

# HATFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



## WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES October 8, 2025

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

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

President Tom Zipfel called the October 8, 2025 Workshop 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 (via phone), Commissioner Jerry Andris, Commissioner Jennifer LoStracco and Commissioner Shahidul Partha. In addition to Township Manager Aaron Bibro, also in attendance were Assistant Township Manager Scott Hutt, Township Engineer Bryan McAdam, Solicitor John Iannozzi and Chief William Tierney

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Jerry Andris.

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

Commissioner LoStracco motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Partha. 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-E into the Record*

- A. [Police Report – August, September](#)
- B. [VMSC Monthly Report – September](#)
- C. NPWA Board Meeting Minutes – [July, August](#)
- D. [Hatfield Volunteer Fire Company Report – 2025 Q3](#)
- E. [Colmar Volunteer Fire Company Report - September](#)

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

## **VII. SPECIAL ITEM**

1. VMSC Emergency Medical Services Update  
*Shane Wheeler, Chief Executive Officer*

VMSC Chief Shane Wheeler reported that they have responded to 1811 emergencies in Hatfield Township over the past year of which 86% have resulted in a transport. Falls dominate the majority of the emergencies. The average response time is 6 minutes and 43 seconds from the time the call is received. This time has been reduced in the last 4 years from over a 12-minute response time. Their out of hospital cardiac arrest survival rates outpace the national average by double. He credits education, investments in clinical innovations, new approaches and better partnerships. The VMSC values their public safety partners particularly the police department who typically arrive first and begin medical intervention. This spring, the VMSC became part of the 1% of emergency responders with the capability of administering blood. Chief Wheeler said this is one of the greatest innovations in saving lives. Giving blood in the field, improves the survival rate by 75%. He said they began doing patient experience surveys last year to gauge what kind of a job they are doing in the field. They face many challenges in delivering care such as an aging population, rising demand for services and funding shortfalls, rising costs of specialized care. Last year VMSC had \$1.2 M in uncompensated care in the North Penn Area. Chief Wheeler stressed that every patient receives care regardless of their ability to pay. The VMSC will be launching a Community Paramedic Program in mid-2026. This level of paramedic will respond to the lower acuity calls instead of sending an ambulance and will be funded through a grant. Chief Wheeler is excited about the lease at the former police station.

## **VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

1. [North Penn Imports – Amended Approval](#)

Mr. McAdam said the Board recently approved the North Penn Imports Land Development Project, but one of the waivers was left off of the resolution, so this is for an amended approval to include that waiver.

2. [Wawa: Cowpath Road and Broad Street – Maintenance Period](#)

Mr. McAdam said the Wawa at Cowpath and Broad is complete and we are recommending the project move into the 18-month maintenance period.

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

1. Leaf Pickup Schedule: Weeks of November 3, November 17, December 1

Mr. Bibro reminded residents of the above leaf pick up schedule. All paving has been completed.

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

Commissioner LoStracco reported on the recent and upcoming Parks and Recreation events and activities.

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

There was no report.

**E. Finance Committee – Commissioner Andris**

Commissioner Andris reported that the preliminary 2026 budget shows no tax increase for the twelfth straight year.

**IX. TOWNSHIP STAFF REPORTS**

**A. Township Manager's Report**

**1. Budget Workshop Meeting – October 15, 6:30 pm**

Mr. Bibro announced the October 15<sup>th</sup> budget meeting and said there will be only one Board Meeting in November on the third Wednesday of the month.

**2. Aquatic Center Survey Results**

Mr. Hutt said there were 175 responses to the survey. 80% of respondents said they visited the facility daily or weekly. Cleanliness was rate excellent or good with 98% of respondents. 94% of respondents were very satisfied/satisfied with staff interaction and 97% rated the safety measures as excellent/good. 69% of respondents felt the membership price was reasonable. Some additional comments from respondents, increase available chairs, increase events and healthier options at concession stand.

**X. SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

There was no report.

**XI. CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

There were no citizens comments.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT**

President Zipfel announced the Board will be going into Executive Session following this meeting to discuss matters of personnel and will not be returning to the workshop meeting.

Commissioner Partha motioned for adjournment, seconded by Commissioner Andris. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote and the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

