

MINUTES

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

**October 15, 2019
TUESDAY, 7:00 p.m.
Township of Haverford**

1. **Opening of Meeting** – Andy Lewis, President opened the meeting.
 - a. **Roll Call** – 8 Commissioners were present at roll call: Commissioners D’Emilio, Oliva, McCloskey, Siegel, McGarrity, Wechsler, Holmes and Lewis.

Commissioner Hart arrived late.

Also present were: David R. Burman, Township Manager, Ross Anderson, CPA, Township Auditor, James J. Byrne, Jr., Esquire, Township Solicitor, Tim Denny and Aimee Cuthbertson, CPA, Assistant Township Managers, Kelly Kirk, Zoning Hearing Officer, Dan Mariani, Public Works Director and Chuck Faulkner, Township Engineer. Chief Viola arrived late.

- b. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Commissioner Lewis asked for a moment of silence for a Middle School student who tragically passed away.

2. **Proclamations**

Violet McGeever – Centenarian Birthday – Mrs. McGeever was not present. However, Commissioners Oliva and D’Emilio read aloud her proclamation.

James Velligan, Eagle Scout – Commissioner Lewis presented Eagle Scout, James Velligan his proclamation.

Command Sergeant Major Jeffrey Hill, USA (RET.) – Commissioner Holmes presented Command Sergeant Major Hill, USA (RET.) his proclamation for service.

West Gate Hills Civic Association – Commissioner D’Emilio presented the West Gate Hills Civic Association a plaque for their help in working on the trail.

The Darby Creek Valley Association presented Tim Denny a plaque in thanks for all his help through the years and offered their best wishes in his retirement.

Tim Denny – Retirement – Commissioners McGarrity and Oliva presented Tim Denny, Assistant Township Manager/Parks & Recreation Director a plaque in honor of his upcoming retirement.

3. Commissioners' Committee Update

Commissioner Holmes announced that the 2020 Preliminary Budget will be distributed before October 31, 2019.

4. Township Manager Update – Moved to after the Warrants

5. Township Auditor Update

Ross Anderson, Township Auditor, reviewed the expenses in the warrant and found no irregularities.

Mr. Anderson thanked Tim Denny and wished him a great retirement!

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

Liz Goldberg – 6th Ward Resident – Bon Air Fire Issue

Many individuals I have spoken to want to thank all of you for the decision you made.

7. Approval of Minutes Regular Meeting Minutes of September 9, 2019

Motion made by Commissioner D'Emilio and seconded by Commissioner Hart to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of September 9, 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 #10-2019 totaling \$5,713,413.35

General & Sewer fund Payroll for September 19, 2019 in the amount of \$663,143.91
General & Sewer fund Payroll for October 3, 2019 in the amount of \$638,457.99
General Fund disbursements #10-2019 in the amount of \$3,494,613.43
Sewer Fund disbursements #10-2019 in the amount of \$282,641.71
Community Development Block Grant Fund disbursement #10-2019
in the amount of \$108,252.75

**Capital Projects Fund disbursement #10-2019 in the amount of \$519,575.10
Credit Card Statement ending September 27, 2019 in the amount of \$6,728.46**

Roll Called.

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

***#4 – Dave Burman, Township Manager – Update**

The 2020 Preliminary Budget Meeting will be held on November 18th, discussed at the Work Session on December 2nd and final adoption on December 9th.

During the past five months, the township experienced serious flooding, two bridges out and Darby Road was paved. We had our Road Program with contractor coming back tomorrow to mill and pave three streets. They still have a lengthy punch list to complete. The township has withheld money.

Eagle Road will be paved.

October 28th will begin the township’s Leaf Collection Season. The dates have been posted on all social media – all is weather permitting. The township will have a new website in early 2020.

9. Property Tax Assessment Appeal

Motion made by Commissioner Oliva and seconded by Commissioner Wechsler to approve a Stipulation to Settle Delaware County Court of Common Pleas Case CV-2018-009815 pertaining a property tax assessment appeal for DC Folio #22-01-02419-00 (525 West Chester Pike).

Roll Called.

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

Commissioner D’Emilio was absent from the vote.

10. Reappointment – Certified Public Accountants

Motion made by Commissioner McGarrity and seconded by Commissioner Holmes to reappoint Barbacane, Thornton & Company, Township independent auditor for a final three-year period covering Fiscal years ending December 31, 2019, 2020 and 2021.

Roll Called.

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

11. Ordinance No. P17-2019

Traffic (2nd Reading)

Motion made by Commissioner Wechsler and seconded by Commissioner Hart to adopt the second reading of Ordinance No. P17-2019 rescinding a traffic restriction on the following highway:

Rescinding from § 175-92 Schedule XVII: Parking of Commercial Vehicles Prohibited at All Times

Morlyn Avenue, Both sides, from Lee Circle to Doe Road

Roll Called.

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

12. Ordinance No. P21-2019

Fire Losses (1st Reading)

Motion made by Commissioner Siegel and seconded by Commissioner Wechsler to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. P21-2019 PROVIDING THAT IN CERTAIN FIRE LOSSES THE INSURANCE COMPANY, ASSOCIATION OR EXCHANGE SHALL TRANSFER A PORTION OF THE INSURANCE PROCEEDS TO A DESIGNATED OFFICER OF THE TOWNSHIP BE HELD AS SECURITY AGAINST THE TOTAL COST OF REMOVING, REPAIRING, OR SECURING THE DAMAGED BUILDING; PROVIDING FOR FEES; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION; AND SETTING FORTH PROCEDURES AND REQUIREMENTS PERTAINING TO THE INSURANCE PROCEEDS AND TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ORDINANCE IN THE TOWNSHIP.

Roll Called.

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

Commissioner Holmes voted No.

13. Ordinance No. P22-2019

Traffic (1st Reading)

Motion made by Commissioner Wechsler and seconded by Commissioner Hart to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. P22-2019 establishing traffic restrictions on the following highways:

STOP Intersection

Lee Circle, direction of travel Both, at intersection of Gaynor Road

Special Purpose Parking Zone

**Establish: In front of 2455 Wynnefield Drive
In front of 162 Juniper Road
In front of 715 Woodland Drive
In front of 715 Preston Avenue**

**Rescind: In front of 707 Cricket Avenue
1 space in front of 2925 Berkley Road
1 space in front of 1105 Darby Road**

Roll Called.

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

14. Ordinance No. P23-2019

Old Marple Road Right of Way (1st Reading)

Motion made by Commissioner Siegel and seconded by Commissioner Wechsler to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. P23-2019 AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP’S EXECUTION OF A QUIT CLAIM DEED BY WHICH THE TOWNSHIP QUIT CLAIMS ANY AND ALL RIGHTS, TITLE AND INTEREST IN THE FORMER SOUTHERLY RIGHT OF WAY OF MARPLE ROAD AND THE COMMON CORNER BETWEEN DELAWARE COUNTY TAX MAP PARCEL NUMBERS 22-13-107 AND 22-13-108 AND COMPROMISING 11,090 SQUARE FEET (0.2541 ACRES), AS SHOWN ON THE ATTACHED EXHIBIT “A”, MARPLE ROAD DEED EXHIBIT PLAN, PREPARED BY MOMENEE, INC., DATED AUGUST 5, 2019.

Roll Called.

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

Commissioner McGarrity was absent from the vote.

15. Resolution No. 2161-2019

Fee Schedule Amendment

Motion made by Commissioner Holmes and seconded by Commissioner Oliva to adopt Resolution No. 2161-2019 that the Board of Commissioners hereby approves revisions to the fee schedule.

Roll Called.

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

Commissioner McGarrity was absent from the vote.

16. Contract

Public Works Department – Upgrade for the Brine Machine

Motion made by Commissioner Wechsler and seconded by Commissioner Hart to enter into a contract with AccuBrine, which includes the upgrade to the brine machine components as well as the upgrade to the salt tank fresh water nozzles, in the amount of \$32,061.08.

Roll Called.

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

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

Hannah Turlish – 412 Mill Road – the Library

While growing up, Ms. Turlish spent a lot of time in her local library. It was a time to choose books and use imagination. There are many possibilities for a new library or renovations.

18. New business

Commissioner Oliva appointed Allison Carpenter as the 2nd Ward EAC representative.

Commissioner D’Emilio asked that a discussion about vacant properties be placed on the December Work Session Agenda.

19. Other business

All Commissioners wished Tim Denny the best in his retirement and all thanked him for all “Mr. Parks & Rec” did in Haverford Township to make people want to move and live here. Tim was a great force in Haverford, a role model, a class act, humble, faithful and full of vision and commitment.

Steve D’Emilio – 1st Ward Commissioner

Commissioner D’Emilio stated that due to family commitments, he was unable to attend the Italian Festival nor the K-9 Competition this year. Both were a wonderful success.

Commissioner D’Emilio thanked the West Gate Hills Civic Association for all they do. They are currently working on Santa greet; together with the Manoa Fire Company.

Commissioner D’Emilio reminded everyone that November 5th is Election Day and to go out and vote.

Mario A. Oliva – 2nd Ward Commissioner

Commissioner Oliva, too, announced that residents go out to vote.

Kevin McCloskey, Esquire – 3rd Ward Commissioner

Commissioner McCloskey announced two upcoming meetings:

Tomorrow night, PECO is holding an open house, in this room to discuss upcoming projects.

October 23rd, 7 p.m., he and Commissioners Siegel and Hart will hold their constituent meeting in this room.

On November 16th, the Library will hold their annual Dewey Decimal Run.

Dan Siegel, Esquire – 4th Ward Commissioner

Commissioner Siegel indicated that he was unable to attend this years’ Haverford Township Day; he was coming home from a business trip. He did indicate that it was 23 years ago that he was introduced to Haverford Township Day by Marty Berger.

Commissioner Siegel indicated that we are living in different times. This board has passed numerous national resolutions regarding gun control. We have been confronted with a drag queen situation and an incident with a fire company. We are now forced with national issues; not just at a local level anymore.

Jim McGarrity – 7th Ward Commissioner

Commissioner McGarrity thanked Mr. & Mrs. Deal for sending him a retirement card.

He thanked Tim Denny for recognizing Wilbur Clevens.

Commissioner McGarrity responded to the earlier library statement in Citizen's Forum: He believes the best place for the library is where it is, Darby & Mill Roads. Residents tax dollars will continue to rise if moved to Earlington Road.

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

Commissioner Hart also announced the upcoming Wards 8, 4 and 3 constituent meeting on October 23rd at 7 p.m.

He advised that it will be another 4 weeks until Manoa Road re-opens.

William F. Wechsler – 9th Ward Commissioner

Commissioner Wechsler stated that he, too, had a family commitment in New York and was unable to attend Haverford Township Day. We rely on the citizens to attend as a community.

Larry Holmes, Esquire – 6th Ward Commissioner

Tonight this board, honored a Centenarian, a retired serviceman, an Eagle Scout, a civic association and a 40 -year retiree, spent over \$5 million dollars and \$32,000 for an upgrade to the brine machine that will make a difference in the snow. We made all these decisions at the local level. Real leadership happened here tonight; while Washington is fighting over impeachment.

Andy Lewis – 5th Ward Commissioner

Commissioner Lewis announced that on October 26th, the District Attorney's Office is sponsoring an electronics and identity theft shredding from 9 to noon at the Manoa Shopping Center.

The township's next paper shredding only event will also be Saturday, October 26th from 9 to noon at Coopertown School.

NO WORK SESSION IN NOVEMBER

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH

PRELIMINARY BUDGET MEETING: MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH

20. All Commissioners agreed to adjourn.