

HATFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

March 22, 2006

7:30 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner President Scott Brown called the Hatfield Township Board of Commissioner's March 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, Vice President Gerald Andris, Commissioner O'Byrne, Commissioner Charles Sisian, and Commissioner John Thinnis. Also in attendance were Township Manager Stephanie Teoli Shafkowitz, Solicitor Joseph Kuhls, Engineer Herb Gery, Township Planner Ken Amey, Chief of Police Mark Toomey, Finance Director John Hall, 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. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner O' Byrne made a motion to approve the Agenda of the March 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 – February 22, 2006

Commissioner Sisian made a motion to approve the February 22, 2006 Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thinnis and carried on a 5-0 vote.

2. Board of Commissioners Workshop Meeting – March 8, 2006

Commissioner Andris made a motion to approve the March 8, 2006 Board of Commissioners Workshop Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thinnis and carried on a 4-0-1 vote with Commissioner O'Byrne abstaining.

VI. CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Charlotte Dubroff of Orvilla Road announced that the Hatfield Township Environmental Advisory Council recently received an Honorable Mention from the Southeastern Pennsylvania Environmental Council. The award recognized the bi-annual EAC insert in the Hatfield Township newsletter, *The Hatfield Connection*. She thanked the Board for their continuing support of the EAC.

George Adams of Supplee Circle reported that when the Verizon subcontractors came through his property laying the fiber lines, they did not finish the work before leaving. Mr. Adams reported that his landscaping was dug up and not repaired. Also, he felt that his sidewalk and a broken pipe were not repaired correctly. Commissioner Brown asked Mr. Adams to contact Stephanie Teoli Shafkowitz, the Township Manager, to help resolve his Verizon issue.

Commissioner Andris reported that he was pleased with how the township has responded to the situation with the Clemens Road/Fairgrounds Road intersection.

VII. ACTION ITEMS

1. **Hatfield Township Industrial Development Authority (IDA)
New Horizons Montessori School, 1701 Jarrettown Road, Upper Dublin, PA
Resolution #06-09**

Commissioner Andris made a motion to approve Resolution #06-09. The motion was seconded by Commissioner O'Byrne and carried on a 5-0 vote.

2. **Hatfield Township Industrial Development Authority (IDA)
The French International School at Philadelphia, 23 City Avenue, Bala Cynwyd, PA
Resolution #06-10**

Commissioner Thinnes made a motion to approve Resolution #06-10. The motion was seconded by Commissioner O'Byrne and carried on a 5-0 vote.

Michael Malin of Line Lexington Road asked why the Board of Commissioners had to approve an IDA project that is outside of Hatfield Township. Township Solicitor Joseph Kuhls replied that since Hatfield Township is the incorporating body of the IDA, they need the township's approval for projects.

Commissioner Andris asked if the township takes on any financial liability with this project. Mr. Kuhls said that the township does not take on any financial liability.

**3. Colmar Volunteer Fire Company Award
Resolution #06-11**

Commissioner Sisian made a motion to approve Resolution #06-11. The motion was seconded by Commissioner O'Byrne and carried on a 5-0 vote.

Commissioner Brown said that he was pleased to recognize Grace Dahlquist for receiving this award.

**4. Community Conservation Partnerships Program Grant
Resolution #06-12**

Ms. Shafkowitz explained that the township is partnering with Hatfield Borough to create an overall trail plan. The state would provide \$20,000 and the township and borough would each contribute \$10,000.

Commissioner Thinnies made a motion to approve Resolution #06-12. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sisian and carried on a 5-0 vote.

**5. Walnut Street Parking and Clemens and Fairgrounds Roads Intersection
Four-Way Stop Ordinance
Ordinance #551**

Chief Toomey reported on the proposed ordinance that restricts parking on Walnut Street and creates a four-way stop at the intersection of Clemens and Fairgrounds Roads. Chief Toomey added that the proposed no parking on Walnut Street was changed as a result of input at residents at the last meeting.

Commissioner Sisian made a motion to approve Ordinance #551. The motion was seconded by Commissioner O'Byrne and carried on a 5-0 vote.

6. Fuel, Materials, and Paving Bid

Commissioner Andris made a motion to award the following bids:

- Premium Gasoline Bid to Farm & Home of Telford, PA in the amount of \$2.2040 per gallon
- Stone Aggregate Bid to H & K of Skippack, PA in the amount of \$44,515.00
- Bituminous Material Bid to H & K of Skippack, PA in the amount of \$93,000.00
- Paving Bid to Blooming Glen Contractors of Blooming Glen, PA in the amount of \$344,400.00

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thinnies and carried on a 5-0 vote.

7. Hatfield Township Municipal Authority (HTMA) 2006-2007 Budget

Commissioner Brown noted that the sewer rate for the average household in Hatfield Township is \$68/quarter. He listed several surrounding municipalities' rates and Hatfield Township's was one of the lowest.

Commissioner Thinnes reported that he toured the municipal authority and found it to be a very well managed organization with foresight and planning for the future.

Commissioner Andris made a motion to approve the Hatfield Township Municipal Authority 2006-2007 Budget. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thinnes and carried on a 5-0 vote.

Helen Buchter of Walnut Street asked about pipes that are being installed at the Wawa on Bethlehem Pike. Engineer Herb Gery explained that the eight inch pipes are the sanitary sewer pipes, the 15 inch pipes are the storm sewer pipes.

Luther Stuber of Walnut Street asked what could be done about the amount of traffic on Walnut Street.

Chief Toomey replied that a speed display device has been set up on the street, and officers have been on patrol. Last year 187 citations were issued on Walnut Street.

8. Bills Payable

▪ **Paid Bills (March 2006) - \$14,747.08**

Commissioner Andris made a motion to approve the Paid Bills for March in the amount of \$14,747.08. The motion was seconded by Commissioner O'Byrne and carried on a 5-0 vote.

▪ **Bills To Be Paid (March 2006) - \$167,143.59**

Commissioner Andris made a motion to approve the Bills to be Paid for March in the amount of \$167,143.59. The motion was seconded by Commissioner O'Byrne and carried on a 5-0 vote.

9. Treasurer's Report – February 2006

Tax Collector Christina Murphy entered the Treasurer's Report into record. She reminded everyone that the discount period ends Friday, March 31, and that she would be holding office hours at both the township building and her Lenhart Road office.

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

Dean Miller asked that the trash haulers be reminded of the Hatfield Township noise ordinance.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

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