



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES December 17, 2025

PLEASE NOTE: Underlined items contain a link with additional information.

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Tom Zipfel called the December 17, 2025 Regular Meeting of the Hatfield Township Board of Commissioners to order at 7:00 pm.

II. ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken by Aaron Bibro, Township Manager. Present at the meeting were President Tom Zipfel, Vice President Bob Rodgers, Commissioner Jerry Andris, Commissioner Jennifer LoStracco and Commissioner Shahidul Partha. In addition to Township Manager Aaron Bibro, also in attendance were Assistant Township Manager Scott Hutt, Township Engineer Bryan McAdam, Solicitor Christen Pionzio and Chief William Tierney

Vice President Rodgers made a motion to amend the agenda, which was seconded by Commissioner Andris. The motion carried with a 3-2 vote.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice President Bob Rodgers.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Vice President Rodgers motioned to approve the agenda as amended, seconded by Commissioner Andris. The motion carried with a 3-2 vote.

V. CITIZENS' COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

Karla D'Alessio, 2169 Stewart Drive, said she is commissioner-elect for Ward 2. She said it is her understanding that appointments are made at the January 5th meeting and has other ideas about who should be on the pool committee. She requested the Board wait until January 5th and follow proper procedure when making any appointments to the Pool Board.

Pat Hanrahan, 643 Brighton Drive thanked Vice President Rodgers for a great career as a commissioner. He expressed his displeasure in Ms. Dalessio's remarks.

VI. CONSENT ITEMS

Motion to Enter Items 1-3 into the Record

1. **Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes** – [November 19, 2025](#)
2. **Treasurer's Report** – [December](#)
3. **Bills Payable:**
 - A. Paid Bills – [\\$147,339.17](#)
 - B. Unpaid Bills – [\\$444,558.20](#)
 - C. Budget Report – [December](#)

Vice President Rodgers motioned to move the Consent Items into record, seconded by Commissioner Andris. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

VII. SPECIAL ITEMS

- A. Recognition of Vice President Bob Rodgers for 12 years of service to the Hatfield community as Commissioner of Ward 2

President Zipfel thanked Vice President Rodgers for his great service over the past twelve years and showed a video highlighting his time on the Board with comments from many friends, family, Hatfield staff and fellow commissioners. Vice President Rodgers was presented with a framed collage of pictures marking his time on the Board and a framed badge from the Police Department.

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- A. **Planning and Zoning Committee** – Vice President Rodgers
- B. **Public Works Committee**
- C. **Parks and Recreation Committee** – Commissioner LoStracco
- D. **Public Safety Committee** – Commissioner Partha
- E. **Finance Committee** – Commissioner Andris

There were no committee reports.

IX. ACTION ITEMS

- A. [2026 Budget Adoption Ordinance #711](#)
Motion for Approval

Mr. Bibro said this is the twelfth straight year with no tax increase. He added there will be an open house and unveiling of the new police station on Cowpath Road in the coming year and the VMSC will be moving into the old police station.

Commissioner Andris motioned to approve Ordinance #711, seconded by Vice President Rodgers. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

- B. [Establishment of 2026 Tax Rate – No Increase](#)
Ordinance #712
Motion for Approval

Vice President Rodgers motioned to approve Ordinance #712, seconded by Commissioner Andris. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

- C. [Amending Garbage Collection Ordinance](#)
Ordinance #713
Motion for Approval

This adds the permitted times for garbage collection back into the ordinance that were omitted in error.

Commissioner LoStracco motioned to approve Ordinance #713, seconded by Commissioner Andris. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

- D. [Tax Appeal Settlement – 1150 Bethlehem Pike](#)
Motion for Approval

Ms. Pionzio said we follow the recommendation of the school board. This is a slight reduction in the value of the property which will result in a refund to the property owner in the amount of \$1511.58.

Commissioner LoStracco motioned to approve the Tax Appeal Settlement, seconded by Commissioner Andris. The motion carried with a 4-1 vote.

- E. [Tax Appeal Settlement – 1856 Broad Street](#)
Motion for Approval

Ms. Pionzio said this appeal covers the years 2023-2026 and resulted in a refund of \$6,185.85.

President Zipfel motioned to approve the Tax Appeal Settlement, seconded by Commissioner Andris. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

- F. **Schedule Conditional Use Hearing – Pulte Homes – January 28th, 7pm**
Motion for Approval

We received a revised plan from Pulte Homes which resulted in the scheduling of a conditional use hearing.

President Zipfel motioned to approve the Schedule for the Conditional Use Hearing, seconded by Commissioner Andris. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

G. Consideration of special counsel appointment for Conditional Use Hearing
Motion for Approval

Special Counsel for the Conditional Use Hearing will be Thomas Panzer.

Commissioner Andris motioned to approve the appointment of special counsel for the Conditional Use Hearing, seconded by Vice President Rodgers. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

Commissioner Andris motioned to approve Thomas Panzer as Special Counsel, seconded by Commissioner LoStracco. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

H. [Grant Application Submission – Pedestrian Bridge – Boy Scout Cabin](#)
Resolution #25-19
Motino for Approval

Mr. Bibro said this is a grant application to make the pedestrian bridge that leads to the Boy Scout cabin on Walnut Street a permanent structure. The cost of this project is \$300,000.

Commissioner Andris motioned to approve Resolution #25-19, seconded by Commissioner LoStracco. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote.

*Addendum to the agenda added during the meeting by Vice President Rodgers

1. Motion to Appoint Erin Blanc to the Pool Advisory Board
Motion for Approval

Vice President Rodgers motioned to approve the appointment of Erin Blanc, seconded by Commissioner Andris. The motion carried with a 3-2 vote.

X. TOWNSHIP STAFF REPORTS

There was no report.

XI. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

There was no report.

President Zipfel announced that the Board met in Executive Session prior to tonight's meeting to discuss matters of property and we will meet after this meeting to discuss matters of personnel.

XII. CITIZENS' COMMENTS

John Spirling said there are a lot of deer getting hit on Welsh Road and asked if the speed limit can be lowered on the road or if some deer crossing signs can be added to the road. Mr. Bibro

said we will install some signage and added that we requested a speed study be conducted on the road from PennDOT.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Vice President Rodgers motioned for adjournment, seconded by Commissioner Andris. The motion carried with a 5-0 vote and the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.