



HATFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS REGULAR MEETING MINUTES February 28, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Tom Zipfel called the February 28, 2024 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 Jennifer LoStracco and Commissioner Shahidul Partha. 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 Chief of Police Bill Tierney.

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

- 1. Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting – January 24, 2024**
- 2. Treasurer's Report – February**
- 3. Bills Payable:**
 - A. Paid Bills – \$213,406.67
 - B. Unpaid Bills – \$518,561.78

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

VI. CITIZENS' COMMENTS -- AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

There were no citizens comments.

VII. SPECIAL ITEMS

- North Penn African American Allies Club Presentation

Carmina Taylor spoke about Yordanas Lemma (President) and Carina Laventure (Vice President) of the African American Allies Club (AAAC) at North Penn High School. These two seniors recently gave a powerful presentation at North Penn's Black History Month Program titled "To whom it may concern" and is a 'letter' to their fellow students, teachers, administrators and the community telling the black student's experience and issues they face. Ms. Laventure said the purpose of AAAC is to provide a safe space for black students and allies at North Penn. They discuss the issues they face being part of a predominately white school and to find ways to navigate to success while promoting black excellence. The AAAC also provides scholarships and programs for black students to apply. Ms. Taylor is a mentor to the Cultural Proficiency and Equity Student Ambassadors at North Penn High School.

- Police Promotions and Badge Presentation
Chief William Tierney

Chief Tierney introduced the Hatfield Township Civil Service Commission who vet eligible candidates and oversee the hiring and promotion process within the Police Department. He also presented the new 'Hatfield Police' Badge. The following officers were promoted and sworn into their new positions; Lt. Jeff Boyd and Lt. Chris Graham, Sgt. Mike Sloan, Sgt. Sean Scanlan, Sgt. Scott Nowetner, Det. Sgt. Bill Steinberg and Sgt. Brandi McCoy, Det. Cpl. Eric Geiger, Det. Anthony Baker and Det. Ryan Saunders. A new badge was presented to Lt. Jane Robertson. Ofc. Zach Malkin, Ofc. Pat Kivlin, Ofc. Nicole Sylvia, and Ofc. Riley Hefner were all sworn in and given their new badges as they were hired during COVID and did not have the opportunity to be publicly sworn in at that time. Ofc. Mike Kalas, Ofc. Matt Barnett, Ofc. Matt DeLaurentis and Ofc. Nick Wallin were sworn in as the newest officers of Hatfield Township. New badges were presented to Ofc. Kevin Fox, Ofc. Mark O'Donnell, Ofc. Bill Summerfield, Ofc. Keith Blank, Ofc. Dan Butler, Ofc. Ken Peck, Ofc. Matt Baughman, Det. Ryan Saunders, Ofc. Alex Marchak and Ofc. Brian McLaughlin. President Zipfel presented the new badge to Chief of Police Bill Tierney. Chief Tierney recognized Lindsay Montoya as Administrative Manager and Evidence Specialist, Kristi Barletta as Data and Information Analyst as well as two cadets, Ryan Boyd and Tyler Forr who will be attending the academy in June.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

1. Commence 18-Month Maintenance Period – Firefox Development
Resolution #24-03
Motion for Approval

Mr. Bibro said the first three action items are for the completion of a land development project and the improvements must be guaranteed for 18 months in which the applicants post security to cover any defects in the maintenance period.

Commissioner Andris motioned to approve Resolution #24-03, seconded by Vice President Rodgers. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

2. Commence 18-Month Maintenance Period – Fortuna Station
Resolution #24-04
Motion for Approval

Vice President Rodgers motioned to approve Resolution #24-04, seconded by Commissioner LoStracco. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

3. Commence 18-Month Maintenance Period – Fox Meadow Drive
Resolution #24-05
Motion for Approval

Vice President Rodgers motioned to approve Resolution #24-05, seconded by Commissioner Partha. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

4. Police Station Project – Costars Firing Range Package
Motion to award the contract to Action Target for \$844,410 as budgeted and recommended by Boyle Construction

Mr. Bibro said is for all the equipment associated with the new firing range and is included in the total price of the Police Station Project.

Commissioner Andris motioned to approve the Firing Range Package as presented, seconded by Vice President Rodgers. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

5. Police Station Project – Soil Testing and Inspection Services
Motion to award the contract to Hillis Carnes Engineering Associates for a not-to-exceed amount of \$44,900 as recommended by Boyle Construction

This is a requirement of the project to have periodic soil testing and inspection.

Commissioner LoStracco motioned to approve Soil Testing and Inspection Services, seconded by Vice President Rodgers. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

6. Hatfield Township Municipal Authority – 2024/2025 Budget
Resolution #24-06
Motion for Approval

Mr. Bibro said this budget does include an increase in sewer rates due to the rising costs associated with the wastewater treatment plant.

Commissioner Andris motioned to approve Resolution #24-06, seconded by Vice President Rodgers. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

7. Tax Appeal Settlement – Parcel #s 35-00-10759-00-6 & 35-00-10759-00-6
Motion for Approval

It was noted that the second parcel number is incorrect but this is for two adjacent parcels. Correct parcel numbers are 35-00-10759-00-6 & 35-00-07006-00-6.

Mr. Iannozzi said this is a tax settlement stipulation from 2022 in which both parties agreed to increase the tax assessment for years 2023 and 2024. After 2024, the property assessment will remain assessed as stated in the stipulation agreement. This will net the Township an additional \$9,854.95. The second property assessment was unchanged.

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

IX. CITIZENS' COMMENTS

There were no citizens comments.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Andris motioned for adjournment, seconded by Commissioner LoStracco. The motion carried 5-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 8:58 pm