

HATFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

April 26, 2006

7:30 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner President Scott Brown called the Hatfield Township Board of Commissioner's April 26, 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, and Commissioner Charles Sisian. Also in attendance were Township Manager Stephanie Teoli Shafkowitz, Solicitor Joseph Kuhls, Engineer Joseph Nolan, Township Planner Ken Amey, Chief of Police Mark Toomey, Finance Director John Hall, 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 Andris made a motion to approve the Agenda of the April 26, 2006 Hatfield Township Board of Commissioners meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sisian and carried on a 4-0 vote.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting – *March 22, 2006*

Commissioner Andris made a motion to approve the March 22, 2006 Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner O'Byrne and carried on a 4-0 vote.

2. Board of Commissioners Workshop Meeting – *April 12, 2006*

Commissioner Sisian made a motion to approve the April 12, 2006 Board of Commissioners Workshop Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner O'Byrne and carried on a 4-0 vote.

VI. CITIZENS' COMMENTS

There were no comments at this time.

VII. ACTION ITEMS

1. 2005 Tree City Recognition

Richard Deppen, Service Forester for Bucks and Montgomery Counties, presented the 2005 Tree City USA and Growth Award to Hatfield Township. He noted that Hatfield Township is one of the few communities in the district (District 17) to have its own nursery.

2. Bills Payable

▪ **Paid Bills (April 2006) - \$87,876.13**

Commissioner Andris made a motion to approve the Paid Bills for April in the amount of \$87,876.13. The motion was seconded by Commissioner O'Byrne and carried on a 4-0 vote.

▪ **Bills To Be Paid (April 2006) - \$257,059.38**

Commissioner Andris made a motion to approve the Bills to be Paid for April in the amount of \$257,059.38. The motion was seconded by Commissioner O'Byrne and carried on a 4-0 vote.

9. Treasurer's Report – February 2006

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

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

Ken Amey, Township Planner, reported that there was a request from Jefferson Hospital to locate a helicopter at Central Montgomery Medical Center. The helicopter requires the need for a temporary trailer at the site to house two staff members, a pilot and a nurse. Mr. Amey explained that while the Building Code does allow for the trailer, there is a need for Board's approval. Mr. Amey said the Township Building and Zoning Department would monitor the trailer.

Commissioner Andris made a motion to approve a temporary trailer at Central Montgomery Medical Center. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sisian and carried on a 4-0 vote.

Commissioner Andris said that he was pleased with the relationship between Central Montgomery and Jefferson Hospital.

Commissioner Andris said that the township is looking into other means of trash collection services such as a one-hauler system. This is due the rising cost of fuel and

collection services, and the number of trucks currently on the streets. Ms. Shafkowitz added that the township has applied for a technical assistance grant through DEP to look into this matter.

Michael Malin of Line Lexington Road asked what the advantage was of doing the feasibility study for a waste collection system. Commissioner Brown said that the Board wants to make their decision based on adequate research.

Botch Nolen of Fairgrounds Road thanked the Board and the staff for not forgetting about the time capsule. Botch explained the importance of the Harry Rutherford Tree and time capsule.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner O'Byrne made a motion to adjourn the Hatfield Township Board of Commissioners April 26, 2006 Workshop Meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sisian and carried on a 4-0 vote. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Township residents and staff joined the Board of Commissioners outside in rededicating the Harry Rutherford Tree and time capsule.