

HATFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
November 17, 2021
7:30 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Zipfel called the Hatfield Township Board of Commissioners November 17, 2021 meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

President Tom Zipfel asked Mr. Bibro to call the roll. Present at the meeting were President Tom Zipfel, Vice President Bob Rodgers, Commissioner Jerry Andris, Commissioner Greg Lees and Commissioner Deborah Zimmerman. Also in attendance were Township Manager Aaron Bibro, Solicitor John Iannozzi, Township Planner Ken Amey, Township Engineer Bryan McAdam and Chief of Police William Tierney.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Vice President Rodgers led the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Prior to the approval of the agenda, Commissioner President Zipfel made a motion to add a real estate tax appeal settlement to the agenda. Commissioner Lees seconded the motion and the motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

Commissioner Andris made a motion to approve the Agenda and Commissioner Lees seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

V. CITIZENS' COMMENTS

The following citizens offered commentary regarding the traffic calming islands on Walnut Street:

Richard Byrne, 2938 E. Walnut St
Manny Figerodo, 2942 E. Walnut St
Frank Rizzo, 2954 E. Walnut St
Cara Direnzo, 2943 E. Walnut St
Carrie Rizzo, 2954 E. Walnut St
Mike Direnzo, 2943 E. Walnut St

Bill Brodsky, 2946 E. Walnut St
Scott Brown, 2177 Rebecca Dr

VI. CONSENT ITEMS

Commissioner Vice President Rodgers made a motion to approve the Consent Items listed below. Commissioner Andris seconded the motion and the motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

- A. Board of Commissioners Regular Meeting – *October 27, 2021*
- B. Police Report – *October*
- C. Treasurer’s Report – *November*
- D. **Bills Payable:**
 - A. Paid Bills – \$5,783.44
 - B. Unpaid Bills – \$743,668.39

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Mr. Amey answered questions from the Board and residents regarding the projects listed below:

1. Sterling Business Center – Lots 1A and 1B Discussion
2. Wawa – Broad/Cowpath – Amended Final Approval Discussion

Hatfield resident Carla Dalessio asked questions regarding the Wawa project.

B. **Public Works Committee – Commissioner Lees**

1. Walnut Street Traffic Islands – Discussion w/ neighbors

C. **Parks and Recreation Committee – Commissioner Zimmerman**

Commissioner Zimmerman shared some upcoming park and recreation events that will be held in the township.

D. **Public Safety Committee –President Zipfel**

1. Police Coverage Discussion – Route 309 and County Line Road
2. Commence Process – Civil Service – New Hire and Promotional

Commissioner Lees made a motion to begin the civil service process regarding the hiring and promotion of police officers. Commissioner Andris seconded the motion and the motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

E. Finance Committee – Commissioner Andris

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

1. Sterling Business Center – Lot 1A, **Resolution # 21-29**

Commissioner Vice President Bob Rodgers made a motion to approve Resolution #20-27. Commissioner Lees seconded the motion and the motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

2. Sterling Business Center – Lot 1B, **Resolution #21-30**

Commissioner Andris made a motion to approve Resolution #20-27. Commissioner Zimmerman seconded the motion and the motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

3. Wawa – Broad and Cowpath – Amended Final Approval, **Resolution #21-31**

Commissioner Andris made a motion to approve Resolution #20-27. Commissioner Vice President Rodgers seconded the motion and the motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

4. Intermunicipal Agreement – Hilltown and New Britain Police Coverage – Rt. 309 **Resolution #21-32**

Commissioner President Lees made a motion to approve Resolution #20-27. Commissioner Vice President Lees seconded the motion and the motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

5. County Hazard Mitigation Plan, **Resolution #21-33**

Commissioner Vice President Rodgers made a motion to approve Resolution #20-27. Commissioner Andris seconded the motion and the motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

6. Traffic Signal Easement Agreement – 491 Forty Foot Road, Pulte Homes

Commissioner Andris made a motion to approve a traffic signal easement agreement regarding the Pulte Homes project located at 491 Forty Foot Rd . Commissioner Vice President Rodgers seconded the motion and the motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

7. Pool Re-Tile Project – Leisure Pool and Lazy River

Commissioner Andris made a motion to approve advertising the bid package for the re-tiling project at the Hatfield Aquatic Center. Commissioner Lees seconded the motion and the motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

8. Presentation of the 2022 Draft Budget – No Tax Increase (8th straight year)

Commissioner Andris made a motion to advertise ordinances for budget adoption and maintaining tax rates for 2022. Commissioner Zimmerman seconded the motion and the motion passed with a 5-0 vote.

IX. TOWNSHIP STAFF REPORTS

X. SOLICITOR’S REPORT

Mr. Iannozzi discussed a real estate tax appeal settlement regarding 80 Cowpath Road.

XI. CITIZEN’S COMMENTS

There were no citizen’s comments.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Prior to adjournment Commissioner President Zipfel announced that the Board will in Executive Session after tonight’s meeting to discuss personnel.

Commissioner Lees motioned for adjournment and Commissioner Andris seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 5-0 vote and the meeting adjourned at 9:32 P.M.