

FINAL BUDGET / REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

**REGULAR MEETING
Board of Commissioners
Commissioners Meeting Room**

**December 14, 2020
Monday, 7:00 p.m.
Township of Haverford**

1. Opening of Meeting - William F. Wechsler, President, opened the meeting.
 - a. Roll Call – All 9 Commissioners were present at roll call via ZOOM, with the exception of Commissioner Wechsler and Commissioner Holmes (who were present in Commissioners Meeting Room), Commissioners D’Emilio, Oliva, McCloskey, Siegel, Lewis, Quinn and Hart.

Also present were: (in person), David R. Burman, Township Manager, ZOOM: Ross Anderson, CPA, Township Auditor, Kelly Hayes, Esquire, Township Solicitor, Aimee Cuthbertson, CPA, Assistant Township Manager, Chief John Viola, Joe Hagan, Deputy Chief Viola, Paramedic Chief Jim McCans, Dan Mariani, Public Works Director, Brian Barrett, Parks & Recreation Director, Joe Celia, Codes Enforcement Director, Kelly Krause, Zoning Hearing Officer and Dave Pennoni, Township Engineer.

- b. Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence for Oakmont Firefighter Nick Sava.

2. Proclamation: Achille A.Vallorani (AKA Albert Vallorani) - “100 Year Birthday” – presented by Commissioner Hart.

3. Citizens Forum – 20 Minutes Registered Speakers/20 Minutes Agenda Items

Hannah Turlish – 412 Mill Road

Ms. Turlish spoke on the preliminary 2021 budget and that 38% of the budget is for the police department; which she thinks is quite high.

Michelle Alvare – 134 Hastings Avenue

Mrs. Alvare is in favor of the purchase of 1744 Burmont Avenue and she is in favor of the lighting bid approval on the agenda.

Richard Kerr – 18 Meadows – Friends of Haverford Trails

Mr. Kerr also is in favor of the purchase of 1744 Burmont Road and the continuation of the trail.

The following 5 residents submitted comments on the Brookline School:

Suzanna Barucco – 805 Clifford Road

Ms. Barucco thinks the building should be used “for profit” use.

Katie Begandy

Now that the Comprehensive Plan is on hold, she is more interested in the decision making process of the building. Demolish or preserve.

Rebecca Timme

Ms. Timme applauds the plan to explore repurposing of the building.

Colette Bannan – 334 Sagamore Road

Ms. Bannan would like to see the township pursue developers for the property.

Jesse Pointon – 2525 Olcott Ardmore

Mr. Pointon also would like the township to pursue developers.

Eric Horst – Police Department - See Attachment

Anthony Morinelli – Karakung Drive Trees – See Attachment

4. Motion was made and all agreed to move the November 16, 2020 Preliminary Budget Minutes up.

Motion made by Commissioner Holmes and seconded by Commissioner Hart to approve the 2021 Preliminary Budget Meeting Minutes.

Roll Called.

All 9 Commissioners voted Yes: Commissioners D’Emilio, Oliva, McCloskey, Siegel, Lewis, Quinn, Hart, Holmes and Wechsler.

5. Budget Hearing and Adoption

A. Review any changes to 2021 Preliminary Budget

Motion made by Commissioner Holmes and seconded by Commissioner Siegel to accept the 2021 Preliminary Budget with no changes.

Discussion began concerning the Recreation Department purchases and capital projects, funding and borrowing.

Roll Called.

8 Commissioners voted Yes: Commissioners Oliva, McCloskey, Siegel, Lewis, Quinn, Hart, Holmes and Wechsler.

Commissioner D’Emilio voted No.

B. Ordinance No. P26 - 2020 Sewer Rental Charge (final reading)

Motion made by Commissioner Holmes and seconded by Commissioner Siegel to adopt the final reading of Ordinance No. P26-2020 authorizing the imposition of an annual sewer rate in the amount of \$4.55 per 1,000 gallons of water consumed.

Roll Called.

All 9 Commissioners voted Yes: Commissioners D’Emilio, Oliva, McCloskey, Siegel, Lewis, Quinn, Hart, Holmes and Wechsler.

C. Ordinance No. P27 - 2020 Trash Fee (final reading)

Motion made by Commissioner Holmes and seconded by Commissioner Quinn to adopt the final reading of Ordinance No. P27 - 2020 establishing the annual trash fee at \$245 .00.

Roll Called.

All 9 Commissioners voted Yes: Commissioners D’Emilio, Oliva, McCloskey, Siegel, Lewis, Quinn, Hart, Holmes and Wechsler.

D. Resolution 2204 -2020 Fixing a Revenue-Neutral Preliminary Tax Rate for the 2021 Tax Year

Motion made by Commissioner Holmes and seconded by Commissioner Quinn to adopt Resolution No. 204-2020 fixing a Revenue-Neutral Preliminary Tax Rate for the 2021 Tax Year.

Roll Called.

All 9 Commissioners voted Yes: Commissioners D’Emilio, Oliva, McCloskey, Siegel, Lewis, Quinn, Hart, Holmes and Wechsler.

E. Ordinance No. 2917 - 2020 Tax Levy (first reading is a final reading)

Motion made by Commissioner Holmes and seconded by Commissioner Oliva to adopt Ordinance No. 2917 – 2020 fixing the tax rate for the year 2021 at 4.218 mills.

Roll Called.

All 9 Commissioners voted Yes: Commissioners D’Emilio, Oliva, McCloskey, Siegel, Lewis, Quinn, Hart, Holmes and Wechsler.

F. Ordinance No. 2918 - 2020

Budget Appropriations (first reading is a final Reading)

Motion made by Commissioner Wechsler and seconded by Commissioner Oliva to adopt Ordinance No. 2918 - 2020 appropriating funds established to be required for specific purpose of financing the municipal government for the year 2021 including all taxes, fees, service charges and other revenue sources provided within all funds.

Roll Called.

All 9 Commissioners voted Yes: Commissioners D’Emilio, Oliva, McCloskey, Siegel, Lewis, Quinn, Hart, Holmes and Wechsler.

END OF BUDGET PORTION

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

5. Commissioner Committee Updates – no one reported

6. Township Auditor Update

Mr. Anderson reviewed the expenses and disbursements for the month and found no irregularities. In addition, he reviewed the 2021 preliminary budget and found no irregularities.

7. David R. Burman – Township Manager Update – see attachment

8. Approval of Minutes

Regular Meeting Minutes of November 9, 2020

Motion made by Commissioner D’Emilio and seconded by Commissioner Oliva to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of November 9, 2020

Commissioner Hart revised his comments on the Brookline School talks with a developer. The building would not be senior apartments but apartments and the AdHoc Committee will not continue to meet.

Commissioners D’Emilio and Oliva accepted the changes.

Roll Called.

All 9 Commissioners voted Yes: Commissioners D’Emilio, Oliva, McCloskey, Siegel, Lewis, Quinn, Hart, Holmes and Wechsler.

9. Approval of Warrants

Motion made by Commissioner Holmes and seconded by Commissioner Quinn to approve the following warrant #12-2020 totaling \$7,512,259.12

General & Sewer fund Payroll for November 12, 2020 in the amount of \$634,944.09

General & Sewer fund Payroll for November 25, 2020 in the amount of \$653,771.64

General Fund disbursements #12-2020 in the amount of \$4,244,277.15

Sewer Fund disbursements #12-2020 in the amount of \$570,690.48

**Community Development Block Grant Fund disbursement #12-2020
in the amount of \$90,105.21**

Capital Projects Fund disbursement #12-2020 in the amount of \$199,605.65

Debt Service:

Series 2020 Interest in the amount of \$95,287.02

Series 2018 Interest in the amount of \$648,223.75

Series 2016 Principal & Interest in the amount of \$365,416.25

Credit Card Statement ending November 27, 2020 in the amount of \$9,937.88

Roll Called.

All 9 Commissioners voted Yes: Commissioners D’Emilio, Oliva, McCloskey, Siegel, Lewis, Quinn, Hart, Holmes and Wechsler.

10. Ordinance No. P24-2020 Change in Shade Tree Commission Term (2nd Reading)

Motion made by Commissioner Hart and seconded by Commissioner Quinn to adopt the second reading of Ordinance No. P24-2020 authorizing a term change from five-years to a three-years.

Roll Called.

All 9 Commissioners voted Yes: Commissioners D’Emilio, Oliva, McCloskey, Siegel, Lewis, Quinn, Hart, Holmes and Wechsler.

11. Ordinance No. P25-2020 Traffic (2nd Reading)

Motion made by Commissioner Oliva and seconded by Commissioner Quinn to adopt the second reading of Ordinance No. P25-2020 amending traffic restrictions on the following highway:

Parking of All Vehicles Prohibited at All Times

Amend to read: Pinzon Avenue East from West Chester Pike to Columbus Ave.

Special Purpose Parking Zone

In front of 2228 Bryn Mawr Avenue

Roll Called.

All 9 Commissioners voted Yes: Commissioners D’Emilio, Oliva, McCloskey, Siegel, Lewis, Quinn, Hart, Holmes and Wechsler.

12. Ordinance No. P28-2020

Traffic (1st Reading)

Motion made by Commissioner Oliva and seconded by Commissioner D’Emilio to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. P28-2020 establishing traffic restrictions on the following highways:

Special Purpose Parking:

Establish: in front of 402 Steel Road.

in front of 2945 Oakford Road

Parking of All Vehicles Prohibited at All Times.

Crest Road North Side, From Dover Road to a point 40 feet West.

Roll Called.

All 9 Commissioners voted Yes: Commissioners D’Emilio, Oliva, McCloskey, Siegel, Lewis, Quinn, Hart, Holmes and Wechsler.

13. Ordinance No. P29-2021

Amending Chapter 136 – Police Services (1st Reading)

Motion made by Commissioner D’Emilio and seconded by Commissioner Hart to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. P29-2021 FURTHER AMENDING CHAPTER 136, “POLICE SERVICES”.

Roll Called.

All 9 Commissioners voted Yes: Commissioners D’Emilio, Oliva, McCloskey, Siegel, Lewis, Quinn, Hart, Holmes and Wechsler.

14. Ordinance No. P30-2021

Amending Chapter 30, “Pensions and Employee Benefits (1st Reading)

Motion made by Commissioner Holmes and seconded by Commissioner Oliva to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. P30-2021 FURTHER AMENDING

CHAPTER 30, "PENSIONS AND EMPLOYEE BENEFITS.

Roll Called.

All 9 Commissioners voted Yes: Commissioners D'Emilio, Oliva, McCloskey, Siegel, Lewis, Quinn, Hart, Holmes and Wechsler.

15. Ordinance No. P31-2021 Purchase of 1744 Burmont Road (1st Reading)

Motion made by Commissioner Hart and seconded by Commissioner Lewis to adopt the first reading of Ordinance No. P31-2021 authorizing the acquisition of 1744 Burmont Road, Havertown, PA, subject to review and acceptance by the Township Solicitor of the agreement and further subject to the approval of the Township Manager of the final agreement.

Roll Called.

6 Commissioners voted Yes: Commissioners D'Emilio, Oliva, McCloskey, Lewis, Quinn and Hart.

3 Commissioners voted No: Commissioners Siegel, Holmes and Wechsler

16. Resolution No. 2196 - 2020 2021 Meeting Dates

Motion made by Commissioner Siegel and seconded by Commissioner Quinn to adopt Resolution No. 2196 - 2020 approving the 2021 Board of Commissioners, Boards and Commissions Meetings.

Roll Called.

All 9 Commissioners voted Yes: Commissioners D'Emilio, Oliva, McCloskey, Siegel, Lewis, Quinn, Hart, Holmes and Wechsler.

17. Resolution No. 2197-2020

Sewer Module - Greenbriar Lane

Motion made by Commissioner D’Emilio and seconded by Commissioner Quinn to adopt Resolution No. 2197-2020 the Township of Haverford proposes to revise its Sewage Facilities Plan (ACT 537 Plan) by executing a sewage facilities planning module for the addition of two (2) EDUs in the Darby Creek Drainage System, associated with the subdivision of an undeveloped parcel located on Greenbriar Lane, Havertown, known as D.C. Folio No. 22- 09-01348-00, where one (1) new building lot will be created, and two (2) new single family dwellings are proposed; and that the said sewage facilities planning module is hereby adopted and the submission of the module is authorized for submission to the Department of Environmental Protection for its approval as a revision to the “Official Sewage Facilities Plan” of the Township of Haverford.

Roll Called.

All 9 Commissioners voted Yes: Commissioners D’Emilio, Oliva, McCloskey, Siegel, Lewis, Quinn, Hart, Holmes and Wechsler.

18. Resolution No. 2198-2020

Preliminary/Final Subdivision - Pelham

Motion made by Commissioner Holmes and seconded by Commissioner Quinn to adopt Resolution No. 2198-2020 approving the Preliminary/Final Minor Subdivision Plan for Tom Thornton, for the property located at 1613 Pelham Avenue, Havertown, Haverford Township, Delaware County, known as D.C. Folio No. 22-06-1738-00 has been submitted to permit the subdivision of an existing 14,252 square foot parcel into two (2) lots. The existing single family dwelling will remain on Lot “1” and is proposed to contain a net lot area of 6,928 square feet, resulting in the creation of a 7,324 square foot parcel (Lot 2) with one new single family dwelling and associated improvements. The subject property is within the R-4 Zoning District, and is located in the 6th Ward. The aforesaid plans were prepared by RKW Engineering Services, Havertown, PA, dated July 28, 2020, and last revised on November 6, 2020; subject to compliance of the Planning Commissioner recommendations.

Roll Called.

All 9 Commissioners voted Yes: Commissioners D’Emilio, Oliva, McCloskey, Siegel, Lewis, Quinn, Hart, Holmes and Wechsler.

19. Resolution No. 2199-2020 2021 Karakung Drive Sunday Closing

Motion made by Commissioner Hart and seconded by Commissioner Oliva to adopt Resolution No. 2199-2020 commencing: Sunday – and only on Sunday – January 3, 2021 - From – 7 AM to Dusk to Sunday – December 26, 2021 and Thursday November 25, 2021 (Thanksgiving) from 7 AM to Dusk. The Board of Commissioners designate Haverford Police Department Chief John Viola to execute any documents with PaDot and be responsible for the safety and welfare of residents utilizing Karakung Drive.

Roll Called.

All 9 Commissioners voted Yes: Commissioners D’Emilio, Oliva, McCloskey, Siegel, Lewis, Quinn, Hart, Holmes and Wechsler.

20. Resolution No. 2200-2020 Revised PaDot Multi Modal Haverford/Ardmore Avenue Pedestrian Walkway

Motion made by Commissioner McCloskey and seconded by Commissioner Oliva to adopt Resolution No. 2200-2020 that Haverford Township hereby requests a Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant of \$650,000 from the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation to be used for the improvements of the intersection located at Ardmore Avenue and Haverford Road to improve walkability and pedestrian safety and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners does hereby designate David R. Burman (Township Manager/Secretary) as the official to execute all documents and agreements between the Township and the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation to facilitate and assist in obtaining the requested grant.

Roll Called.

All 9 Commissioners voted Yes: Commissioners D’Emilio, Oliva, McCloskey, Siegel, Lewis, Quinn, Hart, Holmes and Wechsler.

21. Contract Awards

Township Building/Police Department

Motion made by Commissioner Siegel and seconded by Commissioner Oliva to award a two-year Full Maintenance Service Contract – 1/1/2021 – 12/31/2022 – to Tustin Mechanical

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Services, Norristown, PA in the amount of \$19,200.00 annually, for inspection, maintenance and repair services of the HVAC system at 1010-1014 Darby Road, Havertown, PA

Motion: to award a two-year Full Maintenance Service Contract – 1/1/2021 – 12/31/2022 – to Tustin Energy Solutions, Norristown, PA in the amount of \$4,000.00 annually, for maintenance and programming services for the BAS system at 1010-1014 Darby Road, Havertown, PA

Roll Called.

All 9 Commissioners voted Yes: Commissioners D’Emilio, Oliva, McCloskey, Siegel, Lewis, Quinn, Hart, Holmes and Wechsler.

Recreation Department

Veterans Field Lighting Improvements

Motion made by Commissioner Oliva and seconded by Commissioner Quinn to award the Veterans Field Lighting Improvements contract to Wise Electrical Contractors, Flourtown, PA, in the amount of \$332,500.00, submitting the lowest responsible bid.

Roll Called.

All 9 Commissioners voted Yes: Commissioners D’Emilio, Oliva, McCloskey, Siegel, Lewis, Quinn, Hart, Holmes and Wechsler.

Upgrade to Audio Visual System at the CREC

Motion made by Commissioner Oliva and seconded by Commissioner Hart to authorize the purchase of an upgraded Audio Visual System at the CREC from Applied Video Technology, Kimberton, PA, under Co-Stars contract 034-030 in the amount of \$18,421.00

Roll Called.

All 9 Commissioners voted Yes: Commissioners D’Emilio, Oliva, McCloskey, Siegel, Lewis, Quinn, Hart, Holmes and Wechsler.

Revised Contract for Recreation Management Software with Active Net

Motion made by Commissioner Oliva and seconded by Commissioner D’Emilio to authorize a two-year professional services agreement for Recreation Management software (scheduling) with Active Net, Dallas, TX in an estimated annual amount of \$50,000 based on estimated revenues of \$1,000,000, or 5% of revenues.

Roll Called.

All 9 Commissioners voted Yes: Commissioners D’Emilio, Oliva, McCloskey, Siegel, Lewis, Quinn, Hart, Holmes and Wechsler.

22. Continuation of Citizen’s Forum for Non-Agenda Items – no one spoke.

23. New business - none

24. Other business

Steve D’Emilio – 1st Ward Commissioner

Commissioner D’Emilio recommends that for the 2022 Budget, the volunteer fire companies ask if they need anything extra.

He thanked all of the first responders during this pandemic.

Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah to all.

Mario A. Oliva – 2nd Ward Commissioner

Commissioner Oliva thanked everyone for the great job they performed during this difficult year; Emergency Services, Public Works and Bill Wechsler as President.

Happy Holidays to all.

Kevin McCloskey, Esquire – 3rd Ward Commissioner

Commissioner McCloskey offered prayers for the Sava Family. There have been a lot of tragic losses this year. Please keep wearing your masks.

In light of what was questioned about the Police Budget, we value Chief Viola and Deputy Chief Hagan. They truly listen.

Dan Siegel, Esquire – 4th Ward Commissioner

Commissioner Siegel offered condolences to Commissioner Lewis on the loss of his mother, Marilyn.

2021 has been a time for change: Many thanks to State Senator Daylin Leach for what he was able to do for Haverford Township.

Commissioner Siegel was able to attend a presentation at the Middle School on how to make Haverford better.

Commissioner Siegel announced that he is not seeking re-election next year. There are other issues he will be attending to. We must work hard to end all hate.

Andy Lewis – 5th Ward Commissioner

Commissioner Lewis thanked everyone for their condolences.

Commissioner Lewis stated that working with Commissioner Siegel, he found him to be thoughtful and honest.

He also is waiting for the Ardmore Avenue bridge to open and for all of the utility companies to leave the township.

He wished everyone a happy holiday season.

Larry Holmes, Esquire – 6th Ward Commissioner

Commissioner Holmes indicated that it is a privilege to work with Commissioner Siegel and his expertise.

He stated that it is a privilege to be involved in the township.

This pandemic and racism is tearing our society apart.

He wished everyone a happy and healthy holiday.

Conor Quinn – 7th Ward Commissioner

Commissioner Quinn spoke on diversity. Commissioner Oliva is the only minority on the board.

He thanked Commissioner Siegel for his service.

He thanked Dave Burman, Chief Viola and Deputy Chief Hagan for guiding him this year.

He asked everyone that has tents outside their restaurants, to please take their tables and tents down due to the upcoming storm.

Gerry Hart, M.D. – 8th Ward Commissioner

Commissioner Hart offered Condolences to the Commissioner Lewis and the Oakmont Fire Company.

Commissioner Hart wished Commissioner Siegel the best of luck.

Commissioner Hart indicated that the vaccine will help a lot.

Happy Holidays to all.

William F. Wechsler – 9th Ward Commissioner

Commissioner Wechsler stated that this has been a trying year. Staff has kept costs down to a minimum and have used in house personnel to help during the pandemic with those that were out.

He thanked every officer, medic, firefighter, sewer and trash crew.

REORGANIZATION MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 2021 – 7:30 PM

BEST WISHES IN THE NEW YEAR!

25. All Commissioners agreed to adjourn.