

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 September 14, 2016 to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag led by Councilman McBlain. Cheryl Colleluori, of Ridley and President of the HEADstrong Foundation, gave the invocation.

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

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 31, 2016, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Agenda Item 5 to Award and Execute Contract/Project No. ECMS 80051 between the County of Delaware and Clearwater Construction, Inc. for the reconstruction of the Rosemont Avenue Bridge, County Bridge No. 73 (Upper Darby & Springfield Townships) at their bid price not to exceed \$1,866,000.00. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to Award Contract No. E-5,2516 between the County of Delaware and D. A. Nolt, Inc. for Fair Acres Geriatric Center, Building No. 11, roof replacement for a fee not to exceed their base price of \$361,670.00. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Central Tax Collection Department's request for refunds for the years 2015 and 2016 County Real Estate Taxes for 4 property owners due to the overpayment of the amount of taxes due, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving a Professional Services Agreement between the County of Delaware and McCormick Taylor, Inc. to provide for Automated Traffic Recorder Traffic Counts for thirty-seven (37) County bridges for a fee not to exceed \$42,397.00. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Chairman Civera called on Linda Hill, Director of Planning/OHCD, to speak on Agenda Item 9.

Ms. Hill asked for Council's approval of amendments to the 2016 Housing and Community Development Action Plan. The first is an increase in CDBG funds in the amount of \$15,880.00 for signage improvements in Eddystone Borough. This project came in higher than expected. The new allocation for this project is \$55,880.00. The sanitary sewer project will be undertaken with alternative funds that the borough has. The second request is to cancel a sanitary sewer rehabilitation project in Glenolden Borough and reallocate funding to Glenolden Borough Park. The total cost of the Glenolden Park Improvement is now \$198,021.00. Lastly, she requested

Council's approval to allocate \$50,000.00 to a CDBG Program for the historic preservation of the Village Green Schoolhouse, located on Old Pennell Road, Aston Township.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving the following Amendments to the 2016 Housing and Community Development Action Plan:

1. Allocate an additional \$15,880.00 to Eddystone Borough for signage upgrades.
2. Cancel funding of \$53,021.00 awarded to Glenolden Borough for sanitary sewer rehabilitation.
3. Allocate \$53,021.00 to Glenolden Borough for park improvements.
4. Allocate \$50,000.00 to Aston Township for preservation of the Village Green Schoolhouse.

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

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to accept the Victims of Crime Act Grant (2016-2019) from the PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency in the amount of \$602,653.00. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to renew our existing Check Point Software & Licensing Support from AccessIt Group, of King of Prussia, on the COSTARS Contract at a cost of \$74,545.00 for the period of one (1) year. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Chairman Civera called on Danielle DiMatteo, Director of Juvenile Court & Probation Services, to speak on Agenda Item 12.

Ms. DiMatteo said Delaware County Juvenile Court Probation Services seeks Council's approval to submit a Grant application to the PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency in the amount of \$315,946.00. The grant will support one (1) full-time position and temporary consultant staff for the purpose of providing mandatory victim's rights notifications and services for a two-year period to begin January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2018.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to submit the PA Commission on Crime and Delinquency VOJO (Victims of Juvenile Offenders) RASA Grant application in the amount of \$315,946.00 to the Juvenile Court Judges' Commission for the term of January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2018. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Carey asked for Council's approval of one (1) amendment to an existing agreement, which is an upgrade of the Information Technology Support that is necessary to create better efficiency as we use the County's SAP System.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Item 13, Agreements, Contracts and Amendments with the Office of Workforce Development. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Chairman Civera called on Joe Dougherty, Director of the Office of Human Services, to speak on Agenda Item 14.

Mr. Dougherty asked for Council's approval of five (5) contracts with the Office of Behavioral Health, three (3) contracts with the Office of Intellectual Disabilities, one (1) contract with Children and Youth Services and four (4) contracts with Subsidized Day Care Providers.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Item 14, Agreements, Contracts and Amendments with the Human Services Provider of Services. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to reappoint Thomas Babcock, of Springfield Township, to the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority for a term ending September, 2021, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Chairman Civera announced the flying of the U.S. Air Force Flag at the Courthouse Complex.

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

During 2016, we in Delaware County will once again fly the flags of our five service branches, the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force and Coast Guard, to observe their anniversaries and in tribute to those who served since our nation's founding.

This morning, Chairman Civera said we raised the third of the five flags to be flown this year with the flag of the U. S. Air Force, which was established on September 18, 1947. It will fly for one week from the flagpoles in the courtyard of the Government Center and Courthouse complex.

To help celebrate the anniversary, County Council was joined this morning by two distinguished Air Force veterans, Colonel James King and Captain Ralph Galati.

Colonel King, of Nether Providence Township, served a combined 30 years on active duty as Program Counsel to aircraft and missile programs and as a Judge Advocate Reserve Officer. In 2004, he was deployed to Baghdad during Operation Iraqi Freedom. His responsibilities at Boeing include Lead Counsel for the Vertical Life Division of Boeing Defense, Space and Security. He is treasurer and a board member of the Pennsylvania Veterans Museum.

Captain Galati, also of Nether Providence Township, was a decorated fighter pilot during the Vietnam War and a former Prisoner of War. He serves as Director of Veterans Services for St. Joseph's University, his alma mater. He also served as Veterans Liaison for the Delaware County Veterans Affairs Department.

Similar flags will be raised at appropriate times later this year in observance of the anniversaries of the Navy, on October 13, 1775, and the Marine Corps, on November 10, 1775. The Army birthdate was observed earlier this year in conjunction with its founding date of June 14, 1775, as was the Coast Guard founding on August 4, 1790.

Chairman Civera said County Council appreciates all that our Armed Services does and they will continue to honor them with the raising of the flags.

Chairman Civera called on Mr. McBlain to speak on Agenda Item 17, the Resolution recognizing September as Emergency Preparedness Month.

Mr. McBlain said Americans have been tested by emergencies since our nation was founded, from acts of terrorism to natural disasters like floods and fires. Each September, we reinforce the need for all citizens to be prepared during National Emergency Preparedness Month.

County Council uses this national recognition as a way to underscore how important it is for individuals and families to be prepared. We want to encourage county residents to take simple steps to prepare themselves and their families for an emergency or disaster.

Throughout the year, Delaware County Council works with our Department of Emergency Services, our Department of Intercommunity Health and Regional Emergency Medical Services and our partners in the community with one main goal – *to keep our residents safe*.

The theme for this year's National Emergency Preparedness Month is a repeat of the 2015 theme: *Don't Wait. Communicate. Make Your Emergency Plan Today*. What that means is, it is crucial for individuals and families to have an emergency plan in place and talk about it with your children and family members.

County Council is taking this opportunity to encourage people to do the following:

- Stay informed through Delco Alert and other resources.

- Make a plan and create an Emergency Kit.
- If you are able, get involved in your community's emergency initiatives.

County Council highlighted the following initiatives today:

- We have an Informative Guide to Emergency Preparedness available to all of our residents for *free*. This guide is compiled by our Delaware County Local Emergency Planning Commission (LEPC). This guide has information on how to evacuate or shelter-in-place, what supplies to keep on hand, how to assess damage after an emergency, how to create a family emergency plan and how to handle pets during an emergency.

These guides are available at our local libraries, at Wawa stores and through many of our municipalities.

- We also want to remind residents to register for DelcoAlert, our Emergency Communication System. You can sign-up through the County website to receive emergency notifications on any of your mobile devices.
- If you have the time to become involved at the community level, join our volunteer Citizens Corps of volunteers who stand ready to help during a mass emergency.

Mr. McBlain recognized the following people who attended today's meeting on behalf of Emergency Preparedness Month: Larry Bak, Deputy Director of Emergency Management; Ed Beebe, Deputy Director of Delaware County Emergency Services; Ed Kline, Volunteer Management Coordinator; and John Baer, Hazmat Transportation Coordinator for the Local Emergency Planning Commission.

Mr. McBlain said he had the opportunity last night (Tuesday, September 13) to attend the Prospect Park Borough Council Meeting. Unbeknownst to him, during the month of August there was an incident that occurred in Prospect Park Borough at a local nursing home. The underground electrical conduit somehow failed on a hot day in August. Both backup generators at the nursing home did go on, but caught fire. They had a situation where there were more than one-hundred senior citizens and other residents in the nursing home and the temperature in the nursing home went above 90 degrees, totally without power.

It just so happened at the meeting last night, one of the residents came forward to thank Prospect Park Council and mentioned what an amazing job was done by Delaware County's Emergency Services Department when they got the call. It was mentioned that vehicles rolled out onto the scene, the Smart Team Bus and other coordinators that in a very short period of time relocated eighty-eight residents who needed medical assistance. Those residents were temporarily relocated everywhere from New Jersey up to Norristown. Our team took charge of that and did it.

We often focus attention on large emergency events such as hurricanes, bad snowstorms or terror events. It is those types of incidents where our emergency services department truly shines.

Mr. McBlain further said, he was unaware of this incident in Prospect Park until a resident stepped forward during the public comment period and spoke about this. This is the type of emergency preparedness that exemplifies that department.

Chairman Civera called on Mr. White to speak on Agenda Item 18, a Resolution recognizing September as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month.

Unfortunately, Mr. White said many of our lives have been touched by cancer. The diagnosis of cancer is devastating to anyone, but it's especially heartbreaking when the patient is a child.

According to the American Cancer Society, 15,700 children will be diagnosed with cancer this year. It is estimated that about one-fourth of them will not survive the disease. Childhood cancer is the second leading cause of death among children in the United States, following car accidents.

September is National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, a time to honor and remember children and families affected by cancer, to support those battling the deadly disease, to raise awareness and to raise funds to help support research and care for these patients.

One local organization that raises awareness and funds to help children battling cancer and their families is the HEADstrong Foundation. HEADstrong was founded in 2006 by Ridley High School graduate and lacrosse player Nicholas "Head" Colleluori from his hospital bed. He was just 19 years old and fighting non-Hodgkin lymphoma. He wanted to help others battling cancer. The vision and principles for HEADstrong were established by Nick and, as a promise made by his family, the Foundation now carries on in Nick's memory.

The Foundation raises money through lacrosse games, walks and other fundraisers. The funds help support various programs such as the Grant Assistance Program for patients undergoing treatment who are experiencing financial hardships. Since the Foundation's inception, over 1,452 patients have received financial assistance. HEADstrong also has an advocacy group to connect newly diagnosed patients with survivors who provide peer support. They also prepare and serve meals for cancer patients. To date, they have helped over 9,280 patients, families and medical staff.

In 2011, the Foundation opened "Nick's House," a two-story facility in Ridley Township, that offers complimentary living accommodations for up to two families with loved ones being treated for cancer in the area. Since its opening in 2011 families have called Nick's House home.

Mr. White introduced the following people who attended this morning's meeting on behalf of Childhood Cancer Awareness Month: Cheryl Colleluori, Nick's mom and President of HEADstrong; and Pat Colleluori, Jr., Nick's brother and Director of Marketing.

Mrs. Colleluori said it is a privilege to be recognized. It is never easy. As we approach Nick's 10th anniversary, it is amazing the amount of growth that has taken place and how they have been embraced.

Nick's House has been their prize, their diamond. They are pleased to be offering a secondary location. Last night, they took a positive step in the right direction since they will be able to house 160 families annually who travel to Philadelphia for specialized cancer care. When your back is against the wall and you are out of money and resources, to be able to offer a haven of comfort and to be able to have a communal atmosphere where people can resonate and be together in this journey when you are coming here for your child's life, it is truly amazing.

Mrs. Colleluori announced that on Sunday, September 18, they will hold the 3rd Annual Run the Park Challenge (8 to 11 A.M.). They are grateful for the support, which will benefit local families directly. She invited everyone to attend. The details can be found on their website at www.headstrong.org.

Chairman Civera called on Mrs. 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 said he had no County business today.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment(s).

COUNCIL: Mr. Culp said, with the passing of September 11 over the weekend, he would like to thank our First Responders for everything they do for our residents on a daily basis. He also thanked our Emergency Services Department for all they do and for always coming through for us in times of need. Lastly, he thanked the Colleluori family for coming in and sharing their story and for raising funds for research and for care of all the people who need it.

Mr. White echoed Mr. Culp's comments. We definitely have the best 911 System in Pennsylvania. It is only made that way because of the staff and personnel at the Center. He said the Colleluori's are an amazing family who have done an amazing job for their community.

Mr. McBlain welcomed Aston Township Commissioner John Firlein and Aston Township Treasurer Joe DeVuono to this morning's meeting. He said Aston Township recognized the work that has begun on the Convent Road Bridge, which spans Aston and Middletown Townships. We also had an agenda item on today regarding a bridge that connects Upper

Darby and Springfield Townships, located on Rosemont Avenue, which we are proceeding forward with. We are very proud of Delaware County's Bridge Program. We do not own roads. We do not own a lot of sewers, but Delaware County owns a lot of bridges, approximately 45 bridges. He thanked the County's Public Works Department for their continued good work. We have always stayed ahead of the curve when it comes to repairing our bridges.

Mr. McBlain also wanted to recognize the passing of Judge William R. Toal, III. Judge Toal was the former President Judge when he became an attorney in 1992 here in Delaware County. He would hesitate to say that there was not a better judge or a finer gentleman than Judge Toal. The Toal family has been involved in public service here in Delaware County for many years and he wanted to take this opportunity to thank Judge Toal for all his contributions in Delaware County.

Mrs. Morrone announced the upcoming Household Hazardous Waste Event that will take place this Sunday, September 18 at Penn State University Brandywine Campus, located on Route 352 in Middletown Township, from 9:00 A.M. to 3 P.M. This will be the third of four HHW Collection Events offered in Delaware County by the Delaware County Solid Waste Authority. The 4th event (final HHW Collection for 2016) will take place on Saturday, October 22 at the Emergency Services Training Center, 1700 Calcon Hook Road, Sharon Hill (Darby Township).

These are great events to help our residents dispose of hazardous household waste. You can check Delaware County's website at www.co.delaware.pa.us/recycle for more information on the items they will or will not accept.

Chairman Civera thanked everyone for attending this morning's County Council Meeting. We are back on our regular meeting schedule, which is every Wednesday morning at 10:00 A.M. He thanked the Colleluori family for all they do and he also thanked our emergency personnel.

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