

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 August 30, 2017 to order, held at Brandywine Battlefield Park, 1491 Baltimore Pike, Chadds Ford, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag led by Frank Murphy, Chadds Ford Supervisor and Curtis Cheyney, Board and President Emeritus of the Sons of the American Revolution. Linn Trimbell, President of Brandywine Battlefield Park Association, gave the invocation.

Chairman Civera introduced all members of County Council, County Clerk, County Solicitor, Executive Director and County Controller. He then called on Vice Chairman Morrone to start tonight's Agenda Items.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Agenda Item 4, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 16, 2017, seconded by Mr. McBlain 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 2 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 an Agreement between the County of Delaware and the Delaware County Transportation Management Association (DCTMA) to perform all services related to the PennDOT Community Traffic Safety Program in the amount of \$77,548.97. (Funding: PennDOT) The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Resolution HOME 2017-02 providing an additional \$359,295.00 to Kinder Park Housing Partnership III LP for financing the new construction of 56 residential rental units at the Kinder Park III Housing Development, in Ridley Township. (Total HOME commitment will be \$2,400,000.00.) The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. White and carried with an abstention vote cast by Mr. McBlain.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Agenda Item 8 to submit an Application to the PA Gaming Control Board for the Local Law Enforcement Grant Program to continue to conduct undercover investigations and prosecution to identify unlawful gambling within the County of Delaware for the term 10/1/2017 to 9/30/2019 in the amount of \$500,000.00. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to submit a Grant Application to the Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, for the 2017 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant in the amount of \$134,188.00. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to supplement the District Attorney's Grant to the Pennsylvania State Police to pay overtime wages to officers patrolling the City of Chester in the amount of \$50,000.00. (Restricted Gaming) The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Agenda Item 11 to enter into a Grant Agreement with the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency for the 2017 Urban Area Security Initiative for the period 9/1/2017 through 8/31/2020. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to enter into a Grant Agreement with the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency for the 2017 State Homeland Security Grant Program for the period 9/1/2017 through 8/31/2020. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Chairman Civera called on John Daly, Director of the Office of Workforce Development, to speak on Agenda Item 13.

Mr. Daly asked for Council's approval of a contract on the attached list. There are no County funds utilized in approving this request.

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

Chairman Civera called on Mr. White to speak on Agenda Item 14, a Resolution announcing the Brandywine Battlefield Park's Remembrance Ceremony.

Mr. White said Delaware County has a rich history and culture and we are fortunate to have many organizations and individuals in the county who are committed to preserving and promoting that rich history and keeping it alive for future generations.

Brandywine Battlefield Park holds a significant piece of history for the United States. When we think about the War for Independence, most of us recall the opening shots at Lexington and Concord and we remember Washington crossing the Delaware on Christmas night, but some forget (or maybe don't even know) about the Battle of Brandywine. It was the largest battle in terms of combatants during the entire War for Independence. There were over 30,000 combatants in the battle which took place on September 11, 1777.

During the summer of 1777, British General William Howe was in New York City with a large force. When General Washington learned that the fleet had moved to the Chesapeake Bay, in Maryland, he suspected the plan was to attack Philadelphia and chose the Brandywine Creek as his site to defend Philadelphia.

At roughly 5:00 A.M., on September 11, 1777, General Howe and 7,100 men marched out of Kennett Square east toward the Brandywine Creek. The first shots of the battle happened at Welch's Tavern, which was located near the present day entrance to Longwood Gardens.

The number of casualties is unknown but historians estimate the British lost 500 to 600 and the Americans lost 1,000 to 1,300. Many Americans were buried in a mass grave at the Birmingham Meeting House, in West Chester.

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania established this commemorative park in 1949 and the Brandywine Battlefield Park Associates was founded in 1979. Brandywine Battlefield Park's mission is to serve the educational needs of the public through the preservation of the cultural landscape and the interpretation of the largest single day battle of the American Revolution.

The park provides educational and recreational programs and services to the community. A majority of the protected area at the site is woodland with meadows and a small stream which feeds into a tributary of the Brandywine Creek. The property provides a wildlife habitat that many hikers, bird watchers and nature lovers enjoy.

Throughout the year, they present many educational programs, exhibits, tours and events. On September 11, they will host a Remembrance Ceremony from 6:00 P.M. to 7 P.M. This event will feature reenactors such as George Washington portrayed by a living biographer and the ringing of the 9/11 bell. They will also have the dedication of their new cannon carriage.

Mr. White recognized the following individuals who were in attendance: Linnell Trimbell, President of the Brandywine Battlefield Park Remembrance Ceremony; George Thorpe, 1st Vice President; John Kabli, 2nd Vice President; Judy Thorpe, Secretary; Curtis Cheyney, President Emeritus of the Sons of the American Revolution; Brian Thorpe, County Councilman John McBlain; Thomas Ruddy; Andrew Outten, Director of Education & Museum Services; and Robert Weaver.

Mr. White congratulated them for all the fine work they have done on both the educational side and the preservation side. Council presented the representatives of the Brandywine Park Associates with a Resolution.

Chairman Civera called on Mrs. Morrone to speak on a Resolution recognizing the Brandywine Conservancy's 50th Anniversary.

Mrs. Morrone said Open Space is a priority to Delaware County Council and we continuously work with County departments, municipalities and organizations to create and preserve open space by giving our residents areas to exercise and enjoy nature and to enhance their overall quality of life.

The Brandywine Conservancy & Museum of Art is committed to the belief that preservation and wise use of natural and cultural resources provide health, education, beauty and increased quality of life for individuals and communities. The Brandywine Conservancy & Museum of Art has been working for the past 50 years to assure present and future generations have open space, dependable water supplies, historical sites and important works of American art.

In the mid 1960's, Chadds Ford faced possible industrial development. The impact would have dramatically changed the character and future of this area. At the same time, and for decades thereafter, development proposed throughout the region, particularly in floodplain areas, threatened to devastate water supplies for numerous communities in southeastern Pennsylvania and northern Delaware.

Understanding the need for rapid action, a group of local residents purchased endangered land and founded the Brandywine Conservancy in 1967. The first conservation easements, protecting more than five and a half miles along the Brandywine, were granted in 1969. Today, the Conservancy holds more than 479 conservation easements and has protected more than 63,000 acres in Delaware and Chester Counties in Pennsylvania and in New Castle County, Delaware.

The Brandywine Conservancy is a leading local and national advocate for responsible land use, open space preservation and water protection. The Conservancy works with individuals; state, county and municipal governments; and private organizations to permanently protect and conserve natural, cultural and scenic resources. In 2016, Delaware County Council worked with them, along with Concord Township, the Conservation Fund and the Mount Cuba Center, to preserve 240 acres of Beaver Valley, in nearby Concord Township. We were thrilled to work with them to preserve this beautiful piece of land for our residents to enjoy.

In 1971, the Conservancy opened the Brandywine River Museum of Art in the renovated Hoffman's Mill, a former gristmill built in 1864 that was part of the Conservancy's first preservation efforts. The museum has an international reputation for its unparalleled collection and its dedication to American art with the primary emphasis on the art of the Brandywine region, American illustration, still-life and landscape paintings including the work of the Wyeth Family. Nearly 300 special exhibitions have been shown in the museum's six galleries and a variety of educational programs are offered throughout the year.

The Brandywine Conservancy has thousands of members throughout the region and the nation, including a Young Friends of the Brandywine group that hosts events throughout the year. More

than 300 volunteers work at the museum as gardeners and in the native plant gardens that surround the Conservancy's buildings and in other capacities throughout the Conservancy.

This year, they are celebrating their 50th Anniversary with events throughout the year including the opening of a new trail. They have several events and exhibits this fall including "Bike the Brandywine." Mrs. Morrone called on Ellen Ferretti, the Director of the Brandywine Conservancy, to tell us a little more about that event and to introduce other members.

Ms. Ferretti introduced the following members of her staff who attended the meeting tonight: David Shields, Associate Director for Land Conservation; John Theilacker, Associate Director for Municipal Assistance; and Andrew Stewart, Director of Marketing & Communications.

On behalf of the Brandywine Conservancy and the Museum of Art, Ms. Ferretti thanked County Council for the Resolution. They hold numerous events during the year. This year will be the 2nd Bike the Brandywine event that will take place on Saturday, September 30, a 50-mile loop (more or less) through the greenway to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Brandywine Conservancy.

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

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 requested one addition to tonight's Agenda, a late addition that is time-sensitive. This will be Resolution 2017-9 that will be described in further detail by Adam Matlawski, of the Delaware County Authority.

Mr. Matlawski said this Resolution is a request for County Council's approval of a financing in an amount not to exceed \$110,000,000.00 issued by the Montgomery County Higher Education and Health Authority for the benefit of the Presbytery Homes, Inc. This is a multi-county Bond issue that includes facilities in Montgomery County and Delaware County. The facilities in Delaware County are the Townships of Broomall and Radnor (Broomall Presbyterian Village and Rosemont Presbyterian Village).

Mr. Matlawski said Delaware County has no financial responsibility with the approval of this Resolution, but because they (County Council) are the highest elected authority within the County and some of the facilities are located in Delaware County, County Council's authorization is required. A TEFRA hearing was held on August 10 and there were no public comments, written or oral, at that time.

Solicitor Maddren said, because this is a late addition to the Agenda, it would be appropriate for Chairman Civera to take any public comment on Resolution 2017-9. There was no public comment(s).

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone to adopt Resolution 2017-9 declaring it desirable to the health, safety and welfare of the residents of Delaware County for the Montgomery County Higher Education Association to undertake a financing for Philadelphia Presbytery Homes, Inc. in the amount of \$110,000,000.00. The motion was seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Frank Murphy, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, Chadds Ford Township, introduced other members of the Board that accompanied him tonight – Samantha Reiner, Vice Chairman; Noelle Barbone, Supervisor; and Township Manager Amanda Serock.

Mr. Murphy outlined a new project they are working on in the township called “Walkable Chadds Ford”, which is in conjunction with the Brandywine Conservancy. Their large goal is to help minimize the impact of that ribbon of asphalt known as Route 1 between Chadds Ford and Pennsbury Township. The goal of this project is to make Chadds Ford and the Chadds Ford Village a more walkable, pedestrian friendly area so when people get out of their car and walk around the Village they are more comfortable shopping in our stores, going to museums and spending time at the Battlefield and enjoying our natural resources. It is a multi-year project. They have applied for grants and are hoping over the next couple of years you will start seeing this project payout.

COUNCIL: Mr. Culp thanked everyone for attending this evening’s Council Meeting, especially the local officials and the Brandywine Battlefield Park Associates for hosting Council tonight. He congratulated the Brandywine Conservancy & Museum of Art for their 50th anniversary and good luck in their future endeavors.

Mr. White also thanked everyone for attending, not just being here but for all the good work they do year round here at the park and in preserving the artifacts. He recalled his childhood days coming to the park and getting their family Christmas tree with his dad. Congratulations and keep up the good work!

Mr. McBlain thanked the Brandywine Conservancy for all the work they do. We were certainly thrilled and excited earlier this year with the acquisition of the new open space in Beaver Valley, preserving 240 acres in nearby Concord Township.

Mr. McBlain said he is intrigued about history and the details and proud to say he is a member of the Brandywine Battlefield Park Associates. There is a spirit and vitality about the park and its educational programs in what has been done and knowing the story.

Mr. McBlain further said Council had some significant matters that were approved tonight, such as public safety; accepting grants from the Gaming Control Board in the amount of \$500,000.00 for our C.I.D. and District Attorney’s Office; and the Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant that will be redistributed to high crime areas such as the City of Chester and the Borough of Darby. Delaware County is contributing to the efforts begun by our District Attorney Jack Whelan to contribute money to the City of Chester for the Pennsylvania State Police to patrol there.

Agenda Items 11 and 12 are grants from P.E.M.A. and the federal government that funds many of our Emergency Preparedness and Homeland Security matters in the county such as the mobile data terminals that have become an integral part of police equipment. Every police car in Delaware County is equipped with a computer that was funded by Delaware County.

Mrs. Morrone congratulated the Brandywine Battlefield Park Associates and the Conservancy for all their work. They rely on volunteers and the community to help protect our history and culture and our lands for the future by working with partnerships and local municipalities including Concord, Bethel and Thornbury Townships.

Chairman Civera said it is always a pleasure for Delaware County Council to travel to different municipalities for their meetings and to meet the residents and express what Council does on a weekly basis.

Chairman Civera recognized the following individuals who were here tonight: Bethel Township – Michael Davey (Chairman); Chadds Ford – Frank Murphy (Chairman), Samantha Reiner (Vice Chairman) and Noelle Barbone (Supervisor); Concord Township – Dominic Pileggi (Chairman); Thornbury Township – Jim Raith (Chairman) and James Kelly (Vice Chairman).

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

Council Meeting August 30, 2017

**DELAWARE COUNTY WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
AGREEMENTS, CONTRACTS & AMENDMENT TO CONTRACTS**

| Contract Number | Name of Provider | Type of Service | Term of Contract/Agreement | Proposed Contract/Agreement Amount |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| DCIU-017-17YT | Delaware County Intermediate Unit | OPTIONS Program, Year Round Youth | 7/1/17-6/30/18 | \$81,339.00 |