

**HATFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORKSHOP MEETING AGENDA
May 11, 2005
7:30 PM**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner President Gerald Andris called the Hatfield Township Board of Commissioner's May 11, 2005 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, Jr., Commissioner Scott Brown and Commissioner John Norman. Also in attendance were Township Manager Stephanie Teoli Shafkowitz, Solicitor Joseph Kuhls, Township Planner Ken Amey, Engineer Joseph Nolan, Chief of Police Mark Toomey, Public Works Director Nick DeMeno, and Administrative Assistant Melissa Croak.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Bleakly led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chief of Police Mark Toomey announced the passing of Hatfield Township Police Officer Bill Chapman. Commissioner President Andris asked for a moment of silence to remember Officer Chapman.

IV. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

Michael Malin of Line Lexington Road reported that the DEP has asked the Hatfield Township Municipal Authority to limit discharges into the Neshaminy Creek. The HTMA declined the order.

Commissioner Andris said that the township will look into this matter.

V. SPECIAL ITEMS

A. Regional Improvement Consortium (RIC) Presentation
Pam Learned, Executive Director

Pam Learned provided the Board of Commissioners and residents a presentation on the Regional Improvement Consortium activities.

B. Vinny's Pizzarama Liquor License Request Hearing

Sal Gambone represented the applicant. The applicant presented a petition signed by almost 1,000 customers of Hatfield Township and surrounding municipalities in support of the transfer of the liquor license.

Commissioner Andris stated that he did not believe that everyone who signed the petition knew what was written at the top, since it stated that the petition was for Hatfield Township residents and not all the signatures were of Hatfield Township residents.

The applicant stated they would be in favor of restrictions placed upon them by the board, including the prohibition of banners, drinking only, and not serving before 1 pm on Sundays.

Ruby Bean, the pastor of the Hatfield Church of the Brethren, spoke against the transfer of the liquor license to Vinny's Pizzarama.

Carl Hobert, member of the Hatfield Church of the Brethren, also spoke against the transfer of the liquor license to Vinny's Pizzarama.

Commissioner Bleakly asked the applicant if they were equipped to handle the extra trash and storage that would come with selling beer in their establishment. The applicant said that there were equipped to handle that.

Commissioner Andris asked if their site could handle the size of the trucks pulling in to deliver the beer. Mr. Gambone stated that it would be a small box truck, and yes, it would be able to fit into the parking lot.

Ruby Bean read a letter to the commissioners in opposition to the liquor license. She read that the church opposes alcohol consumption.

Carl Hobert stated that he already finds beer cans in the parking lot, and fears that the littering will increase when Vinny's, which is so close in location to his church, sells beer cans to customers.

Merle Landis, member of the Hatfield Church of the Brethren, said that the church is always trying to improve the community. Ms. Landis feels that a liquor license transfer to Vinny's would not be an improvement to the community.

Sal Gambone, Sr. explained the liquor license process on behalf of the applicant.

Commissioner Andris said that the board would defer action until the next Action Meeting on May 25, 2005.

Commissioner Brown thanked the Church of the Brethren for coming to the meeting. He asked the church to think of any other restrictions they would like placed on the applicant if the transfer was approved by the board.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Planning and Zoning Committee – Commissioner Brown

1. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes – *April 9, 2005*

Commissioner Brown entered the April 9, 2005 Planning Commission Meeting Minutes into record.

2. Wentz Subdivision, 1400 Girard Avenue
Preliminary Approval

Mr. Amey explained the Wentz Subdivision.

3. Site Development, Cowpath Road
Final Land Development Approval – Phases I and IV
Resolution #05-16

Mr. Kuhls explained why action was being requested for Site Development at the workshop meeting instead of at the action meeting. He also noted that the Planning and Zoning Committee recommended that this item be put on the agenda.

Commissioner Norman made a motion to approve Resolution #05-16. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bleakly and carried on a 5-0 vote.

B. Public Works Committee – Commissioner Norman

Commissioner Norman reported that base repair on township roads has begun. Work on the Line Street Culvert will be taking place between mid-June and August. Traffic will be detoured during that time. Verizon work is ongoing in the township. The mowing of the parks is ongoing.

C. Parks and Recreation Committee – Commissioner O’Byrne

1. Hatfield Park Commission – *April 11, 2005*
March 13, 2005

Commissioner O’Byrne entered the April 11, 2005 and March 13, 2005 Hatfield Park Commission Minutes into record.

2. Hatfield Township Parks and Recreation Board – *April 4, 2005*

Commissioner O’Byrne entered the April 4, 2005 Hatfield Township Parks and Recreation Board Minutes into record.

3. Hatfield Township Shade Tree Commission – *April 18, 2005*

Commissioner O’Byrne entered the April 18, 2005 Hatfield Township Shade Tree Commission Minutes into record.

D. Public Safety Committee - Commissioner Norman

1. Monthly Report of Police Activities – *April 2005*

Commissioner Norman entered the April 2005 Monthly Report of Police Activities into record.

E. Finance Committee – Commissioner O’Byrne

No report.

F. North Penn Water Authority – Commissioner Andris

1. North Penn Water Authority Meeting Minutes – *March 22, 2005*

Commissioner Andris entered the March 22, 2005 North Penn Water Authority Meeting Minutes into record.

G. Hatfield Township Municipal Authority – Commissioner Andris

1. Hatfield Township Municipal Authority Meeting Minutes – *March 8, 2005*

Commissioner Andris entered the March 8, 2005 Hatfield Township Municipal Authority Meeting Minutes into record.

2. Hatfield Township Municipal Authority Monthly Budget Report – *March 2005*

Commissioner Andris entered the March 2005 Hatfield Township Municipal Authority Monthly Budget Report into record.

VII. TOWNSHIP STAFF REPORTS

A. Township Manager’s Report

1. Ms. Shafkowitz reported that the Architectural Services RFP for the Pool Project has been released. Ms. Shafkowitz said that she will have a recommendation to the board in June.
2. Ms. Shafkowitz also announced that copies of the ward redistricting petition are available for the public.

B. Solicitor's Report

Mr. Kuhls reported that there would be an executive session after the meeting to discuss matters of personnel. No action will be taken.

C. Building Report

1. Building Report – *April 2005*

Mr. Amey entered the April 2005 Building Report into record.

D. Engineer's Report

1. Escrow Report – *April 2005*

Mr. Nolan entered the April 2005 Escrow Report into record.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

IX. ADJOURN

Commissioner Brown made a motion to adjourn the May 11, 2005 Board of Commissioners meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner O'Byrne and carried on a 5-0 vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.