

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING
Board of Commissioners
Commissioners Meeting Room

August 12, 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 real estate and personnel matters.

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: David R. Burman, Township Manager/Secretary, Ross Anderson, CPA, Township Auditor, Kelly Hayes, Esquire, Township Solicitor, Aimee Cuthbertson, CPA, Assistant Township Manager, Deputy Chief Joseph Hagan, Jim McCans, Paramedic Director, Brian Barrett, Parks and Recreation Assistant Director, Dan Mariani, Public Works Director, Kelly Kirk, Zoning Officer and Chuck Faulkner, Township Engineer.

b. **Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silence** in remembrance of Dr. John Holmes and recent victims of massive gun shootings.

2. **International Overdose Awareness Day** – James McCans, Director of Paramedics announced that August 31, 2019 is International Overdose Awareness Day. Chief McCans provided an overview from where we were and where we are today. The Police, Paramedics, HADA and the D.A’s office have made tremendous strides to turn this around.

*Commissioner Lewis read aloud a portion of Resolution No. 2091-2018 – Gun Violence

1. Prohibit persons convicted of domestic violence crimes, including violent misdemeanors, or who have a domestic abuse restraining order in force against them to transport, receive or possess firearms or ammunition, and enact laws that require prohibited domestic abusers to turn in firearms they already own;
2. Permit courts to require a person to surrender his or her firearms if there is clear and convincing evidence that he has used, displayed, or threatened to use firearms or dangerous weapons;
3. Restrict the sale to and possession of firearms by mentally ill persons if there is clear and convincing evidence that he or she has used, displayed, or threatened to use firearms or dangerous weapons, or otherwise acted in a manner demonstrating that he or she may use firearms or dangerous weapons;
4. Require gun owners to report lost or stolen handguns within 48 hours of the time he or she knew or reasonably should have known of the loss or theft, colloquially known as the Lost or Stolen Reporting Requirement Act;

5. Prevent known and suspected terrorists, those convicted of violent hate crimes and those with a history of domestic abuse from illegally buying guns;
6. Require universal background checks on all firearms sales and transfers of ownership, including online and at gun shows, with all background checks to be performed through a Federal Firearms Licensed dealer;
7. Require trigger locks on all firearms in houses where children are present;
8. Ban the sale of military-style assault weapons;
9. Ban the sale of high-capacity magazines or clips that can hold more than 10 bullets at a time;
10. Require any person seeking to own, possess, purchase or otherwise acquire a firearm to successfully complete a safety training course that includes live firing, a safe-handling demonstration and a written test of firearm laws;
11. Ban products, commonly known as bump stocks, that render semi-automatic weapons capable of automatic fire; and.
12. Support the availability and funding of mental health and substance abuse treatment so all individuals who are in need of help have sufficient access to these services, and the support of enhanced mental health services for children.

Discussion began among the Board. This topic will be discussed further at the September Work Session.

3. Commissioners Committee Updates

Commissioner Hart announced that the Senior Citizens Advisory Board and the HPED worked together with local businesses and restaurants to provide senior citizen discounts on Tuesday's.

Dave Burman, Township Manager, reported on last Wednesday's storm. There was a huge amount of rain; thankfully, no injuries. Fire crews shut off gas in the homes on Wynnefield Drive. The township building opened its doors for a shelter in place. There were many vehicle rescues.

4. Township Auditor Update

Ross Anderson, Township Auditor, reviewed the disbursements. He found no irregularities. He indicated that the credit card bill was high this month due to the Recreation Department's summer program.

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

Amy Moskowitz – Reference Manager – the Library

Ms. Moskowitz announced that September is Library Month and stated all the events and activities being held during September.

Tim MacColl – 48 Tunbridge Road – Water Issues – after 2019 Road Program

On Craig Lane and Blakely; which is affecting Tunbridge Road.

END OF REGISTERED SPEAKERS

No one spoke during Agenda Items Only

6. Boards and Commissions Updates

No updates this month.

7. Approval of Minutes Regular Meeting Minutes of July 8, 2019

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

Roll Called.

All 9 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 Oliva to approve the following warrant #8-2019 totaling \$4,715,524.77

General & Sewer fund Payroll for July 11, 2019 in the amount of \$673,302.79
General & Sewer fund Payroll for July 25, 2019 in the amount of \$730,083.78
General & Sewer fund Payroll for August 8, 2019 in the amount of \$687,520.62
General Fund disbursements #8-2019 in the amount of \$1,617,314.37
Sewer Fund disbursements #8-2019 in the amount of \$273,742.37
Community Development Block Grant Fund disbursement #8-2019
in the amount of \$97,642.28

**Capital Projects Fund disbursement #8-2019 in the amount of \$620,153.08
PA Office of UC Benefits (ACH) – 2ND Qtr 2019 in the amount of \$363.66
Credit Card Statement ending July 27, 2019 in the amount of \$15,401.82**

Roll Called.

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

9. Approval of 2020 Budget Adoption Schedule

Motion made by Commissioner Holmes and seconded by Commissioner Siegel to approve the 2020 Budget Adoption Schedule.

Roll Called.

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

10. Resolution No. 2147-2019 Bryn Mawr Trust – depository bank

Motion made by Commissioner McGarrity and seconded by Commissioner Hart to adopt Resolution No. 2147-2019 appointing Bryn Mawr Trust as a depository for Haverford Township and authorizing the Township Manager and Director of Finance to open depository account.

Roll Called.

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

11. Investment Depository

Motion made by Commissioner McGarrity and seconded by Commissioner Hart to approve Township Manager’s designation of Univest Bank and Trust Co as a general investment depository of Haverford Township.

Roll Called.

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

12. Ordinance No. P14-2019 Traffic (2nd Reading)

Motion made by Commissioner Holmes and seconded by Commissioner Oliva to adopt the second reading of Ordinance No. P14-2019 establishing traffic restrictions on the following highways:

Special Purpose Parking

In front of 727 Humphrey's Street, Ardmore, PA.

Roll Called.

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

13. Ordinance No. P15-2019 Grange Estate - Extend Lease and Agreement between Haverford Township and the Friends of the Grange, Inc. (1st Reading)

Motion made by Commissioner McGarrity and seconded by Commissioner Hart to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. P15-2019 approving to extend Lease and Agreement between Haverford Township and the Friends of the Grange, Inc. for the property leasing, maintenance and preservation of the Grange complex.

Roll Called.

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

14. Ordinance No. P16-2019 Trail Easement Agreement – 3823 Darby Road (1st Reading)

Motion made by Commissioner Oliva and seconded by Commissioner Siegel to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. P16-2019 AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP TO ENTER AN EASEMENT AGREEMENT FOR PORTIONS OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3823 DARBY ROAD FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF TRAIL FACILITIES.

Roll Called.

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

15. Resolution No. 2146 -2019

Phases 3 & 4 Construction, of the Delaware Valley
Regional Planning Commission Regional Streetlight
Procurement Program

Motion made by Commissioner Wechsler and seconded by Commissioner Hart to adopt Resolution No. 2146-2019 that the Board of Commissioners of Haverford Township hereby authorizes the Township to exercise its option under the existing cooperative purchasing contract with KLS and to proceed to Phase 3 and Phase 4 of the Program for Project Management and Post Construction Operation and Maintenance Services; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Haverford Township hereby authorizes the Township to enter into cooperative purchasing in the form of a contract with Armour & Sons Electric, Inc. for installation of equipment; and it is

FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of Haverford Township hereby authorizes and directs its officials, employees, agents and representatives to take all such further actions and to execute and deliver all such instruments and other documents as may be necessary or appropriate to enable the Township to carry out the intent and purposes of the foregoing resolutions and the transactions contemplated hereby.

Roll Called.

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

16. Resolution No. 2148-2019

Sewer Module – 217 Walnut Hill Lane

Motion made by Commissioner D’Emilio and seconded by Commissioner McGarrity to adopt Resolution No. 2148-2019 authorizing the Township of Haverford to revise its Sewage Facilities Plan (ACT 537 Plan) by executing a sewage facilities planning module for the addition of one (1) EDU in the Darby Creek Drainage System, associated with the subdivision of the property at 217 Walnut Hill Lane, Havertown, PA, where the existing single family dwelling will remain and one (1) new building lot will be created

Roll Called.

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

17. Resolution No. 2149-2019

Land Development Minor Subdivision/Mr. Storage

Motion made by Commissioner Siegel and seconded by Commissioner Oliva to adopt Resolution No. 2149-2019 approving the Preliminary/Final Land Development and Minor Subdivision Plans for Haverford Mr. Storage, LLC, for the properties located at 850 N. Eagle Road, Haverford Township, Delaware County, and known as D.C. Folio No. 22-01-00366-01 (Tract 2) and 1000 N. Eagle Road, Haverford Township, Delaware County, and known as D.C. Folio No. 22-01-00727-00 (Tract 1) has been submitted to expand an existing self-storage building by transferring 27,850 square feet from Tract 1 to Tract 2. Tract 1 will result in a 66,317 square foot parcel, containing the existing automotive maintenance facility. Tract 2 will result in a 97,532 square foot parcel, containing the existing “Mr. Storage” facility and proposed 11,645 square foot addition. The subject property is zoned LIN- Light Industrial District, and is located in the 4th Ward. The aforesaid plans were prepared by Herbert E. MacCombie, Jr., P.E. Consulting Engineers and Surveyors, Inc., Broomall, PA 19008, dated May 20, 2019 and last revised on July 5, 2019; subject to compliance with the recommendations of the Planning Commission.

Roll Called.

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

18. Resolution No. 2150-2019

Sewer Module – 599 Glendale Road

Motion made by Commissioner Wechsler and seconded by Commissioner Siegel to adopt Resolution No. 2150-2019 authorizing the Township of Haverford to submit to the Department of Environmental Protection, for its approval a Revision to the Official Sewage Facilities Plan for the property located at 599 Glendale Road.

Roll Called.

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

19. Appointments

Historical Commission

Motion made by Commissioner Wechsler and seconded by Commissioner Siegel to appoint Brian Ramona to fill an unexpired four-year term on the Historical Commission to expire December 31, 2019.

Motion made by Commissioner Hart and seconded by Commissioner Holmes to appoint Keith Swift to fill an unexpired four-year term on the Historical Commission to expire December 31, 2019.

Motion to close made by Commissioner Holmes and seconded by Commissioner McGarrity.

Roll Called.

7 Commissioners voted for Mr. Swift: Commissioners D’Emilio, Oliva, McCloskey, McGarrity, Hart, Holmes and Lewis.

2 Commissioners voted for Mr. Ramona: Commissioners Siegel and Wechsler.

Planning Commission

Motion made by Commissioner Hart and seconded by Commissioner McCloskey to appoint Jack Garrett to fill an unexpired four-year term on the Planning Commission to expire December 31, 2021.

Motion made by Commissioner Oliva and seconded by Commissioner Siegel to appoint David Chanin, Esquire to fill an unexpired four-year term on the Planning Commission to expire December 31, 2021.

Roll Called.

6 Commissioners voted for Mr. Chanin: Commissioners D’Emilio, Oliva, Siegel, McGarrity, Holmes and Lewis.

3 Commissioners voted for Mr. Garrett: Commissioners McCloskey, Hart and Wechsler.

20. Purchases

Parks & Recreation

Motion made by Commissioner Oliva and seconded by Commissioner McGarrity to authorize the purchase of 40, 32 gal, green, PVC coated, steel trash receptacles – liners included Litter Receptacles from Recreation Resources USA, Kenneth Square, PA, under CoStars 14, in the amount of \$19,150.00. (Capital Bond Funds)

Roll Called.

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

Motion made by Commissioner Oliva and seconded by Commissioner McGarrity to authorize the purchase of playground equipment for Llanerch Park, from Recreation Resources USA, Kenneth Square PA, under CoStars 14, in the amount of \$47,845.75. (Capital Bond Funds)

Roll Called.

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

Motion made by Commissioner Oliva and seconded by Commissioner Wechsler to approve \$10,500.00 to install approximately 370’ of 6 ft. black chain link fence and remove the existing fence at Richland Farms Park, from Super Fence Company, Ardmore, PA (Capital Bond Funds)

Roll Called.

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

Motion made by Commissioner Oliva and seconded by Commissioner Wechsler to approve \$18,540.00 to Performance Signage, Cleves, OH, to produce 30, 2'x4' Park entrance signs (\$618.00 each). (Capital Bond Funds).

Roll Called.

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

Commissioner D’Emilio was out of the room for vote.

Codes Department

Motion made by Commissioner McCloskey and seconded by Commissioner McGarrity to authorize the purchase of two 2020 Ford Fusion Hybrids, from Hondru Ford, Manheim PA, under CoStar #24-006, in the amount of \$51,300.00.

Roll Called.

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

Contract Awards

Parks & Recreation

Veterans Field Improvements

Motion made by Commissioner Oliva and seconded by Commissioner McGarrity to award the Veterans Field Improvements contract to Gessler Construction Company, Media, PA with a base bid of \$251,500.00; submitting the lowest responsible bid.

Roll Called.

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

Replacement of Sidewalks and Paths in Parks

Motion made by Commissioner Oliva and seconded by Commissioner D’Emilio to award the Replacement of Sidewalks and Paths in Parks to Premier Concrete, Inc., Broomall, PA, in the amount of \$367,140.00; submitting the lowest responsible bid.

Roll Called.

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

Dr. Hart voted No.

Public Works

2019-2020 Salt Contract

Motion made by Commissioner McGarrity and seconded by Commissioner Oliva to award the 2019-2020 Salt Contract to Eastern Salt Company, in the amount of \$53.00 per ton; submitting the lowest responsible bid.

Roll Called.

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

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

Barbara Whitman and Sharon Pennock – Plastic Bags and Straws

For education purposes: Prior to banning straws, please keep in mind that many disabled individuals need to use straws and there are many out there.

Commissioners D’Emilio and Lewis will meet with the women to learn more.

Hannah Turlish – 412 Mill Road – Recent Storm – Wynnefield Drive

Ms. Turlish reminded everyone to reach out to residents, affected by the storm, to see what you can do to help them out.

There is a resident, that lives on Winton, accumulated 6 inches of water in their basement. They believe it is from the recent 2019 Road Program. Their inlet is smaller.

Victor Barsky – 28 Bambi Lane – Recent Storms

Mr. Barsky has been studying the storms. He currently received 3 inches of rain and the CREC received 6 inches. The township needs to plan ahead to correct it.

Ross Anderson – 220 Heatherwood Road

Plastics do get into the drains.

22. New business

Commissioner Siegel stated that we have significant issues in recycling. He would like to initiate a Working Group to plan for the future. He is suggesting a couple of Commissioners, some members from the EAC and the surrounding colleges.

Commissioners Siegel, D’Emilio and Oliva volunteered.

Commissioner Siegel spoke on the upcoming Safe-exchange Zones for on-line sale exchanges. Deputy Chief indicated that the signs have been ordered and a Press Release is in the works.

Commissioner Siegel is requesting that there be a change in language in the Code Book regarding sidewalks; specifically, for subdivisions. The wording should be “mandatory” but the resident may come to the board to ask for a “waiver”.

Commissioner Holmes made a motion which was seconded by Commissioner D’Emilio to instruct the Township Solicitor to represent the township’s interest at this Thursday’s Zoning Hearing Board meeting. Item: Bank of America.

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

Commissioner Lewis introduced the first reading of Ordinance No. P17-2019, Traffic Ordinance. This ordinance will be placed on the September agenda.

23. Other business

Steve D’Emilio – 1st Ward Commissioner

Commissioner D’Emilio indicated that the new traffic pattern on Walnut Hill Lane and Glendale is working very well.

Commissioner D’Emilio thanked HADA. They are our angels on our shoulders.

Commissioner D’Emilio thanked the Police, Fire and EMS for a wonderful National Night Out.

Commissioner D’Emilio asked residents to check the inlets on their streets and advise the township.

Commissioner D’Emilio will hold his Fall community meeting on September 25th, 7:00 p.m. at the Manoa Fire House.

A Bingo Night will be held for the homeless on September 14th at St. Demetrius, 229 Powell Lane. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and Bingo begins at 6:30. Call 610-833-4454. Tickets are \$30.00.

The township is still getting educated on plastics.

Finally, schools will be open soon – please drive safely.

Mario Oliva – 2nd Ward Commissioner

Commissioner Oliva thanked the Public Works Department and our Emergency Management Coordinator and assistant for all their help during the storm. They did a great job!

Commissioner Oliva emphasized the need for rain gardens and rain barrels.

Commissioner Oliva thanked the ladies that provided their input regarding the Llanerch Park new playground equipment.

Kevin McCloskey, Esquire – 3rd Ward Commissioner

Commissioner McCloskey announced that Darby Road will be paved this week. Eagle Road is still scheduled for 2019.

Commissioner McCloskey thanked everyone that has been impacted during the Ardmore Avenue Bridge reconstruction project. There will be a follow up PaDot meeting on September 4th in the Commissioners' Meeting Room.

Dan Siegel, Esquire – 4th Ward Commissioner

Commissioner Siegel indicated that the township is doing all it can do with flooding matters.

Commissioner Siegel reminded everyone that it has been two years today since the Charlottesville car attack and it is continuing. Discussions and communication on this issue need to continue.

Next month, the Board will be voting on the Brookline School. Commissioner Siegel has received numerous emails indicating that the Board has not been transparent. These statements simply are not true. This Board is transparent.

Jim McGarrity – 7th Ward Commissioner

Commissioner McGarrity also indicated that this Board has not hidden anything regarding the Brookline School. He stated that he is not in favor of a new library at this location.

Commissioner McGarrity thanked Mrs. Barrett for her recent letter submission to the Board.

Commissioner McGarrity thanked the Public Works Department, the tree gang and Sanitation Department for all their hard work.

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

Commissioner Hart provided a Manoa Road Bridge Update: concrete will be poured Thursday night, in late August, work will be done on the approach roads and reopening in late September.

William F. Wechsler – 9th Ward Commissioner

Commissioner Wechsler also stated that the Public Works Department did a phenomenal job during the storm.

Commissioner Wechsler will be having his constituent meeting on September 26th at the Bon Air Fire Company.

Commissioner Wechsler reminded everyone to drive safe. Starting tomorrow all tryouts begin for sports. There will be children riding bikes and walking.

Larry Holmes, Esquire – 6th Ward Commissioner

Commissioner Holmes thanked his colleagues, staff and constituents for all their condolences on the loss of his father.

School will begin soon – drive carefully.

Andy Lewis – 5th Ward Commissioner

Commissioner Lewis announced that registration has begun for the Haverford Adult School.

Commissioner Lewis thanked the Board for their recent support in purchasing speed bumps. They help with speeding.

September 4th will be an update meeting for residents with PaDot regarding the Ardmore Avenue Bridge closure.

Commissioner Lewis reminded everyone that PaDot determines the timing of lights.

Commissioner Lewis also stated that this Board is fully transparent!

24. All Commissioners agreed to adjourn.