

**PRESENT:** 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.

Councilman McBlain called the regular meeting of April 5, 2017 to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag led by Caroline Englehart, a volunteer at the Delaware County Historical Society. Chelsey Price, Director of Senior Victim Services for the District Attorney's Office, gave the invocation.

Mr. McBlain welcomed everyone to this morning's County Council Meeting. He called on Mr. White to start today's Agenda Items.

Motion made by Mr. White approving Agenda Item 4, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 29, 2017, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mr. White approving to purchase a Milner Module PulseFlow Batch Washer at the cost of \$701,125.00. This unit is being purchased pursuant to PA State Contract No. 4400013396. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mr. White approving Central Tax Collection Department's request for refunds for the years 2010, 2011, 2016 and 2017 County Real Estate Taxes for 15 property owners due to the overpayment of the amount of taxes due, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mr. White approving Central Tax Collection Department's request for 14 Court Ordered refunds for the years 2016 and 2017 for properties in the Boroughs of Colwyn, Darby, Lansdowne, Prospect Park, Swarthmore and Yeadon and the Townships of Marple, Springfield, Tincicum and Upper Darby in the total amount of \$24,060.28. The motion was seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mr. White approving a contract between the County of Delaware and S. J. Thomas Company, Inc. to provide environmental remediation at the PA State Police Crime Lab for a fee not to exceed \$156,940.34, pursuant to the Keystone Purchasing Network (KPN) Contract No. KPN-ERS-201401-JOCC-25. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Mr. McBlain called on Linda Hill, Director of Planning/OHCD, to speak on Agenda Items 9 and 10.

Ms. Hill requested Council's authorization to apply to the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for two projects. The first is in the amount of \$35,000.00 for a Feasibility Study to provide a trail leading to Smedley Park, in Springfield, to Glen Providence and Mineral Hill Parks, in Media. The second is an application for \$80,000.00 for engineering of Phase 2 of the Darby Creek Trail. This would extend the trail in Upper Darby Township that is about to be under construction from Kent Park to the Great Gateway Trail, in Lansdowne Borough.

These projects are identified in the County's 2015 Open Space Park and Recreation Plan. She, therefore, requested Council's approval to submit these two competitive grants.

Motion made by Mr. White approving Agenda Item 9 to submit a Grant Application to the PA Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for the Media-Smedley Connector Trail Feasibility Study for the term 1/1/18 to 12/31/20 in the amount of \$35,000.00. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mr. White approving Item 10 to submit a Grant Application to the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) for the Darby Creek Trail, Phase 2 Engineering, in the amount of \$80,000.00 for the term 1/1/2018 to 12/31/2020. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Mr. McBlain thanked Ms. Hill and the Planning Department staff for all the work they have done. We have talked a lot about trails lately in our public meetings. This Saturday, April 8, the formal opening of the Chester Creek Rails to Trails, which consists of approximately three-miles of trail, will take place. Also in the works is the funding for the engineering and design of Phase 2 of that trail, which will extend to Aston Township. Also, we are almost under construction of the Darby Creek Trail, which will be a one-mile section in Upper Darby Township that stretches from Kent Park Dog Park up to the Swedish Cabin.

Mr. McBlain called on Cathy Bittle, Director of Library Services, to speak on Agenda Item 11.

Mrs. Bittle asked for Council's approval of the annual subscription to OCLC Cataloging and Inter-Library Loan Services. This provides cataloging records for new books, videos, audio books and other items used in the catalog by the Delaware County Library System. In addition, it lists Delaware County Library System's own items in an International Database for sharing with other libraries around the world. The total cost is \$63,256.98 and 60% of that fee will be paid by a State grant.

Motion made by Mr. White approving the annual subscription to OCLC Cataloging and Inter-Library Loan Services at the total cost of \$63,256.98. (Funding: State \$38,256.98 and County \$25,000.00). The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mr. White approving to submit a Grant Application to the PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency for the Delaware County District Attorney's 2016 JAG for the term 4/1/17 to 3/31/18 in the amount of \$47,915.00. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mr. White approving to accept the Senior Victim Services/Victim Witness RASA Grant from the PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency for the term 1/1/17 to 12/31/18 in the amount of \$267,610.00. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mr. White approving Agenda Item 14 to submit the PEMA Emergency Management Performance 2017 Grant Application to provide partial reimbursement to the County for the Emergency Management Coordinator's salary and benefits. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mr. White approving to renew a Professional Services Agreement with Aquila Strategy and Operations Group, LLC for the provision of planning, coordination and exercise of the County's Strategic National Stockpile Plan, not to exceed \$28,295.00 for the period of 7/1/16 to 6/30/17. (Funding: State) The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Mr. McBlain called on John Daly, Director of the Office of Workforce Development, to speak on Agenda Item 16.

Mr. Daly asked for Council's approval of five existing contracts with the Office of Workforce Development.

Motion made by Mr. White approving Agreements, Contracts and Amendments with the Office of Workforce Development. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Mr. McBlain called on Joe Dougherty, Director of Human Services, to speak on Agenda Item 17.

Mr. Dougherty asked for the approval of an amendment to a contract with Cobbs Creek Housing Services, Inc., which is for Emergency Shelter Services. He also asked for the approval of two Subsidized Day Care Providers with Child Care Information Services.

Motion made by Mr. White 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.

Mr. McBlain called on Mr. Culp to speak on Agenda Item 18, recognizing the Delaware County Historical Society's "Rockin' with the Troops" Concert.

Mr. Culp said the Delaware County Historical Society is dedicated to preserving and protecting the history, traditions and culture of our county. Founded by 83 men and women of Delaware County, the Historical Society has been in existence since 1895.

Council values the Society's important work, not only to protect our history, but to keep it alive for generations to come. Throughout the year the Historical Society holds events to help fund their projects and programs. On Saturday, April 22, the Historical Society is hosting the *Rockin' with the Troops Concert* at the Neumann University Mirenda Center, in Aston. The live concert is honoring veterans and businesses that support veterans.

At the event, our very own County Councilman Dave White will be honored, in addition to Adam Gattuso, of Monroe Energy, and Joe Griffies, host of WIBG 101.3 FM "Welcome Home" Show. Dr. Rosalie Mirenda will also be paid special recognition for her 20 years of service as President of Neumann University.

In addition to recognizing those individuals, we would like to join the Historical Society in recognizing members of the Crusin WVLT 92.1 radio station, including Louis Balezzi, Lou Costello and Steve Kurtz, for supporting the Delaware County Historical Society efforts.

Mr. Culp called on Tom Grubb, Historical Society Board President, to come forward and to introduce members of the Delaware County Historical Society Board, along with other representatives who were present.

Mr. Grubb said for over 120 years the Historical Society has been providing a number of services to the citizens of Delaware County, least of which is a museum and the historical preservation of a number of unique artifacts, documents, geological maps, yearbooks and so forth. It is an incredible amount of material they have accumulated over the years. Their mission is not only to be like "the attic" of Delaware County but to also educate. Being a former teacher and administrator in the Springfield School District, Mr. Grubb said this is near and dear to his heart.

The Historical Society has two specific programs. The first is a program for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade students where they help to educate them about the history of Delaware County. In the last ten years they have educated over 7,000 students through this very unique program. In the second program, they work with veterans in terms of educating our students around the county about the significance of veterans' contributions to Delaware County and to the country as a whole. He further said the Historical Society is thankful for Dave White who has been a strong supporter of that program throughout the years.

Like any organization, they survive on grants, memberships and things of that nature. They are always looking for ways to raise money to continue this very important mission. One thing they do is to conduct these concerts.

Mr. Grubb asked Linda Houldin to come forward to say a few words about the nature of the concerts.

Ms. Houldin said they are honored to be presenting "*Rockin' with the Troops 2*" to honor veterans and businesses who support veterans and their causes. This year's concert, being held on April 22, at Neumann University's Mirinda Center from 7 P.M. to 10 P.M., will feature such groups as The Duprees, The Brooklyn Bridge, The Tokens and The First Ladies of Rock and Soul.

She thanked Radio Station 92.1, John Ricciuti, Radnor 21 Studios, the Historical Society Board of Directors and County Council for supporting this. The Society will be sending hundreds of veterans, along with their family and friends, to this concert for free of charge and to thank them for their service.

Lou Ballezzi, producer of "First Ladies of Rock and Soul", said a few words about how this all came about. In the past it was the veterans who were honored, but this year they will be doing it a little different by honoring the sponsors of the show such as Delaware County Councilman Dave White; Adam Gattuso, of Monroe Energy; Joe Griffies, Host of WIBS 101.3 FM "Welcome Home" Show; and a special tribute to Dr. Rosalie Mirinda, President of Neumann University.

Steve Kurtz, Radio Host of 92.1 Radio, said the Historical Society recognizes the importance that we remember the sacrifices that have been made by Delaware County residents, the events that have happened in the county and for this to be preserved and taught to our children is of utmost importance. So, please come out on April 22 to support this phenomenal concert that is for a very good cause.

Mr. McBlain called on Mr. White to speak on Agenda Item 19, a Resolution declaring April 9-15 as National Library Week.

Mr. White said Delaware County Council is very proud of the excellent Library System we have to benefit our residents. Our libraries are more vibrant and active than they have ever been. They continually change and evolve to meet the needs of our residents.

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 more than 260,000 library card carrying members of the Library System.

This year, under the leadership of Library Services Director Catherine Bittle, we are going to offer some exciting new developments on the library scene including a new "passport" program launching in May along with the continuation of our "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.

Mr. White presented a Resolution to library representatives in recognition of Library Week, which is April 9-15. He read (in part) the following Resolution:

*Whereas, the Delaware County Library System was formed in 1981 to coordinate activities among the 26-member libraries, working to meet the changing needs of our communities, providing the latest resources, educational programs, technology and support to all ages; and*

*Whereas, the week of April 9-15 is National Library Week, with the theme "Libraries Transform," and 2017 marks the 36<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Delaware County Library Services.*

*Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that We, the County Council of Delaware County, hereby declare April 9-15 as National Library Week,*

Mr. White called on Library Director Bittle to say a few words. He said Cathy has been the Director of Library Services for approximately 6 months and has been doing a great job. She came from the Ridley Library System and has come up with some great ideas and new initiatives.

Mrs. Bittle introduced the following Library Board representatives and staff who came today: Maryann Bullen, President of the Delaware County Library Board of Directors; Janis Stubbs, Assistant Director, Delaware County Libraries; Mary Ecklund, Youth Services Coordinator, DCLS; Jason Braham, Network Technician, DCLS; Brian Dillon, Public Relations, DCLS; Kristin Suda, Circulation Services Coordinator, DCLS; Nancy L. Hallowell, Director, Upper Darby Sellers Memorial Libraries; Arlene Caruso, Director, Newtown Public Library; Richard E. Ashby, Jr., Director, Yeadon Public Library; and Mary Tobin, Assistant Director, Ridley Township Public Library.

She thanked County Council for their continued support of the Library System and our public libraries. Libraries embrace the entire community and offer unlimited personal growth and lifelong learning. Without the support of County Council, she said many of the services that libraries offer wouldn't be possible.

Mrs. Bittle said, if you don't already have a library card, representatives of the Delaware County Library System will be in the lobby of the Government Center after the meeting today to sign you up. The cards are free and you get to see all the neat stuff that we are doing in the libraries.

Mr. McBlain spoke on Agenda Item 20, a Resolution declaring April 2-8 as National Crime Victims' Rights Week.

In Delaware County, Mr. McBlain said the District Attorney's Office and with the support from County Council has always made it a priority to raise awareness about the plight of victims of crime and witnesses on behalf of such victims. Our officials and many of our residents through various private organizations have been in the forefront of providing programs and services to aid victims of crime.

Last Friday, in anticipation of Victims' Rights Week, County Council joined our District Attorney Jack Whelan to announce the opening of the new office of the District Attorney's Senior Victims Services, an office that provides assistance to senior victims of crime by working within the criminal justice system to restore justice and help rebuild lives.

Today, Council will declare Victims' Rights Week as April 2-8. This year's theme is *Strength, Resilience and Justice* which reflects a vision for the future in which all victims are strengthened by the response they receive, organizations are resilient in response to challenges, and communities are able to seek collective justice and healing.

Throughout the year, service to victims is provided through the Victim-Witness Assistance Unit of the Delaware County District Attorney's Office, Children & Youth Services, the Office of Court Services and the Victim Services Unit of Juvenile Court and through organizations such as the Domestic Abuse Project, Family Support Line and our Child Advocacy Center, Senior Victim Services, Mothers Against Drunk Drivers, Parents of Murdered Children and Women Against Rape.

This year these organizations and Delaware County District Attorney Jack Whelan will once again sponsor programs to draw attention to the plight of victims and the services and assistance available to them. Following this meeting, an awards ceremony is scheduled here in this public meeting room at noon, hosted by the District Attorney's Office and Victims Services Committee.

Mr. McBlain further said three advocates and organizations that provide outstanding services to victims will be recognized. Brittany Sanford, a teacher at Culbertson Elementary School, was nominated for her efforts as an advocate for a vulnerable child who suffered abuse. Also being recognized is Cavan Construction Company, Inc., a family-owned company located in Aston Township, nominated for their generosity to adopt families during the Christmas holiday. Lastly, the Social Services Department at Fair Acres Geriatric Facility, is nominated for their dedication

to ensuring senior victims of crime are treated with dignity, respect and receive the services they deserve.

In addition to today's ceremony at noon, there will be a vigil for all crime victims organized by Parents of Murdered Children tonight at 7 P.M. in Courtroom One, the Honorable John V. Diggins Ceremonial Courtroom.

Mr. McBlain called on District Attorney Jack Whelan to come forward and to introduce the representatives we have here today and to tell us a little more about the efforts of his office and the committee.

District Attorney Whelan said it was an honor to be back before County Council and to recognize Victims' Rights Week. We celebrate this week every year and it is important to not only recognize victims but to also point out to Council the directors of the various agencies that are here today. He acknowledged the various agencies that were here today such as Women Against Rape, Family Support Line, Children and Youth Services, Parents of Murdered Children, Domestic Abuse Project and Mothers Against Drunk Drivers.

In the Criminal Justice System, we have many prosecutors that are in the courtrooms everyday trying to administer justice and trying to protect victims. It is these agency representatives who meet with victims and bring them into the courtroom to help in their endeavors. It is also important to point out they are the key for the criminal justice system in dealing with the plight of the victims.

So, on behalf of the Office of the District Attorney, D.A. Whelan thanked them for all the service they provide. Without their services and staff, they would not be able to do what they do.

Mr. McBlain called on Mr. White to continue with today's Agenda Items.

Motion made by Mr. White approving the request by the Controller's Office for payment of current bills, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried with an abstention vote registered by Mr. White as it pertains to bills associated with CM3 Building Solutions.

**SOLICITOR:** Mr. Maddren said he had no County business to report or request today.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Pat Kosinski, Executive Director of the Family Support Line, thanked County Council for their continued support helping victims in our community. She announced a program that the Family Support Line would have tomorrow (April 6) at 10 A.M. for parents in keeping your children safe. They know the behaviors of child sexual abuse predators and what they do to entice our children. They want all parents to know how they can talk with their child, just like they talk about every other safety rule in their lives, and keep them safe from abuse.



**COUNCIL:** Mr. Culp thanked the Delaware County Historical Society for coming in today and extended best wishes on their upcoming event. He thanked Cathy Bittle and her entire team; it seems like every library was represented here today. Lastly, to D.A. Whelan and all the agencies represented here today, we can't thank them enough for the help they give to the most vulnerable people in the county.

Mr. White echoed Mr. Culp's comments. Every week we honor different groups and it is amazing how many terrific groups and organizations we have that work on behalf of the County residents. You should all be proud of the work you have done. It is important for them to know, that even on important days like today, their work does not go unnoticed. Their work is appreciated all year such as the libraries, social services, Senior Victim Services and (certainly) the District Attorney's Office.

First, Mr. McBlain recognized County Sheriff Mary McFall Hopper who was in the meeting today and who is a strong advocate for the Victims' Rights Groups.

To all the groups/organizations that are here today that were recognized, Mr. McBlain said thank you for the work you do. The Delaware County Historical Society does great work. It has been his privilege to attend a lot of their annual meetings and he believes the most fun meeting was the one held on an old trolley. You have the premier disc jockey - Steve Kurtz who is real "star power" and brings that to the concert event.

He thanked Cathy Bittle and her staff. Your library card is a key to a lot of things. Not only is your library card a ticket to get the latest and hottest best-seller books but you can also read current newspapers additions, databases or business databases that people may need for their business - it is all there.

Many thanks to the Victims' Advocates during Victims' Rights Week. Not only are you there for victims during the course of a criminal prosecution, but you are there after the headline is made. You stay with people for months and years after the court proceedings are over and after justice has been administered.

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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