

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 March 30, 2016 to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag led by U.S. Army Veteran Bill Dondero. Bill Lovejoy, Director of Veterans Affairs, gave the invocation.

Chairman Civera called on Mrs. Morrone to start today's Agenda Items.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Agenda Item 4, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 16, 2016, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to advertise for public comment on the County's proposed FY 2016 Community Development Block Grant Plan, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to purchase four (4) 2017 Ford Fusion vehicles from Pacifico Marple Ford on COSTARS Contract No. 026-029 for a total not to exceed \$75,851.00. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to purchase two (2) Police Interceptor vehicles from Fred Beans Ford of West Chester on COSTARS Contract No. 013-116 for a total not to exceed \$51,029.00. 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 to purchase a Maintenance/Software Agreement Renewal from CDW Government LLC for the period 6/1/2016 to 5/31/2019 at a cost of \$196,000.000 per year for the Department of Human Services. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Central Tax Collection Department's request for refunds for the years 2015 and 2016 County Real Estate Taxes for 4 property owners due to the overpayment of the amount of taxes due, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving a Professional Services Agreement between the County of Delaware and Triad Fire Protection Engineering Corporation for Engineering Services required to interface Smoke Evacuation Systems with Fire Alarm and HVAC Control System at George W. Hill Correctional Facility for a fee not to exceed \$42,500.00. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving a Professional Services Agreement between the County of Delaware and Triad Fire Protection Engineering Corporation for Engineering Services required for a New Courthouse Fire Pump and Government Center Garage Fire Protection System modifications inclusive of construction administration for a fee not to exceed \$92,500.00. 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 12.

Mr. Dougherty asked for the approval of four (4) Subsidized Day Care Providers of Service. There is no County dollars associated with this request.

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

Chairman Civera called on Mr. Culp to speak on Agenda Item 13, announcing the 7th Annual Hero Basketball Game.

Mr. Culp said each year some of the top student athletes in our county participate in athletic competitions to benefit the Hero Scholarship Fund. This fund provides college education scholarships for children of police, firefighters and emergency medical personnel who died in the line of duty. Not only does the Hero Scholarship Fund benefit young people, but the sports events bring young athletes together for a great cause.

The 2016 Hero Scholarship Basketball All-Star Games will be held on Saturday evening, April 9th at Chichester High School. Two games are planned featuring seniors. The All-Star girls' game will be played at 6 P.M. and the boys' tip-off is set to begin at 8 P.M. (The cost for admission to the games is \$5.00 each.) The teams will be broken down into East and West squads and coached by Delaware County varsity high school coaches. The coaches for the games are the following individuals: Monique Boykins from Penn Wood High, Girls East; Bridget DeCave from Haverford High School, Girls West; Jack Concannon from Bonner Prendie High School, Boys East; and Buzzy Wood from Chichester High School and host, Boys West. The referees for the game are PIAA varsity officials who are either in law enforcement or related to a law enforcement official and will be volunteering their time to officiate.

Mr. Culp stressed the importance of this Hero Fund. One of the greatest tragedies a community can suffer is the loss of a police officer or emergency responder. Just last Friday, a funeral was held for Maryland Police Officer Jacai Colson, an Upper Chichester native who was killed in the line of duty on March 13.

These men and women are police officers, firefighters and emergency responders, but they are also fathers, husbands and friends. As the name of the fund indicates, they are heroes. The Hero Scholarship Fund is one way we can help families in Delaware County if the worst happens.

Mr. Culp said we are pleased to have Collingdale Borough Police Chief Robert Adams, Chairman of the Hero Bowl Basketball Committee, and who was accompanied by Ed Beebe, of Emergency Services and Hero Basketball committee member, here this morning to outline the program for all the All-Star Double-Header Hero Basketball Game to be held at Chichester High School where Officer Colson was a standout student and athlete.

Police Chief Adams thanked County Council for having him here today and for their continued support of police, firefighters and emergency medical personnel. At the request of Chichester High School, Officer Colson will be acknowledged at the April 9th All-Star Basketball Game. Officer Colson actually played in the Hero Scholarship Football Game in his day and was one heck of a football player. He will also be recognized at the Hero Scholarship Football Game as well.

The Hero Scholarship Basketball Game was started seven years ago when Tom McGarrigle and Jack Whelan were on Council. Delaware County is probably one of the richest counties when it comes to basketball players at several levels including the national level.

Chief Adams acknowledged a new partner - Sunoco Logistics and their representative Brittany Carter. This is their 2nd year with the Hero Scholarship Basketball Games and who have made a substantial donation to the Hero Scholarship Foundation.

Chairman Civera called on Mr. White to speak on Agenda Item 14, announcing the "Veterans Helping Veterans" event.

In Delaware County, Mr. White said, we believe our veterans are national heroes. We value their service and we are committed to helping them make a successful transition to civilian life when they come home. We understand that some veterans face tremendous challenges and it is our goal to work with our partners to connect veterans with services that will help them be successful, including employment training, counseling, access to housing and volunteer opportunities.

This morning, we are announcing an event called "Veterans Helping Veterans" which is being held on Saturday, April 16 in the lobby of the STEM Center at Delaware County Community College. This is a one-stop shop for veterans and their families to learn about benefits and opportunities to get involved in their communities. This event is being organized by the Pennsylvania Link to Aging and Disability Resource Center or LINK. LINK is an online resource where individuals can get information, or LINK to a wide variety of resources that can assist them.

The Veterans Helping Veterans event is *free* and will be held from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M. on that day with representatives from various agencies on hand, including CareerLink, the County Office of Veterans Affairs, the State Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, the Community Action Agency of Delaware County, Coatesville Veterans Hospital, Community Transit, the American Red Cross, Habitat for Humanity and the County Medical Reserve Corp.

Mr. White introduced the following individuals who are involved in this veteran's event: Joanna Geiger, Assessment Unit Director, COSA, and Chair of Aging and Disability Resources Center, Delaware County (ADRC); Bill Dondero, District Representative for Military & Veterans Affairs for U. S. Representative Patrick Meehan and a U.S. Army veteran; Audie Murphy, Workforce Liaison, Delaware County Community College; Tom Brown, Senior Vice Commander, Department of Pennsylvania, VFW, Cy Yost, Delaware County Commander, American Legion; and William Lovejoy, Director of the Delaware County Veterans Affairs.

Ms. Geiger said we are very fortunate in Delaware County to have a great group of very forward thinking and active partners with the Aging and Disability Resources Center. This year, they have planned and put a lot of time into brainstorming to a veteran's event. They started out in their planning and discussions by trying to identify what they could do to help, promote and honor our veterans in Delaware County. What they came up with was to identify the veteran's needs and desire to serve. So, that is where they came up with "Veterans Helping Veterans" title for this year's event.

Chairman Civera spoke on Agenda Item 15, declaring March as American Red Cross Month.

Every eight minutes, a member of the American Red Cross responds to a disaster, whether it's a flood, a fire, a military conflict or a public health emergency. Most people associate the Red Cross with blood drives where they collect millions of units of blood for life-saving transfusions.

The Red Cross and its volunteers around the globe are on the front lines of almost every crisis, setting up shelters, feeding victims of disasters, supplying forty-percent of the nation's blood, teaching life-saving techniques, supporting military members and their families and providing humanitarian aid anywhere it is needed. They do this mostly through volunteers and the generosity of the American public.

March is the month set aside in the United States to recognize the work of the Red Cross. It was founded in 1881 by Clara Barton after she helped soldiers during the Civil War. Shortly after the war, she traveled to Europe and learned about the Swiss-inspired Red Cross network. She returned home and campaigned for an American Red Cross and working to make sure the organization provided relief both in wartime and peacetime.

In 2015, the American Red Cross of Eastern Pennsylvania Region responded to 83 disasters and provided relief to 466 residents in Delaware County. Delaware County government will be partnering with the Red Cross to hold a blood drive here at the Government Center on

Thursday, April 7. We also utilized the Red Cross's new video on "Hands-Only CPR" to ensure that our employees were educated in how to perform this life-saving CPR.

The Red Cross has been on the front lines of all the global disasters we read about in the news, including earthquakes in Nepal, wildfires in California, the refugee crisis in Syria and the floods that ravaged our southern states this spring.

The Red Cross works tirelessly to recruit people to donate blood, ensuring its safety and providing hospitals with much of the nation's supply of blood and blood products for medical procedures. This year, they had to add another level of protection to ensure that blood supplies are not tainted with Zika virus. The American Red Cross of Southeastern Pennsylvania is a lifeline for people in crisis and we are fortunate to have such a strong, active organization in our region.

Chairman Civera said he is pleased to announce that he will be one of the guests at this year's Clara Barton Awards Reception, which will be held at the Springfield County Club on Wednesday, May 18.

Attending this morning's meeting on behalf of Red Cross Month were Joseph Mastronardo and Thomas Musi of the Delaware County Leadership Council.

Chairman Civera read (in part) the following Resolution:

Whereas, every eight minutes, staff and volunteers from the American Red Cross respond to an emergency across the nation and the globe, providing assistance to the military, flood, fire and disaster victims and to individuals needing life-saving blood transfusions; and

Whereas, the American Red Cross was founded in 1881 by Clara Barton, who after delivering care, comfort and supplies to wounded soldiers of the Civil War, established the American Red Cross as a nationwide relief organization; and

Whereas, the American Red Cross is dependent upon volunteers of all ages and abilities to lift up the lives of the world's most vulnerable people in times of crisis, and in Delaware County manages a team of 287 volunteers;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that We, the County Council of Delaware County, hereby declare March 2016 to be Red Cross Month.

Chairman Civera called on Mrs. Morrone to continue with today'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 asked for Council's authorization to file two (2) Petitions for the Involuntary Termination of Parental Rights and three (3) Consents for Adoption with the Orphans Court.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to file two (2) Petitions for the Involuntary Termination of Parental Rights and three (3) Consents for Adoption with the Orphans Court, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

COUNCIL: Mr. Culp thanked Police Chief Adams, Ed Beebe and the Hero Bowl Basketball Committee for all they do for our fallen First Responders. He encouraged everyone to attend the "Veterans Helping Veterans" event on April 16. Our veterans have provided us our freedom throughout the ages and we should do everything we can to help them. Lastly, he thanked the Red Cross for all the work they do and he believes they made a great choice in choosing Chairman Civera to be honored at this year's Clara Barton Awards Reception.

As a proud graduate of Villanova University, Mr. McBlain wanted to brag a little bit. Here in Delaware County, we should be very proud that we have such a great school as Villanova University in our county and be especially proud of the success of the men's basketball team, which is one of the four best teams in the country.

Chairman Civera thanked everyone for coming to today's Council meeting and for all the people we honored this morning. To Villanova University, we hope they go all the way.

DISCUSSION: Tom Garrity, 115 N. Manoa Road, Havertown said a few words about his experience as an employee at the Ellis Preserve, in Newtown Township. He wanted to thank the Newtown Township fire, police and EMT's for being so courteous to him including the residents who come to the 200-acre property.

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

ANNE M. COOGAN, County Clerk

RECORDED BY: N. J. Scallan