

PRESENT: Mario J. Civera, Jr., Chairman; Colleen P. Morrone, Vice Chairman; 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 May 31, 2017 to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag led by Angelena Graybeal, a 2nd Grade student at Aston Elementary School. Marc Manfre, Director of County Parks and Recreation, gave the invocation.

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

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 24, 2017, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Central Tax Collection Department's request for refunds for the years 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 Mrs. Morrone approving Central Tax Collection Department's request for 56 Court Ordered refunds for the years 2016 and 2017 for property owners in Darby Township in the total amount of \$11,626.48. The motion was seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving a contract between the County of Delaware and S. J. Thomas Company, Inc. to provide for renovations to the 5th and Penn Streets Building, in Chester, at a cost not to exceed \$1,494,700.00, pursuant to the Keystone Purchasing Network (KPN) Contract No. KPB-ERS-201401-JOCC-25. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Chairman Civera called on Mimi Bradley Walker, Director of the Department of Domestic Relations, to speak on Agenda Item 8.

Mrs. Walker asked for Council's approval of a five-year Lease Contract with Pitney Bowes for a new mail machine and a folding machine. The cost for the five-year lease is \$72,952.80 of which 66% will be made by the State. The State will be paying \$48,148.85.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to enter into a five (5) year Lease Contract with Pitney Bowes for s SendPro Mail Machine and a Relay Inserter for the Domestic Relations Department to process mail at the monthly cost of \$1,215.88 (\$72,952.80/5-year lease period). (Funding: 66% State, 34% County) The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving a Lease Extension between the County of Delaware and GPA, LLC for two (2) years for 3,184 sq. ft. of space located at 349 W. Baltimore Pike, Media, PA, for use as District Court 32-1-28. The rent will increase \$.25 per sq. ft. during each year of the lease period. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Chairman Civera spoke on Agenda Item 10, announcing the Delaware County Summer Festival.

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 the family.

One of the exceptional programs that our Department of Parks & Recreation 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 whole region, and this year marks the 43rd season of our popular local tradition.

Chairman Civera said opening night for the 2017 Summer Festival will be Wednesday, June 14 with a concert by the Delaware County Symphony, a classical orchestra presenting works by Tchaikovsky, Beethoven and Gershwin. There will be 46 live performances throughout the summer, all *free* and open to the public every Wednesday through Sunday evenings and concluding on Sunday, August 13 with a tribute to Eric Clapton. There are also two morning children's concerts on June 21 and 30. This year Delco's own Audra McLaughlin from NBC's "The Voice" will headline the June 29th show.

Some of our Summer Festival performers are also Delaware County residents. We are pleased that we can give local performers a chance to perform for a hometown audience. The full concert schedule is available on the County website and brochures are available throughout the county, including at our libraries.

Chairman Civera recognized Marc Manfre, Director of Parks & Recreation; Jeffrey Rudolph, President of the Park Board; Beth Chapman, Marketing & Communications Manager, Parks and Recreation; and Marty Milligan, Board member who attended this morning's meeting.

Chairman Civera called on Mr. Manfre to say a words about this year's Summer Festival.

Mr. Manfre thanked County Council for their support throughout the 43 years of this great festival and the great venue that Rose Tree Park is. Beth Chapman does a great job in planning, marketing and raising some of the funds through our corporate dollars to help defray costs. Jeff Rudolph has been on the Park Board for close to 20 years and also Marty Milligan, a Board member, who supports them in so many ways. Without the support of County Council, this festival would never get off the ground each year. Councilman White's support is unbelievable as Council's liaison on the Parks & Recreation Board.

He introduced two of this year's performers, namely Lonnie Shields, a resident of Upper Darby and Jesse Loewy, a resident of Havertown. They will perform at the Summer Festival on Friday, June 30 in the Lonnie Shields Band.

Mr. Rudolph said Delaware County has been fortunate to have Lonnie Shields as a local resident for 22 years. He is a genuine southern gentleman whose musical career has taken him from sharing the stage with blues legend BB King to touring all over the world. His 1992 CD "Portrait" was named album of the year by Living Blues Magazine. For the past few concert seasons, Lonnie Shields Band has played at the Summer Festival and featured Jesse Loewy as part of the show.

Last year, Jesse Loewy graduated from Haverford High School and decided to put Berkley College of Music, in Boston, on hold to officially join the Lonnie Shields Band.

Now after a year's worth of hard work, the Lonnie Shield's Band will be celebrating the release of a brand new CD, titled "Code Blue" and will be available for purchase in June.

Chairman Civera called on Mr. White to speak on Agenda Item 11, the presentation of the Passport to History Awards.

Mr. White said one thing we really enjoy is when we can have young people attend our meetings and even more enjoyable when we have an opportunity to hear their thoughts and views on government and history.

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. William Penn first stepped foot in America in 1682, in the City of Chester.

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 Colonial Pennsylvania 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 in the Passport to History Essay Contest.

Mr. White has been told that all the entries were excellent and many of them focused on the judicial system. He looks forward to reading them. Nine winners were chosen and were invited to attend this morning to receive Certificates of Achievement from the Historical Society.

Today, we are pleased to have with us members of the Historical Society including Sam Fleetman, Chairman of the Board, and Karyn Confer, DCHS Education Director.

Mr. White recognized the following individuals who are the Passport to History Essay winners: (St. Thomas School) Ava Koeningsmann, Vincent Iacone, Michael Medici, Madeline Schmitt and Molly Mayo; and (Aston Elementary School) Madison Tadeo, James Centola, Jarod Wothers and Bradley Carotunuto.

Ms. Houldin thanked Mr. White, who is County Council's liaison to the Delaware County Historical Society, for his support and hard work in helping them continue their work with such great programs such as the Passport to History. Also, many thanks to Delaware County Council for their continued support because without their support it would be very hard for them to continue these great programs, not just the Delaware County Historical Society but all 70 historical societies across Delaware County.

The Delaware County's Historical Society is an organization that serves to engage and excite our community by teaching its past, to understanding the present and to inspire the future.

Karen Confer, DCHS Education Director and coordinator of the Passport to History Program, said 2017 is an amazing year since 335 years ago William Penn first stepped foot in Chester, PA. The Passport to History assignment this year was to write an essay about William Penn.

Chairman Civera acknowledged Honorable Linda Cartisano, Judge of the Court of Common Pleas and Delaware County Historical Society Board member, who attended today's meeting.

Chairman Civera called on Mr. White to speak on Agenda Item 12, the presentation of the Drug & Alcohol Poster Contest Winners.

Mr. White said awards will be presented this morning to 15 students for their winning entries in the 29th Annual Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Awareness Poster Contest. Over 650 posters were received from students in 25 different schools for the 2017 contest.

The contest is funded by County Council through the County Office of Behavioral Health, Division of Drug and Alcohol, and coordinated by Holcomb Behavioral Health Systems. The winning posters will be featured in the 2018 Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Awareness Calendar, which is distributed throughout Delaware County, recognizing the winning students.

With so many great entries, the judging process was very difficult. A group of prevention professionals first choose the best posters from each category. The remaining posters were posted anonymously for the final voting process. The 15 students will be awarded a VISA gift card for their positive prevention messaging and artwork.

Mr. White called on Elizabeth Naughton-Beck, Chairman of the Drug & Alcohol Advisory Board, who introduced the following individuals who accompanied her this morning: Helen McGoohan, Ray McKinney, Anne Jennings, Gayle Oddi, Aerielle Waters, Bridget Marley and Laura Fidorowicz.

Mrs. Naughton-Beck introduced the following students who won the 2017 Alcohol, Tobacco and Other Drug Poster Contest: Alyssa Bruton, Angelena Graybeal, Meadow Fisher, Kayla Tidwell, Sebastian Graham, Reihinna Harris, Jaclyn Cwierniewicz, Ava Elliot, Alicia Chipolla, Gabby Youngers, Caroline Wood and Kayleigh Saboja. Also, the *Best Art* was awarded to Allison Deaton; *Best Message* to Giovanna Scuderi; and *Best Overall* to Madelyn Kich.

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

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving the request by the Controller's Office for payment of current bills, seconded by Mr. White and carried with an abstention vote registered by Mrs. Morrone as it pertains to Goodwill.

SOLICITOR: No County business today.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Stephanie Gaboriault and Marcia Tate, Members of the Board of Directors, Friends of Glen Providence Park, gave a brief update on the upcoming events to take place at the park. They also announced the "Arts in the Park" series that will take place in Glen Providence Park on June 3, July 8, August 12 and September 9. They thanked Delaware County Parks & Recreation and Delaware County Council for working with them since this is the oldest park in Delaware County. They work a lot with Marc Manfre and Norm Bennett, who are wonderful to work with and who do an amazing job. They thanked County Council, especially Councilman White, for their consideration of the footbridge proposal.

Chairman Civera personally thanked Mrs. Gaboriault and the Friends of Glen Providence Park for what they do to provide services and programs for the County of Delaware.

Mr. White said without having an organization like the Friends of Glen Providence Park that does such a great job, it would make their job a lot harder. Council is very grateful for everything they have done through the plantings, concert series and just the good works they do at the Glen Providence Park.

Mr. White said concerning the footbridge project, they met with our engineer this morning and we are moving forward with that. We are gathering all the information from each group so we can move as quickly as possible on this. He will continue to give updates when they become available.

Brian Zidek, 13 Rose Valley Road, ((Nether Providence Township) Media, extended his congratulations to all the winners of the essay and poster contests. He said he was here this

morning because he is interested in history and government and trying to learn more about what County Council does and how they do it.

Specifically, he asked about Agenda Item 7, the approval of a contract with S. J. Thomas Company in the amount of \$1,494,700.00 and, in order to gain greater insight, he asked how these contracts are arrived at, how many bidders there were and the criteria that was used to arrive at that cost.

Solicitor Maddren replied that Item #7 was awarded through KPN, a program via which the Commonwealth bids for goods and services allowing local municipalities to participate at those rates.

COUNCIL: Mr. Culp congratulated all the winners for both the Passport to History Awards and the Drug and Alcohol Poster Contest winners. They did a tremendous job and that is a testament to you, your parents and the schools. He thanked everyone involved. Lastly, he encouraged everyone to attend the Delaware County Summer Festival and also the Glen Providence Park Festivals; these are tremendous events that are *free*.

Mr. White congratulated all the winners. You can pick-up some fascinating things with the essay to the Passport to History. When the students come up with their own ideas about time-machines, Lenape Indians, etc. and William Penn having 12 kids by 2 wives, it is fascinating. The parents and grandparents who are here today should be especially proud. As for the Drug and Alcohol Poster contest, he is so happy to see at an early age that we are getting the word out to all our residents about the importance of not going down that road to addiction.

Mrs. Morrone also added her congratulations to all the award winners today. By recognizing history and drug and alcohol addiction, these are things that help to make our county a great place to live and work and to raise a family. Thanks to everyone who came out today and the effort you put into making your community a great place to live.

On behalf of the entire Council, Chairman Civera said they want to sincerely thank everyone for their attendance today. Most of all when you see the young people come forward to receive these awards, you get to see the pride in their faces and it is unbelievable. Thanks to every student here today.

Lastly, Chairman Civera said in two weeks Council will begin their summer meeting schedule meeting every other week. There will be a Council Meeting on June 7 and then the next meeting will be held on June 21. If you want to attend an Agenda Meeting, you are more than welcome to come in. We are an open Council and we don't hold anything back.

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