

EXECUTIVE SESSION: 6:00 p.m. – LEGAL/PROPERTY MAINTENANCE ISSUES

MINUTES

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

**June 10, 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 to discuss Property Maintenance Issues.

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, Ross Anderson, CPA, Township Auditor, Kelly Sullivan, Esquire, Township Solicitor, Tim Denny and Aimee Cuthbertson, CPA, Assistant Township Managers, Deputy Chief Joseph Hagan, Joe Celia, Codes Enforcement Director, Kelly Kirk, Zoning Officer and David Pennoni, Township Engineer.

b. Pledge of Allegiance

2. Proclamation: 4th & 5th Grade Winners of 24 Delaware County Math Competition

Commissioner Holmes presented Maya Lewis, Sofia King, Jimmy Boyle and Jiordano Ermilio their own individual Proclamations.

3. Township Auditor Update

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

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

Jen Leith – HRC Chairperson

Ms. Leith highlighted all events and meetings with the School District and the Haverford Township Police Department. They are making tremendous progress.

Lorraine Williams – 610 S. Eagle Road – Drag Time Story Hour

Mrs. Williams opposes the Drag Time Story.

Andrew Amrein – 22 Harvard Road – Drag Time Story Hour

Mr. Amrein opposes the Drag Time Story hour.

William Williams, M.D. – 620 S. Eagle Road – Drag Time Story Hour

Dr. Williams also opposes the Drag Time Story Hour.

Jean Lutes – Clemson Road - Drag Time Story Hour

Ms. Lutes supports the Drag Time Story Hour.

END OF REGISTERED SPEAKERS

No one spoke during Agenda Items Only

5. Approval of Minutes Regular Meeting Minutes of May 13, 2019

Motion made by Commissioner D’Emilio and seconded by Commissioner Wechsler to adopt the Regular Meeting Minutes of May 13, 2019

Roll Called.

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

6. Approval of Warrants

Motion made by Commissioner Holmes and seconded by Commissioner Siegel to approve the following warrant #6-2019 totaling \$2,856,414.20

General & Sewer fund Payroll for May 16, 2019 in the amount of \$661,891.17
General & Sewer fund Payroll for May 30, 2019 in the amount of \$656,343.75
General Fund disbursements #6-2019 in the amount of \$715,127.82
Sewer Fund disbursements #6-2019 in the amount of \$518,271.02
Community Development Block Grant Fund disbursement #6-2019
in the amount of \$81,668.60
Capital Projects Fund disbursement #6-2019 in the amount of \$212,868.91
Credit Card Statement ending May 27, 2019 in the amount of \$10,242.93

Roll Called.

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

7. Ordinance No. P2-2019 Haverford Reserve – Bill of Sale (2nd Reading)

Motion made by Commissioner Siegel and seconded by Commissioner Wechsler to adopt the second 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.

Roll Called.

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

8. Ordinance No. P7-2019 Peddling & Solicitation (2nd Reading)

Motion made by Commissioner Siegel and seconded by Commissioner Hart to adopt the second 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.

9. Ordinance No. P11-2019 Traffic – Electric Charging Stations -§ 175-32. Parking on public property (1st Reading)

Motion made by Commissioner Oliva and seconded by Commissioner D’Emilio to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. P11-2019 amending CHAPTER 175, VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC, Parking on Public Property, by establishing protocol for Electric Charging Stations.

Discussion began. Commissioner Hart asked to amend Section A – we want to encourage use of the charging stations.

Commissioner Siegel suggested this language: It shall be unlawful to park any motor vehicle on any public property of the Township of Haverford in parking areas, other than those containing an “electric vehicle charging station,” which are restricted or otherwise reserved for use by Township officials, employees and persons conducting Township-related business between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Commissions Oliva and D’Emilio accepted the amendment.

Roll Called.

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

10. Ordinance No. P12-2019 Amending Chapter 83 – Firearms, Fireworks & Other Weapons (1st Reading)

Motion made by Commissioner Siegel and seconded by Commissioner Oliva to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. P12-2019 AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING THE “GENERAL LAWS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HAVERFORD”, CHAPTER 83 (FIREARMS, FIREWORKS AND OTHER WEAPONS), SECTION 83-1 (DISCHARGE PROHIBITED);

EXCEPTIONS) BY MODIFYING THE PROVISION TO REQUIRE REPORTING OF LOST OR STOLEN FIREARMS.

Roll Called.

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

11. Resolution No. 2142-2019 Statewide Preemption of Firearms Laws

Motion made by Commissioner Siegel and seconded by Commissioner McCloskey to adopt Resolution No. 2142-2019 Opposing Statewide Preemption of Firearms Laws Limiting the Ability of Municipalities Seeking to Reduce Gun Violence to Enact Appropriate Legislation.

Roll Called.

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

Commissioner McGarrity voted No.

12. Ordinance No. P13-2019 Traffic (1st Reading)

Motion made by Commissioner Oliva and seconded by Commissioner McCloskey to adopt Ordinance No. P13-2019 authorizing traffic restrictions on the following highways:

Special Purpose Zone – in front of 546 Wales Road.

Roll Called.

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

13. Resolution No. 2139-2019 Authorization to Execute Documents

Motion made by Commissioner Holmes and seconded by Commissioner D’Emilio to adopt Resolution No. 2139-2019 authorizing David R. Burman, Township Manager/Secretary to execute any and all documents relating to the administration of any federal and state funding

programs including the Community Development Block Grant and HOME programs effective Monday, June 10, 2019.

Roll Called.

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

14. Resolution No. 2140-2019 Fee Schedule

Motion made by Commissioner Holmes and seconded by Commissioner McCloskey to adopt Resolution No. 2140-2019 authorizing a comprehensive fee schedule for the convenience and ease of the general public in determining Township fees for the cost of said services.

Roll Called.

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

15. Approval of the Draft CDBG Action Plan for funding for 2019

Motion made by Commissioner McGarrity and seconded by Commissioner Hart to approve the DRAFT CDBG Action Plan for funding for 2019.

Roll Called.

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

16. Contract Awards

Public Works – Traffic Signal Maintenance Contract

Motion made by Commissioner McGarrity and seconded by Commissioner Oliva to award the Traffic Signal Maintenance Contract to Signal Services, West Chester, PA, in the amount of \$35,155.00; submitting the lowest responsible bid.

Roll Called.

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

**The Grange Estate – Lower Springhouse Roof Project at The Grange
(to be funded by CDBG funds)**

Motion made by Commissioner Hart and seconded by Commissioner McGarrity to award the lower Springhouse Roof Project to Donald E. Reisinger, Inc, West Chester, PA, in the amount of \$128,770.00; submitting the only responsible bid.

Roll Called.

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

17. Purchase

Skatium

Motion made by Commissioner Wechsler and seconded by Commissioner Hart to approve the purchase of a Vapor Barrier/Reflective Ceiling, from Energie Innovation, Inc., St. Laurent, Quebec, Canada in the amount of \$67,880.00.

Roll Called.

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

18. Continuation of Citizen's Forum for Non-Agenda Items

Allison Cosco – Edgewood Road – Brookline School

The Brookline School is a presence in the community. The building needs to be restored.

The following individuals spoke “in favor” of the Story Time Drag Hour

Hannah Turlish – 412 Mill Road

Nancy Donovan – Buck Lane

Patty O'Donnell – Furlong Road

Jennifer Tuff

George Adams – Ralston Avenue

Ron Vital – Wickford Road

Karen Vital

Suzanne Longo

Christine Rizzo – non-resident

Ross Anderson – Heatherwood Road

Chris Barnes – Wilmont Avenue

Jack Holmes – Chestnut Avenue

Aurora Lill – David Drive

The following individuals spoke “opposed” to the Story Time Drag Hour

Debbie Moran – Garfield Avenue

Barbara Dalessi

Charles DeFeo – Chester County

Jo Maser – Tenby Road

Beth White – Upland Road

Harry Reiser – Rodmor Road

Christine Smith

Rosemary Miller

Joe Grande

Patricia Lake Quinn

Ms. McLaughlin stated that the event should be held in the basement of the library or cancel it.

RESPONSES

Phil Goldsmith – President, Haverford Township Free Library

The library offers a broad range of events. We are proud of our library, staff and patrons. Our library is a free library and offers a greater variety of what we believe is appropriate.

Kelly Sullivan, Esquire – Haverford Township Solicitor

Haverford Township Commissioners do not control the library. Background checks are not required for a one-time performer. They are following the 1st Amendment Rights.

Andy Lewis – President – Board of Commissioners

The library is open to all groups under the 1st Amendment Rights.

Kevin McCloskey, Esquire – 3rd Ward Commissioners

Commissioner McCloskey supports the LGBTQ community. He was taught at a young age that everyone needs to be treated with dignity and respect and is willing to talk to anyone on this topic.

Jim McGarrity – 7th Ward Commissioner

Commissioner McGarrity is 100% opposed and this story hour should not happen next Saturday.

Dan Siegel, Esquire – 4th Ward Commissioner

Commissioner Siegel stated that we would be suppressing one groups right to speak. There needs to be a spirit of tolerance and we must embrace each other. Intolerance is a threat to society.

Larry Holmes, Esquire – 6th Ward Commissioner

Commissioner Holmes was proud that his son, Jack, spoke up tonight. Everyone needs to open their minds to the LGBTQ community and accept and not fear.

William F. Wechsler – 9th Ward Commissioner

Commissioner Wechsler thanked both sides for speaking tonight. The USA is our country and it is your right to do so. We all need to be tolerant of each other.

Mario A. Oliva – 2nd Ward Commissioner

Commissioner Oliva agrees with Commissioner Wechsler. Commissioner Oliva's parents came here to reside as immigrants. He is Latino and he takes his Oath seriously.

Steve D'Emilio – 1st Ward Commissioner

Commissioner D'Emilio thanked everyone who contacted him or emailed him. You do have the right to voice your free speech or protest peacefully. He does support this event; everyone needs to be treated with dignity and respect. He is proud how everyone handled tonight.

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

Commissioner Hart fully supports the story time hour. There were no complaints last year. Some will understand and some will not. We are a diverse community.

19. New business

Commissioner D'Emilio announced that the Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee and AdHoc Committee met on June 4th to interview three Consultants: CH Planning, Tom Comitta Associates and Urban Research Associates. A recommendation will be made to the Board at the July meeting.

20. Other business

Steve D’Emilio – 1st Ward Commissioner

Commissioner D’Emilio announced that there will be a Ribbon Cutting at the West Gate Trail on June 20th at 7 p.m.

Work is still underway with PaDot for a painted island at Walnut Hill and Glendale Road.

Mario Oliva – 2nd Ward Commissioner

Commissioner Oliva stated that he supports Commissioner Siegel to include other faiths in the township.

Last week he attended a conference in Erie, PA. The conference included inclusion and diversity. He suggested that minority business owners come to the township; it is working in Erie.

Kevin McCloskey, Esquire – 3rd Ward Commissioner

See everyone on Saturday at the Library.

Dan Siegel, Esquire – 4th Ward Commissioner

Commissioner Siegel clarified that every religion and every group is welcome. It is a Board commitment. This Board is moving forward in the right direction.

Jim McGarrity – 7th Ward Commissioner

Commissioner McGarrity apologized for using the word scum bag a couple of meetings ago during the Property Maintenance discussion.

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

Commissioner Hart would like the Brookline School to be discussed at next month's meeting and to bring in the Library for more discussion.

Penfield Civic Association will hold their Annual July 4th festivities, 9:30 a.m. at the Grange.

William F. Wechsler – 9th Ward Commissioner

Hilltop Civic Association will hold their Annual July 4th festivities beginning at Bon Air Fire Company to Hilltop Field.

Commissioner Wechsler also offered an apology to Commissioner Siegel. We are an interfaith community.

Larry Holmes, Esquire – 6th Ward Commissioner

Commissioner Holmes supports the LGBTQ Community and quoted his mother who was a faith-filled person – Jesus invited the tax collector, leper and thief to his home. She told him anyone is invited into her home. He thanked the library for taking a bold stand.

Andy Lewis – 5th Ward Commissioner

Commissioner Lewis thanked Jen Leith for speaking tonight and asked to have another item on future Agenda's entitled Boards and Commissions Updates.

There will be free tours at the Grange on June 16th, the Annual Irish Festival will be held on June 22nd and June 29th will be another township Shredding Event.

21. All Commissioners agreed to adjourn.

