



**HATFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
September 27, 2023
7:30 PM**

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Tom Zipfel called the September 27, 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 John Iannozzi and Chief of Police William Tierney.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ben Hartranft of Benergy1.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

V. CONSENT ITEMS

Motion to enter items 1 – 3 into record

- 1. Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting – August 23, 2023**
- 2. Treasurer's Report – September**
- 3. Bills Payable:**
 - A. Paid Bills – \$3,338.58
 - B. Unpaid Bills – \$883,161.40

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 ITEMS

1. Presentation by Ben Hartranft, Benergy1

Mr. Hartranft gave a presentation on autism awareness, kindness and inclusion. He was diagnosed with autism in the 2000's and at that time, statistically there was a 1 in 200 rate of autism, today it is 1 in 36. Mr. Hartranft spoke about the challenges he faces and the achievements he has made. He is a fan ambassador for the Philadelphia Eagles where his goal is to make fans happy. His hope is for more Townships to get involved with inclusion efforts. Mr. Hartranft began his own dream job business as a public speaker with Benergy1 Presentations and has appeared on the Ellen DeGeneres Show. He has raised over \$100,000 for the Eagles Autism Challenge. Mr. Hartranft said "having autism is not a bad thing, it doesn't characterize who we are, everyone is unique and special just like a rainbow. One tree can start a forest, one night can push back darkness and one kind person can change the world."

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

1. Stewart Basin Invoice - \$106,200 *Motion for Approval*

Mr. Bibro said this project is near conclusion and he thanked Vice President Rodgers for his leadership on the project.

Vice President Rodgers motioned to approve the Stewart Basin Invoice, seconded by Commissioner Andris. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

2. Colmar Firehouse Repairs – \$43,358 *Motion for Approval*

The repairs to the Colmar Firehouse were for electrical work including a new generator.

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

3. Pension Obligations – 2024 **Resolution #23-13** *Motion for Approval*

Mr. Bibro said the increase to the pension obligation for 2024 is approximately 5%.

Commissioner Andris motioned to approve Resolution 23-13, seconded by Commissioner Zimmerman. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

4. Tax Appeal Settlement – 1804 N Broad Street
Motion for Approval

Mr. Iannozzi said the Tax Appeal Settlement is a reduction of \$334 per year on the property.

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

IX CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Thakorbhai Patel of 98 Forty Foot Road asked why there are two poles on his street. He said one is for electric but he doesn't know what the second one is used for. He commented that the second pole restricts his view as he is exiting his property. President Zipfel said it could possibly be an old telephone pole and we can find out from the provider what the plan is for that pole and will let him know.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Lees motioned for adjournment, seconded by Vice President Rodgers. The motion carried 5-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 7:57 pm.