



**HATFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES
October 12, 2022
7:30 PM**

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Tom Zipfel called the October 12, 2022 Workshop Meeting of the Hatfield Township Board of Commissioners to order at 7:30 pm.

II. ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken by Aaron Bibro, Township Manager. Present at the meeting were President Tom Zipfel, Commissioner Jerry Andris and Commissioner Greg Lees. Also in attendance were Township Manager Aaron Bibro, Solicitor Christine Pionzio, Township Planner Ken Amey, Township Engineer Bryan McAdam and Chief of Police William Tierney.

Vice President Bob Rodgers, Commissioner Deborah Zimmerman, and Assistant Township Manager, Scott Hutt were absent.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by members of the Montgomery County Cultural Proficiency and Equity Student Ambassadors Initiative; Carmina Taylor, Yordanos Lemma, Jared Robinson and Andrew Reed.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Lees motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Andris. The motion carried with a 3-0 vote

V. CITIZENS' COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

There were no citizen's comments

VI. CONSENT ITEMS

Motion to Enter Consent Items A – E into record

Commissioner Andris motioned to enter the Consent Items listed below into record. It was seconded by Commissioner Lees. The motion carried with a 3-0 vote.

- A. HTMA Meeting Minutes – August 9th and 16th
- B. North Penn Water Authority Meeting Minutes – July 26, August 23
- C. VMSC Monthly Report – September
- D. Hatfield Police Report – September
- E. HTMA Monthly Budget Report – August

VII. SPECIAL ITEMS

- A. Presentation by Carmina Taylor
Montgomery County Cultural Proficiency and Equity Student Ambassadors Initiative

President Zipfel introduced Carmina Taylor of the Cultural Proficiency and Equity Student Ambassador Program through the North Penn School District and added she helped the Township with some sensitive issues at the aquatic center a few years ago. She recently won a local heroes award from the United We Stand Summit at the White House and shared her experience of the event. She said the government is funding programs against hate at the DHS.

Ms. Taylor gave a background of the Cultural Proficiency & Equity Student Ambassadors (CPESA), which began in 2019 with four (4) school districts; North Penn, Cheltenham, Norristown and Upper Dublin. In 2021, four (4) additional school districts were added; Upper Moreland, Lower Moreland, Abington, and Hatboro-Horsham. The VNA of greater North Penn awarded the group \$30,000 to complete a study on the mental impact of racial trauma. The students are doing a project on “there’s no place for hate”. Ms. Taylor said we want to partner with Hatfield Township so we can ultimately have a community gathering at the Township where the students can present their project to the community.

Yordanas Lemma spoke about the student’s pledge of no place for hate and how the theme will be carried out in the schools with students making the pledge and signing a hand that will be hung up showing that it is a no place for hate school. She also said there are two projects the group is starting that are centered around a recent survey the group sent out about belonging and the pledge. Ms. Lemma read the pledge – I will seek to gain understanding of those who are different from me, I will speak out against prejudice and discrimination. I’ll reach out to support those who are targets of hate, I will promote respect for the people, and help foster a prejudice free school. I believe that one person can make a difference, no person can be an innocent by-stander when it comes to opposing hate and I can recognize that respecting individual dignity and promoting inter group harmony is the responsibility of all students. Ms. Lemma introduced Jared Robinson.

Mr. Robinson spoke about Making the Invisible Visible Project which will involve leading a discussion on video chat about the ways that marginalize students. The information will be used to find way of making change. Andrew Reed spoke about the Humans of North Penn Project which will ask students questions on belonging, inclusion, and aspects of their identity during lunch periods to encourage students to talk about their experiences and identity issues they may have. A video will be created from this project to share.

Ms. Taylor said Chief Tierney offered to involve his officers with the pledge program and through this collaboration with the students they will come up with ways to present the outcomes to the community. President Zipfel said he is excited about the collaboration.

B. Presentation by Boyle Construction – Hatfield Police Station

President Zipfel said Boyle Construction is here to talk about the construction of a new Police Station for the Township. Karen and Ken Duerholz of Boyle Construction are the agency construction managers for the project and gave an overview of the company and the services they will provide throughout the project. Mrs. Duerholz said the pre-construction process takes approximately twelve (12) months and the construction phase of the project takes another twelve (12) months. They both spoke about what happens during the various project phases and how they involve the community in the project. They closed by presenting their proven results of many similar projects in surrounding counties.

President Zipfel added that he and Vice President Rodgers met with Boyle Construction and felt very comfortable having them make this presentation. Commissioner Andris asked what percentage of change controls did they have on past projects? Mr. Duerholz said variables are presented in the pre-construction phase and allowances are added to the project cost. He said they tend to be in the 1%-2% range. A discussion ensued regarding the past construction of the Township Building and issues with the HVAC system. Mr. Amey said on the past project, Boyle Construction was brought in after the design phase and the project began without a construction manager. Mr. Bibro said the next step is to consider an agreement with Boyle Construction at the Regular Meeting in two (2) weeks.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Planning and Zoning Committee – Vice President Rodgers

There was no report.

B. Public Works Committee – Commissioner Lees

1. Leaf Pickup Program – Award at Regular Meeting
 - November 14th, 28th, and December 12th

Commissioner Lees reported the paving project will begin on October 24th on the following roads; Winston, Werner, Elm, Dogwood, Rose, Gum, Koffel, McCarther and Davis. He said we are in the process of getting prices on the annual Leaf Pickup Program and will be awarded at the regular meeting.

C. Parks and Recreation Committee – Commissioner Zimmerman

There was no report.

D. Public Safety Committee –President Zipfel

President Zipfel said the recent Junior Police Academy was well attended with over twenty (20) students participating. Chief Tierney met with North Penn students as part of the Cultural Proficiency and Equity Student Ambassador’s Program to plan a project called “No Place for Hate”.

E. Finance Committee – Commissioner Andris

1. Public Budget Workshop – October 19th, 6pm

Commissioner Andris announced the Public Goals and Budget Workshop Meeting for 2023 on October 19th. He said the first draft of the budget show no tax increase for Township residents and businesses for the ninth year in a row.

IX. TOWNSHIP STAFF REPORTS

A. Township Manager’s Report

There was no report.

X. SOLICITOR’S REPORT

There was no report.

XI. CITIZENS’ COMMENTS

There were no comments.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Andris motioned for adjournment, seconded by Commissioner Lees. The motioned carried 3-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 8:26 pm.