

HATFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
February 22, 2006
7:30 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner President Scott Brown called the Hatfield Township Board of Commissioner's February 22, 2006 meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Commissioner Brown asked Ms. Shafkowitz to call the roll. Present at the meeting were Commissioner President Scott Brown, Commissioner Vice-President Gerald Andris, Commissioner Jim O'Byrne, Commissioner Charles Sisian, and Commissioner John Thinner. Also in attendance were Township Manager Stephanie Teoli Shafkowitz, Solicitor Joseph Kuhls, Township Planner Ken Amey, Engineer Joseph Nolan, Finance Director John Hall, Parks and Recreation Director Nancy Stock, and Assistant to the Manager Melissa Shafer.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner President 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 February 22, 2006 Hatfield Township Board of Commissioners meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sisian and carried on a 5-0 vote.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting – January 25, 2006

Commissioner O'Byrne made a motion to approve the January 25, 2006 Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sisian and carried on a 5-0 vote.

2. Board of Commissioners Planning Retreat – January 29, 2006

Commissioner Sisian made a motion to approve the January 29, 2006 Board of Commissioners Planning Retreat Minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner O'Byrne and carried on a 5-0 vote.

3. Board of Commissioners Workshop Meeting – February 8, 2006

Commissioner Thinnies made a motion to approve the February 8, 2006 Board of Commissioners Workshop Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner O’Byrne and carried on a 4-0-1 vote with Commissioner Sisian abstaining due to absence at February 8th meeting.

VI. SPECIAL ITEMS

1. Eagle Scout Recognition

Commissioner Brown recognized Ryan M. Aker in his pursuit of rank of Eagle Scout.

VII. CITIZENS’ COMMENTS

Michael Malin of Line Lexington Road reported that at the last Board of Commissioners meeting, the North Penn Water Authority did not give a reason for their impending rate increase.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

**1. Grinder Pump Ordinance
Ordinance #550**

Joseph Kuhls explained that the ordinance would regulate the installation of grinder pumps and the execution of a maintenance agreement.

Commissioner O’Byrne made a motion to approve Ordinance #550. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sisian and carried on a 5-0 vote.

**2. Verizon Franchise Resolution and Intergovernmental Agreement
Resolution #06-06**

Stephanie Teoli Shafkowitz explained that Resolution #06-06 would authorize Hatfield Township to work with other members of the Consortium to negotiate with Verizon. Verizon will be providing video service in the future with their new Fios system and in doing so are required to negotiate a franchise agreement with the municipalities.

Robert Nolen of Fairgrounds Road asked what would become of the current Comcast agreement. Ms. Shafkowitz answered that Comcast agreement would remain in place.

Commissioner Thinnies made a motion to approve Resolution #06-06. The motion was seconded by Commissioner O’Byrne and carried on a 5-0.

**3. Ashmead Insurance Minor Land Development, 2422 North Broad Street,
Zoned LPO
Resolution #06-07**

Commissioner Andris asked if this resolution reflected the Traffic Impact Fees and Ken Amey said that it did.

Commissioner O'Byrne made a motion to approve Resolution #06-07. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thinnes and carried on a 5-0 vote.

4. School Road Park Lighting Bid

Nancy Stock explained that the School Road Park Lighting Bid is for the replacement of the bollards along the entrance to the park. She said there was a bid last year but it was over budget.

Commissioner Sisian made a motion to award School Road Park Lighting Bid to L.J. McConnell of Chester Township, PA in the amount of \$16,890.00. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thinnes and carried on a 5-0 vote.

**5. Walter F. Hutt Firefighter of the Year Award
Resolution #06-08**

Commissioner Andris made a motion to approve Resolution #06-08. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sisian and carried on a 5-0 vote.

6. Williams Kindig Appointment

Commissioner Sisian made a motion to appoint Charlotte Dubroff, 2505 East Orvilla Road, to the Williams Kindig House Committee. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thinnes and carried on a 5-0 vote.

Ms. Dubroff reported that she would have a report to the Board reviewing her goals for the Williams Kindig House.

7. Environmental Advisory Council Appointment

Commissioner Sisian made a motion to appoint Kim Abbott, 153 Vernon Court, to the Environmental Advisory Council for a term of 2/22/06 – 12/31/07. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thinnes and carried on a 5-0 vote.

8. Shade Tree Commission Appointment

Commissioner Sisian made a motion to appoint Don Sachs, 1249 Quincy Court, to the Shade Tree Commission for a term of 2/22/06 – 12/31/07. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thinnes and carried on a 5-0 vote.

9. Bills Payable

▪ **Paid Bills (February 2006) - \$12,409.86**

Commissioner O'Byrne made a motion to approve the Paid Bills for February in the amount of \$12,409.86. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thinnes and carried on a 5-0 vote.

▪ **Bills To Be Paid (February 2006) - \$210,960.86**

Commissioner Thinnes made a motion to approve the Bills to be Paid for February in the amount of \$210,960.86. The motion was seconded by Commissioner O'Byrne and carried on a 5-0 vote.

10. Treasurer's Report – January 2006

Tax Collector Christina Murphy entered the January 2006 Treasurer's Report into record.

IX. OTHER BUSINESS

X. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner O'Byrne made a motion to adjourn the February 22, 2006 Board of Commissioners Meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sisian and carried on a 5-0 vote.