

PRESENT: John P. McBlain, Chairman; Colleen P. Morrone, Vice Chairman; Michael F. Culp, Council Member; Kevin M. Madden, Council Member; Brian P. Zidek, Council Member; Joanne Phillips, Controller; Marianne Grace, Executive Director; Michael L. Maddren, Solicitor; Anne M. Coogan, County Clerk; and other department heads.

The Regular Meeting of Delaware County Council was held on October 31, 2018 at 10:00 A.M. in the County Council Meeting Room, Government Center Building located at 201 W. Front Street, Media, PA. Chairman McBlain called the meeting to order followed the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag led by Joe Hinderhofer, a U.S. Marine Corps Veteran. Lisa Casey, of the Office of Veterans Affairs, gave the invocation.

Chairman McBlain welcomed everyone to today's Council Meeting and asked that a Moment of Silence be observed for the eleven people who were shot and killed while worshipping at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh on Saturday morning, October 27.

Chairman McBlain spoke on Agenda Item 4, the announcement of the flying of the U.S. Marine Corps Flag this morning.

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 on September 11, 2001, a new generation of heroes have stepped up to preserved peace and safeguard our homeland. In Delaware County, we are committed to showing our appreciation of their dedication, courage and sacrifice.

We honor them in many ways with one of them being through our Armed Services Tribute Board in the lobby of the Government Center Building. We also honor the five service branches – the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force and Coast Guard by flying their flag to observe their anniversaries.

This morning, we raised the flag of the U.S. Marine Corps, which was established on November 10, 1775. It will fly for one week from the flagpoles in the courtyard of the Government Center and Courthouse complex and in front of the Courthouse.

Joining us this morning to celebrate the Marine Corps anniversary are the following Marine Corps veterans: Joseph Daly, Bill Kinney, Joe Hinderhofer and Lou Camilli. We are proud to have such distinguished veterans with us today. On behalf of all Delaware County residents we thank them for their dedication and bravery in serving and protecting our nation.

Chairman McBlain called on Mr. Culp to speak on Agenda Item 5, a Resolution recognizing the Delaware County Veterans Memorial Association and announcing the Annual Freedom Medal Awards Dinner.

Mr. Culp said Delaware County is home to many veterans who have bravely served our nation. We currently have 35,000 veterans of all military branches living in our county.

In 2013, the Delaware County Veterans Memorial, in Newtown Square, was built as a tribute to the men and women across Delaware County who have served in the United States military. The Memorial serves as a place to learn about war and conflict in U.S. history, a place to reflect upon the bravery and sacrifice of our local veterans and a place to honor those who have served to defend our rights and protect our freedom.

The Veterans Memorial Association hosts an annual Freedom Medal Dinner to pay tribute to the brave men and women of the armed services and to raise funds to help support its educational programs that ensure future generations in knowing about our nation's military history and sacrifice.

Delaware County Council is once again proud to partner with the Veterans Memorial Association to host the 5th Annual Freedom Medal Awards Dinner on November 14, at the Springfield County Club.

The 2018 Freedom Medal Award winners are: Lou Camilli, U.S. Marine Corps veteran; Joe Hinderhofer, U.S. Marine Corps veteran; Alan Macauley, U.S. Marine Corps veteran; Marsha Four, U.S. Army Nurse Corps veteran; Rudy Shaffhauser, U.S. Navy veteran; and Jeffery White, U.S. Navy veteran.

The Education Award, in honor of Linda M. Houldin, will be presented to Scenic Hills Elementary School. The Dedication to our Community Award will be presented to SAP. The President's Award will be presented to Carolyn Hilton-Finney with Independence Blue Cross.

Mr. Culp said Council would like to recognize these award winners today and the following members of the Veterans Memorial Association for all their efforts: Guy Fizzano, President; Chief Joe Daly, Co-Vice President; Claude de Botton, Founding Member and major benefactor; and Nicole de Botton Robinson, Board Member.

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

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 17, 2018, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Central Tax Collection Department's request for refunds for the year 2018 County Real Estate Taxes for 21 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 Agenda Item 8 to submit a Grant Application to the PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency for the Senior Victim Services/Court Financial Services RASA Grant for the term 1/1/2019 to 12/31/2020 in the amount of \$272,660.00. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to Re-Advertise for Bids for rehabilitation and repair of County Bridge No. 183, the Upland Bridge over Chester Creek, in the Borough of Upland, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone to Award Contract No. E-100518 to Mahoney & Mahoney Landscaping for snow removal of selected County Bridges for a three (3) year contract, beginning 11/1/2018 to 11/1/2021, for a fee of \$40.00 per man hour, \$75.00 per truck with snowplow and operator and \$35.00 per 50 lb. bag of Calcium Chloride Pellets as needed and determined by the Public Works Department based on weather conditions. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Agenda Item 11 to Award Contract No. E8-2018 to Road-Con Inc. for the rehabilitation and repair of County Bridge No. 158, the E. Ninth Street Bridge over Ridley Creek, in the City of Chester and the Borough of Eddystone, for a sum of \$164,578.00. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to Award Contract for Pella Windows to Gunton Corporation, on COSTARS Vendor No. 008-540, to replace resident windows at Fair Acres Geriatric Center, Building No. 7 at an amount not to exceed \$25,593.61. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Agenda Item 13, a Professional Services Agreement with Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP to perform the audit of the County's General Purpose Financial Statements for the year ending December 31, 2018 at the cost of \$265,000.00. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp. Discussion followed. The motion was carried unanimously.

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

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

Chairman McBlain called on Dave Burn, Warden of the George Hill Correctional Facility, to give us an update on where we stand now on an issue (a problem) they had at the prison over the weekend.

Dave Burn, Warden of the George Hill Correctional Facility, gave a timeline of the events that took place at the prison after a crack in the main water pipe that feeds from the municipal water supply for the waste water treatment plant occurred late Friday evening, October 26, 2018. A lengthy discussion followed.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Russell Harper, 1812 5th Avenue, Folsom, commented on animal welfare and the lack of animal control in Delaware County.

Pat Maloney, who runs P.A.L.S. – the largest cat rescue in Delaware County, said there is a need for a good animal welfare facility for cats and dogs in Delaware County.

Lisa Roberts, Director of the Providence Animal Center, 555 Sandy Bank Road, Media, said the facility re-evaluated their mission when they changed from being known as the Delaware County S.P.C.A. to the Providence Animal Center.

Don Green, 1736 Galey Street, Upper Chichester Township, commented on the stray dog situation in the county. He also suggested that the local police be trained on how to handle calls where there is a stray animal and/or injured animal.

Joanne Abt, 3709 Commerce Avenue, Brookhaven, said a few words about the problem of stray dogs in Delaware County and that it needs to be addressed.

John Butler, 208 Laurel Lane, Marple Township, encouraged Delaware County residents to get their dogs licensed, which will help in finding the owner of their animal if it gets lost. He also commented on the \$100.00 processing fee of an inmate entering the prison and how much of the recycling material is being recycled and/or trashed.

Maria Marinakis, 924 Eddystone Avenue, Eddystone, commented on the stray dog situation and the lack of knowledge of municipalities on the dog law and the enforcement of licensing of their pets.

Kim Pablywood, 1 W. Sproul Road, Springfield, said there is a lack of value in the living creatures around us. She also supports a subcommittee being formed concerning stray animals and hopes the public will be kept informed on the progress.

Sean Garraty, 5 N. Llanwellyn Avenue, Glenolden, a former resident at the George Hill Correctional Facility, said he is an advocate for opioid abuse treatment and recovery. He also spoke about the unsanitary conditions he experienced at the prison.

Michelle McDonald, 29 Congress Avenue, Springfield, is an advocate for microchipping your animals. She supports our municipalities having scanners and the education on how to use them.

Senator Daylin Leach, of Senate District 17, gave a brief overview of things happening in the PA Senate as it relates to Criminal Justice Reform, medical marijuana dispensaries, human trafficking, food waste and recycling, and the Mariner 2 Pipeline, just to name a few.

COUNCIL: Mr. Zidek offered a public service announcement saying that we have Elections coming up on Tuesday, November 6 where he encourages all Delaware County citizens to go out and participate in our democracy and vote.

Mr. Madden also encourages everyone to get out and vote regardless of their political persuasion.

Mr. Culp thanked everyone for coming out today and encourages everyone to come out on November 14 to the Veterans Memorial Freedom dinner. Tonight is Halloween, so be aware of Trick or Treaters when you are out and about.

Chairman McBlain said our Philadelphia Union Soccer Team is playing in the playoff game tonight in New York after their most successful regular season. We wish them good luck and continue to remain proud of our own Major League Soccer Team.

There being no further County business, nor public discussion, motion made by Mr. Culp to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Madden and carried unanimously.

ANNE M. COOGAN, County Clerk