

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 April 6, 2016 to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Maryann Bullen, President of Delaware County Library Services, gave the invocation.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 30, 2016, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Central Tax Collection Department's request for a refund for the year 2015 County Real Estate Taxes for 1 property owner due to the overpayment of the amount of taxes due, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Agenda Item 6 to terminate the Bed Transfer Agreement between Fair Acres and Deer Meadows. Termination of this agreement will release Deer Meadows initial deposit held in escrow in the sum of \$34,000.00. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to engage in a Bed Transfer Agreement with Wyndmoor Care Center, LLC d/b/a/ Wyndmoor Hills Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center for a sum of \$765,000.00. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving an Easement, known as SEPTA Registry No. 5250, between the County of Delaware and Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority (SEPTA) for an existing pedestrian walkway under the Media Trolley Line at mile post 6.86 in Smedley Park. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving a Professional Services Agreement between the County of Delaware and Joseph Jingoli & Son to provide for Architectural and Engineering Services required for the planning and pre-design of the Orange Street Government Complex for a fee not to exceed \$178,930.00. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Chairman Civera called on Linda Hill, Director of Planning/OHCD, to speak on Agenda Item 10.

Ms. Hill requested authorization to apply to the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for funding in the amount \$208,907.00 under the Community Conservation Grant Program. This is a competitive grant but if we are successful with this application, funds

will be used for final engineering design services to extend the Chester Creek Rail Trail from Middletown Township into Aston Township for another 1.5 miles. It would create a 4.3 mile trail through two communities. As you know the trail is part of the countywide Greenway Plan and construction on the first phase of this multiuse trail is expected to be completed in late fall. It will be a tremendous asset to both of these communities and the County. A 50% match is required and we have been working with the DVRPC staff to ensure while developing our state application, we expect that the DVRPC will approve the matching funds at their May Board Meeting.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to submit Grant application for the Chester Creek Rail Trail Phase II Engineering and Design to the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources in the amount of \$208,907.00, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Chairman Civera called on Frank Carey, Director of the Office of Workforce Development to speak on Agenda Item 12.

Mr. Carey requests Council's approval for the extension of four existing contracts that have been previously approved by Council. The purpose of the request is only to extend the period of time until June of this year.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Agreement, Contracts and Amendments with the Office of Workforce Development. 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 13.

Mr. Dougherty asked Council for approval of a provider contract with the Office of Behavioral Health for services for training providers to train our community treatment teams. Mr. Dougherty also asked for your approval of two subsidized day care providers. There are no county dollars associated with any of these requests.

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 presented a Resolution recognizing the Delaware County Historical Society and its "Rockin' with the Troops" event.

Chairman Civera said the Delaware County Historical Society is dedicated to preserving and protecting the history, traditions and culture of our county. They collect, protect and maintain the historical records and artifacts of the county to provide educational programs about the history and people of Delaware County.

The Delaware County Historical Society was founded by 83 men and women of Delaware County and has been in existence since 1895. Thanks to their hard work and dedication our residents can enjoy a piece of Delaware County's rich history. On County Council, we value their work to not only protect our history but to keep it alive for generations to come.

On Saturday, April 30th they are hosting the "Rockin' with Troops", a USO Tribute Show at Neumann University, Mirenda Center in Aston. This year marks the 75th Anniversary of the United States Organization USO that did so much to raise the morale of our troops and their families for many, many years to our veterans. The concert will feature music by Bobby Rydell, who is here this morning and who did a USO Tour in Vietnam in 1966. Also, performer Wyn Roberts will give his impersonation of legendary USO entertainers Bob Hope, Jack Benny and Red Skeleton. The Historical Society will also honor three Delaware County veterans, Dennis Murphy, John Walker and Springfield Police Chief Joseph Daly.

Here with us today is Stephanie Fleetman, Chair of the Delaware County Historical Society Board, along with other representatives and a couple of the performers. We'd like to welcome them up to tell us a little more about the concert and we'd like to present them with a resolution recognizing the dedication of the Delaware County Historical Society.

Chairman Civera read the following Resolution:

Whereas, the Delaware County Historical Society was founded in 1895 for the purpose of acquiring and preserving property and information of historical value to the people of Delaware County; and

Whereas, through the efforts of the Delaware County Historical Society, generations of Delaware County residents can study the past, learn from the accomplishments of their predecessors and celebrate the history of our county; and

Whereas, the Delaware County Historical Society hosts a concert to support the work of the society, and the 2016 theme is "Rockin' With the Troops, a U.S.O. Tribute Show" in recognition of the work of the United Services Organizations to provide more and recreational services to the U.,S. military; and

Whereas, the Delaware County Historical Society, as part of the USO Tribute Show, will recognize Delaware County veterans Springfield Police Chief Joseph Daly, a Vietnam veteran; Dennis Murphy, vice president of enrollment management at Rosemont College

and a Vietnam veteran, and John Walker, student veteran representative at Neumann University and a veteran who served in Afghanistan;

Whereas, the “Rockin’ with the Troops” concert is set for April 30 at the Mirenda Center at Neumann University in Aston.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that We, the County Council of Delaware County, hereby commend the Delaware County Historical Society for their outstanding efforts to preserve and protect the history, traditions and culture of Delaware County.

On behalf of the Delaware County Historical Society, Ms. Houldin spoke on behalf of Stephanie Fleetman who is stuck in traffic. Mr. Houldin thanked Delaware County Council and Executive Director Marianne Grace for their support and for keeping history alive in Delaware County. I also would like to thank our liaison Dave White, who is always there when we need something.

Ms. Houldin thanked Bobby Rydell for his continued support to the Delaware County Veterans Memorial as well as the Delaware County Historical Society.

Chairman Civera called on Mr. White to speak on Agenda Item 14, a Resolution declaring National Library Week to be April 10-16.

Mr. White said Delaware County Council is very proud of the excellent Library System we have to benefit our residents. Some people thought that the Internet would mean the end of public libraries, but just the opposite is true. Our libraries are more vibrant and active than they have ever been. They continually change and evolve to meet the needs of our communities.

The Delaware County Library System was formed in 1981 by County Council to coordinate the activities among our 26 member libraries. The mission was to support and enhance the programs and services at the independent libraries. Jointly, those libraries circulate 2.5 million books each year. Today, there are 263,000 library card carrying members of the Library System.

This year, under the leadership of Library Services Director David Belanger, we are going to offer some exciting new developments on the library scene. This year marks our 35th anniversary year and the Library System will launch a new website and a new brand to raise awareness and let people know the countless ways that our libraries can enhance our lives.

This spring, the Libraries will unveil a “Storywalk” at Rose Tree Park. The Storywalk is a path where pages from a children’s book are displayed and people can read and walk, encouraging

literacy and exercise all at the same time. The first book featured will be "Up, Down and Around," a gardening book by Pennsylvania author Katherine Ayres. We look forward to completing this project in May.

In the fall, we are planning some activities to celebrate the 35th anniversary of our Library System. We encourage our residents, from children to senior citizens, to take advantage of your local library.

Mr. White said County Council will present a Resolution in recognition of Library Week, which is April 10-16, to David Belanger, Director of Library Services and Maryann Bullen, President of the Delaware County Library Board.

Mr. Belanger said they are looking to launch their new website by the end of this month. The library's website gets 160,000 visitors every month and the digital library of downloadable e-books, audible books, magazines and children's books is actually the second busiest library in the county. They circulated 278,000 items last year in addition to all the online research that they have available.

Mr. Belanger congratulated the new Delaware County Library Board President Maryann Bullen, who became president in February.

Ms. Bullen said she is impressed with what the libraries do today (compared to what it was like when her children were growing up). She said everyone should get involved with our libraries; it is an experience from toddlers to senior citizens.

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 seven (7) Petitions for the Involuntary Termination of Parental Rights with the Orphans Court.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to file seven (7) Petitions for the Involuntary Termination of Parental Rights with the Orphans Court, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

COUNCIL: Mr. McBlain echoed the thank yous for Sgt. Walker and Chief Daly. We cannot ever say thank you enough to our veterans. He congratulated and thanked the Veterans Memorial Organization, the Historical Society and Bobby Rydell. Lastly, he had to say one more time "Go Cats" to Villanova University.

Mrs. Morrone announced that on Wednesday, April 20 the regular County Council meeting will be on the road again. The meeting will be held at Garnet Valley High School at 10 A.M. We are excited to take our meetings out on the road again to share County government in the schools.

Chairman Civera thanked everyone for attending today's Council meeting. This was a good week and Villanova definitely put Delaware County right where it's supposed to be "always on top."

DISCUSSION: No public comment(s).

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

ANNE M. COOGAN, County Clerk

RECORDED BY: N. J. Scallan