

HATFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 28, 2004
7:30 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner President Jerry Andris called the Hatfield Township Board of Commissioner's January 28, 2004 meeting to order at 7:32 p.m. He announced that an Executive Session was held prior to the meeting for matters of personnel and acquisition of property.

II. ROLL CALL

Commissioner Andris asked Ms. Shafkowitz to call the roll. Present at the meeting were Commissioner President Jerry Andris, Commissioner Vice-President Jim O'Byrne, Commissioner Scott Brown, Commissioner Norman and Commissioner Jean Vandegrift. Also in attendance were Township Manager Stephanie Shafkowitz, Solicitor Joe Kuhls, Township Planner Ken Amey, Engineer Joe Nolan, Finance Director John Hall, Public Works Director Nick DeMeno and Administrative Assistant Melissa Croak.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner O'Byrne led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Vandegrift made a motion to approve the Agenda of the January 28, 2004 Hatfield Township Board of Commissioners meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner O'Byrne and carried on a 5-0 vote.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Board of Commissioners Reorganization Meeting Minutes – January 5, 2004

Commissioner Brown made a motion to approve the Board of Commissioners Reorganization Meeting Minutes, as outlined above. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Norman and carried on a 5-0 vote.

2. Board of Commissioners Workshop Meeting Minutes – January 5, 2004

Commissioner Norman made a motion to approve the Board of Commissioners Workshop Meeting Minutes, as outlined above. The motion was seconded by Commissioner O'Byrne and carried on a 5-0 vote.

VI. CITIZENS' COMMENTS

- Bob Kaler, the new Hatfield Fire Company Chief, introduced himself to the Board. The Commissioners welcomed him to his new position.

VII. SPECIAL ITEM

1. Swearing in of Fire Police Personnel – TABLED.

**2. Resolution 04-05
*North Penn Knights Football Team Recognition***

Commissioner Vandegrift stated that she was proud of the football team and their accomplishments.

Commissioner Norman made a motion to approve Resolution #04-05. The motion was seconded by Commissioner O'Byrne and carried on a 5-0 vote.

3. Public Hearing – Rezoning Request - 1101 Koffel Road

Commissioner Andris turned the meeting over to Solicitor Joe Kuhls. The Zoning Hearing began at 7:39. Township Planner Ken Amey explained that the request was for a 12-acre tract of land to be rezoned from residential to limited industrial. Wayne Clemens represented the property owner Mr. Ken Rush, who was also present at the hearing. Mr. Clemens said that the property is currently used for dog food manufacturing.

Vince DeAntonio of 1043 Koffel Road questioned the exact area to be rezoned and was shown on a map. Ron Abendschein of Koffel Road questioned why the zoning had to be changed. Mr. Kuhls noted that the change in zoning is to reflect the industrial building on the property.

Ms. Pellak of 1133 Koffel Road informed the Board that she experiences an odor from the industrial building, especially during the summer months.

Commissioner Norman urged her to bring the complaint to Ken Amey if and when she detects the odor again.

Commissioner Vandegrift made the motion to close the Zoning Hearing. The motion was seconded by Commissioner O'Byrne and carried on a 5-0 vote.

Commissioner O'Byrne made a motion to approve the rezoning request. The motion died for lack of a second.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

1. **Stormwater Management Ordinance #521**

Joe Nolan gave a brief synopsis of Ordinance #521.

Commission Norman made a motion to authorize advertisement of Ordinance #521. The motion was seconded by Commissioner O'Byrne and carried on a 5-0 vote.

2. **Police Officer Hiring**

Commissioner Norman made a motion to provide a conditional offer of employment to Michael Boyd from the Eligibility List certified by the Hatfield Township Civil Service Commission. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Vandegrift and carried on a 5-0 vote.

3. **Bogan Subdivision – 1229 Cowpath Road Escrow Release #1 - \$12,704.25**

Commissioner Norman made a motion to approve the Bogan Subdivision Escrow Release #1 in the amount of \$12,704.25. The motion was seconded by Commissioner O'Byrne and carried on a 5-0 vote.

4. **Arbor Green Land Development – Elroy Road and Derstine Road Escrow Release #6 - \$203,164.34**

Commissioner Norman made a motion to approve the Arbor Green Land Development Escrow Release #6 in the amount of \$203,164.34 per the engineer's letter. The motion was seconded by Commissioner O'Byrne and carried on a 5-0 vote.

5. **The Arbors Land Development – Bethlehem Pike Escrow Release #1 - \$404,319.99**

Commissioner Norman made a motion to approve the Arbors Land Development Escrow Release #1 in the amount of \$404,319.99 per the engineer's letter. The motion was seconded by Commissioner O'Byrne and carried on a 5-0 vote.

6. Bills Payable

▪ **Paid Bills (January 2004) - \$105,805.40**

Commissioner Norman made a motion to approve the Paid Bills for January in the amount of \$105,805.40. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Vandegrift and carried on a 5-0 vote.

▪ **Bills To Be Paid (January 2004) - \$173,310.45**

Commissioner Norman made a motion to approve the Bills To Be Paid for February in the amount of \$173,310.45. The motion was seconded by Commissioner O'Byrne and carried on a 5-0 vote.

7. Treasurer's Report – January 2004

Commissioner O'Byrne entered the January Treasurer's Report into the record.

8. Appointment – Parks and Recreation Board

Commissioner Norman made a motion to appoint Rob Pfeifle of 2415 Orvilla Road to the Hatfield Township Parks and Recreation Board for a two-year term (1-1-04 through 12-31-05). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Vandegrift and was carried on a 5-0 vote.

IX. OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Norman asked that all residents move their vehicles off the streets during snowstorms as a courtesy to the snow plow drivers. This also will help hasten the snow removal process. Mr. Norman also thanked Public Works Director Nick DeMeno for the recent snow removal efforts.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Norman made a motion to adjourn the January 28, 2004 Board of Commissioners meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner O'Byrne and carried on a 5-0 vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.