



**HATFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
June 28, 2023
7:30 PM**

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Tom Zipfel called the June 28, 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, Assistant Township Manager Scott Hutt and Chief of Police William Tierney.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Eagle Scout, Daniel Schuetz.

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

IV. APROVAL OF AGENDA

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

V. CITIZENS' COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

There were no citizens comments.

VI. CONSENT ITEMS

Motion to enter items A-F into record.

- A.** Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting – *May 22, 2023*
- B.** NPWA Meeting Minutes – *April 25*
- C.** HTMA Meeting Minutes – *April 11*
- D.** Police Report – *May*
- E.** Treasurer's Report – *June*

F. Bills Payable:

- A. Paid Bills – \$199,487.00
- B. Unpaid Bills – \$585,187.58

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

VII. SPECIAL ITEM

A. Recognition of Daniel Schuetz for his Eagle Scout Project in the Hatfield Nature Area

Daniel Schuetz of Troop 51 was recognized by the Board of Commissioners for earning the rank of Eagle Scout. Daniel has been involved with the Boy Scouts since he was a young boy and has a strong commitment to the community. President Zipfel said Daniel designed and constructed two pedestrian bridges along the trail at the Hatfield Township Nature Area. He raised the funds needed for the project and recruited and supervised fellow scouts and adults to help with the project. The pedestrian bridges provide a safe crossing for pedestrians and cyclists and will remain an important feature of the park for years to come. Daniel was presented with a Proclamation in recognition of his accomplishment for earning the Eagle Scout rank and for making Hatfield Township's Nature Area safer and more accessible for its residents. Daniel thanked his parents and brother for helping him in this journey.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Planning and Zoning Committee – Vice President Rodgers

There was no report.

B. Public Works Committee – Commissioner Lees

Commissioner Lees said great progress has been made on the 2023 Roads Program with ADA ramps near completion and road paving to begin in July ahead of schedule from last year. The Veteran's Memorial at School Road Park will be ready in early fall. The final pedestrian bridge at Frick's Trail will be installed in the coming weeks. He announced an opening for a laborer in the Public Works Department.

C. Parks and Recreation Committee – Commissioner Zimmerman

Commissioner Zimmerman announced the current Parks and Recreation programming and events.

D. Public Safety Committee –President Zipfel

President Zipfel said our Police Officers took part in many community events. Officer Riley Heffner was welcomed into the department having recently graduated from the Police Academy. She is now in our Field Training Program. The Junior Police Academy begins tomorrow with thirty children participating.

E. Finance Committee – Commissioner Andris

Commissioner Andris reported that increased interest rates have become a revenue source for the first time in over a decade. Under the direction of Finance Director, David Bernhauser, the Township has taken advantage of some money market accounts available for public entities and we have earned approximately \$107,000 of interest to date and an estimate of over \$200,000 for the year.

IX. ACTION ITEMS

A. Tax Appeal Settlement – 2321 N Broad Street
Motion for Approval

Commissioners Andris motioned to approve the settlement seconded by Commissioner Lees. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

B. Tax Appeal Settlement – 1740 N Broad Street
Motion for Approval

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

X. TOWNSHIP STAFF REPORTS

Mr. Bibro announced that there will be a public overview and presentation of the Police Station Project at the August Board meeting. The Planning Commission recently recommended approval of the project.

XI. CITIZENS' COMMENTS

There were no citizens' comments.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Lees motioned for adjournment, seconded by Commissioner Andris. The motion carried 5-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 7:53pm.