bridge entrance, Monday through Friday from 4 pm to 6 pm.

Beechwood Bridge Southwest From Karakung Drive onto the Beechwood Bridge entrance, Monday through Friday from 7 am to 9 am.

Roll Called.

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

16. Resolution No. 2134-2019

SolSmart Designation

Motion made by Commissioner Hart and seconded by Commissioner McGarrity to adopt Resolution No. 2134-2019 that the Board hereby supports the efforts of staff to prepare necessary applications and documentation to apply for SolSmart designation setting it apart in its commitment to encouraging alternative energy sources.

Roll Called.

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

17. Resolution No. 2135-2019

Greenways, Trail & Recreation Program Grant Application

Motion made by Commissioner Hart and seconded by Commissioner McGarrity to adopt Resolution No. 2135-2019 authorizing the Township Manager to submit a 2019 Greenways, Trails & Recreation grant application in the amount of \$250,000 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for the acquisition of 224 Foster Avenue and the redevelopment of that property into a Greenway and designating the Township Manager to execute all documents and agreements between the Township and the Commonwealth Financing Authority.

Roll Called.

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

18. Resolution No. 2136-2019

Greenways, Trails & Recreation Program Grant Application

Motion made by Commissioner Oliva and seconded by Commissioner D’Emilio to adopt Resolution No. 2136-2019 authorizing the Township Manager to submit a 2019 Greenways, Trails & Recreation grant application in the amount of \$213,000 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for modifications to an unnamed tributary to Darby Creek to accommodate the future extension of the Darby Creek Trail and designating the Township Manager to execute all documents and agreements between the Township and the Commonwealth Financing Authority.

Roll Called.

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

19. Resolution No. 2137-2019

Flood Mitigation Program Grant Application

Motion made by Commissioner Hart and seconded by Commissioner McGarrity to adopt Resolution No. 2137-2019 authorizing the Township Manager to submit a 2019 Flood Mitigation grant application in the amount of \$500,000 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for the construction of an underground retention facility within Chatham Glen Park and designating the Township Manager to execute all documents and agreements between the Township and the Commonwealth Financing Authority.

Roll Called.

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

**20. Resolution No. 2138-2019**

**Final Land Development Plan – Republic Bank**

Motion made by Commissioner McCloskey and seconded by Commissioner Siegel to adopt Resolution No. 2138-2019 approving the Final Land Development for Republic Bank, for the property located at 2400 Darby Road, Havertown, Haverford Township, Delaware County, and known as D.C. Folio No. 22-03-00690-00 has been submitted to construct a 3,028 square foot bank building with twenty-two (22) off-street parking spaces, an infiltration bed for stormwater management, and other associated site improvements. The subject property is zoned C-3 (General Commercial District), and is located in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward. The aforesaid plans were prepared by Robert E. Blue Consulting Engineers, PC., dated December 21, 2018 and last revised on March 15, 2019; subject to compliance of the Planning Commission recommendations.

Roll Called.

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

**21. Contract Awards**

**Parks & Recreation**

Motion made by Commissioner McGarrity and seconded by Commissioner McCloskey to award the Tennis Court Rehabilitation Project contract to Top-A-Court, Hatfield, PA in the amount of \$438,894.00; submitting the lowest responsible bid.

Roll Called.

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

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

**Chris Connell – 519 Kenmore Road – Stormwater Management**

Commissioner Connell thanked the Board for being consistent to address stormwater problems. Don’t forget 224 Foster Avenue.

**23. New business**

Commissioner D’Emilio announced that last month, at a meeting convened on the Washington State Senate floor, a Bill was debated that would give inpatient nurses uninterrupted meals and breaks at work and protect them from mandatory overtime. State Senator Maureen Walsh objected to this Bill, stating “nurses probably play cards for a considerable amount of the day.”

Commissioner D’Emilio is requesting the Board’s support to send a letter to the State Senator asking for a full apology of what she said regarding nurses. Commissioner D’Emilio will draft such letter.

**24. Other business**

**Steve D’Emilio – 1<sup>st</sup> Ward Commissioner**

Nothing to report this month.

**Mario A. Oliva – 2<sup>nd</sup> Ward Commissioner**

Commissioner Oliva announced that on Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> is a Preview Night for the Haverford Home and Garden Show and May 19<sup>th</sup>, the show opens at 10 am to 4 pm.

**Kevin McCloskey, Esquire – 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward Commissioner**

Commissioner McCloskey welcomed Dave Burman as Haverford’s new Township Manager/Secretary.

He also agreed to the seriousness of the stormwater management issues in the township.

He indicated that the St. Denis had another successful Fun Fair.

May 19<sup>th</sup> will be Chestnutwold School’s Annual 5K Run.

Our Parks & Recreation Department will, once again, hold their Annual Trail Series Run beginning May, June and July.

**Dan Siegel, Esquire – 4<sup>th</sup> Ward Commissioner**

Commissioner Siegel also welcomes Dave Burman.

Commissioner Siegel is glad that the School District is taking initiatives regarding transgender and other issues – inclusiveness and level of comfort.

Haverford Township’s first Shredding Event was “overflowing”. The next event will be held on June 29<sup>th</sup>.

Anything with a Plug Event will be May 18<sup>th</sup> from 9 – 1 at Delaware Community College.



Commissioner Siegel attended the Ceremony dedicating the POW MIA Chair in the lobby. It was quite moving.

Commissioner Siegel reflected on the Massacre in Pittsburgh and at the Chabad in California – all hate crimes. These hate crimes continue to rise and we must be vigilant.

Commissioner Siegel is opposing Senate Bill 531 further restricting the ability of municipalities to regulate any gun-related issues such as requiring owners of gun that are lost or stolen to report to police that weapons were lost or stolen.

**James McGarrity – 7<sup>th</sup> Ward Commissioner**

Commissioner McGarrity thanked Conor Quinn for his comments. He urges Conor to keep speaking.

Commissioner McGarrity thanked Chris Connell for working with Commissioner Hart on the stormwater management issues.

Commissioner McGarrity reminded everyone to vote next Tuesday.

**Gerry Hart, M.D. – 8<sup>TH</sup> Ward Commissioner**

Commissioner Hart also welcomed Dave Burman and thanked Aimee for filling in as Acting Township Manager.

Tomorrow evening both he and Tim Denny will be meeting residents at the Chatham Glen Park to talk about upgrades in the park and gather input.

**William F. Wechsler – 9<sup>th</sup> Ward Commissioner**

Commissioner Wechsler thanked Mrs. Houpt for speaking tonight and for helping to keep the township clean. There will be continued maintenance at the Quarry.

Commissioner Wechsler's constituent meeting will be held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Bon Air Fire Company.

Commissioner Wechsler stated that Haverford Township has great officers and congratulated Officer Travaline on being selected as "Officer of the Year".

**Larry Holmes, Esquire – 6<sup>th</sup> Ward Commissioner**

Commissioner Holmes also thanked Mrs. Houpt for speaking tonight.

He also welcomes Dave Burman as the new Township Manager.

Next Tuesday will Primary Day. He is asking all Independents to rethink their allegiances.

**Andy Lewis – 5<sup>th</sup> Ward Commissioner**

Commissioner Lewis congratulated Deputy Chief Hagan for being awarded the Race for Peace Award.

He thanked Aimee and welcomed Dave Burman.

Commissioner Lewis raised a cell phone issue in the Coopertown area. Residents have to be in a certain room to speak on the phone. This is a major safety issue in the Coopertown Elementary School.

This issue will be discussed at the June Work Session and a Draft Resolution written to contact carriers.

Mrs. Alvare also indicated that the 3<sup>rd</sup> Ward also is affected.

All Commissioners agreed to adjourn.