

HATFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES February 22, 2023 7:30 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Tom Zipfel called the February 22, 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, Commissioner Greg Lees and Commissioner Deborah Zimmerman. In addition to Township Manager Aaron Bibro, also in attendance were Solicitor Annie Neamand, Assistant Township Manager Scott Hutt, Township Engineer Bryan McAdam and Chief of Police William Tierney.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Lees.

President Zipfel announced the Board met in Executive Session prior to tonight's meeting to discuss matters of personnel.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Vice President Rodgers motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Lees. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

V. CONSENT ITEMS

Motion to enter items 1-4 into record.

- 1. **Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting** *January* 25, 2023
- 2. **Board of Commissioners Workshop Meeting** February 8, 2023
- 3. Treasurer's Report February

4. Bills Payable:

- A. Paid Bills \$151,762.38
- B. Unpaid Bills \$235,542.68

Commissioner Lees motioned to move the consent items into record, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

VI. CITIZENS' COMMENTS -- AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

There were no citizens comments.

VII. SPECIAL ITEM

1. Black History Month Presentation

Carmina Taylor spoke about the North Penn Student Ambassadors Program that focuses on cultural proficiencies and social justice. She explained that cultural proficiency is the knowledge, skills, attitudes and beliefs that enable people to work well together, respond effectively and be supportive of people in cross-cultural settings. Social justice is having and embracing the view that everyone deserves equal economic, political and social rights and opportunities. She says the group also focuses on the 7 C's of leadership; consciousness of self, congruence, commitment, collaboration, common purpose, controversy with civility and community and citizenship. Ms. Taylor wants the students to be able to express their opinions in a way that others can embrace their perspective and be catalysts for change. Jayla Prince, Jared Robinson, Yordanas Lemma, Carina LaVenture, and Ayla Jamison of the Cultural Proficiency & Equity Student Ambassadors Program presented on how black history ties into American history through a time line of historical civil rights events and how the celebration of black history month began.

VIII. DISCUSSION ITEM

1. HTMA 2023/2024 Budget Presentation Executive Director, Peter Dorney

Pete Dorney presented the Hatfield Township Municipal Authority budget for 2023/2024 that begins on April 1st. He discussed a sewer rate increase for the new budget of \$4.00 per month because of increased costs associated with running the plant, a slowdown of revenues due to land development and dwindling sludge waste revenue from other municipalities. Mr. Dorney said they are looking for grants to help pay for \$12M in capital projects over the next three (3) years.

IX. CITIZENS' COMMENTS

There were no citizens comments.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Lees motioned for adjournment, seconded by Vice President Rodgers. The motion carried 5-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.