

HATFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS



REGULAR MEETING MINUTES February 25, 2026

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Jennifer LoStracco called the February 25, 2026, Regular Meeting of the Hatfield Township Board of Commissioners to order at 6:35 pm.

II. ROLL CALL

Roll call was taken by Aaron Bibro, Township Manager. Present at the meeting were President Jennifer LoStracco, Commissioner Jerry Andris, Commissioner Karla D'Alessio and Commissioner Tom Zipfel. 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

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chief Tierney, Carmina Taylor and Robel Kassahun.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Commissioner D'Alessio motioned to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Zipfel. The motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

V. CITIZENS' COMMENTS – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

There were no public comments.

VI. CONSENT ITEMS

Motion to Enter Items 1-3 into the Record

1. Board of Commissioners Meeting Minutes – [January 14](#), [January 28](#)
2. **Treasurer's Report** – [February](#)
3. **Bills Payable:**
 - A. Paid Bills – [\\$54,440.06](#)
 - B. Unpaid Bills – [\\$565,496.35](#)

Commissioner Andris motioned to move the Consent Items into record, seconded by Commissioner Zipfel. The motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

VII. SPECIAL ITEMS

A. North Penn High School Black Student Union Presentation

Carmina Taylor talked about the 100-year anniversary of Black History Month citing Ambler local, Martin Kilson as the first black tenured professor at Harvard University and Helen Moore as the first teacher and last principal of the segregated Pen-Lyn School which closed in 1955. She spoke of her mother who was inducted into the Wissahickon Sports Hall of Fame 41 years after she graduated from Wissahickon High School. Ms. Taylor said today is about honoring our roots, strengthening our path and shaping our future.

She introduced Robel Kassahun, a resident of Hatfield Township, junior at North Penn High School and President of the Black Student Union. He said the theme for this year's showcase is "Unapologetically Black" which is based on being honest. Mr. Kassahun added that the theme means we are done shrinking ourselves by not changing the way we speak, wear our hair, music choices and traditions in order to be accepted. He said the Black Student Union exists because we love this town and want to contribute to it, lead in it and serve in it. Our showcase is about inviting everyone into a deeper understanding of who we are. Our generation wants respect, partnership and feel safe and seen at the same time. This showcase is a bridge of who we've been and who we can become together. Mr. Kassahun said we are Unapologetically Black, but also unapologetically a part of Hatfield.

B. State of the Judiciary

District Judge, Honorable Edward Levine

The Honorable Edward Levine gave an overview of the district court system. He said his district had the largest population increase of any district court from 2010-2020. He said between 2016 and 2024, crime rates dropped in his district from the 9th lowest to the 7th lowest. Since 2015, the crime rate has decreased by 59.7% in Hatfield Township. He also gave an update regarding the arraignment system.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

A. [HTMA 2026/2027 Budget](#)

[Resolution #26-03](#)

Motion for Approval

Mr. Bibro said there is a proposed 5% increase in sewer fees, but Hatfield remains one of the lowest in the area.

Commissioner Zipfel motioned to approve Resolution #26-03, seconded by Commissioner Andris. The motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

B. [Turn 14 – Maintenance Period \(18 Months\)](#)

[Resolution #26-04](#)

Motion for Approval

Mr. McAdam said this project is complete and it is recommended to begin the maintenance period.

Commissioner Andris motioned to approve Resolution #26-04, seconded by Commissioner Zipfel. The motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

C. Purchase of Police Vehicle - \$61,741

Motion for Approval

Mr. Bibro said this is a budgeted capital purchase for a new vehicle which will be the first electric vehicle for the department.

Commissioner D'Alessio motioned to approve the police vehicle purchase, seconded by Commissioner Zipfel. The motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

D. Grant Application – Schweiker Park Improvements

Resolution #26-05

Motion for Approval

Mr. Bibro said we co-own Schweiker Park with Lansdale Borough. We are planning to demolish a house on the property and are seeking a grant to help with the costs. This will support the Liberty Bell Trail connection.

Commissioner Andris motioned to approve Resolution #26-05, seconded by Commissioner D'Alessio. The motion carried with a 4-0 vote.

IX. PUBLIC HEARING - POSTPONED

A. Conditional Use Application – Pulte Homes POSTPONED

The hearing has been tentatively scheduled for March 25, 2026, with the Regular Meeting beginning at 6:30 pm followed by the hearing at 7:00 pm.

X. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

There was no report.

XI. CITIZENS' COMMENTS

President LoStracco thanked Chief Tierney for his words of wisdom, respect and dignity that he posted on Facebook. She said she is proud to live in Hatfield and have you as our Chief. Commissioner D'Alessio read an email from a resident recognizing the excellence of Chief Tierney.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner D'Alessio motioned for adjournment, seconded by Commissioner Andris. The motion carried with a 4-0 vote and the meeting was adjourned at 7:22 pm.