

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 June 8, 2016 to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag led by Grace Schmitt and Ella Merryfield, students at St. Thomas the Apostle School. Eileen Ricketts, of the Controller's Office, gave the invocation.

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

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 25, 2016, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to Advertise for Bids to furnish and deliver janitorial and household supplies to the County of Delaware for a term of two (2) years, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to purchase IT equipment from CDW Government LLC for the Office of Child Care Information Services in the amount of \$39,964.00. 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) 2017 Refrigerated Box Truck on COSTARS Contract No. 025-013 from Fred Beans Ford Lincoln of West Chester at a cost not to exceed \$80,000.00 for Fair Acres Food and Nutrition 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 8, Central Tax Collection Department's request for refunds for the years 2015 and 2016 County Real Estate Taxes for 57 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 to accept a two (2) year renewal of the Auto Theft Grant from the Pennsylvania Auto Theft Prevention Authority for the years 2016 to 2018 in the amount of \$610,000.00. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to accept a Public Disaster Assistance Grant from the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) for disaster related expenses for damages incurred between June 23, 2015 and June 30, 2015 in the amount of \$485,000.00. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Chairman Civera called on Joe Dougherty, Director of Human Services, to speak on Agenda Item 11.

Mr. Dougherty asked for Council's approval of FY 2016/2017 annual contracts for all the Human Services Providers. These are for all the departments within Human Services, such as the Office of Behavioral Health, Children & Youth Services, Early Intervention and Office of Intellectual Disabilities. The contracts terms are from 7/1/2016 through 6/30/2017. He also asked for the approval of five (5) Subsidized Day Care Providers.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Item 11, Agreements, Contracts and Amendments with the Human Services Provider of Services. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

This morning, Chairman Civera said we raised the first of the five flags to be flown this year with the flag of the U.S. Army, which was established on June 14, 1775. It will fly from the flagpole in the courtyard of the Government Center and the Courthouse complex through the Army's birth date of June 14, which is also Flag Day.

Brave men and women in the United States military continue to protect our national security, both at home and on foreign soil. Since the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, a new generation of heroes have stepped up to preserve peace and safeguard our homeland. In Delaware County, we are committed to showing our appreciation of their dedication, courage and sacrifice.

Joining us this morning to represent those who served in the U.S. Army are Media Mayor Bob McMahon, President of the Veterans National Education Program, and Bob Dimond, of Media, Executive Director of the Delaware County Veterans Legacy, which sponsors the annual Media Memorial Day Parade and the Delaware County Veterans Day Parade.

Immediately following this morning's Council meeting, Chairman Civera announced County Council will be posting the photo of U.S. Marine Lance Corporal James M. Harris picture on the Armed Services Tribute Board.

In Delaware County, we want to continue to recognize all residents who are serving in the Armed Services, whether they are stationed on an overseas base or one of the 6,000 bases here in the United States. One of the ways we do that is by posting their photos on the Armed Services Tribute Board, located in the Government Center lobby, just outside of the Office of Veterans Affairs.

Today, we are proud to honor Lance Corporal James M. Harris of the United States Marine Corps on the Delaware County Tribute Board. On his behalf, Lance Corporal Harris's parents, Regina and James Harris, and his uncle Retired Army Colonel James Roach attended today's meeting. Chairman Civera called on Colonel Roach to come forward to say a few words.

Colonel Roach said he was here today representing the sixty-four young men posted on the Tribute Board. He grew up in Media and later in Ridley Park and Darby. He joined the military in 1966 serving twenty-nine years of active duty with ten of those years serving overseas in third world countries. He retired in 1995. He wants to assure us that every place the U.S. Military goes they help the locals and the poorer the locals are the more they help.

Colonel Roach said the pictures of the young men on the Tribute Board are making a positive effort in whatever country they are serving in and he is very proud to have been one of them and to know some of them.

Chairman Civera said, as we go about our daily lives, it is easy to forget that brave men and women continue to risk their lives every day to keep us safe here at home. Delaware County is committed to remembering and to supporting our troops until they are safely home.

Chairman Civera called on Mr. White to speak on Agenda Item 14, announcing the 42nd annual Delaware County Summer Festival.

Mr. White said here in Delaware County we are proud to have an excellent parks system where our residents can enjoy outdoor recreation, sports, festivals, charity events, or a walk with your family.

One of the exceptional programs that our Department of Parks presents each year is the Summer Festival, a free program of music, dance and entertainment for all ages. This is truly the best entertainment bargain in the entire region.

This year marks the 42nd anniversary of the Summer Festival, which started during the county's Bicentennial celebration. The 2016 Summer Festival begins on June 15 with a concert by the Rose Tree Pops Orchestra. There are 46 live performances, all for *free*, that runs from Wednesday through Sunday evenings. The final concert is on August 14 with a tribute to Eric Clapton.

Some of our Summer Festival performers are Delaware County residents. We are pleased that we can give local performers a chance to perform for a hometown audience.

Mr. White said Council is pleased to welcome ACME as one of our major sponsors of the Summer Festival in addition to our new Pumpkin Festival and the Festival of Lights. Thanks to generous partners like ACME, Delaware County can continue to offer free entertainment and special programs for our residents. We appreciate it when businesses like ACME give back to the community this way.

One of the local bands that will be featured this summer is the Rockdale Boys, a five-piece band that plays an uplifting mix of gospel and bluegrass music. Some people might not be familiar with Rockdale, which is a historic mill town in Aston Township. The founders of the band,

Rockdale residents Mark Sutherland and Bob Alek, met at a birthday party and decided to jam together. They formed the band 13 years ago and they have been delighting crowds ever since.

Mr. White called on Marc Manfre, Director of Parks and Recreation, to come forward and say a few words about this year's Summer Festival. The concert schedule is available on our website and brochures are available throughout the county, including at our libraries.

Mr. Manfre thanked County Council for their continued support over the past 42 years. He introduced the following Parks and Recreation staff members who accompanied him today: Beth Chapman, Communications and Marketing Manager; and Nancy Peters, Summer Festival emcee who has been working in the Parks Department for 28 years. He also acknowledged the following ACME representatives - Bill Crosby, ACME Vice President of Operations and Dana Ward, ACME Senior Communications Coordinator and a special thanks to the Parks Maintenance staff and Norm Bennett, Superintendent who do a wonderful job in maintaining our facilities.

Mr. White called on Mark Sutherland and Bob Alek, of the Rockdale Boys Band, to come forward to share a brief performance of "Blue Ridge Mountain Blues." They are scheduled to appear at the Rose Tree Summer Concert on Sunday, July 31.

Chairman Civera called on Mr. White to speak on Agenda Item 15, the Passport to History Essay Contest Awards by the Delaware County Historical Society.

Mr. White said Delaware County is rich in history and we are proud of the role Delaware County played in the history of our nation. In fact, the first permanent settlement in Pennsylvania was established by the Swedes in Tinicum Township.

It is important for each generation to learn about the wonderful historic sites we have right here in our own backyard, from the Swedish Cabin and Morton Homestead to the Pennsylvania Colonial Plantation.

The Delaware County Historical Society has a great program called, "Passport to History" that encourages students in fourth and fifth grade to visit these sites. Every year, County Council recognizes the winners of the Passport to History Essay Contest. This year's topic is "What Really Happens in the Media Courthouse?"

Mr. White called on Tom Grubb, President of the Delaware County Historical Society, to present the nine contest winners with certificates of achievement from the Historical Society.

Mr. Grubb said for the last 18 years the Historical Society has been involved with the Passport to History. This is an opportunity for students in grades 4 and 5 from parochial, public and private schools to get involved in visiting historical sites throughout Delaware County. He called

on Karyn Confer, Education Director, to come forward to introduce the award winners and read a small portion of their winning essays.

Each year, Mrs. Confer said they have the difficult task of reading all these amazing essays. The students were given three options in writing their essays: (1) straight facts from the knowledge they received while visiting the Courthouse (2) write a historical fiction and (3) pretend they were an adult or pretend they might have gotten locked inside the Courthouse and what they saw and what they found. There were many different approaches to what really happened. She read a snippet of the essays and presented certificates to the following students: (Aston Elementary School) Alex Kramer, Kaitlyn Morris, Logan Mancini and Jacob Shapiro; (Garrettford Elementary School) Andrew Sarafian; and (St. Thomas the Apostle School) Connor Case, Ella Merryfield, Grace Schmitt and Alana Whitwell.

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

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Item 16, 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 two (2) 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 two (2) Consents for Adoption with the Orphans Court, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

COUNCIL: Mr. Culp thanked the Harris Family for their son's service to our country and to all those that protect us on a daily basis. He thanked Marc Manfre and his staff for the excellent job they do for the Summer Festival and encouraged everyone to go, especially on July 31 when the Rockdale Boys will be performing and extended his congratulations to all the Passport to History winners on a job well done.

Lastly, Mr. Culp announced the first of four Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Events, offered by the Delaware County Solid Waste Authority, will be held on Saturday, June 11 from 9 A.M. to 3 P.M. at the Emergency Services Training Center, 1700 Calcon Hook Road, Sharon Hill (Darby Township). Electronic items and latex paint will not be accepted at this or any 2016 HHW Event. Residents should take note that it is with regret that the Authority can no longer accept electronic waste such as TV's, computers or anything with a cord at these HHW Events due to a change in state law. Residents who have electronic or e-waste to dispose of should contact their municipality to see if they are hosting an e-waste event, permanent drop-off or curbside collection.

Mr. White congratulated the Passport to History winners. Their essays were full of imagination and quite humorous. Marc Manfre and his staff in the Department of Parks and Recreation do a great job for our county and its residents. If you have the opportunity, please attend the Summer Festival at Rose Tree Park. Lastly, he thanked the Harris Family for their son's service to our country.

Mr. McBlain mentioned something that appeared today in the Delaware County Daily Times newspaper concerning the agreement of sale of the Crozer Keystone Health System to California-based company Prospect Medical Holdings. County Council got involved with this about a year ago when Crozer announced they wanted to look for a partner, which really means they want to sell themselves. Council has been very involved in terms of reaching out and meeting with officials from Crozer to try to make sure that the priorities of the people of Delaware County are considered during that sale. The highest among those was that Crozer, the largest health system and employer in Delaware County, continued to provide adequate healthcare services to the residents of the county. Council wanted to insure the four hospitals and medical centers that Crozer maintains will continue to remain open and insure (the best we could) they honor the labor agreements and keep the employment for many of the residents we have in Delaware County.

Crozer found a buyer, Prospect Medical Holdings. County Council has had the opportunity to meet with representatives of Prospect Medical. In his opinion, we are very lucky that Crozer has found a partner in Prospect Medical Holdings. It appears the priorities that the Crozer Board set and those of County Council will be met in terms of availability of health service, keeping all the facilities open, honoring contracts and keeping employment. In fact, their commitment under the agreement of sale is to expand capital improvements to the tune of \$200 million to all their facilities throughout the county and addressing the pension issues that were a problem for Crozer and (hopefully) continue to grow in the future.

Mr. McBlain further said an added benefit for Delaware County and local governments will be that Prospect Medical Holdings is a "for profit" entity and will now become eligible to pay real estate taxes. So that will be a significant benefit to the local municipalities where their facilities are located, to the school districts and the county as a whole.

The County will continue to monitor the sale. It needs to be approved by the Orphans Court and continue to meet with officials from Prospect Medical Holdings to insure there is a smooth transition. Compared to where we were a year ago, he believes we can report that things are looking very well now.

Mr. McBlain extended his congratulations to all the honorees here today. The Passport to History Essays were great with a new twist to the Historical Society's essay theme, "What Really Happens in the Media Courthouse?"

Lastly, Mr. McBlain wished to extend his congratulations to the family of Lance Corporal James Harris and his family and extended family. They are one of the finest families he knows in Delaware County.

Mrs. Morrone extended her thanks and congratulations to the Harris Family for everything their family has done to protect our rights in the United States. She looks forward to the ceremony after this meeting when they will post Lance Corporal Harris's picture on the Tribute Board. Best wishes to the Rockdale Boys and the other performers scheduled to perform at the Summer Festival. This is a great way to get out and hear some wonderful performances and music in a fantastic setting.

Mrs. Morrone extended her congratulations to the winners of the Passport to History Essay Contest. She said that County Council was here the day Aston Elementary had a class trip to tour the Delaware County Courthouse and Government Center Building. While in the building, they came in at the tail end of our Council meeting and were given the opportunity to come up and sit in the County Council's seats and play the role as County Council. She recognized the "former chairman and vice chairman" that day – students Logan Mancini and Jacob Shapiro.

Chairman Civera said this was a very enjoyable Council meeting. Thanks to everyone who came this morning. County Council is always honored, especially with the young people and the awards they receive. Thanks to Colonel Roach and for his kind words.

DISCUSSION: Eileen Case, 2205 Patlin Avenue, Wilmington, Delaware 19801 and mother of Connor Case a student at St. Thomas the Apostle School wanted to express to County Council what a wonderful meeting we had here today. She said she has two adopted children and has worked as a nurse in the Crozer Keystone Health System for the past 25 years. She thanked Council for their support concerning the agreement of sale of Crozer to Prospect Medical Holdings.

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