

FINAL BUDGET / REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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

**December 9, 2019
Monday, 7:00 p.m.
Township of Haverford**

1. **Opening of Meeting** – Andy Lewis, President, opened 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: David R. Burman, Township Manager, Ross Anderson, CPA, Township Auditor, Kelly Sullivan, Esquire, Township Solicitor, Aimee Cuthbertson, CPA, Assistant Township Manager, Chief John Viola, Deputy Chief Joe Hagan, Dan Mariani, Public Works Director, Joseph Celia, Codes Director and Chuck Faulkner, Township Engineer

- b. **Pledge of Allegiance**

2. **Proclamation:** Conor Joseph Dowdell – Eagle Scout – received his Eagle Scout Proclamation from Commissioners Wechsler and Oliva

Tyler Thomas Hamilton – Eagle Scout – received his Eagle Scout Proclamation from Commissioner D’Emilio

Benjamin Katze – Eagle Scout – received his Eagle Scout Proclamation from Commissioner McCloskey

Commissioner Jim McGarrity – was recognized for his 28 years as 7th Ward Commissioner and congratulated upon his retirement. Also present were: former Commissioners Ken Richardson, Tony Ercole and Chris Connell. Former Commissioner Rob Trumbull sent in a personal message for Commissioner McGarrity.

3. **Bureau of Fire – Recipient of Award – for Recruitment & Retention**

Chief John Viola, Brookline Fire Company and members of the other four volunteer companies were present to be acknowledged as being a recipient of a Recruitment and Retention Award.

Commissioner Wechsler made a motion which was seconded by Commissioner Holmes to move up Item #20 -

All Commissioners agreed.

20. Contract Awards

Brookline School Demolition

Motion made by Commissioner Holmes and seconded by Commissioner Oliva to award the demolition of former Brookline Elementary School to Empire Dismantlement Corporation, Grand Island, NY, in the amount of \$569,000.00, submitting the lowest responsible bid.

Motion made by Commissioner Siegel and seconded by Commissioner Oliva to TABLE.

Roll Called.

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

Commissioner Holmes voted No.

***THE BID IS GOOD FOR 90 DAYS.**

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

Jay Prossack – Brookline School

Mr. Prossack questioned the asbestos removal. If the building is remodeled what is the asbestos cost? Mr. Prossack questioned the BID Opening.

Chuck Faulkner, Pennoni Associates, stated that the total BID is \$569,000.00; \$270,000 is the cost for environmental issues with the balance demo.

Mr. Faulkner indicated that the BIDS were sent in electronically through PennBid. Anyone could have viewed them on line.

Tony Morinelli – Brookline School

Mr. Morinelli told the board to pay attention to what is posted on Facebook and NextDoor. He asked what the cost would be for keeping the façade and renovate the interior. Where is your sense of history?

Michelle Alvare – Hastings Road – Parks and Recreation Board

Michelle thanked both Jim McGarrity and Tim Denny for the many years of dedication to the Parks and Recreation Department.

Colette Bannan – 334 Sagamore Road – Brookline School

Mrs. Bannan thanked the board for tabling the contract award. More study is in order. She hopes the building is refurbished.

Alan Phillips – Woodmere Park area – Brookline School

Mr. Phillips also spoke on what is being posted on Facebook and NextDoor. He asked if this vote could be put on as a referendum question.

Commissioner Lewis stated this board will continue to be transparent.

Steve Davango – 604 N. Manoa Road

Many years ago Mr. Davango helped Mr. McGarrity's opponent. But he had to admit tonight that Jim McGarrity was the best commissioner for the 7th Ward.

Phil Goldsmith – President – Library Board

Mr. Goldsmith stated that he does not do Facebook anymore. We did look at the Oakmont School years ago. The Library Board also looked at the Bubble Gum Factory, the Manoa School, the Brookline School, the former Jewish Synagogue, the Grimes Center and the old Township building.

We are anxious to get this moving.

5. Budget Hearing and Adoption

A. Review any changes to 2020 Preliminary Budget

Motion made by Commissioner Holmes and seconded by Commissioner Siegel to accept any changes to the 2020 Preliminary Budget.

Between the Preliminary Budget and tonight's budget adoption, there is an increase of \$1,303,378. Commissioner Holmes announced the various additions and also announced a small road program in 2020.

*These changes do not affect the Sewer Fee, Trash or millage rate.

Roll Called.

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

B. Ordinance No. P24-2019 Sewer Rental Charge (final reading)

Motion made by Commissioner Holmes and seconded by Commissioner to adopt the final reading of Ordinance No. P24-2019 authorizing the imposition of an annual sewer rate in the amount of \$4.40 per 1,000 gallons of water consumed.

Roll Called.

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

C. Ordinance No. P25-2019 Trash Fee (final reading)

Motion made by Commissioner Holmes and seconded by Commissioner Siegel to adopt the final reading of Ordinance No. P25-2019 establishing the annual trash fee at \$245 .00.

Roll Called.

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

D. Ordinance No. 2888-2019 Tax Levy (first reading is a final reading)

Motion made by Commissioner Holmes and seconded by Commissioner Wechsler to adopt Ordinance No. 2888-2019 fixing the tax rate for the year 2020 at 8.487 mills.

Roll Called.

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

E. Ordinance No. 2889-2019 Budget Appropriations (first reading is a final Reading)

Motion made by Commissioner Holmes and seconded by Commissioner Siegel to adopt Ordinance No. 2889-2019 appropriating funds established to be required for specific purpose of financing the municipal government for the year 2020 including all taxes, fees, service charges and other revenue sources provided within all funds.

Roll Called.

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

END OF BUDGET PORTION

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

6. Civil Service Commission

Motion made by Commissioner McGarrity and seconded by Commissioner D’Emilio to adopt the Civil Service Entry Level Police List.

Roll Called.

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

Mrs. Boccella, Civil Service Commission Administrator, presented the first three names on the list: Stephen Rost, Jr., Thomas Murtha and Justin Davis.

Motion made by Commissioner McGarrity and seconded by Commissioner D’Emilio to appoint Stephen Rost, Jr., as a Haverford Township Entry Level Police Officer.

Roll Called.

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

7. Commissioner Committee Updates

Commissioner D’Emilio stated that Kelly Sullivan, Esquire submitted their legal opinion on nuisance properties. This will be discussed at the January meeting.

Commissioner Siegel asked about his proposed No Smoking in Parks Ordinance. The Parks Board voted it down. This will be placed on the January agenda.

8. Township Auditor Update

Ross Anderson, Township Auditor, congratulated Jim McGarrity.

Mr. Anderson stated that he reviewed the disbursements and found no irregularities. He also reviewed the proposed 2020 Budget and all is reasonable.

9. Approval of Minutes

Regular Meeting Minutes of November 12, 2019
Preliminary Budget Meeting Minutes of November 18, 2019

Motion made by Commissioner McGarrity and seconded by Commissioner Oliva to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 12, 2019 and the Preliminary Budget Meeting Minutes of November 18, 2019.

Roll Called.

8 Commissioners voted Yes for the Regular Meeting Minutes: Commissioners Oliva, McCloskey, Siegel, McGarrity, Hart, Wechsler, Holmes and Lewis.

Commissioner D'Emilio abstained. He was absent.

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

10. Approval of Warrants

Motion made by Commissioner Holmes and seconded by Commissioner Oliva to approve the following warrant #12-2019 totaling \$7,794,686.29

General & Sewer fund Payroll for November 14, 2019 in the amount of \$642,913.23

General & Sewer fund Payroll for November 27, 2019 in the amount of \$654,158.87

General Fund disbursements #12-2019 in the amount of \$5,303,532.22

Sewer Fund disbursements #12-2019 in the amount of \$562,910.55

Community Development Block Grant Fund disbursement #12-2019
in the amount of \$193,018.59

Capital Projects Fund disbursement #12-2019 in the amount of \$430,722.89

Credit Card Statement ending November 27, 2019 in the amount of \$7,429.94

Roll Called.

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

11. Ordinance No. P26-2019

2nd Lease Agreement -with AT&T Mobility Corporation (2nd reading)

Motion made by Commissioner Holmes and seconded by Commissioner Oliva to adopt the second reading of Ordinance No. P26-2019 approving 2nd lease amendment with AT&T Mobility Corporation, the Manager for New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC pertaining to a ground lease for a portion of property located at 2080 Old West Chester Pike, Haverford Township, PA.

Roll Called.

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

12. Ordinance No. P27-2019

Sale of 599 Glendale Road (2nd Reading)

Motion made by Commissioner Wechsler and seconded by Commissioner McGarrity to adopt the second reading of Ordinance No. P27-2019 authorizing the sale of 599 Glendale Road at Public Auction.

Roll Called.

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

13. Ordinance No. P28-2019

Traffic (2nd Reading)

Motion made by Commissioner Siegel and seconded by Commissioner Oliva to adopt the second reading of Ordinance No. P28-2019 authorizing traffic restrictions on the following highways:

Special Purpose Parking

Establish – in front of 1463 Lawrence Road

Roll Called.

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

14. Ordinance No. P29-2019 Traffic (1st Reading)

Motion made by Commissioner Oliva and seconded by Commissioner Holmes to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. P29-2019 establishing traffic restrictions on the following highways:

Special Purpose Parking Zones

1 space on the side of residential dwelling at 2500 E. County Line Road, at gate.

Roll Called.

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

15. Resolution No. 2163-2019 2020 Meeting Dates

Motion made by Commissioner Siegel and seconded by Commissioner McGarrity to adopt Resolution No. 2163-2019 approving the 2020 Board of Commissioners, Boards and Commissions Meeting Dates.

Roll Called.

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

16. Resolution No. 2164-2019 Underground Retention Water & Sewer Grant – Chatham Glen Park

Motion made by Commissioner Hart and seconded by Commissioner McGarrity to adopt Resolution No. 2164-2019 that the Board of Commissioners does hereby designate David R. Burman (Township Manager) as the official to execute all documents and agreements between

the Township and the Commonwealth Financing Authority to facilitate and assist in obtaining the requested grant in the amount of \$500,000 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for the construction of an underground retention facility at the Chatham Glen Park.

Roll Called.

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

17. Resolution No. 2165-2019 H2O PA Flood Control Program – Chatham Glen
Infrastructure Improvements

Motion made by Commissioner Hart and seconded by Commissioner McGarrity to adopt Resolution No. 2165-2019 that the Board of Commissioners does hereby designate David R. Burman (Township Manager) as the official to execute all documents and agreements between the Township and the Commonwealth Financing Authority to facilitate and assist in obtaining the requested grant in the amount of \$5,000,000 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for improvements to the existing storm water conveyance system through portions of the Chatham Glen neighborhood.

Roll Called.

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

18. Resolution No. 2166-2019 Addendum #1 to Climate Action Plan

Motion made by Commissioner Hart and seconded by Commissioner Oliva to adopt Resolution No. 2166-2019 that:

- The Board of Commissioners of the Township of Haverford accepts Addendum #1 to our 2008 Township Change Climate Action Plan that was presented at our October 7, 2019 work session.

- **The Board of Commissioners will give strong consideration to the short-term recommendations in Addendum #1 to the Climate Change Action Plan as we consider our future legislative and budgetary steps towards meeting our Climate Action goals.**
- **The Board of Commissioners will continue to request addenda to the Climate Change Action Plan to support future year actions until a comprehensive plan update is completed that addresses the steps needed to reach 2035 and 2050 goals.**

Roll Called.

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

19. 2019 Application – DEP Alternative Grant Program

Motion made by Commissioner McGarrity and seconded by Commissioner D’Emilio to support the Township’s 2019 application to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection Alternative Fuels Grant Program.

Roll Called.

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

21. Veterans Field Improvements Phase 2 – Field B Relocation

Motion made by Commissioner McGarrity and seconded by Commissioner Oliva to award the Veterans Field Improvements, Phase 2 – Field B Relocation, to Farhat General Construction services, Halifax, PA, in the amount of \$87,654.32; submitting the lowest responsible bid.

Roll Called.

All 9 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

Victor Barsky – 28 Bambi Lane – EAC Member

Mr. Barsky was asked by Peter Puglionesi to appear tonight to thank the board for all they are doing with climate control.

Michelle Alvare – County Reassessments

Ms. Alvare asked the board about the county reassessments.

The new tax assessments will be effective in 2021.

23. New business

None

24. Other business

REORGANIZATION MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2020 – 7:30 PM

BEST WISHES IN THE NEW YEAR!

All Commissioners wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy Hanukkah.

Steve D'Emilio – 1st Ward Commissioner

Commissioner D'Emilio asked the Police Department to continue monitoring the parking situation on Briarwood Road.

Commissioner D'Emilio congratulated the Bureau of Fire on receiving the Retention and Recruitment Award.

Commissioner D'Emilio stated that its' been fun working with Commissioner Jim McGarrity. He is truly committed to the 7th Ward.

Mario Oliva – 2nd Ward Commissioner

Commissioner Oliva stated the Commissioner McGarrity took him under his wing when he began as the 2nd Ward Commissioner.

Kevin McCloskey, Esquire – 3rd Ward Commissioner

Commissioner McCloskey was in favor to table the demolition of the Brookline School. We do need to move forward.

Dan Siegel, Esquire – 4th Ward Commissioner

Commissioner Siegel also agreed that we need to resolve the library issue.

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

Commissioner Hart stated that he will be seeing Commissioner McGarrity at the Grange. He congratulated Conor Quinn.

William F. Wechsler – 9th Ward Commissioner

Commissioner Wechsler did indicate that he did witness Jim McGarrity, 3:45 a.m. inspecting street lights. He offered the best to Fran.

Larry Holmes, Esquire – 6th Ward Commissioner

Commissioner Holmes will always remember Jim McGarrity's fighting spirit and the passion he has for his constituents.

Andy Lewis – 5th Ward Commissioner

Commissioner Lewis watched the last Zoning Hearing Board broadcast and indicated that there is room for improvement. Witnesses need to be better micro phoned and try to zoom in on the exhibits.

Commissioner Lewis thanked Jim McGarrity and for being an advocate for his constituents. Jimmy is a fighter – whether big or small issues.

He thanked Jim for his involvement in the Haverford State Hospital purchase.

Jim McGarrity – 7th Ward Commissioner

Commissioner McGarrity thanked everyone and said it was great working here. Sometimes it was like cats and dogs and other times pats on the back. God Bless everyone.

25. All Commissioners agreed to adjourn.

