

# Haverford Township - Board of Commissioners

Meeting: Monday, April 13, 2026

Time: 7:00 p.m.

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

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## Regular Meeting Minutes

### Opening of Meeting

Commissioner Trombetta opened the meeting by announcing that the Board met in an executive session following the April 7th meeting to discuss a personnel matter and prior to this meeting to discuss a legal and personnel matter.

### Roll Call

All Commissioners were present at the meeting: Commissioners Gondek, Forste-Grupp, Cavender, Holmes, Quinn, 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, Deputy Chief of Police Thomas J. Long, Director of Community Development Jaime Jilozian, and EMS Chief Jim McCans.

### Pledge of Allegiance

Chief Viola led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Holmes moved to move the appointment of a Haverford Township Entry Level Police Officer to after the Proclamations portion of the meeting. Commissioner Gondek seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted YES by voice vote.

### Proclamations

#### Finland Exchange 2026

Commissioner Holmes read the proclamation regarding the 2026 Finland Exchange.

#### National Library Week

Commissioner Forste-Grupp read the proclamation regarding National Library Week.

#### Arbor Day 2026

Commissioner Hart read the proclamation regarding 2026 Arbor Day.

#### Autism Acceptance Month

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Commissioner Cavender read the proclamation regarding Autism Acceptance Month.

Police Department and Civil Service Commission – Bernard McCabe, Administrator

Bernard McCabe read the names of three candidates for the appointment of Haverford Township Entry Level Police Officer. Commissioner Gondek moved to appoint Gianna Coyle as a Haverford Township Entry Level Police Officer, Effective May 1, 2026. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted YES: Commissioners Gondek, Forste-Grupp, Cavender, Holmes, Quinn, Hart, McCollum, McCloskey, and Trombetta. Chief Viola introduced soon-to-be Officer Coyle and thanked the Civil Service Commission.

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

Denielle Staley, Ward 6, spoke about gas-powered leaf blowers.

Diane Drentlaw, Ward 5, spoke about Polo Field.

Rosalind Spigel, Human Relations Commission, spoke about Arab American Heritage Month.

A resident of Woodmere Way spoke about Ordinance No. P6-2026.

Dory Doughty, Rosewood Lane, spoke about public participation with the Zoning Ordinance Update.

Mike Lee spoke about public participation with the Zoning Ordinance Update.

Commissioner Quinn addressed the comment regarding Ordinance No. P6-2026. Commissioner Cavender addressed the comment regarding Polo Field.

Bureau of Fire Update

Commissioner Gondek announced that in March, Haverford Township's fire companies responded to 69 total incidents, including 52 within the township and 17 out-of-township mutual aid. The average personnel per call was 10. There were 430 personnel hours committed to incidents and 875 personnel hours committed to training. The township provided mutual aid to 6 working fires in Delaware County. In regard to EMS services, there were a total of 474 dispatches resulting in 397 patient care reports.

Township Auditor Update

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

Township Manager Update

Township Manager Burman announced that this week is Local Government Week. He highlighted the amazing work being completed by the Township.

## Approval of Warrants

Commissioner Holmes moved to approve the following warrant #04-2026 totaling \$8,228,821.82:

General & Sewer Fund Payroll for March 12, 2026, in the amount of \$902,869.35

General & Sewer Fund Payroll for March 26, 2026, in the amount of \$973,782.20

General & Sewer Fund Payroll for April 9, 2026, in the amount of \$812,832.34

General Fund disbursements in the amount of \$4,161,654.63

Sewer Fund disbursements in the amount of \$561,360.73

Community Development Block Grant disbursement in the amount of \$80,143.02

Capital Projects Fund disbursements in the amount of \$253,191.30

American Rescue Plan Fund disbursements in the amount of \$56,984.50

Debt Service – 2023 Series A (Interest) in the amount of \$358,275.00

Debt Service – 2023 Series B (Interest) in the amount of \$56,284.31

Credit Card Statement ending March 27, 2026, in the amount of \$11,444.44

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

## Consent Agenda

Approval of Minutes of March 9, 2026

Agreement – Administrative – Ballot Drop-Box Renewal

Stipulations & Agreements – Property Tax Assessments (3)

Sale of Township Vehicles (14)

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

## Appointments

Shade Tree Commission – 2 Vacancies

Commissioner Hart moved to appoint Matt LeVeque to the Shade Tree Commission for the term ending December 31, 2026. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted YES: Commissioners Gondek, Forste-Grupp, Cavender, Holmes, Quinn, Hart, McCollum, McCloskey, and Trombetta.

Commissioner Hart moved to appoint Jordan Hechinger to the Shade Tree Commission for the term ending December 31, 2026. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted YES: Commissioners Gondek, Forste-Grupp, Cavender, Holmes, Quinn, Hart, McCollum, McCloskey, and Trombetta.

## Ordinances:

### Ordinance No. P3-2026 - Traffic – 2nd Reading

Commissioner McCloskey moved to adopt the second reading of Ordinance No. P3-2026, 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 171 Upland Road. Commissioner Gondek seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted YES: Commissioners Gondek, Forste-Grupp, Cavender, Holmes, Quinn, Hart, McCollum, McCloskey, and Trombetta.

### Ordinance No. P4-2026 - Traffic – 2nd Reading

Commissioner McCollum moved to adopt the second reading of Ordinance No. P4-2026, 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 24 Nancy Drive. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted YES: Commissioners Gondek, Forste-Grupp, Cavender, Holmes, Quinn, Hart, McCollum, McCloskey, and Trombetta.

### Ordinance No. P5-2026 - Traffic – 2nd Reading

Commissioner Holmes moved to adopt the second reading of Ordinance No. P5-2026, 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 2461 Wynnefield Road. Commissioner Cavender seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted YES: Commissioners Gondek, Forste-Grupp, Cavender, Holmes, Quinn, Hart, McCollum, McCloskey, and Trombetta.

### Ordinance No. P6-2026 - Traffic – 1st Reading

Commissioner Holmes moved to table the first reading of Ordinance No. P6-2026, 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 parking during school hours on a portion of Woodmere Way. Commissioner Forste-Grupp seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted to table the motion by voice vote.

### Ordinance No. P7-2026 – Zoning Map Amendment – 1st Reading

Commissioner Gondek moved to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. P7-2026, amending the zoning map of the township and changing the zoning classification of a portion of the property located at 24 S. Eagle Road, Havertown, Delaware County, PA, consisting of approximately 4,738 square feet and identified as tax folio no. 22-09-00678-00, from O-1 office district to R-8 garden apartment district, and further providing for severability and establishing an effective date upon enactment. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted YES: Commissioners Gondek, Forste-Grupp, Cavender, Holmes, Quinn, Hart, McCollum, McCloskey, and Trombetta.

## Resolutions:

### Resolution No. 2482-2026 – Sewage Facilities Plan Revision for 564 Central Avenue

Commissioner McCollum moved to adopt Resolution No. 2482-2026, amending the Sewage Facilities Plan Revision for 564 Central Avenue. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted YES: Commissioners Gondek, Forste-Grupp, Cavender, Holmes, Quinn, Hart, McCollum, McCloskey, and Trombetta.

## Contracts

### Contract Award – Administrative – Composting Services

Commissioner Cavender moved to award a contract to Kitchen Harvest, Inc. for acceptance, handling, processing and composting of organic materials at a rate of \$60 per ton. Commissioner McCloskey seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted YES: Commissioners Gondek, Forste-Grupp, Cavender, Holmes, Quinn, Hart, McCollum, McCloskey, and Trombetta.

### Change Order – Planning – Zoning Update Additional Outreach

Commissioner Quinn moved to approve a change order in the amount of \$50,138.00 to FHI Studio, now IMEG, for two rounds of Every Door Direct Mailers. Commissioner McCloskey seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted YES: Commissioners Gondek, Forste-Grupp, Cavender, Holmes, Quinn, Hart, McCollum, McCloskey, and Trombetta.

## Continuation of Citizens' Forum for Non-Agenda Items

Ed Dobbs, Ward 1, spoke about gas-powered leaf blowers.

Mike Lee spoke about the Zoning Ordinance Update.

Mek Wagner, Ward 6, spoke about the Zoning Ordinance Update.

Todd Hall, Ward 2, spoke on various topics.

Dory Doughty spoke about the Zoning Ordinance Update.

Brian Sprows, Ward 3, spoke about gas-powered leaf blowers.

Nick Lingetti, a business owner, spoke about gas-powered leaf blowers.

Commissioner McCollum, McCloskey, Cavender, Quinn, and Holmes addressed the comments about gas-powered leaf blowers. Commissioner Trombetta addressed the comments about the Zoning Ordinance Update.

## New Business

Commissioner Trombetta shared the good work of the Police Department during their response to a mental health crisis.

## Other Business

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## Other Business

Commissioner Gondek shared a summary of opening day for Brookline baseball. He also addressed an increase of kids on motorized equipment. He also reminded residents about upcoming voting opportunities. Finally, he announced a joint Town Hall with Wards 1 and 4.

Commissioner Forste-Grupp shared upcoming library activities related to America 250.

Commissioner Cavender announced a joint Town Hall with Wards 5 and 6. She also shared an update on the Buck Lane demonstration project.

Commissioner Holmes reminded residents of upcoming voting opportunities.

Commissioner Quinn reminded residents to lock their cars and thanked the police department for their work.

Commissioner Hart reminded residents of an upcoming race. He also gave an update on Brookline Park.

Commissioner McCollum cautioned residents on the safety of kids and families around parks.

Commissioner McCloskey also cautioned residents on the safety of kids and families around parks. He also expressed his thoughts on the challenges of communicating with residents through different methods.

Commissioner Trombetta announced the Sip and Soiree fundraiser for Discover Haverford. She also shared that PECO submitted a request to increase monthly utility fees.

Adjourn.