

**HATFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORKSHOP MEETING**

September 8, 2004

7:30 PM

AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner President Gerald Andris called the Hatfield Township Board of Commissioner's September 8, 2004 meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

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

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Norman led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. CITIZENS' COMMENTS

James Ozzimo 1713 Forest Hills Drive said that he was representing the residents of Forest Hills Drive and Wimbledon Lane. Mr. Ozzimo reported the North Penn School District is terminating school bus service into the cul-de-sac. The new bus stop would be on Moyer Road, a ¾ mile walk for many of the children. He submitted a petition signed by the residents requesting No Parking signs to be placed on the north cul-de-sac of the development. This would allow the buses the full radius required to turn around in the cul-de-sac so that the children may be picked up closer to their homes. Mr. Ozzimo added that all of the residents have already agreed to put their trashcans on the curb and to remove all basketball nets from the street.

The Commissioners tabled this discussion until Other Business at the end of the meeting.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Planning and Zoning Committee – Commissioner Brown

1. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes – *August 17, 2004*

Commissioner Brown entered the August 17, 2004 Planning Commissioner Meeting Minutes into record.

B. Public Works Committee – Commissioner Norman

Commissioner Norman reported that paving of all Hatfield Township roads would be completed by the end of the week and crack sealing will take place at the end of September. Site preparations for the salt storage building is complete and the construction on the building will commence next week.

C. Parks and Recreation Committee – Commissioner O’Byrne

1. Hatfield Township Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes – *August 2, 2004*

Commissioner O’Byrne entered the August 2, 2004 Hatfield Township Parks and Recreation Committee Minutes into record.

D. Public Safety Committee - Commissioner Norman

1. Monthly Report of Police Activities – *August 2004*

Commissioner Norman entered the August 2004 Monthly Report of Police Activities into record.

E. Finance Committee – Commissioner O’Byrne

Commissioner O’Byrne announced upcoming meeting times for budget discussion.

F. North Penn Water Authority – Commissioner Andris

1. North Penn Water Authority Meeting Minutes – *July 2004*

Commissioner Andris entered the July 2004 North Penn Water Authority Meeting Minutes into record.

G. Hatfield Township Municipal Authority – Commissioner Andris

1. Hatfield Township Municipal Authority Monthly Budget Report –
July 2004

Commissioner Andris entered the July 2004 Hatfield Township Municipal Authority Monthly Budget Report into record.

VI. TOWNSHIP STAFF REPORTS

A. Township Manager’s Report

1. Line Street Intermunicipal Agreement Ordinance

Ms. Shafkowitz reported that this agreement would outline responsibilities for the culvert replacement project on Line Street. Hatfield Township will be the lead agent on the project. Costs will be equally shared by Montgomery Township.

2. Civil Service Rules Change

Ms. Shafkowitz reported that the civil service rules change would permit suspensions of 10 days or less to be executed by the Chief of Police. The Board discussed this change and there was an agreement to approve changes at the regular meeting.

3. County Line Road/Route 309 Intersection Study

Ms. Shafkowitz reported that the proposed scope of services for this project was included in the Commissioners packets. Commissioner O’Byrne is representing the Board at the meetings. A cost proposal will be presented for the board’s consideration at the regular meeting.

4. Ms. Shafkowitz reported that the municipal building was going well and to keep an eye on the website for pictures of the construction. She will present proposals for furniture, phones, and audio-visual contracts at the October meeting.

5. Ms. Shafkowitz reported that the Harry Leer life estate has been terminated and Hatfield Township now owns the adjacent School Road Park property.

6. Ms. Shafkowitz also reported that the Township has received the Amoco site characterization report. Engineer Joe Nolan will do a cursory review of the report. Ms. Shafkowitz will work with Pennsylvania DEP to schedule a public meeting after the review is complete.

B. Solicitor's Report

1. Public Indecency Ordinance

Mr. Kuhls reported that after the gentlemen's club opened in Hatfield Township, the board directed staff to look into ways to regulate activities at this type of establishment. This Public Indecency Ordinance would prohibit sexually deviant behavior in this and any public establishment.

C. Building Report

1. Building Report – *August 2004*

Mr. Amey entered the August Building Report into record.

D. Engineer's Report

1. Escrow Release Report – *August 2004*

Mr. Nolan entered the August Escrow Report into record.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioner Andris reopened discussion regarding the Wimbledon development-bussing problem. Commissioner Norman asked Chief Toomey to take a look into the request from a police department/enforcement standpoint. Chief Toomey recommended that no parking should be limited to one time frame rather than multiple time frames throughout the day. Commissioner Andris said that he would like to do all he can to assist the North Penn School Board and the ensure safety of the children. The board gave Ms. Shafkowitz authorization to advertise the No Parking Ordinance.

Commissioner Andris said that he would like a letter drafted to North Penn School Board President Vince Sherpinsky to alert them that the Board is moving forward in this matter and trying to take the appropriate action to remedy the busing situation. Mr. Andris also said that he would like a newsletter article reminding residents where to place their trash cans on the curb and to keep all basketball nets and other obstructions out of the roadways.

VIII. ADJOURN

Commissioner O'Byrne made a motion to adjourn the September 8, 2004 Board of Commissioners meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Norman and carried on a 5-0 vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. Commissioner Andris said there would be an executive session following the meeting relating to personnel and property. No action would be taken.