

**PRESENT:** Mario J. Civera, Jr., Chairman; Colleen P. Morrone, Vice Chairman; John P. McBlain, Council Member; David J. White, Council Member; Michael F. Culp, Council Member; Edward O'Lone, Controller; Marianne Grace, Executive Director; Michael L. Maddren, Solicitor; Anne M. Coogan, County Clerk; and other department heads.

Chairman Civera called the regular meeting of February 25, 2015 to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag led by Ed O'Lone. Jennifer Wilson, of the Personnel Department, gave the invocation.

Chairman Civera called on Vice Chairman Morrone to start today's agenda.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 18, 2015, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to advertise for bids for Buttonwood Bridge parapet repair (County Bridge No. 146) Chester Pike over Darby Creek, in Darby Borough, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Central Tax Collection Department's request for refunds for the year 2014 County Real Estate Taxes for fifteen (15) property owners due to the overpayment of the amount of taxes due, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Chairman Civera called on Dennis Carey, of the Public Works Department, to speak on Agenda Item 7.

Mr. Carey said item 7 calls for the approval of the Liquid Fuels Tax Allocations for 2015. This is a distribution of funds received directly from the County and is supplemental to the individual municipal allocations received directly from PennDOT.

Mr. McBlain said these are monies the County receives from the state's Liquid Fuels Funds for the county's use (for our purposes). Delaware County has chosen to distribute a portion of our Liquid Fuels Funds to municipalities to help their road programs, as a way to assist our municipalities, but is not required.

Mr. Carey said that was correct. We are the only county in the state of Pennsylvania where County Council has been doing that. We typically allocate well over 70% of our direct allocation from the state to the municipalities with the remaining revenue used for funding mechanisms for our share of the County Bridge Improvement Programs. For the last twenty-five years, no direct General Fund money or Capital money has ever been used for the purpose of reconstruction, rehabilitation or maintenance of our bridge program.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving the 2015 Liquid Fuels Tax Fund Allocations to municipalities, in the amounts shown on the attached list, pending receipt of the application and

PennDOT's approval of project eligibility totaling \$725,758.00. The motion was seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to renew the Memorandum of Agreement between the County of Delaware CID and the PA State Police for reimbursement of salary, benefits and other expenditures for a CID detective assigned to the Municipal Auto Theft/Motor Vehicle Insurance Fraud Task Force for the period of 7/1/15 to 6/30/16 in the amount of \$156,748.00 at no cost to the County. (Funding: State Police) The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Chairman Civera called on Joe Dougherty, Director of Human Services, to speak on Agenda Item 9.

Mr. Dougherty asked for Council's approval of two Subsidized Day Care Providers of Service with the following: Children's World of Learning LLC and Dekalb Day School Inc. There are no County dollars associated with the approval of these items.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Agreements, Contracts and Amendments with the Human Services Provider of Services, as per the attached list. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to reappoint Michael V. Puppio, of Springfield Township, to serve as a Director of Independence Blue Cross for a term expiring in March 2018, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Chairman Civera called on Mr. McBlain to speak on Agenda Item 11, the welcoming of a new Sheriff's Department K-9 - Apo and to announce the retirement of K-9 Guru.

Mr. McBlain said the safety and security of Delaware County government and court operations have the added security of two canine deputies. The K-9 unit was started in 2000 when President Judge Chad Kenney was the sheriff and continues today under the direction of Delaware County Sheriff Mary McFall Hopper.

The K-9 officers and their handlers assist in many law enforcement duties from searching for and detecting explosives, keeping order in the courtrooms and subduing criminals. Many in law enforcement will attest to the effectiveness of dogs in public safety situations. Also, they have a role in educating young people about law enforcement and are popular visitors at student programs. Just last week one of our K-9s visited with 85 students at Media Elementary School.

Today, we are pleased to recognize two of our K-9 officers, Guru who is retiring and our newest member, Apo. We are proud to say that Apo is a veteran of Iraq and has been retrained to serve us here in Delaware County.

All of the K-9 unit members and their handlers are highly trained. We are fortunate to have partners in the community who support our K-9 officers through assistance with veterinary bills and providing them with bullet-proof vests.

Attending today's meeting are Sheriff Hopper, Deputy Sheriff Robert Denney and partner of retired K-9 Guru and Sgt. Robert Adams and his new partner K-9 Apo. Our other K-9 officer is K-9 Charlie and his partner Ervin Smith who was unable to attend today's meeting.

Mr. McBlain called on the following people to be recognized as partners in the community who support our K-9 unit: Marge Remolde and the Delaware County Kennel Club who provides our K-9 officers with bullet proof vests and goodie bags filled with canine treats and care items; Anne Thompson, owner of the Barker Lounge – a doggy daycare and boarding facility in Folsom (Ridley Township), who has raised \$800.00 towards the veterinary bills for Apo; and Kathryn McCarry, who works at Fitness Four Paws at Stoney Creek Veterinary Hospital (in Morton) and supports the K-9 officers throughout the region by hosting the annual "K-9 Veterans Day," an observance to honor service dogs from all organizations.

This year's "K-9 Veterans Day" event is set for Saturday, March 14 from 1-4 P.M. at Stoney Creek Hospital when they will honor local K-9 heroes, memorialize fallen K-9 veterans, present K-9 demonstrations and offer pampering for the dogs including canine massages.

Mr. McBlain called on Sheriff Mary McFall Hopper to come forward and retire K-9 Guru and welcome Apo to our County K-9 force.

Sheriff Hopper thanked County Council for the opportunity to be here today and to recognize what is one of the specialized units within the Sheriff's office, the K-9 unit. We are very fortunate to have a K-9 unit that is highly trained and skilled.

Sheriff Hopper said Guru has served in the Sheriff's department for almost seven years. She acknowledged his work and service. They get extensive training when they first come to the department and are required to go for monthly training. They live with their partner, which requires a lot of dedication on behalf of the handler as well. She thanked Deputy Denney for all his work with Officer Guru and presented him with a retirement plaque and badge.

Sheriff Hopper welcomed K-9 officer Apo, who recently joined their unit, along with his partner and handler Sgt. Adams. Sgt. Adams has been with the Sheriff's department for a long time and has been with the K-9 unit since its inception in 2000. He and Apo have recently returned from extensive training in Alabama.

Chairman Civera called on Mr. Culp to present the Resolution declaring February 22-28 as Engineer's Week in Delaware County.

When we go about our daily lives, Mr. Culp said we might not give much thought to the countless engineers who created, designed and built the machines, roads, buildings and systems that we take for granted. The truth is engineers of all kinds (aeronautical, civil, mechanical, chemical, electrical and more) have applied their education, innovation and skill to improve our lives.

Each year, the National Society of Professional Engineers observes National Engineer's Week in celebration of the profession that has been instrumental in making the United States the world's most advanced technological society. The 2015 theme is "Engineering New Horizons."

Across the nation and in Delaware County, engineers work to make sure America is ready for a technological tomorrow. Engineers work to improve the productivity of our businesses, the quality of our products and the safety of our workplaces. Engineers provide the important technical information our legislators need to shape future public policy. The field of engineering is vital to the progress of our county as well as our nation. Engineers also partner with our educational institutions to train the nation's future scientists, technicians and engineers.

In Delaware County, the Pennsylvania Society of Professional Engineers, Delaware County Chapter, will celebrate the week tonight with a dinner at the Drexelbrook. They will honor the 2015 Engineer of the Year, Russell C. Williams, and they will honor Celestino R. "Chuck" Pennoni with the 2015 Lifetime Achievement Award.

Mr. Williams is an engineer, from Glen Mills, who serves the county as the executive manager and chief engineer for the Chester Water Authority, so he is one of the engineers responsible for the quality of water in our county. He is a 1975 graduate of Pennsylvania State University with a degree in civil engineering.

In 2013, Mr. Williams was recognized with a Fuller Award from the American Water Works Association for his distinguished service to the water supply field. He was honored for his engineering skill, diplomatic talent and leadership.

We are fortunate to have someone of Mr. Williams' caliber working for all of us right here in Delaware County.

Mr. Pennoni is the founder and chairman of Pennoni Associates. He has more than 50 years of experience in civil engineering with specific interest in municipal and land planning, design and construction. He earned his degree from Drexel University where he has served as a trustee and chairman of the board. Again, he is an engineer in the field who also gives back to the educational community.

On behalf of the Delaware County Chapter of the Pennsylvania Society of Professional Engineers, Mr. Culp introduced the following people who attended today's meeting: "Chuck" Pennoni, 2015 Lifetime Achievement recipient; Russell Williams, 2015 Engineer of the Year;

Michael Ciocco, Treasurer for the Delaware County Chapter, Pennsylvania Society of Professional Engineers; and Engineer's Week committee members – Nick Cirilli, Eileen Nelson and Susan Best.

Mr. Cirilli thanked Council for recognizing what they truly believe is the greatest profession. He gave kudos for the County's interest in the safety of our bridges; that is very much appreciated.

Mr. Cirilli said our economic development started as the first settlement in Pennsylvania, in 1643, under the then Swedish Governor Johan Printz. He built a church, school, a government building and a courthouse, which was the beginning of land development and we prospered.

Today, he believes we are a very stem-driven county in regards to technology. We are now leaders in transporting energy shipments of both natural gas and crude shipments, as the former Sunoco refinery is turning its logistics into that. In the other end of the county, there is SAP, one of the leaders in software technology and in the middle of the county there is a variety of healthcare and machine shops. Also, Delaware County is leading the way in best practices with stormwater management and erosion control.

Mr. Cirilli said the Delaware County Chapter of the Pennsylvania Society of Professional Engineers is very appreciative for all the county has done and they hope to continue to serve the residents of the Delaware County to the best of their ability.

Chairman Civera called on Mrs. Morrone to speak on Agenda Item 13, the Resolution declaring March as National Nutrition Month.

In Delaware County, Mrs. Morrone said we are fortunate to have many partners who work to combat hunger and encourage proper nutrition, healthy eating habits and regular exercise to ensure the health of our residents.

March is set aside as National Nutrition Month to raise awareness about the importance of nutrition education. The old saying is "you are what you eat" and every day there is more research that bears that out. Sometimes the dietary recommendations are tweaked, but the bottom line is that what an individual consumes plays a vital role in their overall health and fitness.

We are pleased that our Department of Intercommunity Health is partnering with the Penn State Nutrition Links to present nutrition information here at the Government Center. We invite everyone to stop by the table and pick up some nutrition tips outside the meeting room.

The 7<sup>th</sup> annual Delaware County Conference on Hunger is set for March 6 at Widener University. The goal of the conference is to bring awareness, networking opportunities and resources to those working with clients who have hunger or food insecurity in Delaware County.

The theme for this year's conference is, "Risk, Response and Resources: Addressing Food Security in Delaware County." Hunger and food insecurity are unfortunate realities for some of our residents and we want to do everything we can to prevent any individual from wondering where their next meal is coming from.

Several county agencies, including the Office of Behavioral Health and the Department of Intercommunity Health Coordination, are partnering with community groups to present this conference. Topics will include nutrition and vulnerable populations, hunger risks for senior citizens, challenges of the homeless, veterans' issues, and DIFAN (the county's food cupboard network). County Senior Medical Advisor, Dr. George Avetian, is one of the speakers with his topic being "Eat Better to Fight Disease."

Mrs. Morrone introduced the following people who attended the meeting on behalf of Nutrition Month and the 7<sup>th</sup> annual Hunger Conference: Maureen Hennessey, Director of the County Department of Intercommunity Health Coordination; Helen McGoohan, Assistant Director of the Office of Intercommunity Health Coordination; Jessica Fink, Office of Behavioral Health; Fran Alloway, nutrition and food safety educator for the Penn State Agricultural Extension Service and conference organizer; Nutrition Education Advisors Joan McMenamin, Josephine Worthington and Lahi Fordham. Representing the 2015 Hunger Conference committee were the following: Ruby Benson, Director, Ralph Moses House, Family and Community Service; Lynda Kugel, Pathways PA; Rosetta Carter, City of Chester; Lindsey Ricker, Philabundance; Amanda Aucoin, Marketing Consultant, Aetna Better Health; and Alan Edelstein, Family and Community Service.

Mrs. Morrone read (in part) the following resolution:

*Whereas, food is the substance by which life is sustained and the type, quality and amount of food that individuals consume each day plays a vital role in their overall health and physical fitness; and*

*Whereas, diet and nutrition have never been more important in our fight against obesity and chronic disease and it is critical to educate people of all ages that fresh fruits, vegetables and low-fat protein are essential to keeping our bodies healthy.*

*Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that We, the County Council of Delaware County, hereby declare March 2015 as Nutrition Month in Delaware County and we join the National Nutrition Month call to "Bite Into a Healthy Lifestyle" and spread the word about the importance of a healthy diet and regular exercise.*

Ms. Alloway thanked County Council for their support of Penn State Extension, located at Smedley Park. She is very proud of her nutrition education staff and the work they do in schools, senior centers, workforce development sites and places where new moms hang out as they get their lives together.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving the request by the Controller's Office for payment of current bills, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

**SOLICITOR:** Mr. Maddren asked for Council's authorization to file sixteen (16) Petitions for the Involuntary Termination of Parental Rights and two (2) Consents for Adoption with the Orphans Court.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to file sixteen (16) Petitions for the Involuntary Termination of Parental Rights and two (2) Consents for Adoption with the Orphans Court, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

**COUNCIL:** Mr. McBlain congratulated some of our honorees here today. He extended good wishes to all those celebrating National Nutrition Month. He thought it would have been interesting if Nutrition Month and Girl Scout Cookie Month, which occurred last month, would have been at the same time.

Mr. McBlain acknowledged the professional engineers for their work. Sometimes his evening job is a municipal solicitor where he has the opportunity to work with many professional engineers who serve our municipalities. They not only serve as engineers in terms of looking at plans or doing drawings but (in reality) they are often public works directors for municipalities, sewer experts, zoning planners, or become the lawyers or parliamentarians. They serve our residents in many different ways for some of the core things that people expect from their municipalities such as wanting their roads to be flat and even and their sewers to work. This usually falls to the municipal engineers to ensure that those things occur.

Chairman Civera gave a brief update on a recent trip to Harrisburg.

Yesterday, Chairman Civera said he returned to the state capital to meet with our Delaware County delegates to discuss funding for Delaware County. Next week, the governor will address the General Assembly regarding the budget where (unfortunately) the Commonwealth is facing a deficit. Delaware County depends on state dollars, especially in the areas of the Department of Human Services and Fair Acres. This all comes into play when a budget is in jeopardy. They are \$2.5 billion out of balance, which means a lot of cutting back, debating and policy changes will be made to get a balanced budget.

On June 30, Chairman Civera said the 911 Bill will cease. This is a big part of Delaware County's budget and what we do in this county. Unfortunately, the cost to the county is approximately \$6.5 million. 911 was never developed to be based out of real estate revenue

where you would go back to the county and go into the General Fund to support it; it was based on a fee schedule based on landline phones.

Delaware County made it clear to our legislators that we don't want to lose a dollar and we want to improve our revenue sources as far as what the state gives us.

**DISCUSSION:** There was no public comment(s).

There being no further County business, nor public discussion, motion made by Chairman Civera to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mrs. Morrone and carried unanimously.

  
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ANNE M. COOGAN, County Clerk



## 2015 LIQUID FUELS TAX FUND ALLOCATIONS

Aldan Borough	5,468.00
Aston Township	18,833.00
Bethel Township	2,700.00
Brookhaven Borough	8,910.00
Chadds Ford Township	2,700.00
Chester City	54,135.00
Chester City Supplement	25,000.00
Chester Township	5,063.00
Chester Township Supplement	27,319.00
Chester Heights Borough	743.00
Clifton Heights Borough	7,493.00
Collingdale Borough	9,585.00
Colwyn Borough	2,882.00
Concord Township	10,058.00
Darby Borough	10,935.00
Darby Township	11,948.00
East Lansdowne Borough	2,970.00
Eddystone Borough	2,903.00
Edgmont Township	2,768.00
Folcroft Borough	8,100.00
Glenolden Borough	8,708.00
Haverford Township	66,960.00
Lansdowne Borough	13,973.00
Lower Chichester Township	3,375.00
Marcus Hook Borough	3,105.00
Marple Township	34,628.00
Media Borough	7,695.00
Middletown Township	20,385.00
Millbourne Borough	608.00
Morton Borough	3,375.00
Nether Providence Township	18,968.00
Newtown Township	17,955.00
Norwood Borough	7,628.00
Parkside Borough	2,430.00
Prospect Park Borough	7,560.00
Radnor Township	36,720.00
Ridley Township	41,243.00
Ridley Park Borough	9,518.00
Rose Valley Borough	1,553.00
Rutledge Borough	1,485.00
Sharon Hill Borough	6,750.00

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Springfield Township	34,898.00
Swarthmore Borough	7,965.00
Thornbury Township	5,198.00
Tinicum Township	7,223.00
Trainer Borough	2,565.00
Upland Borough	4,050.00
Upper Chichester Township	12,960.00
Upper Darby Township	89,168.00
Upper Providence Township	14,243.00
Yeadon Borough	<u>12,353.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$725,758.00</u></b>

**HUMAN SERVICES AGREEMENTS, CONTRACTS  
& AMENDMENTS TO CONTRACTS**

<u>Name of Provider</u>	<u>Type of Service</u>	<u>Term of Contract/ Agreement</u>	<u>Original Contract/ Agreement Amount</u>	<u>Proposed Contract/ Agreement Amount</u>
Children's World of Learning LLC	Subsidized Day Care	1/1/15-*	N/A	N/A
Dekalb Day School Inc	Subsidized Day Care	1/1/15-*	N/A	N/A

\*Either party may terminate this Agreement in accordance with Article IV of this Agreement.