

PRESENT: Mario J. Civera, Jr., Chairman; Mr. 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 February 10, 2016 to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag led by Controller O'Lone. Ellen Linaweaver, of the Delaware County Treasurer's Office, gave the invocation.

Motion made by Mr. McBlain approving the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 3, 2016, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mr. McBlain approving Central Tax Collection Department's request for refunds for the years 2013 and 2015 County Real Estate Taxes for 4 property owners due to the overpayment of the amount of taxes due, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mr. McBlain approving the award of and execution of Contract No. 57772 between the County of Delaware and Loftus Construction Inc. for reconstruction of the Convent Road Bridge, County Bridge No. 6, (Aston Township) at their bid price not to exceed \$2,731,000.00. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mr. McBlain approving a five (5) year Lease between the County of Delaware and 801 Callowhill, Inc. for 6,650 square feet of office space, located at 6908-10 Market Street, Upper Darby, PA to be used by the Adult & Juvenile Probation satellite offices. The rent will be \$19.09 per square foot for the first year with a \$.25 per square foot increase each year thereafter. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mr. McBlain approving a contract between the Delaware County Park Police Independent Union and the County of Delaware for a two (2) year term retroactive to January 1, 2016 through December 17, 2017. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Chairman Civera called on Danielle DiMatteo, Director of Juvenile Court & Probation Services, to speak on Agenda Item 9.

Ms. DiMatteo said Delaware County Juvenile Court Probation Services seeks Council approval to submit and the acceptance of the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission Grant, which is their annual funding to assist in the funding of staff salaries and operational costs and delivery of evidence-based probation practices. It is non-competitive and will be issued upon submission.

Motion made by Mr. McBlain approving Item 9, a Grant Application and to accept a Grant from the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission (JCJC) in the amount of \$684,044.00. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mr. McBlain approving a Service Agreement with Arthur Boxer, M.D. for Court Ordered Psychiatric Evaluations for the period of January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2016 at a rate of \$200.00 per evaluation and not to exceed \$10,000.00. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Chairman Civera called on Joe Dougherty, Director of Human Services, to speak on Agenda Item 11.

Mr. Dougherty asked for the approval of three (3) Subsidized Day Care Providers. There is no County dollars associated with this request.

Motion made by Mr. McBlain approving Item 11, 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.

Motion made by Mr. McBlain approving to reappoint Gerald Lawrence, of Radnor Township, to the Delaware County Board of Election for a two (2) year term ending January 29, 2018, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mr. McBlain approving to reappoint the following individuals to the Delaware County Registration Commission for a two (2) year term expiring January 29, 2018:

Carmen P. Belefonte
James R. Flandreau
Gerald Lawrence

Haverford Township
Middletown Township
Radnor Township

The motion was seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Chairman Civera called on Mr. McBlain to speak on dog owners needing to get their 2016 dog license.

As the owner of a Golden retriever, Mr. McBlain said dogs bring a lot of joy to people. Dogs also bring responsibility and one that tops the list is making sure your dog has a current dog license.

Today, County Council is partnering with the County Treasurer's Office and the Delaware County Kennel Club to remind pet owners that it's time to get your 2016 dog license.

Delaware County Treasurer Jack Dowd and his license coordinators, Ellen Linaweaver and Debbie Clark, are always working to make sure it's convenient for pet owners to comply with the law. In fact, the State Department of Agriculture that oversees dog licensing praised Delaware County for increasing license sales by 163 percent last year. In 2015, we issued 10,500 one-year licenses and 1,180 lifetime licenses.

Dog owners can either come here to the Government Center in person, go online to the county website to fill out the form or go to one of the registered agents in the county.

This year, Agriculture Secretary Russell Redding, who oversees the Bureau of Dog Law Enforcement, warned dog owners to be cautious where they buy their dog license. He said there are some unauthorized websites offering dog licenses, charging unnecessary markup fees and offering little protection for consumers. So, be sure you get your license through the treasurer's office or at one of our authorized vendors.

If you have ever had your dog get loose and been frantically searching the neighborhood for him, you know how important a license is. Your dog may be microchipped, but there's no guarantee that the person who finds your dog will take him to a vet to get the chip read. But there's a good chance they will look at the license and try to make a call to return your dog.

Delaware County has a Return a Lost Dog Program where anyone who finds a dog can go to our website, type in the license number and they will get the owner's phone number. A dog with a license can be safely and quickly reunited with its owner without having to be taken to the shelter.

If anyone here today needs a license, the Kennel Club members and our Treasurer's Office have a table set up in the lobby this morning to make this process even easier.

Every year, we are happy to partner with the Kennel Club to raise awareness among dog owners. The Kennel Club members are very community-minded and have donated bullet-proof vests, K-9 oxygen masks and first aid kits to many of our police department K-9 units, including our own K-9 unit with the Sheriff's Office. They have also partnered with County Council on any annual license-microchip clinic. On behalf of County Council, Mr. McBlain thanked them for coming today to raise awareness about the importance of a dog license.

For most of us, dogs are members of our family. We appreciate all dog owners who license their dogs and we hope that all dog owners will follow the law.

Mr. McBlain said four members on County Council actually are dog owners: Chairman Mario Civera has two King Charles Cavalier Spaniels named Ginger and Ava; Vice Chairman Colleen Morrone has a Beagle named Nala; Mike Culp has a Silver Labrador named Bailey; and he has a Golden Retriever named Provo.

Mr. McBlain welcomed the following individuals and their pets: Ellen Linaweaver and Debora Clark, the County's License Coordinators; Kennel Club members Marge Remolde and Jennifer Rhyshek along her Labrador Retrievers, Izzy and Maven; and Magisterial District Court Judge Nicholas Lippincott and his dog Jazz.

On behalf of Jen, Nick and herself, Mrs. Remolde said they are glad to bring their K-9 pals with them today. As members of the Delaware County Kennel Club, they are happy to support the county in the drive for dog licenses. Although it's a state law, it is more important to remember that a dog license is a "one way ticket home" for your animal. All of us love our pets and, if they happen to get out, a dog license will give them that one way ticket home.

Mrs. Remolde thanked Council for their support of the Kennel Club. They have microchip clinics and, with the generosity of County Council, they have held three very large microchip clinics at Rose Tree Park. They have chipped over 750 dogs and the county has paid half the costs of doing that. So, the county is a great friend and partner of the Kennel Club.

Chairman Civera called on Mr. Culp to speak on Agenda Item 15, recognizing National Engineer's Week.

Mr. Culp said when we go about our daily lives, we might not give much thought to the countless engineers who created, designed and built the machines, roads, buildings and systems that we take for granted. The truth is engineers of all kind, whether it be aeronautical, civil, mechanical, chemical or electrical, have applied their education, innovation and skills to improve our lives. When you type at your computer or drive over a bridge, that's thanks to an engineer's work.

Each year, the National Society of Professional Engineers observes National Engineer's Week in celebration of the profession that has been instrumental in making the United States the world's most advanced technological society. The 2016 theme is "Engineers Make a World of Difference."

Engineers in Delaware County are very active in the community and in our educational institutions to help train the nation's future scientists, technicians and engineers. They help with several youth math and science programs such as MATHCOUNTS, Future City, the Delaware County Science Fair and several scholarship activities.

In Delaware County, the Pennsylvania Society of Professional Engineers, Delaware County Chapter, will celebrate Engineer's Week with a dinner February 17 at the Concordville Inn. They will honor the 2016 Engineer of the Year - Dave Lemmerman; the 2016 Young Engineer - Matthew Mowrer; and John Kampmeyer with the 2016 Lifetime Achievement Award.

David Lemmerman, of Media, started his career with General Electric and then joined PECO in 1986 where he is a recognized leader in all aspects of switchgear engineering and installation. In the community, he is active with his church, Nativity BVM, where he helped build a computer lab for the grade school. He also helps with the HOPE Program that assists elderly and disabled individuals.

Matthew Mowrer is a licensed engineer with CVM Engineers, in King of Prussia. He is a graduate of Upper Darby High School and now lives in Haverford. He has a special talent when it comes to history and was part of the lead design team for the Washington Monument Restoration Project, in Washington, DC. He is a former member of the County's Historical Commission and is active as a coach and volunteer with Habitat for Humanity.

John Kampmeyer, of Springfield, has an impressive 53-year career in engineering that has spanned fire protection, life safety and mechanical engineering. He is retired from Triad Fire Protection Engineering Corporation, where he served over 17 years. He has excelled in the field

of fire protection and is a life member of the National Fire Protection Association and other organizations that work to enhance our safety.

For 20 years, Mr. Kampmeyer was the regional coordinator of the Philadelphia Regional Future City Competition, which engages over 700 middle school students in the region to design their concept of a future city.

These three engineers deserve our recognition and gratitude and they are, indeed, proof that Delaware County turns out excellent leaders in many field, including engineering.

On behalf of the Delaware County Chapter of the Pennsylvania Society of Professional Engineers, Mr. Culp recognized the following individuals who attended today's meeting: (Honorees) John Kampmeyer, Matthew Mowrer, Dave Lemmerman; (Engineers) Michael Ciocco, Dewey Jurich, Eileen Nelson, John Nawn, Russ Williams, and Elaine Elbich.

Chairman Civera called on Mr. White to speak on Agenda Item 16, commending "Homes for Heroes" fundraiser that assists veterans.

In Delaware County, Mr. White said we believe our veterans are national heroes. We value their service and we are committed to helping them make a successful transition to civilian life when they come home.

We understand that many returning veterans face tremendous challenges, including physical and mental disabilities that are a result of their time in the service.

Our Department of Human Services, Office of Behavioral Health, and or Department of Veterans Affairs work with partners in the Delaware County Homeless Services Coalition to connect veterans with services that will help them be successful, including employment training, counseling and access to housing.

This morning, County Council is recognizing an effort that address veteran homelessness, Homes for Heroes. A fundraiser for "Homes for Heroes" will take place on February 26 at Barnaby's, in Ridley Township. This is the second year that Megan and Robert Trinkley, of Norwood, have hosted this event to raise money for the Mission First Housing Group.

Mr. Trinkley has said he was inspired to do this after talking to his late father-in-law Dan Kearney, who was a Vietnam veteran. In addition, Mr. Trinkley is a carpenter and connected with Mission First when working on some housing units built for disabled veterans in Philadelphia.

Mission First develops and manages affordable housing for people in need and they have a special fund for veterans. Last year, the Trinkleys raised \$28,000.00 for the Mission First "Fund for Veterans," which was used to help house seven veterans.

Mr. White said we are pleased to welcome Megan and Robert Trinkley to our meeting today, along with the following representatives from Mission First Housing Group: Alfredo de la Pena, Chief

Operating Officer; Moira Rooney, Director of Strategic Investment; Mark Deitcher, Director of Business Development; Becky Lang Staffieri, Communications Manager; Catherine Panas, Project Manager; and Chip Darling, Development Operations Manager.

Mr. White read (in part) the following Resolution:

Whereas, one initiative to assist veterans is the Homes for Heroes fundraiser, organized by Megan and Robert Trinkley, of Norwood, to raise money for the Mission First Housing Group, an organization that develops and manages affordable, safe and sustainable homes for veterans and others in-need; and

Whereas, the second annual Homes for Heroes event is set for February 26 at the Barnaby's Heritage Ballroom in Holmes, Ridley Township, and all money raised will help veterans, including those with disabilities, secure assistance in finding or maintaining safe, affordable housing.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that We, the County Council of Delaware County, hereby congratulate and commend Megan and Robert Trinkley and Homes for Heroes to benefit Mission First Housing for their commitment to ensure that all veterans have a safe, affordable place to call home.

Mr. Trinkley said he and his wife would like to thank County Council for having them here today and recognizing the Homes for Heroes event. They started this event after the passing of Megan's father and the deep feelings he had toward the people that serve our great country. It was a way they felt they could honor her father, his beliefs and our veterans. It is great that this event is in its second year and is grabbing so much attention. This event and the help they have been able to provide to our vets is only successful when people get behind it and believe in it.

Today, with Council's help, the event got even stronger and the help they are able to provide to our vets has gotten that much better. Thanks for taking the time to recognize the event and they hope to see you all there.

Megan Trinkley thanked Council for creating awareness for this event; it is so important. Her dad would be so proud. No veterans should ever be homeless and without your help, they could not do this.

Mr. de la Pena thanked Council for their support and the opportunity they are giving Mission First to bring awareness to their mission.

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

Motion made by Mr. McBlain approving Item 17, 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 to payment of bills for the CM3 Company.

SOLICITOR: No County business.

COUNCIL: Mr. Culp encourages all Delaware County residents to get licenses for their dogs. It really helps to get a lost dog back to their owner. He congratulated all the honorees of Engineer's Week, who are a true asset to Delaware County. Lastly, he said it is amazing what the Trinkleys and Mission First are doing for the veterans.

Mr. White announced that the Bureau of Election will be open for business on President's Day, February 15. The Bureau will be open during regular business hours from 8:30 A.M to 4:30 P.M. to accommodate the filing of nomination petitions whose deadline is Tuesday, February 16. The last day to register to vote in the Primary Election is Monday, March 28 and the deadline for civilians to request an absentee ballot is April 19.

Last, he said one notable person missing from this morning's meeting who has been here in the past is Chuck Catania. He passed away a few weeks ago. He was the model engineer who exemplified everything that engineering is about.

Mr. White said he worked closely with Chuck as Chairman of the Buildings Committee, Board of Commissioners, in Ridley. He had a way to design, whether it be roads, bridges, sanitary or storm sewers, to fit with the needs of the municipalities and the county. He also had a way, many times, to get those projects funded. Chuck had a knack and knew a lot of people. He had a great reputation throughout the state and the eastern portion of the country. His daughter Lisa and son Charles have followed in his footsteps working at Catania Engineers. His passing has taken a piece out of the Ridley community and he will be sadly missed.

Chairman Civera thanked everyone for coming today. He said there were some interesting speakers here today such as Marge Remolde who always does a good job and her involvement in the Kennel Club which the county is happy to partner with.

Chairman Civera said without engineers we could not build America. We are happy to help celebrate National Engineers Week.

Delaware County and this Council stands behind our veterans and will continue to support them. We cannot forget what they have done for us. So, we support what the Trinkleys and the Mission First Housing Group are doing for our vets.

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 Mr. White and carried unanimously.

ANNE M. COOGAN, County Clerk

RECORDED BY: N. J. Scallan