Haverford Township - Board of Commissioners

Meeting: Monday, September 14, 2026

Time: 7:00 p.m.

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

Regular Meeting Minutes

1. Opening of Meeting

Commissioner Trombetta opened the meeting by announcing that the Board of Commissioners met in an Executive Session prior to the meeting to discuss personnel matters.

A. 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, John Walko, Esq., Chief of Police John Viola, Deputy Chief of Police Thomas J. Long, Director of Community Development Jaime Jilozian, and EMS Chief Jim McCans.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

Chief Viola led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Proclamations

A. Proclamation Recognizing September as National Recovery Month

Commissioner Quinn read the proclamation recognizing September as National Recovery Month.

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

Harold Disk, Ward 1, spoke about e-bike safety.

Lou Maresca, Ward 8, spoke about safety near District Court on West Chester Pike.

John Williams, Ward 5, spoke about the Haverford School's Master Plan.

A resident, Ward 2, spoke about the Naylor's Run Emergency Repairs contract.

Allison Young Bronkey, Ward 2, also spoke about the Naylor's Run Emergency Repairs contract.

Mike Lee spoke about Ordinance No. P15-2026.

Commissioner Gondek, Commissioner Forste-Grupp, Township Manager Burman, Township Engineer Dave Pennoni, and Chief Viola addressed several of the comments that were given.

4. Bureau of Fire Update

Commissioner Gondek announced that in August, Haverford Township's fire companies responded to 76 total incidents, including 58 within the township and 18 out-of-township

mutual aid. The average personnel per call was 13. There were 1,339 personnel hours committed to incidents and 645 personnel hours committed to training. The Township provided mutual aid to 3 working fires in Delaware County and 2 working fires in Montgomery County. In regard to EMS services, there were a total of 457 dispatches resulting in 391 patient care reports.

5. 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.

6. Township Manager Update

Township Manager Burman gave an update on the curbside compost program, notified residents of road resurfacing on Lawson Avenue in the 8th Ward, and thanked Jeff Hancock and Christina Mann for their videography and editing skills to make the Township Manager Briefings video series on YouTube.

7. Approval of Warrants

Commissioner Holmes moved to approve the following warrant #09-2026 totaling $6,059,993.63:

General & Sewer Fund Payroll for August 13, 2026, in the amount of $873,706.28

General & Sewer Fund Payroll for August 27, 2026, in the amount of $1,057,055.11

General Fund disbursements in the amount of $1,531,131.47

Sewer Fund disbursements in the amount of $769,081.67

Community Development Block Grant disbursement in the amount of $48,839.15

Capital Projects Fund disbursements in the amount of $649,118.28

American Rescue Plan Fund disbursements in the amount of $1,114,979.50

Credit Card Statement ending August 27, 2026, in the amount of $16,082.17

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

8. Appointments

A. Library Board of Trustees – 1 New Position

Commissioner Cavender moved to appoint Lawrence Feinberg to the Library Board of Trustees for the term ending December 31, 2028. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted YES: Commissioners Gondek, Forste-Grupp, Cavender, Holmes, Quinn, Hart, McCollum, McCloskey, and Trombetta.

9. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of Minutes of August 10, 2026

b. Contract Award – Naylor's Run Emergency Channel Repairs

c. Purchase Order – CREC Fitness Equipment

d. Stipulation & Settlement – Property Assessment Appeal, 2001 Old West Chester Pike

Commissioner Forste-Grupp requested to remove the Contract Award for the Naylor's Run Emergency Channel Repairs from the consent agenda. Commissioner Quinn moved to approve items a, c, and d of the consent agenda, as further detailed in the public packet. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted YES: Commissioners Gondek, Forste-Grupp, Cavender, Holmes, Quinn, Hart, McCollum, McCloskey, and Trombetta.

10. Ordinances:

A. Ordinance No. P14-2026 – Traffic – 2nd Reading

Commissioner Gondek moved to adopt the second reading of Ordinance No. P14-2026, 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 at 528 Washington Avenue. Commissioner McCloskey seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted YES: Commissioners Gondek, Forste-Grupp, Cavender, Holmes, Quinn, Hart, McCollum, McCloskey, and Trombetta.

B. Ordinance No. P15-2026 – Zoning Ordinance Rewrite – 1st Reading

Commissioner Hart moved to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. P15-2026, further amending and replacing Chapter 182, Zoning. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion. 2 Commissioners voted NO: Commissioners Gondek and McCollum. 7 Commissioners voted YES: Commissioners Forste-Grupp, Cavender, Holmes, Quinn, Hart, McCloskey, and Trombetta. The motion passed 7-2.

11. Resolutions:

A. Resolution No. 2491-2026 – CDBG Action Plan Amendment for Year 51 (2025)

Commissioner McCloskey moved to approve Resolution No. 2491-2026, with respect to the Community Development Program, amending the CDBG Action Plan for Year 51. Commissioner Gondek seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted YES: Commissioners Gondek, Forste-Grupp, Cavender, Holmes, Quinn, Hart, McCollum, McCloskey, and Trombetta.

12. Certification of the 2027 Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO)

Commissioner Holmes moved to approve certification of the Annual Certification of Minimum Municipal Obligation as prepared by Thomas J. Anderson & Associates in the amount of $4,475,796 for the police pension plan; $2,003,016 for the non-uniform defined benefit pension plan and $253,550 for the non-uniform defined contribution pension plan. Commissioner Cavender seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted YES: Commissioners Gondek, Forste-Grupp, Cavender, Holmes, Quinn, Hart, McCollum, McCloskey, and Trombetta.

13. Contract Award – Naylor's Run Channel Repairs

Commissioner Forste-Grupp moved to award a contract for the Naylor's Run Emergency Channel Repairs in the amount of $372,500 to JMC Contractors, the lowest responsible

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

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

Todd Hall, Ward 2, read the lyrics to an AI-generated song about Commissioner Holmes.

Mike Lee spoke about license plate reader data and about the Zoning Ordinance Rewrite process.

Allison Young Bronkey, Ward 2, again spoke about the Naylor's Run Emergency Repairs contract.

Scott Gaiman, Ward 6, spoke about license plate reader data.

John DeSanto, Ward 2, spoke about the Naylor's Run Emergency Repairs contract.

Commissioner Holmes, Chief Viola, Commissioner Hart, and Commissioner Forste-Grupp addressed several of the comments that were given.

15. New Business

There was no new business.

16. Other Business

Commissioner Gondek congratulated all parents, grandparents, and caregivers for getting through the summer.

Commissioner Forste-Grupp reflected on the 25th anniversary of 9/11.

Commissioner Cavender spoke about the Zoning Ordinance Rewrite and the Haverford School's proposed plan.

Commissioner Holmes spoke about the Zoning Ordinance Rewrite.

Commissioner Quinn thanked Chief Viola for his work and dedication.

Commissioner Hart spoke about the upcoming Township Day.

Commissioner McCollum spoke about Fire Prevention Month.

Commissioner McCloskey reflected on the National Recovery Month proclamation.

Commissioner Trombetta spoke about upcoming local events.

17. Adjourn