

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; James A. Gillin, Assistant Solicitor; Anne M. Coogan, County Clerk; and other department heads.

Chairman Civera called the regular meeting of April 20, 2016 (held at Garnet Valley High School, 552 Smithbridge Road, Concord Township) to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag led by Olivia Sherer, Student Council President. Dr. Greg Hilden, Assistant Principal of Garnet Valley High School, gave the invocation.

Chairman Civera introduced the following distinguished guests that were in the audience today: Tom Killion, State Representative and former County Council Chairman; Jack Whelan, District Attorney and former County Council Chairman; and Dominic A. Pileggi, Chairman of the Concord Township Board of Supervisors.

Chairman Civera said since this was Vice Chairman Morrone's school district he was turning the meeting over to her to serve as "acting" chairman today with Mr. McBlain as "acting" vice chairman.

Mrs. Morrone said it was her privilege today to preside over today's Council meeting. She called on Mr. McBlain to start the Agenda Items.

Motion made by Mr. McBlain approving the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 13, 2016, seconded by Mr. Civera and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mr. McBlain approving Central Tax Collection Department's request for refunds for the years 2015 and 2016 County Real Estate Taxes for 8 property owners due to the overpayment of the amount of taxes due, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Morrone explained to the students that the County Real Estate Taxes can be paid in three ways – early with a discount, the face value of the tax or the penalty phase. Today's refunds are due to the property owners who paid the face value amount at the time when the discount period was in effect. Therefore, a refund is due them.

Motion made by Mr. McBlain approving Agenda Item 6, Renewal Amendment No. 2 for Lease No. 98590 between the County of Delaware and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for property located at 300 N. Middletown Road, Lima, PA for continued used by the PA State Police as a crime lab. This is a five (5) year renewal with two 5-year options to renew at the rate of \$1.00 per year. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Morrone said the PA State Police crime lab is supported by all Police Departments in Delaware County and Chester County which is used for such things as analyzing drug samples and DNA evidence. We are privileged here in Delaware County to have the lab nearby.

Mrs. Morrone called on Dennis Carey, of the Public Works Department, to say a few words on Agenda Item 7.

Mr. Carey said Delaware County Council has historically given back to the various municipalities as a supplement to the money that they would normally receive from the state. In 2016, approximately 65% of the money is going directly back to the municipalities pending receipt of application and PennDOT's approval of these projects. The remainder of the monies received by the County are basically used for the County's infrastructure such as the maintenance responsibilities of 45 bridges.

Motion made by Mr. McBlain approving Item 7, the 2016 Liquid Fuels Tax Fund Allocation to municipalities in amounts pending receipt of application and PennDOT's approval of project eligibility. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Civera and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Morrone called on Linda Hill, Director of the County's Office of Planning/OHCD, to speak on Agenda Item 8.

Mrs. Hill asked for County Council's approval to submit a Grant application to the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission for the Transportation and Community Development Initiative in the amount of \$80,000.00 to develop plans for Central Places in Delaware County.

Motion made by Mr. McBlain approving Item 8 to submit a Grant application to the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission for the Transportation and Community Development Initiative (TCDI) in the amount of \$80,000.00 for the period of 7/1/2016 to 6/30/2018. The purpose of the Grant is to develop a long-range plan for the redevelopment of Central Places within the County. Central Places are neighborhood "downtown" and "main street" areas. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Morrone called on Michael Raith, Director of the Office of Adult Probation, to speak on Agenda Item 9.

Mr. Raith said he was here today to seek County Council's approval to submit a Grant application to the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency for the Drug and Alcohol Treatment-Based Restrictive Intermediate Punishment & State Intermediate Punishment. This help is to support our supervision, treatment, drug and alcohol testing and community service for our Level 3 and 4 offenders in our Treatment Court. The grant application does require an in-kind contribution in the amount of \$392,594.00 with that amount

coming from our medical assistance. There is no additional county funds expended on this grant application.

Motion made by Mr. McBlain approving to submit a Grant application to the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency for the Drug and Alcohol Treatment-Based Restrictive Intermediate Punishment & State Intermediate Punishment in the amount of \$1,592,594.00 for the period 7/1/2016 to 6/30/2018. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Morrone called on Mimi Bradley-Walker, Director of Domestic Relations, to speak on Agenda Item 10.

Mrs. Walker said her office is the Domestic Relations Office which is responsible for handling all the child support and to collect payments for child support. This contract is to pay for a maintenance contract for our Document Imaging System. The total cost for the first three quarters of the year is \$45,032.64 of which 66% is going to be paid by the federal government. The federal government will pay \$29,721.54 and the cost to the county will be \$15,010.88.

Motion made by Mr. McBlain approving Item 10, a contract with MTS Document Imaging Maintenance for the first three quarters of 2016. The cost for each quarter is \$15,010.88 for a total of \$45,032.64 with an approval reimbursement by the State Bureau of Child Support Enforcement at a rate of 66%. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Civera and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Morrone called on Mr. McBlain to speak on Agenda Item 11, a Resolution recognizing Garnet Valley as High-Q Champions.

Mr. McBlain said Garnet Valley High School was named the "Delco Hi-Q" champion this year. More than 10 months of preparation came down to a 2-hour nail-biting competition on March 8 during the 68th annual Delco Hi-Q competition held right here at Garnet Valley High School.

Delco Hi-Q is an annual academic quiz competition featuring 21 Delaware County high school teams. The contest is sponsored by the Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union along with the Delaware County Intermediate Unit. The contest challenges students' general scholastic knowledge in 14 different subjects, including math, geography and American history.

The contest originated in 1948 in Delaware County under the sponsorship of Scott Paper Company and has since spread to many other locations in the United States. Delco Hi-Q is the oldest continuous academic quiz competition in the United States.

This year, 21 parochial, private and public high schools competed in the competition that began in December. After a series of matches, Garnet Valley entered the final championship, competing against Penncrest and Sun Valley. The final score was Garnet Valley 59, Penncrest

27 and Sun Valley 22. Garnet Valley was awarded the coveted Donna Zerby Trophy and \$3,000.00 for their school.

Garnet Valley has a long history of successful Delco Hi-Q seasons. They finished third in last year's championship and earned consecutive titles in 2011 and 2012, for a total of seven wins. This was the school's twentieth championship appearance since 1977. Faculty Advisor Lesley Arensberg has been coaching the team for ten years and fellow advisor Sandra Dubnansky is in her fifth year.

Mr. McBlain said we are pleased to have the following members of the Garnet Valley team with us today: Lainie Beauchemin, Pranjali Chandra, Nathan Katrgadda, Lawrence Lee, Andrew Li, Jeffrey Lin, Sai Mamidala, Natalia Orlovsky and Patrick Stoyer. In addition, Rick Durante, Executive Director of the Delco Hi-Q Program and Franklin Mint Vice President; Adriene Irving, Director of Community Services at the Delaware County Intermediate Unit; and Dr. Ray McFall, of the Intermediate Unit.

Mr. Durante thanked County Council for recognizing the Hi-Q team. Not only are they local champions, but they also became National Champions of the entire Hi-Q Program. They competed in an online program against the other locations, located in Wisconsin, Washington and Alabama. Garnet Valley's team received the highest score in this competition.

On behalf of the Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union and the Delaware County Intermediate Unit, Mr. Durante said they are happy to sponsor and manage this Hi-Q Program and are also excited to see this team recognized for this unique competition.

Mrs. Morrone called on Mr. Culp recognizing Garnet Valley High School as National Merit Finalists.

Mr. Culp said the National Merit Scholarship Program honors students who show exceptional academic ability and potential for success in rigorous college studies. Over 1.5 million juniors in more than 22,000 high schools from across the country compete for 7,400 National Merit Scholarships worth more than \$32,000,000.00. Eight Garnet Valley High School seniors are among 15,000 finalists who are now competing.

The rigorous competition began when they were juniors and took the 2014 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. From there they had to submit a detailed scholarship application including their academic record, participation in school and community activities, employment and honors and awards received. A finalist must have an outstanding academic record throughout high school, be endorsed and recommended by a high school official and write an essay.

The 2016 National Merit Scholarship winners will be announced in four nationwide news releases beginning today and concluding in July. We are rooting for you!

The following students were selected as finalists and are now competing for the title and scholarship: Lauren Bules, Emma Busenkell, Stella Chen, Jasmine Cheung, Julie Ing, Lawrence Lee, Charles Lu and Jonathan Xu.

Mrs. Morrone called on Mr. White to speak on Agenda Item 13, recognizing the recipients of the Prevention Partner Awards.

Mr. White said our nation is battling a heroin epidemic and sadly Delaware County has not been spared. We are losing too many lives to drug addiction. As a county, we are attacking this heroin and opioid crisis on many fronts, from law enforcement to education.

In 2012, the Delaware County Medical Examiner, Dr. Fredric Hellman, reported he was seeing an alarming number of heroin-related deaths – 52 fatalities in 2012 compared to 19 heroin fatalities in 2007. To address the epidemic, Delaware County Council partnered with District Attorney Jack Whelan in September 2012 and formed the Heroin Task Force.

The mission of the Task Force is to reduce the number of heroin-related deaths through education and prevention. The Task Force includes members of law enforcement, government, the medical community, religious institutions, a real estate agent and family members who have seen first-hand how devastating drug addiction can be. The Task Force meets once a month to discuss strategies on prevention and treatment.

Interest in the Heroin Task Force grew so rapidly that we formed the Partners for Success Coalition who work along with the Heroin Task Force to fight addiction.

Last year, the Heroin Task Force and Partners for Success Coalition created the Prevention Partnership Award to recognize members in the community who have worked to help diminish drug and alcohol abuse and misuse. These individuals were selected on behalf of the Delaware County Heroin Task Force, Delaware County Council, District Attorney Jack Whelan and the Partners for Success Coalition for their outstanding and dedicated work in prevention and education.

The recipients of the 2016 Prevention Partnership Award are Nether Providence Police Officer Michael Markunas, the Pastor of Linwood Heights United Methodist Church Reverend Ethel Guy, the Keystone Center & Key Recovery Center and the Suburban West Realtors Association.

Mr. White welcomed District Attorney Whelan and asked him to come forward to present the awards and to say a few words.

D.A. Whelan said the Heroin Task Force was formed a few years ago. We have to realize that in law enforcement, each and every day, we are out there looking for drug dealers while trying to keep drugs out of our schools. We have over 60 undercover officers working throughout

Delaware County in our Narcotics Task Force and that Task Force is very aggressive trying to help rid our neighborhoods of any drugs.

The importance of prevention, education and awareness is that we are dealing with some very dangerous drugs. The opioids that are in your parents' medicine cabinet are very dangerous and must be taken with caution.

The abuse of these opioids has let us down the road when heroin, a residual trade, is in our neighborhoods and in some cases our schools. Heroin is a drug and although it is similar in molecular structure opioids are extremely dangerous; it kills people.

In regard to Heroin, it is being manufactured in clandestine laboratories in South America and being shipped up by way of Interstate 95, the Delaware River and in the air and being smuggled and distributed in your neighborhoods. If you use this drug or if you use opioids, you very well face the possibility of death. If not, you will be seriously addicted and the rest of your life you will never be the same.

D.A. Whelan commended the four award winners of the Prevention Partner Awards who went beyond the call of duty.

- Nether Providence Police Officer Michael Markunas was nominated for this award due to his passion to make his community better. He is committed to diminishing drug overdoses and prescription drug abuse. He is a NOPE (Narcotics Overdose Prevention & Education) Officer and attends every morning and night presentation, despite his demanding police schedule.
- Reverend Ethel Guy has been very influential within the community, serving on the Partners for Success Coalition and with the Chichester Community Coalition, assisting those in need of treatment and recovery and spreading the prevention message. She is also NOPE trained and a member of the NOPE Task Force.
- Key Recovery and Keystone Center staff have served the community in many ways. Aside from the services they offer, Key Recovery Therapist Kyle Smith leads the NOPE Grief Support Group, which meets monthly and is also heavily involved in the planning of the NOPE Vigil. Jen East and Valerie Schina serve on the Partners for Success Coalition, assisting with Community Day planning and assisted in the creation of the public service announcements. Trish Caldwell and Allison Manning serve on the NOPE Task Force and are NOPE trained, providing parenting strategies during the Parent/Community Forums. Kyle, Trish, Valerie and Jen are involved in the Naloxone curriculum development. In addition, Key Recovery has provided free space for training and meetings.

- Suburban West Realtors Association has led efforts to educate other realtors and home owners on the importance of the safe keeping of prescription medications during open houses and house showings. These efforts have been featured in newsletters. They have also developed a customizable flyer for realtors.

Mrs. Morrone called on Mr. Civera to announce the Heroin Task Force's Community Day.

Mr. Civera said part of our work on the Heroin Task Force is prevention and education of drug and alcohol abuse. Our goal is to get out into the community and educate residents, especially young people about the dangers of drugs and alcohol.

For the second year, we are holding a *Community Day: Celebrating Prevention*. It's a day dedicated to celebrating prevention and empowering the community to believe that we can win the war on drug use. Community Day is a free, family oriented day open to all residents with a focus on drug abuse education, prevention and recovery.

Community Day will be held on Saturday, April 23 at Rose Tree Park, in Media from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M., rain or shine. Residents can enjoy free food, live music, raffles and giveaways, exercise, and all kinds of fun activities for all ages. It's aimed to be a fun day for the whole community with a focus on helping protect our community and its residents.

There will be resources for residents on drug abuse prevention and recovery. There will be a prescription drop box set up so our residents can dispose of unwanted, unused or expired medications. By disposing of these unwanted prescription drugs, residents are reducing access for our youth and young adults. We now have a medicine drop box at every police station in the county as well as one in the lobby of the Government Center, in Media.

Mr. Civera asked Aerielle Waters, Prevention Manager for Holcomb Behavioral Health Systems, to say a few words about Community Day.

Ms. Waters said they are very excited about the upcoming Community Day and she encourages everyone to come out.

Mrs. Morrone called on Mr. McBlain to continue with today's Agenda Items.

Motion made by Mr. McBlain approving Agenda Item 15, 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.

SOLICITOR: No County business.

COUNCIL: Mr. Culp extended his congratulations to the Garnet Valley High-Q Champions, the National Merit Finalists and the recipients of the Prevention Partner Awards.

Mr. White thanked Garnet Valley High School for having us here today. He congratulated all the recipients of resolutions and awards today. He thanked D.A. Whelan for all the work he and the Heroin Task Force does to get information out to the students regarding drugs and the consequences of using heroin and opioids. He said if you know someone who needs help, please try and help them get help one way or another.

Mr. McBlain thanked all the students, teachers, faculty and administrators for having us here today. Council enjoys coming out to the schools. He gave a brief overview of County government and what it does on a daily basis.

Mr. Civera said it was a real pleasure to be here today. He extended his thanks to the administration, superintendent, teachers and students for allowing us to hold the County Council Meeting here today. He explained the terms of the elected officials and his journey that took him from being an Upper Darby Councilman, to PA State Representative and now on Delaware County Council. It is a very rewarding life and one where you help other people.

Mrs. Morrone took this opportunity to recognize the following township and school district leaders who help to make Garnet Valley High School what it is today: Dominic Pileggi, Chairman of the Board of Supervisor, Concord Township; Rosemary Fiumara, School Board President; Bob Anderson, Robert Hayes and Greg Chestnut, School Board Members; Dr. Marc Bertrando, Superintendent; Patricia Dunn, Assistant Superintendent; Dr. Vincent Citarelli, Assistant Superintendent; Stephen Brandt, Garnet Valley High School Principal; Dr. Joseph Kingborough, Dr. Gregory Hilden and Jessica Knier, Assistant Principals of Garnet Valley High School; and Marge Brown, of the Superintendent's Office.

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