

EXECUTIVE SESSION – 7:00 P.M. – REAL ESTATE MATTER

MINUTES

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**REGULAR MEETING
Board of Commissioners
Township of Haverford**

**August 10, 2009
MONDAY- 7:30 P.M.
Commissioners Meeting Room**

1. Opening of Meeting – Mr. Wechsler opened the meeting and indicated that the Board met in Executive Session prior to the meeting to discuss a real estate matter.

a. Roll Call – 8 Commissioners present at roll call.

Present were: Commissioners Oliva, Trumbull, Siegel, Heilmann, Holmes, McGarrity, Broido and Wechsler.

Also present: Lawrence J. Gentile, Township Manager, James Byrne, Jr., Esquire, Township Solicitor, Chief Carmen Pettine, Haverford Police Department, Aimee Cuthbertson, Finance Director, David Pennoni and Chuck Faulkner, Pennoni Associates.

b. Opening Prayer – led by Rabbi Malik

c. Pledge of Allegiance – led by Chief Pettine

2. Proclamations – Commissioner McGarrity presented Eagle Scouts – Ted Barron and Henry “Harry” Eichman, Jr. with their proclamations from the Board

Commissioner Holmes presented Karakung Swim Club Coach and Assistant Coach with their proclamation.

Colin Hayes – Triathlon Winner, received his Proclamation also from Commissioner Holmes

Greg and Debbie Morris - Rita’s Water Ice Owners will receive their Proclamation in September.

3. **Flood Update** - Lawrence Gentile, Township Manager, stated that some progress has been made on a State Level. Damage assessment is completed and a Declaration of Emergency has been filed with the County. Haverford Township will piggyback with Montgomery County. The Hathaway Bridge will be permanently closed for now and the bridge taken down.

4. **Citizen's Forum** – 20 Minutes Registered Speakers
- 20 Minutes Open Forum – Agenda Items Only

Mike Levin – 414 Mill Road – West Nile Virus

Mr. Levin is concerned that one of the pools in the Township did come back positive. Mr. Levin stated that he thinks the SuperFund problem is still there. He condemns the upcoming project

Richard Houseworth – 129 Landover Road – Various subjects

What steps have been taken by the Commissioners to prevent residents in each ward to have Commissioner representation. He does not want the 5th Ward to go without a Commissioner again.

Pertaining to the employee contract, who represents the taxpayers?

The Budget process should begin earlier.

Tom McCormack – 820 Beechwood Drive – No Billboards

Stop the Billboards. Mr. McCormack is not in favor of having Billboards placed in the Township. He offered some suggestions. Place a tax on billboards to make it impossible for the group to sell ads.

Paul Mariani – 2437 Avon Road – Recreation

Mr. Mariani wants the Township to follow through with indoor recreation and for the Township to most definitely take the \$1,000,000 grant.

John Ferrier – Fawn Lane Cul de Sac Flooding

Mr. Ferrier thanked Commissioner Heilmann for his help with the recent flooding problem. He is requesting that no one put leaves in the street during leaf season.

Sandi Donato – 119 Oxford Hill Lane – No Billboards

Ms. Donato is also against having Billboards placed in the Township. She has 1,180 names on a petition so far.

OPEN FORUM

Mike Levin – 414 Mill Road – Gum Factory

There is no map information at all pertaining to the Gum Factory, the Eagle Road Corridor and Darby Road. How did the businesses get there? How did they develop? The Y should not be at that site.

Richard Houseworth – 129 Landover Road

Mr. Houseworth wants to know what kind of profit will we see at the Y and how long will it take? How will this offset taxes?

Paul Mariani – 2437 Avon Road -YMCA

Why would we want to lease to a non-profit? Were there traffic studies done? The Y is not the solution for a rec center.

RESPONSES TO CITIZENS FORUM

Mr. Wechsler thanked Mr. Levin for the information pertaining to West Nile Virus and indicated that the Health Department and Mr. Gentile are making tremendous strides.

In response to Mr. Houseworth and who represents the taxpayers, it is Mr. Gentile.

Mr. Wechsler thanked Mr. McCormack and Ms. Donato for their support in No Billboards.

The Board is in favor of an indoor Recreation Center and we are moving forward.

The Board is working with the Codes Department, Health Department and our engineers with the Y and the water issue at the Gum Factory site.

5. Approval of Minutes - Regular Meeting – July 13, 2009

Motion made by Commissioner Trumbull and seconded by Commissioner Siegel to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of July 13, 2009.

Roll Called.

Voting Yes: Commissioners Oliva, Trumbull, Siegel, Heilmann, Holmes, McGarrity, Broido and Wechsler.

6. Motion made by Commissioner McGarrity ad seconded by Commissioner Holmes to approve the following Warrants:

G.F. P/R Warrant No. 303	in the amount of	\$ 538,403.59
G.F. P/R Warrant No. 304	in the amount of	\$ 537,621.94
G. F. Bus. Warrant No. 790	in the amount of	\$ 1,754,626.92
S.F. P/R Warrant No. 401	in the amount of	\$ 22,378.72
S.F. P/R Warrant No. 402	in the amount of	\$ 22,541.48
S.F. Bus. Warrant No.789	in the amount of	\$ 329,712.81
CDBG Warrant No. 09-09	in the amount of	\$ 112,445.83

Voting Yes: Commissioners Oliva, Trumbull, Siegel, Heilmann, Holmes, McGarrity, Broido and Wechsler.

7. Ordinance No. P16-2009 Traffic (2nd Reading)

Motion made by Commissioner Trumbull and seconded by Commissioner Oliva to adopt the second reading of Ordinance No. P16-2009 by establishing traffic restrictions on the following highways:

ESTABLISH THREE WAY STOP Intersection”:

- On Huntingdon Road at East Golfview Road**
- On St. David’s Lane at East Golfview Road**
- On York Road at East Golfview Road**

ESTABLISH HANDICAP SIGN:

In front of the property at 2946 Oakford Road

Voting Yes: Commissioners Oliva, Trumbull, Siegel, Heilmann, Holmes, McGarrity, Broido and Wechsler.

**8. Ordinance No. P17-2009 Amend Property Maintenance Code
(2nd Reading)**

Motion made by Commissioner Heilmann and seconded by Commissioner Oliva to adopt the second reading of Ordinance No. P17-2009 AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING ORDINANCE NO. 1960, ADOPTED JUNE 30, 1986, AND KNOWN AS THE “GENERAL LAWS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HAVERFORD”, FURTHER AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 58, ARTICLE II, ‘PROPERTY MAINTENANCE’ BY ADDING PROVISIONS REGARDING THE DEMOLITION OF STRUCTURES.

Voting Yes: Commissioners Oliva, Trumbull, Siegel, Heilmann, Holmes, McGarrity, Broido and Wechsler.

**9. Ordinance No. P19-2009 Authorization to Enter Into Lease
Agreement with the YMCA (2nd Reading)**

Motion made by Commissioner Trumbull and seconded by Commissioner Oliva to adopt the second reading of Ordinance No. P19-2009 authorizing the execution of a Letter of Intent to lease the properties at 891 North Eagle Road, Haverford Township and also known as Delaware County Folios No. 22-01-00334-00, 22-01-00335-00 and 22-03-00958-50, formerly occupied by the Philadelphia Gum Corporation, to the YMCA of Philadelphia, authorizing the Township Manager and Township Solicitor to commence negotiation of a lease agreement.

Voting Yes: Commissioners Oliva, Trumbull, Siegel, Heilmann, Holmes, McGarrity, Broido and Wechsler.

10. Ordinance No. P20-2009

Traffic (1st Reading)

Motion made by Commissioner McGarrity and seconded by Commissioner Holmes to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. P20-2009 by establishing traffic restrictions on the following highways:

PARKING OF ALL VEHICLES PROHIBITED AT ALL TIMES:

On both the north and south sides of Norman at Stump, 60 feet in a westerly direction.

Voting Yes: Commissioners Oliva, Trumbull, Siegel, Heilmann, Holmes, McGarrity, Broido and Wechsler.

11. Contract Awards

Motion made by Commissioner Broido and seconded by Commissioner Oliva to award the salt contract to Oceanport Salt at \$65.83 per ton, being the lowest responsible bidder.

Voting Yes: Commissioners Oliva, Trumbull, Siegel, Heilmann, Holmes, McGarrity, Broido and Wechsler.

12. Continuation of Citizens Forum - Non Agenda Items

Richard Houseworth – 129 Landover Road – Advertising

Mr. Houseworth would like key highlights in the Township advertised in newspapers – some do not have computers.

Mr. Gentile responded by saying that newspaper ads are expensive that is why the Township puts topics on Cable TV, the website and Commissioner Newsletters.

Patrick Ryan, Esquire – attorney for Suneyes and NextG

Mr. Ryan is requesting that the Board take action at the September meeting so that Suneyes and NextG will be able to install the telecommunication boxes.

Rich Caroto – 1304 Rose Tree Lane

The Fields are beautiful but correct the problem with the baseball section.

13. Other Business

Mario Oliva – 2nd Ward Commissioner

Freedom Playground is selling McBucks and 60% of the proceeds will be given to Freedom Playground.

Rob Trumbull – 3rd Ward Commissioner

Commissioner Trumbull thanked the Recreation Department for another great summer program. Many parents contacted Commissioners Trumbull and indicated that there is so much flexibility.

Dan Siegel – 4th Ward Commissioner

Nothing to report.

Jeff Heilmann – 5th Ward Commissioner

Nothing to report.

Larry Holmes – 6th Ward Commissioner

Commissioner Holmes thanked Mr. Gentile and everyone involved in the recent flooding. He was away when this happened. He also thanked Commissioner Trumbull and Broido for filling in for him and going down to Wynnefield Drive.

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With the start of school coming closer – please pay attention to children walking.

Jim McGarrity – 7th Ward Commissioner

Commissioner McGarrity also thanked the Recreation Department for another great summer program.

Commissioner McGarrity also indicated that the ball field is 40ft short.

He urged everyone to come out to the next Billboard Meeting on September 17th at 7:30, Lynnwood School in supporting NO Billboards in Haverford Township.

Tom Broido – 8th Ward Commissioner

Commissioner Broido also asked individuals to also come out to the next Billboard Meeting and get on record.

The Board is currently undertaking evaluating Township owned buildings and urges the public to continue giving their comments.

Bill Wechsler – 9th Ward Commissioner

Commissioner Wechsler also wished everyone safety now that school will be reopening soon. Stay safe!

End of business – meeting was adjourned.