

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 evening meeting of September 30, 2015 (held at the Aston Township Municipal Building, 5021 Pennell Road, Aston, PA) to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag led by John Ford, a long-time Aston resident. Jack Betzal, Deacon at the Church of St. Joseph, gave the invocation.

Chairman Civera introduced the members of County Council and thanked the Aston Township Board of Commissioners for allowing Delaware County Council to come here tonight to hold our public meeting. County Council does this periodically throughout the year in different communities throughout Delaware County giving us an opportunity to listen to the resident's concerns and an opportunity to get to know you.

Chairman Civera turned the meeting over to Vice Chairman Colleen Morrone.

Mrs. Morrone thanked Aston Township for hosting our meeting this evening. She recognized the following elected officials and staff members that were here this evening: Commissioners President James M. Stigale (6th Ward); Commissioners Vice President Michael J. Higgins (7th Ward); Commissioner Michael Fulginiti (1st Ward); Commissioner Carol A. Graham (2nd Ward); Commissioner Mark Osborn (3rd Ward); Commissioner Jon A. Firlein (4th Ward); Commissioner James W. McGinn (5th Ward); Treasurer Joe DeVuono; Police Chief Dan Ruggieri; and Township Manager John Granger.

Mrs. Morrone started tonight's agenda with Agenda Item 4.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Agenda Item 4, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 23, 2015, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to advertise for Bids for replacement of voting machine warehouse Material Lift Elevator, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to Award Contract to Elwyn Specialty Care Pharmacy, located at 3070 McCann Farm Drive, Suite 101, Garnet Valley, PA 19060 for Pharmacy and Pharmacy Consultant Services for Fair Acres Geriatric Center at the total estimated cost of \$840,000.00. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to purchase one (1) Excel Control Panel from Aladdin Temp Rite (manufacturer and sole distributor of the product) for Fair Acres Geriatric Center in

the amount of \$27,000.00. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Agenda Item 8, Central Tax Collection Department's request for refunds for the year 2015 County Real Estate Taxes for 4 property owners due to the overpayment of the amount of taxes due, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving the following Housing and Community Development Action Plan Amendments: allocate an additional \$21,544.44 to Concord Township for the preservation of the Community Center; allocate an additional \$25,000.00 to Upland Borough for pedestrian improvements; and allocate \$150,000.00 to Collingdale Borough for sanitary sewer improvements. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to accept a contribution in the amount of \$8,000.00 from The Fight Like Frank Foundation to purchase a K-9 Dog for the Sheriff's Department. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Agenda Item 11, a contract with Mingis, Gutowski & Company to perform audits of eight (8) Magisterial District Courts at a fee not to exceed a maximum of \$10,000.00 for each court. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to reappoint the following individuals to the Delaware County Parks & Recreation Board for a term ending March 2020:

Richard C. Burke	Lansdowne Borough
Martin H. Milligan, Jr.	Newtown Township
James P. Kelly	Thornbury Township
Jeffrey L. Rudolph, Sr.	Springfield Township
William O'Donnell	Upper Providence Township
Chuck Cavanagh	Lansdowne Borough

The motion was seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to reappoint John B. Ryan, Jr., of Darby Township, to the Animal Protection Board of Delaware County for a term ending July 2020, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to reappoint the following individuals to the Delaware County Drug & Alcohol Executive Commission for a term ending September 2018:

Marc Persson
Thomas W. Reinke

Swarthmore Borough
Nether Providence Township

The motion was seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Agenda Item 15 to appoint the following individuals to the Delaware County Drug & Alcohol Executive Commission for a term ending September 2018:

Richard Dunlap
Ryan Grace
Raymond McKinney

Bethel Township
Upper Darby Township
Ridley Township

The motion was seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to reappoint the following individuals to the Heritage Commission to a term ending September 2018:

Jane Carroll
Barbara E. Marinelli
Karen A. Micka

Thornbury Township
Upper Darby Township
Aston Township

The motion was seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Agenda Item 17, Memorial Day Expenses for the following Veterans Posts:

AmVet, Post No. 118 Morton, PA 19070	\$100.00
Media VFW, Post No. 3460 Media, PA 19063	\$100.00
Nunan-Slook American Legion, Post No. 338 Havertown, PA 19083	\$100.00

The motion was seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Chairman Civera called on Mr. McBlain to present a Resolution recognizing the Aston Township Lions Club.

Mr. McBlain said over a million members in Lions Clubs in more than 200 countries around the world dedicate their time and talent to serving their communities. Delaware County is blessed to have many of these clubs throughout our county, including the Aston Township Lions Club.

The Aston Township Lions Club was chartered back in 1948 and was sponsored by the Marcus Hook Lions. This was the foundation for many civic, social and welfare projects designed to improve the lives of Aston residents, as well as neighboring communities.

The Aston Township Lions Club champions youth initiatives and strengthens the local community through its hands-on service and humanitarian projects. Since 1948 the Lions, along with the Lioness and Leos have raised nearly \$750,000.00, which has benefited organizations such as Little League Baseball, Termite Football, Scouts, Bands, local libraries and provides funding for aid for the blind and deaf, drug awareness programs, memorial funds and so many more.

Thanks to the dedication of all of you, our community is a better place. Not only are you helping the community, you are setting the foundation for good citizenship for our youth. Organizations like you are the heart and soul of our county and enhance the lives of so many residents.

On behalf of County Council, Mr. McBlain presented a Resolution to the Aston Township Lions, Lioness and Leos in recognition of their dedication to the Aston community.

Mr. McBlain read (in part) the following Resolution:

Whereas, the dedication of the members of the Aston Lions Club has set the foundation for many civic, social and welfare projects designed to improve the lives of Aston residents, as well as those in neighboring communities.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that We, the County Council of Delaware County, hereby commend and congratulate the Aston Lions Club and its members for their contributions to the Aston community. We commend them for the many worthwhile and memorable events they have organized and performed over the years. We extend to them and their organization best wishes for success in their future endeavors.

Lions Club President Petrillo announced that the Aston Township Lions Club will be sponsoring a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, November 1 at the Community Center from 7:30 A.M. to Noon. Tickets are available at the door.

Chairman Civera called on Mr. Culp to present a Resolution recognizing the Aston Rebels Hockey Team.

Last year, Mr. Culp said we had the pleasure of recognizing the Ice Works Skating Complex here in Aston. Since opening in 1997, Ice Works has been the home to many local and national competitions and they even hosted the 2014 USA Curling Nationals, which included six Olympians from the Winter Games in Sochi to Delaware County.

Attending tonight's meeting is a team that calls Ice Works home – the Aston Rebels Hockey Team. The Aston Rebels are a Tier II American Junior Hockey Team located right here in Aston. The team plays in the East Division of the North American Hockey League (NAHL). The North American Hockey League is the only USA Hockey sanctioned Tier II Junior League, which consists of 24 teams in 14 states from across North America.

This is the Aston Rebels' first year to play in Aston. The team recently relocated from Rio Grande, Texas where they were the *Rio Grande Killer Bees*. A majority of the players are from various states throughout the United States and a few are from Canada and Europe.

Their first pre-season game was held on September 18 and they will play their home opener on Friday, October 2 against Johnstown.

Entering its 40th season, the league prides itself on the social maturity and skill development of student athletes, ages 16-20, and who have aspirations for advancing to collegiate and/or professional ice hockey. In fact, over 400 players have made NCAA commitments since 2013, which is a huge accomplishment!

Attending this evening's meeting are Aston Rebels Head Coach Joe Coombs and Assistant Coach Josh Brown and team members.

On behalf of County Council, Mr. Culp said they would like to officially welcome the coaches and team members to Delaware County and present a Resolution to the Aston Rebels Hockey Team in recognition of their accomplishments and display of sportsmanship and to wish them good luck at their October 2nd game against Johnstown.

Chairman Civera called on Mrs. Morrone to continue with this evening's Agenda Items.

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

SOLICITOR: Mr. Maddren thanked Aston Township for having us here tonight. He used to do some work here in Aston Township. He said Jim McGinn and Dan Ruggieri and his police force were always very professional to deal with and he appreciated that.

COUNCIL: Mr. Culp thanked Aston Township for having us here tonight. This is a beautiful community and it really is Council's pleasure to be here. He congratulated the Lions Club, Lioness and Leos for all they do for the community. It is amazing how much you accomplish on such a limited budget, which is appreciated throughout the community. Lastly, he welcomed all the Aston Rebels to Aston, Delaware County, wished them good luck and to stay healthy. County Council would love to have them back when they win the championship.

Mr. White echoed Mr. Culp's comments. He said some of his relatives have lived in Aston Township. It's a great community, a good working class, fun-loving community. Congratulations to the Aston Lions Club for all their hard work. They are one of millions of people who give back to their community. As for the Rebels, he certainly wishes them good luck (both Friday and Saturday) and for them to continue that winning streak. He thanked all the elected officials and chief of police for hosting our meeting tonight.

Mr. McBlain echoed everyone's comments regarding Aston Township. He said he has a connection with the township by providing legal services to them over the years. Aston has terrific elected officials. The people in this township should be very proud of the choices they have made in their representatives. They have done a fantastic job with the township and is certainly one of the premier townships within Delaware County. The good works they do are evident throughout the township, as in some of their public facilities like the Community Center – a beautiful library and community center complex; the Veterans Park; the fire service in the township which is particularly strong; and great businesses such as the Ice Works.

Mr. McBlain said Council wants to publicly thank our police, first responders, fire services, EMS, emergency planners and everyone else who participated in the planning of the recent Papal event. Chairman Civera led County Council and coordinated the efforts of these groups to provide safety and protection for our residents in the eleven transportation sites that were here in Delaware County. There were tens of thousands of Delaware County residents who utilized that transportation over the weekend. That planning process began in May and was successfully completed.

Lastly, Mr. McBlain said the county is planning for the potential of Hurricane Joaquin as it now appears it will make landfall Sunday or Monday somewhere in the Delmarva Peninsula area. At the present time, it appears our area will be effected. The county will once again activate our Emergency Operation Center, just like the storm that came through and did affect this area in June. We will ensure our emergency personnel are in place and in the event of a power outage work toward getting everything back to normal in Delaware County.

Mrs. Morrone thanked Aston Township for hosting tonight's meeting. She lives in nearby Concord Township so she drives through Aston quite frequently and appreciates this community and the support of everything they do here including the Lions, Lioness and Leos.

Chairman Civera thanked Aston's Board of Commissioners for having us here tonight. It was good being here and seeing all the many faces.

He introduced Executive Director Marianne Grace who runs the County on a daily basis and Controller Ed O'Lone, the person who does all the work as far as the dollars and cents.


Chairman Civera said the Papal visit, which took place on Saturday, October 26 to Sunday, October 27, is something we are all very proud of. This was a historical moment, a happy moment and it brought everyone together, whether as a family or a community. The emergency plans were put into place and everything went well and we were safe.

DISCUSSION: John Paulson, of Middletown Township and a member of the Friends of the Chester Creek Branch, said they are trying to improve Delaware County in general and Aston Township in particular. He asked for an update and/or progress on where Aston was at this time in getting this trail started.

Kelly Dodson, of Middletown Township, and involved with the Friends of the Chester Creek Branch, commented on the trail and the connective circuit of the trail through other counties.

Maryann Bullen, a resident of Aston Township, announced that the Aston Community Day that is scheduled for this Saturday, October 3 has been rescheduled for Saturday, October 10 due to the hurricane and nor'easter that is expected in this area.

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


ANNE M. COOGAN, County Clerk

RECORDED BY: N. J. Scallan