

HATFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES March 26, 2025

PLEASE NOTE: Underlined items contain a link with additional information.

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Tom Zipfel called the March 26, 2025 Regular Meeting of the Hatfield Township Board of Commissioners to order at 7:00 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 former Commissioner Deborah Zimmerman.

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. CITIZENS' COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

There were no citizens comments

VI. CONSENT ITEMS

Motion to Enter Items 1 and 2 into the Record

1. [Treasurer's Report – March](#)
2. **Bills Payable:**
 - A. [Paid Bills – \\$56,846.08](#)
 - B. [Unpaid Bills – \\$1,252,567.71](#)

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 ITEMS

1. Recognition of the leadership from Hatfield Volunteer Fire Company (HVFC) and Colmar Volunteer Fire Company (CVFC) for their collaboration on a five-year capital plan

President Zipfel praised the leadership of Hatfield Township's two volunteer fire companies that collaborated on a five-year capital plan to see ways in which they can share equipment, training and expenses for savings and continuity. Representing HVFC were President Dean Mininger and Chief Steve Sherlock and from CVFC were President Doug Cervi and Chief Tim Youells. They received a framed photo that stated, the Board of Commissioners is proud to recognize your collaboration on a 5-year capital plan. It reflects the kind of strong leadership that sets this community apart. President Zipfel thanked them for the extraordinary contribution to the community.

2. Women's History Month

Recognizing outstanding women in the Hatfield Community

Commissioner LoStracco said this program was started by former Commissioner Deborah Zimmerman.

- *Ward 1: Alejandra McGinley-Sepulveda*

Commissioner LoStracco said Ms. McGinley-Sepulveda was born in Puerto Rico and came to the United States in 2013. She and her husband have a son, Hunter and a daughter Marina. She loves the small town feel of Hatfield but also appreciates the variety of activities and opportunities. She was recently named the Director of International Sales at Clemens Food Group, serves as Board President of Blend and founder and Board President of Plug the People, a non-profit that is based in Puerto Rico and builds awareness and support for school age children with hearing impairments. Ms. McGinley-Sepulveda serves as a troop helper for the Girl Scouts and a parent catechist serving as an at home teacher for her daughter's catholic education.

- *Ward 2: Erin Blanc*

Vice President Rodgers said Ms. Blanc's family has served Hatfield Township for many years so it's no surprise that she would follow in their footsteps. She and her husband have two sons, Reese and Graham. She moved to Hatfield Township when she was six years old. After some time spent in California, the family moved back to the Township as Ms. Blanc felt it was important to raise your children in the same town as all four of their grandparents. The family enjoys all the amenities the Township offers. She volunteered extensively at Kulp Elementary School serving on the Home & School Board, as a home room parent and co-chaired the sixth-grade committee. Ms. Blanc was the yearbook advisor and photographer. Her sons are involved in baseball, soccer, basketball and track. She is an engaged parent of school happenings and community news. She is a valuable resource and healthcare advocate and has a wealth of information about our schools and community and is always willing to help.

Ms. Blanc said she appreciates that the schools allow parents to help out and is grateful for the support from friends she has met in her endeavors. She also thanked Vice President Rodgers and the Board for this honor.

- *Ward 3: Adri Mannan*

Commissioner Partha said Ms. Mannan is a senior at Temple University majoring in English and secondary education. She hopes to pursue the TESOL certification to teach English to speakers

of other languages. She loves to read and write and is passionate about improving literacy. She has student taught in several Philadelphia schools as well as worked at a day care center. She regularly volunteers at Hatfield Jame Masjid where she helps to build stronger ties with the community and to educate about Islam. Ms. Mannan facilitates the community events at the mosque and is the translator of English to those that are non-English speaking members. She teaches religious education classes at the mosque as well. She said her work at the mosque has been life-defining and inspired her to pursue her degree in education and to help her students become active community members.

- *Ward 4: The Women of the Society of St. Vincent De Paul*

President Zipfel recognized the Women of the Society of St. Vincent De Paul which aids people with financial support, clothing, food and furniture. In 2024, they assisted over 600 neighbors in the area, distributed 2000 bags of groceries, distributed more than \$140,000 in aid mostly for housing assistance. This is a 25%-30% increase in aid from the previous year due to inflation and the need continues to grow. This organization runs solely on donations and is led by Mary Chantry. All help is done confidentially and they recognize the need is immediate.

Ms. Chantry thanked Hatfield Township for this honor. She said the common thread the group shares is generosity in giving not just time, but our hearts to help those in need. She added their mission is to serve Christ and the poor and the needy. We offer practical assistance, advocate for social justice and nurture spiritual growth.

- *Ward 5: Leah Cave*

Commissioner Andris said Ms. Cave is a Human Resource Specialist at Service Spirit Home Care whose mission is to provide exceptional companions and caregivers so that seniors can remain in their homes. She and her husband have lived in Hatfield for ten years. Ms. Cave is appreciative of how the Hatfield community has supported her family from youth sports to the many great amenities the Township offers. She volunteers at Oak Park Home & School Association where she has served as recording secretary and president, and assisted in raising over \$10,000 to ensure the school students could go on field trips. Ms. Cave has served as cheer coach for the North Penn Squires, assistant coach for the kindergarten/first grade squad and is a fundraiser extraordinaire for North Penn Little League helping raise over \$15,000 for new scoreboards, and \$25,000 to help the League's 12U Raiders participation in Cooperstown Dreams Park Tournament in New York.

President Zipfel recognized former Commissioner Deborah Zimmerman for starting the Women's History Month recognition awards.

VII. ACTION ITEMS

1. [Clemens Food Group Land Development Discussion](#)
Resolution #25-06
Motion for Approval

President Zipfel motioned to approve Resolution #25-06, seconded by Vice President Rodgers. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

2. Bid Results

Motion to Approve the Following Bids:

- [Propane: Rhoads Energy - \\$15,007](#)
- [Heating Oil: Rhoads Energy - \\$7,281](#)
- [Gasoline: Rhoads Energy - \\$64,869](#)
- [Diesel Fuel: Rhoads Energy - \\$25,386](#)

Mr. Bibro noted that all of the above prices are less than last year.

Commissioner Andris motioned to approve the four Bid Results to Rhoads Energy, seconded by Commissioner LoStracco. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

3. Motion to reject all pool chemical bids

The rejection of bids is a result of a technical issue with the bidding software and the bidders misinterpreting the language in the bid and entering incorrect data.

Commissioner Andris motioned to reject all pool chemical bids, seconded by Vice President Rodgers. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

4. [Fire Hose Purchase – Hatfield & Colmar: \\$86,426](#)
Motion for Approval

This is the first joint purchase by the Hatfield and Colmar Volunteer Fire Companies.

Commissioner Andris motioned to approve the Fire Hose purchase, seconded by Vice President Rodgers. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

5. Police Cars Purchase – As Budgeted
[2025 Ford Interceptor: \\$51,433](#)
[2025 Ford Explorer: \\$51,764](#)
Motion for Approval

Commissioner Andris motioned to approve two budgeted Police Car purchases, seconded by Commissioner Partha. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

IX. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

There was no report.

X. CITIZENS' COMMENTS

There were no citizens comments.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Andris motioned for adjournment, seconded by Commissioner LoStracco. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote and the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.