

# HATFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

**February 28, 2007**

*7:30 PM*

## **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Commissioner President Scott Brown called the Hatfield Township Board of Commissioner's February 28, 2007 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 Thinnes. Also in attendance were Township Manager Stephanie Teoli Shafkowitz, Solicitor Joe Kuhls, Engineer Joe Nolan, Township Planner Ken Amey, Chief of Police Mark Toomey, Finance Director John Hall, Aquatic Director Bonnie Kyle-Blamphin, and Assistant to the Manager Melissa Shafer.

## **III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Commissioner O'Byrne led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Commissioner Andris made a motion to approve the Board of Commissioners February 28, 2007 Agenda. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thinnes and carried on a 5-0 vote.

## **V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**1. Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting – January 31, 2007**

**2. Board of Commissioners Workshop Meeting – February 14, 2007**

Commissioner O'Byrne made a motion to approve the January 31, 2007 Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting Minutes and the February 14, 2007 Board of Commissioners Workshop Meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thinnes and carried on a 5-0 vote.

## **VI. Treasurer's Report – January 2007**

Christina Murphy entered the January 2007 Treasurer's Report into the record.

## **VII. SPECIAL ITEMS**

### **1. Eagle Scout Recognition**

Commissioner President Scott Brown recognized Steve Levandusky for his volunteer work in Hatfield Township in his pursuit of Eagle Scout.

### **2. Twenty Year Service Recognition**

The Board of Commissioners and Chief Mark Toomey recognized Detective Pat Hanrahan and Officer David Busch for 20 years of service to the Hatfield Community.

### **3. Community Pool Fundraising Donation – Lions Club**

President of the Lions Club Bob Hamm presented the Board of Commissioners with a \$2,500 donation to the Hatfield Community Pool.

### **4. Stormwater Management Report**

Township Engineer Joe Nolan gave an overview of the stormwater management requirements and provided an update on the township's most recent stormwater management activities.

### **5. North Penn Water Authority Report**

John Strobel provided an update on recent North Penn Water Authority activities, such as working on new main designs for the Snyder's Square and Hatfield Point Developments. Mr. Strobel also reported that the Forrest Park Treatment Plant expansion is almost complete.

Anthony Bellitto reported that the wellhead protection program is underway, with a study identifying any potential nearby sources of contamination.

## **VIII. CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

Bruce Dannaker of E. Walnut Street asked when the Traffic Calming Program would begin on his street. Ms. Shafkowitz responded that staff would be meeting with the new traffic engineer and inviting residents to review the proposed traffic calming plan in May.

Jerry Viglietti of Cabin Road reported that he thought the Giant Development was going to be on the agenda. Ken Amey responded that the developer filed a new traffic study was filed and the township traffic engineer must complete a review.

Cindy Witner of Park Avenue asked if there was an update on an outdoor furnace issue in her neighborhood. Commissioner Andris asked Ms. Witner to speak with Melissa Shafer after the meeting for an update.

## **IX. ACTION ITEMS**

### **1. MTJ Properties Land Development Resolution #07-06**

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

### **2. Liquor License Transfer - McCusker Realty Enterprises**

Commissioner Sisian reported that after speaking with Chief Toomey, he believes that the liquor license will allow the Creekside Cabaret to be more regulated.

Commissioner Brown asked Joe Kuhls for a review of the events leading up to the Creekside Cabaret development.

Mr. Kuhls reported that prior to the Creekside development, Hatfield Township didn't have any Adult Entertainment Zoning. This could have had constitutional implications. Being so, the Board of Commissioners decided to rezone several properties in the township allowing this type of use. They chose parcels that were not so visible to the general public. After the rezoning decision was made, an applicant came forward, and selected the Advance Lane property for the Creekside Cabaret.

Commissioner Andris asked if an adult entertainment business could have been established in a residential area if the Board did not choose to rezone. Mr. Kuhls responded that whoever owned property that brought the challenge prior to the rezoning decision could have established that type of business.

Commissioner Andris made a motion to grant the request of McCusker Realty Enterprises for transfer of a liquor license to its facility on Advance Lane. Such grant being subject to conditions offered by the Applicant at the February 14, 2007 hearing. The motion was seconded by Commissioner O'Byrne and carried on a 5-0 vote.

### **3. Ward Redistricting Proposal**

Commissioner Thinnis asked what the process would be with the consultant. Commissioner Brown responded that the consultant would meet with he and the Township Manager to outline plans for the process. Those plans will come before the board for approval. Commissioner Brown said that he is committed to an open process.

Commissioner Andris made a motion to authorize hiring Digital Engineering Corporation for Ward Redistricting Services. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thinnis and carried on a 5-0 vote.

**4. Bills Payable**

▪ **Paid Bills (February 2007) - \$ 541,806.17**

Commissioner Andris made a motion to approve the Paid Bills for February in the amount of \$541,806.17. The motion was seconded by Commissioner O'Byrne and carried on a 5-0 vote.

**X. OTHER BUSINESS**

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner O'Byrne made a motion to adjourn the February 28, 2007 Board of Commissioners meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Andris and carried on a 5-0 vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.