



HATFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

May 24, 2023
7:30 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Tom Zipfel called the May 24, 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 Christen Pionzio, 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 Township Manager, Aaron Bibro.

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 – April 26, 2023**
- 2. Board of Commissioners Workshop Meeting – May 10, 2023**
- 3. Treasurer's Report – May**
- 4. Bills Payable:**
 - A. Paid Bills – \$4,487.00
 - B. Unpaid Bills – \$1,066,519.70

Commissioner Andris 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. Recognition of Hatfield Fire Company Volunteers and Fire Marshal Mike Waldron

President Zipfel said this is a bittersweet recognition because of the devastating May 12th fire on Washington Lane which resulted in the loss of two lives. We are recognizing those that rushed to the scene and saved the three survivors as well as saved person and property by quickly extinguishing the blaze. President Zipfel added that he and the Township has received numerous calls, texts and emails from residents about what a fantastic job the Fire Company did. There was a moment of silence in honor of those that lost their lives.

President Zipfel recognized and thanked the Hatfield Fire Company and read a Proclamation on the heroic efforts of the volunteers during the house fire and their steadfast service to the Hatfield Community every day. Hatfield Fire Company President, Dean Mininger said the volunteers train hard to be prepared with the victims rescued and the house fire put out in seventeen minutes.

President Zipfel also recognized and thanked Fire Marshal/Emergency Coordinator, Mike Waldron with a Proclamation for his efforts on May 12th and for the thousands of hours he puts in as an employee and volunteer who responds to emergencies at all hours of the day. The Board of Commissioners acknowledged his leadership and commitment to making Hatfield Township a safer community. Fire Marshal Waldron thanked the Hatfield Fire Company for all their hard work, Chief Tierney and the Hatfield Police Department, the State Police and local Fire Marshals, Conor McCann, Mike McCann and Rick Lesniak.

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

President Zipfel announced this agenda item will be moved to a future meeting.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

1. Military Appreciation Month – Veteran's Memorial, School Road Park *Motion for Approval*

Mr. Bibro said this has been discussed for years by the Board to show appreciation to our Veterans. The monument will be erected at School Road Park with each branch of the military being represented. Commissioner Lees explained the order of the insignias for each branch of the military is in accordance with how the flags are flown. Vice President Rodgers said the men and

women of the military gives us the opportunity to sit up here to run our government, speak our minds and be free and this is a small token of our appreciation. Mr. Bibro added that installation will be in the fall. It is an eight-foot-tall etched granite stone monument.

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

2. Stewart Drive Stormwater Basin Retrofit Bid Award

Motion to award Bid to James R. Kenney Excavating & Paving, Inc. in the amount of \$348,000

Mr. Bibro said this is a naturalized basin that will be improved upon with upgrades. This project will be paid for with the stimulus fund money.

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

3. Public Works Salt Shed Roof Replacement Bid Award

Motion to Award Bid to Vertex Roofing Contractors in the amount of \$48,900

Mr. Bibro said the cost of the roof replacement is shared with Hatfield Borough based on the percentage of usage.

Commissioner Andris motioned to award the bid, seconded by Commissioner Lees. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

4. Repairs to Colmar Fire Station

Motion for Approval

Mr. Bibro said this is for needed repairs at the Colmar Fire Station to include a new roof, electrical and plumbing upgrades and a backup generator to make the facility safer. Funding for these repairs will come from the Fire Fund.

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

5. Tax Appeal Settlement – 2605 N. Broad Street

Motion for Approval

Ms. Pionzio said the owners of this property filed a tax assessment appeal for the years 2020, 2021 and 2022. This will result in a refund from the Township in the amount of \$3137.30 and she recommends approval.

Commissioner Zimmerman motioned to approve the Tax Appeal Settlement, seconded by Commissioner Andris. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

IX. CITIZENS' COMMENTS

Hatfield Fire Company President, Dean Mininger said the volunteers have experienced several recent fatalities in the Township and while assisting other area rescue units. He explained that the department has been going through a rough time lately.

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.