

**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 October 19, 2016 to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag led by Harry Seth, Commander of Brookhaven American Legion, Post No. 94. William Lovejoy, Director of Veterans Affairs, gave the invocation.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 12, 2016, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Agenda Item 5, Central Tax Collection Department's request for refunds for the years 2015 and 2016 County Real Estate Taxes for 3 property owners due to the overpayment of the amount of taxes due, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Chairman Civera called on Michael Raith, Director of Adult Probation, to speak on Agenda Item 6.

Mr. Raith asked for Council's approval to accept Grant funds in the amount of \$234,264.00 for the PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency for the Delaware County Pretrial Heroin Recovery Program. The program, which will be administered by the Pretrial Bail Bond Department, seeks to identify heroin related cases for offenders ages 18 to 25 years to help divert them from incarceration by providing treatment and supervision for that period of time. The term of the grant is for two years with no County match.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to accept the Delaware County Pretrial Heroin Recovery Program Grant from the PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency for the term October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2018 in the amount of \$234,264.00. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Chairman Civera called on Joe Dougherty, Director of Human Services, to speak on Agenda Item 7.

Mr. Dougherty asked for Council's approval of seven (7) Subsidized Day Care Providers for Childcare Information Systems. There is no County match required with the approval of these items.

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. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Chairman Civera spoke on Agenda Item 8, a Resolution recognizing the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor.

Chairman Civera said people of a certain age in Hawaii and across the United States will never forget December 7, 1941 as a day that changed everything, the day we were attacked on American soil and the day that thrust the United States into World War II.

This year marks the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor by Japanese forces. That attack left 2,403 dead and crippled our Pacific fleet. This year's anniversary may be one of the last opportunities to honor the last of those who experienced that attack and for that reason Hawaii and the nation have planned an eleven-day commemoration to the "Greatest Generation."

Locally, our veteran organizations are asking residents to observe a moment of silence and reflection at 12:53 P.M., Wednesday, December 7 with prayer, the ringing of church bells or the sounding of firehouse sirens.

As part of the commemoration, a new documentary called "Remember Pearl Harbor" will premiere on television on Sunday, December 4. The theme for the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary is "Honoring the Past: Inspiring the Future." This is a dual message, which is to acknowledge the men and women who answered the call of duty during World War II and to honor all those who have served during the seven decades since that day.

Today, we are at peace with Japan, but we continue to fight tyranny and terrorism at home and abroad.

Chairman Civera welcomed local veteran Harry L. Seth, Commander of the Brookhaven American Legion, Post No. 94, who accepted the Resolution.

Mr. Seth thanked County Council for the Resolution. He said County Council presented similar Resolutions for the 60<sup>th</sup> and 70<sup>th</sup> anniversaries and now the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor.

Mr. Seth introduced the following veterans who accompanied him today: Ben Orsini, Barry Durham, George Fritzingler and Tony Daterio, of the Brookhaven American Legion, Post No. 94.

Chairman Civera called on Mrs. Morrone to speak on Agenda Item 9.

Mrs. Morrone said she would like to present a Resolution declaring October 29 as "Give Kids Sight Day" in Delaware County.

Vision is one of the senses that we all value and sometimes take for granted. Across the country, millions of men, women and children experience vision loss or are affected by low vision or blindness. Regular eye exams are one way to prevent or address vision loss.

The American Optometric Association encourages parents to have a comprehensive eye exam for their children starting as early as six months of age. Another time that is critical for a child's eye exam is right before they start kindergarten or first grade.

To encourage preventative eye care in children, several organizations partner each year to offer a free eye care and eyeglasses clinic at Wills Eye Hospital, one of the world's premier eye care facilities. This year's event is Saturday, October 29. To raise awareness, County Council is declaring October 29 as "Give Kids Sight Day" in Delaware County.

The free clinic is open to all children age 17 and younger in the five-county region. Last year, 106 children from Delaware County participated. This is open to all children, whether or not they have insurance.

We are pleased that our Department of Intercommunity Health is a member of the Children's Vision Care Coalition that organizes the free clinic. Other partners include Wills Eye, the Eagles Charitable Foundation and the Public Citizens for Children and Youth.

Mrs. Morrone acknowledged the following individuals who attended today's meeting to accept the "Give Kids Sight Day" Resolution: Dr. George Avetian, Senior Medical Advisor; Lori Devlin, Director of the Office of Intercommunity Health; Helen McGoohan, of the Office of Intercommunity Health; and guests - Colleen McCauley and Blair Gallante, Health Policy for the Public Citizens for Children and Youth; and Carol Poplawski; Sight Day volunteer who is a teacher at Park Lane Elementary School in the William Penn School District.

On behalf of County Council, the Department of Intercommunity Health and the residents of Delaware County, Ms. Devlin thanked all the organizers and sponsors of "Give Kids Sight Day." They have spent a lot of time trying to get the word out into our communities by expanding their outreach and asking anyone who would like to participate to please share this information.

For the last four years, Mrs. Poplawski, a second grade teacher at the Park Lane Elementary School in the William Penn School District, has volunteered at the "Give Kids Sight Day." "Give Kids Sight Day" is a very rewarding experience for her, especially when you see the smiles on the children's faces and the sincere gratitude of their parents and guardians.

Many of the students of the William Penn School District benefit from "Give Kids Sight Day." Ninety-five percent of the Park Lane parents live below the poverty level and so, this day is a huge help to these families.

Two years ago a student of hers came to her after attending the "Give Kids Sight Day" event and told her she couldn't wait to get her glasses so that she could be really smart and become a very good reader. "Give Kids Sight Day" is life-changing experience for all the children who come.

Chairman Civera called on Mr. McBlain to announce the posting of U.S. Marine 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Michael Dartnell's photo on the Armed Services Tribute Board.

Mr. McBlain said American troops continue to risk their lives to protect our freedoms here at home. Unfortunately, as we go about our daily lives, we tend to forget that over one-million men and women continue to serve in the United States military, both here and overseas.

Today's headlines are focused on the fighting in Iraq where 5,000 American troops are part of a coalition of forces to wrest control of Mosul from ISIS. In America, we await their safe return.

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 lobby of the Government Center Building just outside the Office of Veterans Affairs.

This morning, Mr. McBlain said County Council will post the photo of Lt. Michael "Ryan" Dartnell, of the United States Marine Corps, on the Delaware County Tribute Board immediately following this meeting. His parents, Dave and Anne Marie Dartnell, of Havertown, attended this morning's meeting to participate in the posting ceremony of their son's photo on the Tribute Board.

Mr. McBlain mentioned some of the Lt. Dartnell's accomplishments, which are extensive. U.S. Marine Corp Lieutenant Michael "Ryan" Dartnell grew up in Havertown and is a 2012 graduate of Monsignor Bonner High School. He is currently stationed at the Marine base in Quantico, where he attended Officer Candidate School during the summer. In March, he will go to Pensacola, Florida for flight training.

Lt. Dartnell also graduated from Temple University in 2016 with a degree in mechanical engineering. He is also a very accomplished rower having been on the Temple University Men's Crew Team. He has received many awards including winning the Zinkoff Inspiration Award in 2015 and during his junior year at Temple he placed 5<sup>th</sup> in the country in rowing.

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

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Item 11, the request by the Controller's Office for payment of current bills, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

**SOLICITOR:** Mr. Maddren said he had no County business today.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** No public comment(s).

**COUNCIL:** Mr. White thanked the VFW members, from Brookhaven Post No. 94, for coming in today and for their service. He thanked "Give Kids Sight Day" volunteers and partners for their participation in this event. Lastly, he thanked Dave and Anne Marie Dartnell for their son Lt. Dartnell's service to our country. Council will honor him by posting his picture on the Tribute Board immediately after this meeting.

Mr. McBlain and Mrs. Morrone echoed Mr. White's comments.

Chairman Civera thanked everyone for coming to today's County Council meeting. We also look forward to seeing what our residents have accomplished.

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.

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ANNE M. COOGAN, County Clerk

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