



HATFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

April 26, 2023
7:30 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Tom Zipfel called the April 26, 2023 Regular 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, Vice President Bob Rodgers, Commissioner Jerry Andris and Commissioner Deborah Zimmerman. In addition to Township Manager Aaron Bibro, also in attendance were Solicitor John Iannozzi, Assistant Township Manager Scott Hutt and Township Engineer George DiPersio.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by former Hatfield Commissioner, Scott Brown with Sandy Brown.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Vice President Rodgers motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman. The motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

V. CONSENT ITEMS

Motion to enter items 1 – 4 into record.

- 1. Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting – March 22, 2023**
- 2. Board of Commissioners Workshop Meeting – April 12, 2023**
- 3. Treasurer's Report – April**
- 4. Bills Payable:**
 - A. Paid Bills – \$14,462.00
 - B. Unpaid Bills – \$552,802.77

Commissioner Andris motioned to move the consent items into record, seconded by Vice President Rodgers. The motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

VI. CITIZENS' COMMENTS -- AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

There were no citizens comments.

VII. Recognition of Scott and Sandy Brown for their contributions to the Hatfield Community

President Zipfel and the Hatfield Board of Commissioners acknowledged Scott and Sandy Brown for their active support, commitment and contributions to the community since moving to the Township in 1976. Scott Brown is a former commissioner, having served 12 years on the Board. Mr. Brown was an instrumental supporter of the Aquatic Center, was deeply committed to preserving open space and always tried to find ways to improve the community. President Zipfel said Mr. Brown leaves a legacy of the manner in which he governed for future generations as a representative of the community and not of a particular party. Commissioner Zimmerman spoke about the support, encouragement and mentorship she received from Mr. Brown.

Mr. Brown encouraged the community to invest in Hatfield and said his proudest day as a commissioner was when they cut the ribbon on the Aquatic Center. He mentioned several other highlights during his time as a commissioner such as open space acquisition, park renovations and the hiring of Mr. Bibro as Township Manager. He said he became a public servant because he cared about the community and wanted to make a difference. After 47 years as residents, the Brown's will be moving out of the Township.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

1. Shade Tree Plant Exchange – May 12th at 4:30 pm
Motion for Approval of Resolution #23-05

Mr. Bibro said we have been a Tree City for over 20 years and this Shade Tree Plant Exchange is a requirement.

Commissioner Zimmerman motioned to approve Resolution #23-05, seconded by Commissioner Andris. The motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

2. Two Police Vehicle Purchases - \$93,942 as budgeted
Motion for approval

Vice President Rodgers motioned to approve the purchase of two police vehicles, seconded by Commissioner Andris. The motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

3. Authorization to install a stop sign at Rebecca Drive & Norman Avenue
Motion to advertise Ordinance.

At the urging of residents, the Township is moving forward with the stop sign installation. This is a motion to authorize the advertisement of the Ordinance and the Board will consider the ordinance at the next meeting.

Vice President Rodgers motioned to advertise the Ordinance, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman. The motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

IX. CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Andrew Foley of 2176 Rebecca Drive commented about the recent accident on Rebecca Drive and said there are numerous children in the neighborhood who play in that area and it is alarming how fast motorists travel on Rebecca Dr. and Norman Ave. Mr. Foley does not believe a stop sign at the intersection is enough and said there should be signage (children at play) installed at Roosevelt and Norman and one at Miller Place and Rebecca Dr. as these are cut through roads. He also said a traffic camera or flashing speed sign would help as there is no posted speed limit. Mr. Foley also said there should be a dead-end sign on the corner off of Norman before the turn to Rebecca.

Mr. Bibro said the Township will be happy to install the suggested signs and will try to get them installed in the next few weeks.

Heather Edwards, 200 Norman Avenue said she constantly calls the non-emergency line to help with the cut through issues. She commented that there have been numerous incidents with motorists speeding, jumping curbs and creating hazardous situations.

Glen Ibarquen, 232 W. Orvilla Rd. is looking for information on a paper road as he is having issues with a builder. He also said there are concerns with motorists driving past school buses as they are picking up/dropping off children at a fast speed and are not stopping for the buses. He asked if there is a camera that can be installed. Mr. Bibro replied that we are in the process of fixing the intersection and will talk with the traffic engineer to see what can be done to address the speeding issue. He added that North Penn School District recently equipped the buses with cameras on the stop bar so there is video footage should a motorist go around.

Christine Weisenbach, 2255 Roosevelt Blvd. said the intersection of Rebecca Dr., Norman Ave. and Roosevelt Blvd. is known as the drag strip because of all the speeding cars. She added she has complained numerous times about the addition of calming devices and doesn't feel safe having her children anywhere near the streets. She is glad there is progress finally being made to address the issues and hopes it continues with additional calming devices. She asked if stop signs are being installed at the intersection as well as the dead end. Mr. Bibro replied tonight's action is for the one intersection but the Township will look at it further.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Vice President Rodgers motioned for adjournment, seconded by Commissioner Andris. The motion carried 4-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.