



## **HATFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES October 25, 2023**

### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

President Tom Zipfel called the October 25, 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 and Commissioner Greg Lees. In addition to Township Manager Aaron Bibro, also in attendance were Solicitor John Iannozzi, Township Engineer Bryan McAdam and Chief of Police William Tierney.

### **III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Police Officer Mike Burdick.

### **IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Vice President Rodgers motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Lees. The motion carried with a 3-0 vote

### **V. CONSENT ITEMS**

*Motion to Enter Items 1 – 4 into the Record*

- 1. Board of Commissioners Workshop Meeting – October 11**
- 2. Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting – September 27**
- 3. Treasurer's Report – October**
- 4. Bills Payable:**
  - A. Paid Bills – \$3,338.58
  - B. Unpaid Bills – \$1,101,329.55

Commissioner Lees motioned to move the consent items into record, seconded by Vice President Rodgers. The motion carried with a 3-0 vote.

## **VI. CITIZENS' COMMENTS -- AGENDA ITEMS ONLY**

There were no citizens comments.

## **VII. SPECIAL ITEMS**

1. Recognition of Police Officer Mike Burdick's retirement and 25 years of service to the Hatfield community.

Chief Tierney said Officer Burdick was hired in 1998. He was on the tactical team, was a taser instructor and less lethal training instructor. Chief Tierney described him as a foundation officer because he was steady, determined, accountable, trustworthy and honorable. He performed his duties well and with minimal direction. Chief Tierney stated it is impossible to say what this man means to us and he is honored to have served with Officer Burdick.

President Zipfel presented Officer Burdick with his retired badge. Chief Tierney presented him with a plaque of his patches and badge and presented his wife with flowers.

Officer Burdick thanked everyone and said it has been an honor and privilege to serve the Hatfield Community for the past 25 years.

## **VIII. ACTION ITEMS**

1. Capital Purchase – GMC Sierra 3500 HD (as budgeted)  
*Motion to approve purchase from Bergey's GMC for \$52,351*

This is a capital purchase for the Public Works Department. The cost of the vehicle is under budget.

Vice President Rodgers motioned to approve the truck purchase from Bergey's, seconded by Commissioner Lees. The motion carried with a 3-0 vote.

2. Host Municipal Agreement for Grant – HTMA  
*Motion for Approval*

Mr. Bibro said the Hatfield Township Municipal Authority (HTMA) is applying for grant funding. This application is to the state which requires the Township to sponsor the grant as a host municipality.

Commissioner Lees motioned to approve the grant agreement seconded by Vice President Rodgers. The motion carried with a 3-0 vote.

3. Grant Application – Seeking \$1M from Statewide Local Share Assessment Program  
**Resolution #23-14**  
*Motion for Approval*

Mr. Bibro said the Township is seeking a \$1M grant to help fund the Police Station Project. We are applying for several grants for a total of \$8M.

Vice President Rodgers motioned to approve Resolution #23-14, seconded by Commissioner Lees. The motion carried with a 3-0 vote.

4. Colmar Fire Station Building Repairs Reimbursement - \$29,302  
*Motion for Approval*

This is for some electrical upgrades and building repairs. The project is nearing completion.

Commissioner Lees motioned to approve the Colmar Fire Station Building Repairs Reimbursement, seconded by Vice President Rodgers. The motion carried with a 3-0 vote.

5. Easement Agreements – Police Station Project  
*Motion for Approval*

Mr. Bibro said these easements pertain to the neighbor right next to the building. Mr. Wasserman has been very cooperative with the Township. The easements include a permanent easement and a temporary construction easement. Sidewalks will be added in front of Wasserman Insurance Agency which is a first step to add sidewalks the length of Cowpath.

Vice President Rodgers motioned to approve the Police Station Easement Agreements, seconded by Commissioner Lees. The motion carried with a 3-0 vote.

6. Invoices for Stewart Basin  
*Motion for Approval*

Mr. Bibro said this project is near completion with the addition of plantings and landscaping. There is one additional invoice expected in the near future.

Vice President Rodgers motioned to approve the Stewart Basin Invoices, seconded by Commissioner Lees. The motion carried with a 3-0 vote.

## **IX CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

There were no citizens comments.

Vice President Rodgers said he recently toured the training center at the Hatfield Fire Department and was impressed by the level of commitment and dedication they put into making sure they are up to speed and ready to handle any situation that arises. He remarked how

incredible the training center is. Commissioner Lees added that the training center is made from shipping containers that can be changed around so the fire fighters don't get used to the layout. The Hatfield Fire Department invites the neighboring fire departments to participate in training.

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

President Zipfel announced the Budget and Goals Workshop will be held on November 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 pm.

Commissioner Lees motioned for adjournment, seconded by Vice President Rodgers. The motion carried 3-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 pm.