



## **HATFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES September 11, 2024**

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

President Tom Zipfel called the September 11, 2024 Workshop 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 Jennifer LoStracco and Commissioner Shahidul Partha. 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 Commissioner Partha.

- Moment of Silence
  - 23<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of the attacks on Sept 11, 2001

It's been 23 years since the tragic events of September 11, 2001, a day that changed our nation forever. We want to take a moment to honor the memory of nearly 3,000 innocent lost lives and remember the bravery of the first responders and to reflect on the resilience of the families and communities left behind. In the face of that unimaginable tragedy, we all witnessed profound acts of courage, unity and compassion. As we stand here today, let us remember that in our darkest moments, the light of human spirit shines brightest. We must never forget those who were taken from us and we must continue to strive for a world where peace and understanding prevail over hatred and division.

- Moment of Silence
  - Honoring the life of Michael McNerney: North Penn Teacher, Hatfield Township Employee, Volunteer, and Friend

President Zipfel announced the passing of our dear friend and colleague, Michael McNerney. Mr. McNerney was a longtime resident of Hatfield Township and a retired teacher from North Penn High School. After his retirement, he worked at the Aquatic Center for the Parks and Recreation Department. We will miss his kindness and commitment to the Hatfield community.

President Zipfel announced that an Executive Session was held prior to tonight's meeting to discuss matters of real estate.

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

Commissioner LoStracco motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Andris. 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-D into the Record*

- A. Police Report – *September*
- B. NPWA Meeting Minutes – *June 25*
- C. NPWA Meeting Minutes - *July 23*
- D. HTMA Meeting Minutes – *July 9*

Commissioner Andris motioned to move the Consent Items into record, seconded by Commissioner Partha. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

#### **VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

##### **A. Planning and Zoning Committee – Vice President Rodgers**

1. 18 Month Maintenance Period – 3120 Penn Street

Mr. McAdam said this project is complete. The developer is looking for approval from the Township to begin their 18-month maintenance period. This is recommended for approval from the Township Engineer. Mr. Bibro said this redevelopment has been an upgrade to the community.

2. Conditional Use Hearing Continuation – September 25<sup>th</sup>

This will be the fourth night for the continuation of the Conditional Use Hearing for Pulte Homes of PA Limited Partnership, 336 Orvilla Road. It will be held on September 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm.

##### **B. Public Works Committee**

Mr. Bibro said the 2024 Roads Project has been completed and work will begin on striping the roads soon with completion expected before Rocktoberfest.

##### **C. Parks and Recreation Committee – Commissioner LoStracco**

Commissioner LoStracco reported on the upcoming Parks and Rec events.

**D. Public Safety Committee – Commissioner Partha**

Commissioner Partha reported on the recent and upcoming events of the Police Department.

**E. Finance Committee – Commissioner Andris**

**1. 2025 Pension Obligations**

Commissioner Andris said the fall budget process is moving quickly with the Public Budget Meeting on October 16<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm. In September the Board will approve the pension obligations (MMO) for the following year. These figures are provided to the Township by our actuary. The Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for 2025 has increased significantly from prior years because of an underperforming market. The 2024 MMO was approximately \$500,000 and for 2025 it will be almost \$1M. We anticipate this number dropping for 2026.

**VIII. TOWNSHIP STAFF REPORTS**

**A. Township Manager’s Report**

**1. Budget Workshop Notice – October 16<sup>th</sup>, 6pm**

Mr. Bibro announced that Hatfield Township won an award for “Exemplary Achievement in Leadership in Minimizing Workplace Injuries and Illness during 2023”. Hatfield Township finished in the top 10 out of 115 municipalities that participate in the insurance trust.

**IX. SOLICITOR’S REPORT**

There was no report.

**X. CITIZENS’ COMMENTS**

Barry Groff of 2719 Cowpath Road said he observed fast driving on Derstine Road near the Wawa and is concerned for the safety of children and families coming in and out of Wawa. He asked if there is anything that can be done to slow down the traffic. President Zipfel there are a number of different traffic calming efforts that have been put in at various locations. He told Mr. Groff to stay after the meeting to talk about the location he is concerned about. Mr. Groff suggested installing speed bumps.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Andris motioned for adjournment, seconded by Commissioner LoStracco. The motion carried 5-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 7:56 pm.