

Haverford Township - Board of Commissioners

Meeting: Monday, February 09, 2026

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Commissioners' Meeting Room -1014 Darby Rd., Havertown PA, 19083

Regular Meeting Minutes

1. Opening of Meeting

President Trombetta opened the meeting by announcing that the Board met prior to the meeting in an Executive Session to discuss legal and personnel matters.

A. Roll Call

All Commissioners were present: Commissioners Gondek, Forste-Grupp, Cavender, Holmes, Quin, Hart, McCollum, McCloskey, and Trombetta.

Also present were Township Manager David R. Burman, Township Solicitor John F. Walko, Township Auditor Ross Andersen, CPA, Assistant Township Manager Aimee Cuthbertson, CPA, Chief of Police John Viola,

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Chief Viola led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Proclamations

A. Black History Month

Commissioner Cavender read the proclamation recognizing Black History Month.

B. Welcoming Community Initiative

Commissioner Holmes read the proclamation recognizing the Welcoming Community Initiative.

3. Citizens' Forum: 20 Minutes for Registered Speakers, 20 Minutes for Agenda Items

Rosalind Spigel of the Haverford Human Relations Commission spoke on the Black History Month Proclamation and the Welcoming Community Initiative Proclamation.

Jason Magidson, Ward 5, spoke about gas-powered leaf blowers.

Commissioner Holmes invited Chief Viola to discuss information shared by Lower Merion Police Department regarding ICE activity.

Commissioner McCloskey acknowledged that the notion of a ban of gas-powered leaf blowers is being considered by the Environmental Advisory Committee.

4. Bureau of Fire Update

Commissioner Gondek announced that in January, Haverford Township's fire companies responded to 70 total incidents, including 49 within the township and 21 out-of-township mutual aid. The average personnel per call was 19. There were 635 personnel hours committed to incidents and 675 personnel hours committed to training. The township provided mutual aid to 3 working fires in Delaware County. In regard to EMS services, there were a total of 513 dispatches resulting in 428 patient care reports.

5. Township Auditor Update

Township Auditor Ross Anderson reported that he reviewed the warrants and expenditures, found no irregularities, and all his questions were answered to his satisfaction.

6. Township Manager Update

Township Manager Burman shared a sneak peek on free curbside composting services.

7. Approval of Warrants

Commissioner Holmes moved to approve the following warrant #02-2026 totaling \$6,800,734.11:
General & Sewer Fund Payroll for January 15, 2026, in the amount of \$1,404,904.54
General & Sewer Fund Payroll for January 29, 2026, in the amount of \$1,049,761.91
General Fund disbursements in the amount of \$1,759,957.76
Sewer Fund disbursements in the amount of \$468,923.11
Community Development Block Grant disbursement in the amount of \$91,884.83
Capital Projects Fund disbursements in the amount of \$977,427.00
American Rescue Plan Fund disbursements in the amount of \$1,035,563.50
Credit Card Statement ending January 27, 2026, in the amount of \$12,311.46

Commissioner Gondek seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted YES: Commissioners Gondek, Forste-Grupp, Cavender, Holmes, Quin, Hart, McCollum, McCloskey, and Trombetta.

8. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of Minutes of January 12, 2026

b. Contract Award – Deck Replacement at CREC – JD Bravo Company, Inc. - \$221,000.00 - Lowest Responsible Bidder

Commissioner Quinn moved to approve Items a and b of the consent agenda, as further detailed in the public packet. Commissioner McCollum seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted YES: Commissioners Gondek, Forste-Grupp, Cavender, Holmes, Quin, Hart, McCollum, McCloskey, and Trombetta.

9. Ordinances:

A. Ordinance No. P1-2026 – Traffic – 2nd Reading

Commissioner Forste-Grupp moved to adopt the second reading of Ordinance No. P1-2026, further amending and supplementing Ordinance No. 1960, adopted June 30, 1986, and known as “General Laws of the Township of Haverford” Chapter 175, Vehicles and Traffic, installing a special purpose parking zone in front of 605 Woodland Drive. Commissioner Cavender seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted YES: Commissioners Gondek, Forste-Grupp, Cavender, Holmes, Quin, Hart, McCollum, McCloskey, and Trombetta.

B. Ordinance No. P2-2026 – Traffic – 1st Reading

Commissioner McCloskey moved to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. P2-2026, further amending and supplementing Ordinance No. 1960, adopted June 30, 1986, and known as “General Laws of the Township of Haverford” Chapter 175, Vehicles and Traffic, prohibiting the parking of all vehicles at all times on the southeast side of Darby Road at Mill Road to a point approximately 70 feet south of the crosswalk. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted YES: Commissioners Gondek, Forste-Grupp, Cavender, Holmes, Quin, Hart, McCollum, McCloskey, and Trombetta.

10. Resolutions:

A. Resolution No. 2477-2026 – 2026 Fee Schedule Amendment

Commissioner Holmes moved to adopt Resolution No. 2477-2026, authorizing an amendment to the 2026 Comprehensive Fee Schedule. Commissioner Cavender seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted YES: Commissioners Gondek, Forste-Grupp, Cavender, Holmes, Quin, Hart, McCollum, McCloskey, and Trombetta.

B. Resolution No. 2478-2026 – Second ARPA Fund Obligations Re-Assignment

Commissioner Holmes moved to adopt Resolution No. 2478-2026, approving the second American Rescue Plan Act Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund Re-Assignment of Obligations. Commissioner Cavender seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted YES: Commissioners Gondek, Forste-Grupp, Cavender, Holmes, Quin, Hart, McCollum, McCloskey, and Trombetta.

C. Resolution No. 2479-2026 – Budget Transfer

Commissioner Holmes moved to adopt Resolution No. 2479-2026, approving the annual transfers of the 2026 budget. Commissioner McCloskey seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted YES: Commissioners Gondek, Forste-Grupp, Cavender, Holmes, Quin, Hart, McCollum, McCloskey, and Trombetta.

11. Continuation of Citizens' Forum for Non-Agenda Items

Michelle Alvare, Hastings Avenue, discussed sharing snow removal policies, asked a question on composting initiatives, and asked a question on fees for trash removal.

Mike Lee, a resident, commented on citizen participation.

Brian Ramona, 9th Ward, commented on a gas-powered leaf blower ban.

Commissioner Hart responded to Mr. Lee. Commissioner Holmes responded to Ms. Alvare and commented on credit card use by the Township. Commissioner Trombetta also responded to Ms. Alvare.

12. New Business

There was no new business.

13. Other Business

Commissioner Gondek thanked the police and fire departments for their assistance during an emergency at his business. He also congratulated Chris Rodgers for his promotion to Operations Manager at the Skatium. Finally, he shared information on an upcoming community event.

Commissioner Forste-Grupp thanked a resident for writing to her. She also acknowledged a Scout in the audience for working on earning a badge. Finally, she commented on a past resolution and the two proclamations issued tonight.

Commissioner Cavender commented on a few of the agenda items.

Commissioner Holmes commented on the current political climate.

Commissioner Quinn thanked the snow removal crew and emergency services for their work during the snow event.

Commissioner Hart read a poem in reflection of the current political climate.

Commissioner McCollum wished Commissioner Quinn a happy birthday and thanked the snow removal crew.

Commissioner McCloskey thanked the snow removal crew and emergency services for their work.

Commissioner Trombetta reflected on the two proclamations issued tonight.

14. Adjourn.