

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.

Mr. Civera introduced himself as the Chairman of County Council and extended thanks to Cardinal O'Hara High School for hosting today's meeting. He said this meeting gives the students an opportunity to see what local government does on a weekly basis in the County of Delaware.

Chairman Civera said he normally presides over the Council meeting, but today our youngest member of Delaware County Council and an O'Hara alumni, Michael Culp, is going to preside over today's meeting.

Mr. Culp called the meeting of May 6, 2015 (held at Cardinal O'Hara High School, 1701 S. Sproul Road, Springfield) to order. He called on Student Council President Ryan Shaughnessy and other members of Student Council to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. He called on Father Ugo Piasentin, School Minister, to give the invocation.

Mr. Culp introduced all the Council members, Controller O'Lone, Executive Director Grace, Solicitor Maddren and County Clerk Coogan. He then called on Vice Chairwoman Colleen Morrone to start the Agenda Items.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Agenda Item 4, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 29, 2015, seconded by Chairman Civera and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Central Tax Collection Department's request for refunds for the years 2014 and 2015 County Real Estate Taxes for 4 property owners due to overpayment of the amount of taxes due, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Mr. Culp called on District Attorney Jack Whelan to speak on Agenda Item 6.

D.A. Whelan said it was a great honor for him to be back at Cardinal O'Hara High School; he, too, is a graduate of O'Hara. Great things happen when you come to O'Hara and great things happen when you graduate from O'Hara.

D.A. Whelan said he has the privilege today to talk about ICAC, which stands for Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force. The Task Force works on a daily basis to protect children from the dangers on the Internet. He is sure the majority of the students here this morning have cellphones, computers and everyday access to these electronic devices.

Every day the ICAC Task Force is on the Internet searching to make sure that the predators out there are being dealt with and being brought to justice to make sure you are protected and safe.

The County receives a grant, in excess of a half-million dollars, annually from the federal government to make sure our children are safe.

D.A. Whelan encouraged the students, when they use their cellphones to text message, email, send pictures (which are appropriate not inappropriate pictures), etc., to do it in a safe manner.

He, therefore, asked County Council's approval of the Time Extension ICAC Grant.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Agenda Item 6, the Time Extension *only* for the Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Grant from the U. S. Department of Justice extending the grant ending date from 6/30/2015 to 9/30/2015. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Mr. Culp called on Eleanor Smith, Director of the County Office of Telecommunications, to speak on Agenda Item 7.

Mrs. Smith asked for Council's approval of the County's E-911 Funding Application in the amount of \$9,421,965.87 for State FY 2015/2016. The Wireless Funding Application is submitted to the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) each year and these dollars are essential for the ongoing operation of our 911 Center.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Item 7 the ratification of the County's FY 2015/2016 Wireless E-911 Funding Application request transmitted to the PA Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) in the amount of \$9,421,965.87. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to accept a Proposal from Honeywell to update the Controls System Restoration for Fair Acres Complex at a cost not to exceed \$70,000.00 (excluding Building #7). The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Chairman Civera and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to accept the Proposal from Thomsen Reuters to provide a Civil Case Management System. The system will include case management, document management, public access and E-filing for departmental use in the Office of Judicial Support, Court Administration, Court Clerk Services and the Judiciary for the total cost of \$849,280.00. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Agenda Item 10 to submit a Grant application to PEMA for the "Hazardous Material Response Fund" for an amount to be determined, subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Mr. Culp called on Chairman Civera to speak on Agenda Item 11, the Resolution announcing the *World Meeting of Families* being held in Philadelphia on September 22-27.

Chairman Civera said a stable and healthy home life is crucial to the success and well-being of our young people. We've never needed healthy families more urgently than now. In many cases both parents often have jobs outside of the home or they are raising children as a single parent. Parents are working longer hours and technology is leading to many kids being glued to their electronics thus resulting in less quality time as a family.

The World Meeting of Families was created in Rome in 1994 to strengthen family bonds and highlight the role of the family in society. Their mission is to show the joy of authentic family life to the world, and to invite others from around the world to share in it.

In September, families from around the globe will gather in Philadelphia for the 8th *World Meeting of Families*. It's a global celebration that includes a preparatory catechism on the family, a multi-day Congress with internationally known speakers, a Festival of Families and a Closing Mass led by Pope Francis. The Holy Father's visit will be his first visit to the United States and he will be the fourth reigning Pontiff to have visited the United States.

The *World Meeting of Families* will be held September 22-27 and is expected to draw more than a million people from 150 nations to our area. The theme for the 2015 *World Meeting of Families* is "Love is our mission: the family fully alive." This event is for people of all ages, socio-economic backgrounds and faith.

Chairman Civera said he is proud to serve on the Government Outreach Committee for the *World Meeting of Families*. This is an exciting time for Philadelphia and for Delaware County. The 2015 meeting will showcase Philadelphia and the region in an unprecedented way to a global audience. It is expected to generate an economic impact of \$417 million for the Philadelphia region.

Organizing such an elaborate and extensive event and arranging for the Pope's visit is no easy task! Several Delaware County residents hold lead roles in planning the *World Meeting of Families*. Two women who have been instrumental are Donna Crilley Farrell, Executive Director of the *World Meeting of Families*, a resident of Springfield and a Cardinal O'Hara graduate and Danielle L. McNichol, Director of Human Resources and In-House Counsel for the *World Meeting of Families 2015*, a resident of Glen Mills.

Mrs. Farrell said she and Danielle are honored to be part of the planning of the *World Meeting of Families*. Every day in their office they get calls, emails and visits from people throughout the globe, from Tanzania, Paris and Viet Nam. They will be coming by the thousands and possibly by the millions. We have to be ready for them.

We have an incredible opportunity to showcase "the gem" of a region that we have here. We are a national player and this is the first time (truly) for us to shine on the international stage. This is only the 4th time in history that a Pope will have visited the United States and how extraordinary is it that Pope Francis is coming here, specifically for the *World Meeting of Families!* He is going to Washington, New York (after he goes to Cuba) and the crowning moment of this entire apostolic journey will be here in Pennsylvania. This is an unprecedented opportunity for us all.

Mrs. Farrell encouraged all the students to follow them as they prepare for the *World Meeting of Families*. Our prayer has been translated into 26 languages; we are truly an international event.

In less than 5 months, we will welcome the world and we will welcome Pope Francis.

Mr. Culp spoke on Agenda Item 12, a Resolution announcing the 39th Annual Hero Bowl.

The 39th annual Delaware County High School All-Star Football Game, known as the "Hero Bowl," will be played at 7:30 P.M., May 28 here at Cardinal O'Hara High School with the pre-game festivities starting at 7 P.M. Tickets are \$5.00 and can be purchased at the door. The proceeds from the game benefit the Hero Scholarship Fund of Delaware.

The Hero Scholarship Fund provides scholarships for the children of Delaware County police, firefighters and emergency medical personnel who have died in the line of duty. The Fund was founded in 1977. Since then, many Delaware County residents and officials have given their time and talent to host events such as the Hero Bowl to benefit those children. Delaware County Council is proud to sponsor this great event for a very worthwhile cause. O'Hara's efforts are very much appreciated for hosting this game.

The evening gives residents the opportunity to see some of the finest high school athletes in the county perform and, at the same time, to support a very worthy cause – the Hero Scholarship Fund. The Hero Bowl teams represent more than 90 all-star football players selected by the Delaware County Football Coaches Association who are trained by local teachers and coaches. We encourage all Delaware County residents to come out and support these talented players and the Hero Scholarship Fund.

On behalf of the Hero Bowl, Mr. Culp introduced Robert Lythgoe, Jr., President of the Hero Scholarship Fund and Chairman of the Hero Bowl.

Mr. Lythgoe thanked County Council for their 39 years of support for the Delaware County Hero Scholarship Fund and the Delaware County Hero Bowl. He thanked the staff at Cardinal O'Hara High School, especially head football coach P. J. Hogan.

Mr. Lythgoe acknowledged the major sponsors of this year's Hero Bowl: TD Bank, Outback Steakhouse, Springfield "Run for Heroes", Premier Orthopedic Medicine, Delaware County

Firemen's Association, Delaware County Police Chiefs Association, Delaware County Fraternal Order of Police, Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge 19, Wawa, PECO, Comcast and Boeing.

Mr. Culp called on Mr. McBlain to present a Certificate recognizing Cardinal O'Hara student Killeen McCans for her leadership.

Mr. McBlain said when we hold our meetings and visit various schools in the county we hear remarkable stories about students doing wonderful things. One of those exceptional students is Killeen McCans, a sophomore here at Cardinal O'Hara High School.

Her father, Jim McCans, a paramedic in Haverford Township, recently told her a story about a mom who saved her 2-year old son's life after he nearly drowned. His mother was able to perform CPR and ultimately saved his life. That story really had an impact on Killeen, who is CPR certified. She decided to organize CPR training for all her follow students at O'Hara. She met with her principal and with officials from Einstein's CPR Training Center.

On April 13, over 800 Cardinal O'Hara students gathered in the gymnasium here at the school throughout the day and learned life-saving CPR instruction. Einstein Medical Center, Riddle Hospital, Riddle Hospital EMS, Haverford EMS, Crozer Chester Medical Center, Cardiac Consultants of Philadelphia and the University of Pennsylvania helped to make this day possible by lending 180 dummies, donating 1,000 books and 28 instructors. This was no easy task to organize, let alone for a 15-year old student, but she did it and because of her efforts many lives may be saved. We have all heard the saying "that one person's actions can save a life." In this case her actions may potentially save dozens of lives and maybe more.

On behalf of Delaware County Council, Mr. McBlain commended Killeen. She is a remarkable young woman. He's sure her parents must be very proud, as well as Cardinal O'Hara and the Delaware County community. She has made our county a better and safer place.

Mr. Culp called on Mrs. Morrone to speak on Agenda Item 14.

Mrs. Morrone said many of you may have heard of "THON." It's a year-long fundraising campaign held by Penn State students at campuses across Pennsylvania to raise money for pediatric cancer research and to provide emotional and financial support to the young patients and their families.

THON's yearlong efforts culminate with a 46-hour no-sitting, no sleeping dance marathon known as THON Weekend. This event is held at Penn State's Main campus each February. In 2014, THON raised a record-breaking \$13.34 million.

This year, Cardinal O'Hara High School held its 1st annual Mini-THON. Jeremy Fratoni, a junior, spearheaded the fundraiser. Fellow students, Jenny West, Kate Murphy and Mike Tarraborelli, helped to make this event a huge success. Students from O'Hara came together on April 17

and danced all night with no sleeping or sitting! They were able to raise over \$26,000.00. This is remarkable!

On behalf of County Council, Mrs. Morrone congratulated Jeremy, Jenny, Kate and Mike. This is a very worthwhile cause and they are sure the millions of people affected by pediatric cancer are grateful for their efforts. She presented a certificate to them recognizing all the time and effort they put into organizing O'Hara's Mini-THON.

Returning to this morning's agenda, Mrs. Morrone made the motion approving the request by the Controller's Office for payment of current bills, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

SOLICITOR: No County business to report.

COUNCIL: Mr. White said this is a proud moment and a pleasure to be back at O'Hara. As Mr. Culp said earlier, he is a graduate of Cardinal O'Hara High School, and his family has a great history at this school including his sister, Diane White, who works at the school. O'Hara will always be a part of his life and has done great things for him throughout the years. He is proud to say he has a catholic education. Each student should thank his or her parents for the sacrifice they have made to give them such a great education.

Mr. McBlain thanked the students, teachers, faculty and other staff members at O'Hara for welcoming County Council today. He thought it was really "cool" when he drove up to the front of the school and saw on the school's marquee that County Council was welcomed here today.

Mr. McBlain encouraged the students to take the opportunity to go into Philadelphia to the *World Meeting of Families* event and enjoy all the things that this event has to offer.

Mr. McBlain asked the students how many of them had cellphones. He said many of the students may not pay their own cellphone bill (but rather their parents), but on that bill there is a \$1.00 charge every month for what they call a "911 Fee." That fee is paid to your phone carrier which is then sent onto Harrisburg. On today's Agenda (Item 7) it refers to this fee for which the County is asking to get back about \$9.5 million dollars of that money in order to help us run the 911 Center.

Mrs. Morrone thanked O'Hara President Tom Fertal for having us here today. She said this is a tremendous opportunity for County Council to get out and show you what happens in county government and what is done on a weekly basis.

Chairman Civera thanked Cardinal O'Hara High School for having us here today. To the students who attended this meeting, he said this is a great opportunity for those who want to get into local government, who are interested in community relations and helping communities and people to get involved.

Chairman Civera said he's been in government for over 42 years and has enjoyed every minute that he has served, including as an Upper Darby Township Commissioner, in the State House of Representatives and a member of Delaware County Council.

Chairman Civera said when Council leaves here today they will be going to Rose Tree Park for an 11 A.M. Memorial Service to honor our fallen police officers.

Mr. Culp said O'Hara is preparing the students for so many opportunities in their lives; so, please take advantage of that. Take notice of some of the people here today who are O'Hara graduates, namely himself (lawyer), Councilman Dave White (a successful businessman), Trish McFarland (President of the Delaware County Chamber of Commerce), Nick Cocco (who works for Senator Tom McGarrigle) and Jack Whelan (Delaware County District Attorney).

Mr. Culp thanked O'Hara President Fertal, Father Ugo, School Principal Lanza and all the students for having Council here today.

DISCUSSION: No public comment(s).

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


ANNE M. COOGAN, County Clerk