



HATFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES April 10, 2024

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Tom Zipfel called the April 10, 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, 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 Bill Miller.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner Andris 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 the Record

A. Police Report – *March*

B. VMSC Ambulance Report – *March*

C. HTMA Meeting Minutes – *February 13, 2024*

D. HTMA Budget Report – *March*

E. Hatfield Volunteer Fire Quarterly Report – *2024 Q1*

F. Colmar Volunteer Fire Monthly Report – *March*

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

VII. SPECIAL ITEM

- Recognition of Ashley Broudy

President Zipfel announced that Ashley Broudy and the Hatfield Township Parks & Recreation Department received an Excellence Award from the PA Recreation & Park Society for Township Pop Up Events for 2023.

- Recognition of Bill Miller, Parks and Recreation Board Member

The Board of Commissioners recognized Bill Miller for his 30 years of service on the Parks & Recreation Board and the Shade Tree Commission. President Zipfel read the Proclamation for Mr. Miller and said there was an outpouring of feedback from the Parks & Board members about Mr. Miller.

Here is some of the feedback received.

“Bill is a big part of why we have so many amenities and events at School Road Park”.

“Bill is our local historian”.

“Bill was the guiding light in the development of the parks”.

“Bill is a team player who is always ready and willing to offer assistance and take on any challenge you present him with”.

“He is open-minded and has a heart for helping others”.

“Bill is such a calming presence. He has a way of making you heard and letting you know your thoughts and ideas are appreciated without even saying anything. It’s been an absolute pleasure working with him professionally and even a bigger honor to call him a friend”.

Mr. Miller said he has lived here his entire life. It has been an honor and a privilege to serve on the Park Board with people who care and work hard.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Planning and Zoning Committee – Vice President Rodgers

1. Appointment of Special Counsel for the April 24th Conditional Use Hearing
Motion to Appoint Thomas Panzer, Esquire

President Zipfel said there will be a Conditional Use Hearing at the next Board meeting. The appointment of Special Counsel is to ensure compliance to the zoning ordinances and to protect the interests of the code.

President Zipfel motioned to appoint Special Counsel, Thomas Panzer, seconded by Vice President Rodgers. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

2. Maintenance Period – 2618 N Broad Street Land Development

Mr. McAdam said as of a letter dated April 3, 2024, the project is complete. The developer is now ready to enter into the 18-month maintenance period.

B. Public Works Committee

There was no report.

C. Parks and Recreation Committee – Commissioner LoStracco

Commissioner LoStracco reported on the upcoming Parks & Recreation programs and events.

D. Public Safety Committee – Commissioner Partha

Commissioner Partha reported on the upcoming Police Department events.

E. Finance Committee – Commissioner Andris

Commissioner Andris said the majority of property taxes have been paid. We are waiting to hear about the largest grant of \$5M we requested for the Police Station Project. We received a grant in the amount of \$393,500 to help with costs associated with the sidewalk and road improvements for the Police Station Project. To date, we have been awarded approximately \$750,000 in grants for this project.

IX. TOWNSHIP STAFF REPORTS

A. Township Manager's Report

1. Acquisition of Flooded Home; Agreement of Sale – 473 Sharon Drive
Motion for Approval

Mr. Bibro said the Newbery family has had many years of difficulties in their home caused by catastrophic flooding when it rains. The Township received a grant from FEMA to purchase four homes that are prone to this catastrophic flooding. This is for the acquisition of the first of the four homes which will be demolished and used as green open space. The Newbery's purchased a new home in Hatfield Township.

Commissioner LoStracco motioned to approve the Agreement of Sale, seconded by Commissioner Partha. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

X. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

There was no report.

XI. CITIZENS' COMMENTS

There were no citizens comments.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Andris motioned for adjournment, seconded by Commissioner LoStracco. The motion carried 5-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 7:58 pm.