

**HATFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 8, 2006
7:30 PM**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner President Scott Brown called the Hatfield Township Board of Commissioner's March 8, 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 Charles Sisian, and Commissioner John Thinnes. Also in attendance were Township Manager Stephanie Teoli Shafkowitz, Solicitor Joseph Kuhls, Engineer Joseph Nolan, Township Planner Ken Amey, Parks and Recreation Director Nancy Stock, and Assistant to the Manager Melissa Shafer.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Brown led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

There were no citizen's comments at this time.

V. SPECIAL ITEMS

A. Industrial Development Authority

1. New Horizons Montessori School, 1701 Jarrettown Road, Upper Dublin, PA
2. The French International School at Philadelphia, 23 City Avenue, Bala Cynwyd, PA

Dave Comer, legal counsel for the Industrial Development Authority (IDA), explained both projects and offered to answer any questions.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Planning and Zoning Committee

1. Planning Commission Meeting Minutes – *February 21, 2006*

Commissioner Brown entered the February 21, 2006 Planning Commissioner Meeting Minutes into the record.

B. Public Works Committee

1. Fuel, Paving, and Materials Bids

Ms. Shafkowitz reported that the annual public works bidding process was underway. She added that the bids are out and will be recommended for award at the March 22, 2006 meeting.

C. Parks and Recreation Committee

1. Hatfield Park Commission Meeting Minutes – *February 13, 2006*

Commissioner Sisian entered the February 13, 2006 Hatfield Park Commission Meeting Minutes into record.

2. Hatfield Township Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes - *February 6, 2006*

Commissioner Sisian entered the February 6, 2006 Hatfield Township Parks and Recreation Board Meeting Minutes into the record.

3. Community Conservation Partnerships Program Grant for Multi-Municipal Greenway and Open Space Network Plan

Ms. Stock reported on this grant that would fund the development of a master trail plan for Hatfield Township and Hatfield Borough. She added that this was recommended as a priority in the Joint Hatfield Township/Hatfield Borough Open Space Plan.

4. Lear Barn Removal Discussion

Ms. Stock reported that the Hatfield Parks and Recreation Board and township staff recommended taking down the Lear Barn, located at School Road Park because of safety concerns. She highlighted that the township will work toward having the building materials reused or recycled to the extent that it is possible.

D. Public Safety Committee

1. Public Safety Monthly Report – *February 2006*

Commissioner Sisian entered the February 2006 Public Safety Report into the record.

2. Walnut Street Parking Ordinance

Ms. Shafkowitz provided an overview on the proposed ordinance and reported that a letter was distributed to residents of Walnut Street alerting them to Board's discussion of the issue. Chief Toomey then reviewed a graphic of the proposed "no-parking" zone.

Residents in the audience recommended that the Board consider changing the Ordinance to restrict parking only between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. Members of the board discussed this proposal and also considered a recommendation for permitted parking along Walnut Street.

At the conclusion of the discussion, the Board of Commissioner requested that the Police Department review the proposed changes and make a recommendation to the Board.

3. Clemens and Fairgrounds Roads Intersection Four-Way Stop Ordinance

Chief Toomey explained that, since Clemens Road was opened in the fall, there have been several serious accidents at the intersection of Clemens and Fairgrounds Roads. He reviewed details related to the site distance at the intersection and speeding concerns.

Chief Toomey concluded that the Highway Safety Unit strongly recommends the installation of a Four-Way Stop Sign at this intersection. The Board of Commissioners agreed that this issue should be placed on the agenda for official Board action at the March 22nd meeting.

E. Finance Committee

No report.

F. North Penn Water Authority

1. North Penn Water Authority Meeting Minutes – *January 24, 2006*

Commissioner Brown entered the January 24, 2006 North Penn Water Authority Meeting Minutes into record.

G. Hatfield Township Municipal Authority

1. Hatfield Township Municipal Authority Meeting Minutes – *January 10, 2006*

Commissioner Brown entered the Hatfield Township Municipal Authority January 10, 2006 Meeting Minutes into record.

2. Hatfield Township Municipal Authority Monthly Budget Report – *January 2006*

Commissioner Brown entered the Hatfield Township Municipal Authority January 2006 Monthly Budget Report into record.

3. Hatfield Township Municipal Authority 2006 – 2007 Budget

Pete Dorney, Executive Director of the Municipal Authority, addressed the Board of Commissioners and introduced several members of the Authority Board. He then reported that there is no sewer rate increase proposed in the 2006-2007 Budget.

VII. TOWNSHIP STAFF REPORTS

A. Township Manager's Report

1. Community Access Channel

Ms. Shafkowitz reported that she is working with Hatfield Borough and Comcast to initiate a joint Community Access Channel that will be launched in April.

B. Solicitor's Report

Joe Kuhls reported that there was an Executive Session held prior to the Board Meeting to discuss outstanding litigation. No action was taken.

C. Building Report

1. Building Report – *February 2006*

Mr. Amey entered the February 2006 Building Report into record.

D. Engineer's Report

No report.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

IX. ADJOURN

Commissioner Thinnes made a motion to adjourn the March 8, 2006 Board of Commissioners meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sisian and carried on a 3-0 vote. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.