

# HATFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING

**August 25, 2004**

*7:30 PM*

## AGENDA

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Commissioner President Gerald Andris called the Hatfield Township Board of Commissioner's August 25, 2004 meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

### **II. ROLL CALL**

Commissioner Andris asked Ms. Shafkowitz to call the roll. Present at the meeting were Commissioner President Gerald Andris, Commissioner James Bleakly, Commissioner Scott Brown, Commissioner Jim O'Byrne, and Commissioner John Norman. Also in attendance were Township Manager Stephanie Teoli Shafkowitz, Solicitor Joe Kuhls, Township Planner Ken Amey, Engineer Herb Gery, Police Chief Mark Toomey, Finance Director John Hall, Public Works Director Nick DeMeno, and Administrative Assistant Melissa Croak.

### **III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner Brown led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Commissioner O'Byrne made a motion to approve the Agenda of the August 25, 2004 Hatfield Township Board of Commissioners meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Norman and carried on a 5-0 vote.

### **V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- 1. Board of Commissioners Workshop/Regular Meeting Minutes – July 28, 2004**
- 2. Board of Commissioners Workshop Meeting Minutes – August 11, 2004**

Commissioner Norman made a motion to approve the Board of Commissioners Workshop/Regular Meeting Minutes for July 28, 2004 and the Board of Commissioners Workshop Meeting Minutes for August 11, 2004. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown and carried on a 5-0 vote.

### **VI. CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

Jerry Viglietti of Cabin Road said that recently retired Commissioner Jean Vandegrift and her female perspective will be sorely missed. He also welcomed newly appointed Commissioner Bleakly to the Board.

**VII. SPECIAL ITEMS**

**1. Recognition of Borough Council Member Joseph Gadaleta  
Resolution #04-33**

Commissioner Norman made a motion to approve Resolution #04-33. The motion was seconded by Commissioner O'Byrne and carried on a 5-0 vote.

Commissioner Andris read the resolution for the recently retired Borough Councilman Joseph Gadaleta, and the Board of Commissioners thanked him for all of his efforts. Mr. Gadaleta in turn thanked the Board for their support.

**2. Hatfield Township Police Chaplain**

Commissioner Brown made a motion to appoint Pastor Howard Wells as Hatfield Township Police Chaplain. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bleakly and carried on a 5-0 vote.

Chief of Police Mark Toomey introduced Pastor Wells and also explained the qualifications and duties of a police chaplain. Pastor Wells said that he is looking forward to serving the Hatfield Township Fire Department and Police Department. Commissioner Norman welcomed him to the Township.

**VIII. ACTION ITEMS**

**1. Open Space Plan  
Resolution #04-34**

Commissioner O'Byrne made a motion to approve Resolution #04-34 authorizing the preparation of a joint Open Space Plan with Hatfield Borough and authorizing application to Montgomery County Open Space Program. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bleakly and carried on a 5-0 vote.

Commissioner O'Byrne made a motion to authorize hiring Gannett Fleming to complete a joint Open Space Plan at a cost not to exceed \$57,600. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Brown and carried on a 5-0 vote.

Ms. Shafkowitz explained the open space program grant and that Hatfield Township would be responsible for no more than \$2,500.

**2. Montgomery County Snow and Ice Agreement**

Commissioner Norman made a motion to authorize execution of the Montgomery County Snow and Ice Agreement. The motion was seconded by Commissioner O'Byrne and carried on a 5-0 vote.

**3. Hiring Policy**

Commissioner Norman made a motion to approve the Hiring Policy. Ms. Shafkowitz explained the Hiring Policy. The motion was seconded by Commissioner O'Byrne and carried on a 5-0 vote.

**4. Traffic Signal Application  
Resolution #04-35**

Commissioner Norman made a motion to approve Resolution 04-35, authorizing application to PennDOT for a traffic signal at Forty Foot Road and the relocated Funks Road. The motion was seconded by Commissioner O'Byrne and carried on a 5-0 vote.

**5. Locker Room Self Storage**

Commissioner Bleakly made a motion to authorize acceptance into 18-month maintenance period, subject to receipt of maintenance agreement and financial guarantee. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Norman and carried on a 5-0 vote.

**6. Bills Payable**

▪ **Paid Bills (August 2004) - \$263,703.71**

Commissioner Norman made a motion to approve the Paid Bills for August in the amount of \$263,703.71. The motion was seconded by Commissioner O'Byrne and carried on a 5-0 vote.

▪ **Bills To Be Paid (August 2004) - \$369,266.41**

Commissioner Brown made a motion to approve the Bills to be Paid for August in the amount of \$369,266.41. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Norman and carried on a 5-0 vote.

**IX. OTHER BUSINESS**

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

Commissioner Andris asked residents to submit a letter of interest for the recently vacated Zoning Hearing Board position by September 3, 2004. There will be no interviews.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner O'Byrne made a motion to adjourn the August 25, 2004 Board of Commissioners meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Norman and carried on a 5-0 vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.