

HATFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
June 16, 2021
7:30 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Tom Zipfel called the Hatfield Township Board of June 16, 2021 meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

President Tom Zipfel asked Township Manager Aaron Bibro to call the roll. Present at the meeting were Vice President Bob Rodgers, Commissioner Jerry Andris, Commissioner Greg Lees and Commissioner Deborah Zimmerman. Also in attendance were Township Manager Aaron Bibro, Solicitor John Iannozzi, Township Engineer Bryan McAdam and Chief of Police William Tierney.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Former Hatfield Township Commissioner's Scott Brown and Tom Landauer led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Vice President Rodgers made a motion to approve the meeting agenda and Commissioner Andris seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

V. CITIZENS' COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Shaykh Anwar Muhammad offered commentary about Juneteenth.

Corinne Landauer, 540 Cowpath Rd. Ms. Landauer asked the Board to consider Juneteenth as a recognized holiday by Hatfield Township.

Tom Landauer, 540 Cowpath Rd. Mr. Landauer requested that the Board recognize Juneteenth as a municipal holiday. Mr. Landauer also commented about the Walnut Street traffic calming islands.

Cindy Bourgeois, 1228 Quincy Ct. Ms. Bourgeois thanked Mr. Muhammed for coming to the meeting tonight.

VI. CONSENT ITEMS

Commissioner Lees made a motion to approve the consent items and Commissioner Vice President Rodgers seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

- A. Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting – *May 26, 2021*
- B. HTMA Monthly Budget Report – *April, May*
- C. HTMA Meeting Minutes – *April 13, 2021*
- D. Treasurer's Report – *June*
- E. **Bills Payable:**
 - A. Paid Bills – \$0
 - B. Unpaid Bills – \$451,991.78

VII. HATFIELD HERO- JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION & DISCUSSION

Shaykh Anwar Muhammad, proprietor of the Black Reserve Bookstore and President of the Ambler Branch NAACP was honored by the Board.

Prior to committee reports, the Board voted on the approval of Resolution #21-25, the observation of Juneteenth. Commissioner President Zipfel made a motion to approve Resolution #21-25. Commissioner Zimmerman seconded the motion and the motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Planning and Zoning Committee – Vice President Rodgers

There was no report.

B. Public Works Committee – Commissioner Lees

Commissioner Lees provided an update on Public Works Department projects. Commissioner Also discussed traffic island removal on Walnut Street.

The following residents offered commentary:

Scott Brown, 2177 Rebecca Drive
Cindy Bourgeois, 1228 Quincy Court

B. Parks and Recreation Committee – Commissioner Zimmerman

Commissioner Zimmerman provided an update on parks and recreation events in the township.

C. Public Safety Committee –President Zipfel

Commissioner President Zipfel discussed the new paving surface of the pickleball courts.

D. Finance Committee – Commissioner Andris

Commissioner Andris updated the Board on the state of finances.

Commissioner Lees made a motion to approve Resolution #20-14. Commissioner Vice President Rodgers seconded the motion and the motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

IX. ACTION ITEMS

**A. Hatfield Industrial Development Authority Project
Resolution #21-24**

Commissioner Andris made a motion to approve Resolution #21-24. Commissioner Vice President Rodgers seconded the motion and the motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

X. TOWNSHIP STAFF REPORTS

Mr. Bibro discussed the DCED Grant Application, the design for Welsh/Orvilla intersections.

XI. SOLICITOR’S REPORT

Mr. Iannozzi discussed a property assessment settlement regarding 2975 Advance Lane.

Commissioner President Zipfel made a motion to approve a tax assessment appeal for 2975 Advance Lane. Commissioner Zimmerman seconded the motion and the motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

XII. CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

Tom Landauer, 540 Cowpath Rd

Mr. Landauer thanked the Board for their proclamation regarding Juneteenth, but is disappointed that it is not recognized for employees. Mr. Landauer also advised that he thinks Pride Month should be recognized.

Dennis Clegg, no address provided.

Mr. Clegg is disappointed that there are no chairs at the Hatfield Aquatic Center and that he is required to bring his own.

Corinne Landauer, 540 Cowpath Rd

Ms. Landauer offered commentary regarding Juneteenth and raising the Pride flag.

Richard Buttacavoli, Lansdale resident.

Mr. Buttacavoli requested that the Pride flag be raised in Hatfield Township.

Cindy Bourgeois, 1228 Quincy Ct

Ms. Bourgeois offered commentary regarding the Pride flag, the Hatfield Aquatic Center, new strain of Covid virus, immune systems and the basin near her home.

Ryan Gober, 1228 Quincy Ct

Mr. Gober had concerns that the Public Works Director acted without authority regarding the work done in the basin near his home.

Ed Tartar, Downing Dr

Mr. Tartar offered commentary regarding the maintenance of the basin near his home.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Vice President Rodgers made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Zimmerman seconded the motion and the Board adjourned at 9:12 P.M.