

PRESENT: 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.

Vice Chairman Morrone called the regular meeting of January 11, 2016 to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Helen McGoohan, of the Office of Intercommunity Health, gave the invocation.

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

Motion made by Mr. McBlain approving the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 14, 2016, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mr. McBlain approving to Advertise for Bids to furnish and deliver hand soap and hand sanitizer for Fair Acres Geriatric Center for a period of one (1) year, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mr. McBlain approving to Advertise for Bids to furnish and deliver American flags for Veterans Affairs, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mr. McBlain approving to Advertise for Bids for construction of the Darby Creek Valley Trail, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mr. McBlain approving Agenda Item 8 to Award Contract No. CP-92316 to the lowest responsible bidder CNS Cleaning Company, Inc. for the cleaning of the Human Services Building, located in Upper Darby, at a total cost of \$152,280.00 for three (3) years. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mr. McBlain approving Central Tax Collection Department's request for refunds for the year 2016 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 Agenda Item 10, Resolution 2017-1 instituting an additional \$15.00 Recording Fee for the Recorder of Deeds, pursuant to Act 152 of 2016, to be paid into the County Demolition Fund for demolition of blighted properties. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Morrone called on Catherine Bittle, the new Director of Library Services, to speak on Agenda Items 11 and 12.

Mrs. Bittle asked for Council's approval of Item 11 to renew the Maintenance Contract with Innovative Interfaces. They provide the software for the intergraded library system, which

provides circulation in our interlibrary loan acquisitions, cataloging and serial control for all 26 member libraries in Delaware County. The contract price was *decreased* this year by \$5,000.00.

Motion made by Mr. McBlain approving to renew Maintenance Contract with Innovative Interfaces that connects all 26 member libraries in Delaware County and provides services such as cataloging, circulation, acquisitions, serial control and interlibrary loan in the amount of \$79,216.26. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Bittle asked for Council's approval of Item 12 to renew our contract with NewsBank. They provide access to an online database of historic and current Southeastern Pennsylvania newspapers, such as the Delaware County Daily Times, The Inquirer and other Pennsylvania and World newspapers. The fee includes unlimited access to all Delaware County library users from home and in the libraries. She asked for level funding and received it this year.

Motion made by Mr. McBlain approving to renew subscription with NewsBank for the one (1) year period 1/1/2017 through 12/31/2017 at the annual cost of \$38,875.00. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mr. McBlain approving a contract between the County of Delaware and Bennett G. Preston for work performed at the Medical Examiner's Office for the period of 1/1//2017 through 12/31/2017 for an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mr. McBlain approving to renew our Service and Support Agreement with MTS Software Solutions for the one (1) year period 1/1/2017 through 12/31/2017 at a cost of \$119,226.00. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Morrone called on John Daly, Director of the Office of Workforce Development, to speak on Agenda Item 15.

Mr. Daly asked for Council's approval of the following two (2) contracts as per the attached sheet: Devereux Foundation and the Community Workforce Advancement. He asked that the other two contracts be submitted at next week's Council Meeting due to typographical errors on the attachment.

Motion made by Mr. McBlain approving Agreements, Contracts and Amendments with the Office of Workforce Development and as verbally amended by Mr. Daly.

The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Vice Chairman Morrone called on Joe Dougherty, Director of Human Services, to speak on Agenda Item 16.

Mr. Dougherty asked for Council's approval to apply for a Housing Grant for youth transitioning out of Children and Youth Services. This will provide rental assistance and case management services. He also asked for the approval of contracts and amendments as described on the attached list.

Motion made by Mr. McBlain approving 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 Mr. McBlain approving to reappoint Wayne C. Megill, Jr., of Chadds Ford Township, to the Delaware County Conservation District Board as a Public Director to a term to expire December 31, 2020, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mr. McBlain approving to reappoint the following individuals to the Heritage Commission of Delaware County for a three (3) year term ending September 2019:

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| Cyndi Charney | Upper Chichester Township |
| Elizabeth McCarrick | Bethel Township |

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

Motion made by Mr. McBlain approving to appoint the following individuals to the Heritage Commission of Delaware County for a three (3) year term ending September 2019:

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| Francis J. Murnaghan | Springfield Township |
| Douglas Palmer Humes | Marple Township |
| Judith A. Anastasi | Norwood Borough |

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

Vice Chairman Morrone called on Mr. Culp to speak on Agenda Item 20, a Resolution recognizing January 9-13 as Teen Health Week.

Mr. Culp said any parent of a teenager know the challenge of encouraging teens to be healthy, to exercise, eat vegetables, get enough rest, have healthy relationships and avoid alcohol and drugs. There's no doubt that the world presents many temptations and unhealthy distractions to our adolescents. In Delaware County, we value our young people and we recognize that

promoting good physical and mental health in adolescents from ages 10 to 19 is an important goal.

Thanks to a group of Delaware County advocates who are promoting teen health, Pennsylvania has declared the 2nd Teen Health Week in the Commonwealth, January 9 through 13.

On Monday, the week kicked off with a rally at the Capitol in Harrisburg. Each day of the week has a special health focus. Monday was diet and exercise; Tuesday was the prevention of violence; today (Wednesday) is the focus on mental health; Thursday is sexual development; and Friday is substance use and abuse.

This initiative started right here in Delaware County with Dr. Laura Offutt, of Wayne, who created a digital teen health resource called "Real Talk with Dr. Offutt." Her mission is to engage teens in their health care by encouraging discussion and by trying to get them to seek accurate, legitimate health information, particularly when they go online.

Dr. Offutt is an internal medicine physician and the mother of two children. She is a Fellow at the College of Physicians of Philadelphia and a volunteer physician at the Community Volunteers in Medicine. As the mother of two children, she realized that the majority of teenagers go to the Internet with their health questions, but they are not equipped to determine the accuracy of the information on the Internet.

She created "Real Talk" to spread accurate information and to answer anonymous health questions from teenagers on a wide array of teen health topics from distracted driving and drug addiction to eating disorders and stress.

This year, we are proud that the Delaware County Office of Behavioral Health and the County System of Care can support Dr. Offutt's Teen Health Week. Two of our children's mental health specialists are here today, Shannon Thomas and Jeanne Ewing, and they are well aware of the mental health challenges that today's teenagers struggle with.

The System of Care, or SOC, is a philosophy about how care should be delivered to youth and their families who have mental health needs. It stresses a collaborative network among many programs, agencies and services. We are proud to support Teen Health Week as part of our outreach and hope that in recognizing Teen Health Week in Delaware County we will encourage young people to be educated and proactive about their health.

Mr. Culp recognized the following individuals who attended this morning's meeting: Dr. Laura Offutt, the originator of Teen Health Week and creator of *Real Talk*; Herbert Hazan, past president of the Radnor Board of Health and who also served as the Director of Student Health in the Philadelphia School District; David McKeighan, Executive Director of the Delaware County Medical Society; Lori Devlin, Director of the County Office of Intercommunity Health; Dr.

George Avetian, Senior Medical Advisor; and Shannon Thomas and Jeanne Ewing, of the Delaware County Office of Behavioral Health.

Dr. Offutt thanked County Council for this important Resolution. She is excited about Teen Health Week and in a large part because it focuses teen eyes on fun ways to engage in their health. It also focuses adult eyes on adolescent health as well.

A particular concern is the opioid crisis in our country. Yes, teens do use and abuse opioids. In terms of trying to tackle that problem part of it is limiting the excess availability of opioids. We need to think about some of the underlying reasons that teens may actually start abusing opioids, mental health issues are certainly one reason and another is sport injuries.

In terms of late breaking news, Dr. Offutt said, in November, the American Medical Association also voted to support this into becoming a national initiative.

Vice Chairman Morrone called on Mr. White to speak on Agenda Item 21, announcing the Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service activities.

Mr. White said Monday, January 16, marks the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. federal holiday, which was created in 1983 to mark the birthday of Dr. King. In 1994, Congress designated Martin Luther King, Jr. Day as a national day of service when people are encouraged to participate in activities that help our neighbors and improve our communities.

The spirit of service is strong here in Delaware County. There are several events being held on Monday that call on people to not take a day off, but instead to work on a service project. While there are a list of excellent programs going on throughout the county for MLK Day, we do want to highlight two initiatives, namely Hoops from the Heart and the Unity Day Breakfast.

This year is the 16th anniversary of the "Hoops from the Heart" basketball fundraiser and food drive that takes place at four colleges and raises money for the Community Action Agency of Delaware County, which is the county's anti-poverty agency. To date, this event has raised over \$100,000.00 for the Community Action Agency.

This event involves hundreds of young athletes who attend basketball clinics at Haverford, Neumann, Widener and Cabrini Colleges. The proceeds from the clinics are used to help needy families. In addition, the participants bring non-perishable food items that are delivered to the Life Center, in Upper Darby, which serves homeless individuals.

We are always impressed by the dedication of the coaches, the enthusiasm of the athletes and the generosity of everyone involved. It's a great moment when we make that final delivery of food to the Life Center.

Also, on Monday, people will gather at the Drexelbrook, in Upper Darby, for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Unity Day Breakfast. This annual event is hosted by the Community YMCA of Eastern Delaware County in partnership with the Chamber of Commerce, Upper Darby Community Outreach Corporation, local churches and area schools.

The event features the presentation of student essays, uplifting music and an inspirational keynote address. This year's speaker is Renee Amooore, an award-winning businesswoman and author. Ms. Amooore is a role model for anyone looking to make an impact in business, civil rights or politics. She was the first African American to be elected to the Upper Merion School District and also made history in 2004 when she became the first woman and African American to chair a Pennsylvania delegation to the Republican National Convention

By hosting speakers like Ms. Amooore, the Unity Day Breakfast continues Martin Luther King's legacy of celebrating people who serve others. The breakfast also supports the YMCA's mission to promote the values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility.

Mr. White recognized the following individuals who represented these two initiatives and who attended today's meeting:

Hoops from the Heart – Ed Coleman, the Director of the Community Action Agency; Debbie Brodeur, the program coordinator for Hoops from the Heart; and Leann Robert, the Shelter Administrator at the Life Center.

Unity Day Breakfast – Michael I. Ranck, President/CEO, Community YMCA of Eastern Delaware County; Vincent Gordon, a member of the Community YMCA Foundation Board of Directors; and Pastor David Shaheen, Executive Director of the Upper Darby Community Outreach Corporation.

Mr. Coleman said his agency is responsible for the County's three (3) Emergency Shelter facilities - the Wesley House (Chester), the Family Management Center (Chester) and the Life Center (Upper Darby). As you are aware, there just is not enough public resources to support the operation of all these facilities.

He thanked County Council for their efforts to provide them with as much public funding as they can and participating in their efforts to raise private funds such as the Martin Luther King, Jr. Basketball Clinics and Food Drive.

Last year these shelters served 797 county residents with housing and related support services and most of these families and individuals moved onto their next level of self-sufficiency. So, the shelters are very successful in helping people get out of the situations they are in and moving forward.

This past Thanksgiving over 500 families were provided with Thanksgiving dinner and over 1,000 children received their Christmas gifts through the generosity of county residents. Each night over 200 meals are served at the Life Center. The in-kind value of these efforts is valued at well over \$1 million all directly from the community.

Mr. Coleman thanked County Council for their continued support and they look forward to another successful basketball clinic and food drive.

Mr. Ranck said they expect approximately 250 people to attend the Unity Breakfast. The theme for this year's Unity Breakfast is "Remember, Celebrate and Act and the theme at the YMCA is "Together We Can Do Better." They look forward to continuing to serve the community in Upper Darby and Delaware County through this event and with Council's support.

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

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

SOLICITOR: Mr. Maddren asked for Council's authorization to file fourteen (14) Petitions for the Voluntary/Involuntary Termination of Parental Rights, five (5) Petitions for the Involuntary Termination of Parental Rights and two (2) Consents for Adoption with the Orphans Court.

Motion made by Mr. McBlain approving the filing of fourteen (14) Petitions for the Voluntary/Involuntary Termination of Parental Rights, five (5) Petitions for the Involuntary Termination of Parental Rights and two (2) Consents for Adoption with the Orphans Court, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment(s).

COUNCIL: Mr. Culp thanked Dr. Offutt and everyone for coming in today. He wished Mr. Ranck, Ed Coleman and the YMCA good luck on Monday. He appreciates everything they do.

Since this is the first County Council meeting of 2017, Mr. White wished everyone a Happy New Year. He thanked all three groups who came to this morning's Council meeting for a great job and the service they do for the residents of Delaware County. It does not go unnoticed.

Mr. McBlain echoed Mr. White's congratulations and thanks to all the honorees. He also wanted to point out Agenda Item 7, authorizing to advertise for bids for the construction of the Darby Creek Valley Trail. This is something that he hopes we can speak about throughout the year. We have been talking about the construction of this trail project, which is a one-mile trail, from the Swedish Cabin along the Darby Creek (Upper Darby Township) up to the County's Dog Park at Kent Park (Upper Darby Township). This will be an extension of our trail system and will be a wonderful opportunity for our residents to enjoy the Darby Creek Trail area. It has taken some

time to sort of assemble all the easements, all property rights that are necessary in order to construct the trail. They have formed a group where they are diligently working and hope to cut the ribbon on this trail later this year. This project is partially grant-funded from funds that we received from the state.

Vice Chairman Morrone said the last item they would like to share today is an announcement regarding the flu. We are into the winter months and we have experienced some significant cold over the last few days and some unpleasant severe weather. That brings along flu season. We have been starting to hear of reports throughout the state and throughout the country of increased flu activity.

She asked Dr. George Avetian, Senior Medical Advisor, to share some information about flu season, preventative methods that we can use to protect ourselves from getting the flu and to stay healthy.

Dr. Avetian said we are in the heart of flu season right and the best intervention is to get the flu vaccine. If you haven't received it, he encourages everyone to make sure they get the vaccine. There are multiple formulations.

Certain populations are at-risk and it is vital that those individuals receive a vaccine. Those at high-risk can be anyone under the age of 5, anyone over the age of 65, pregnant women, those that have chronic illnesses such as emphysema, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, asthma and diabetes should all get the flu vaccine. In addition, those who are obese and have a body mass index over 40 should also receive the vaccine. Therefore, he strongly encourages everyone to get vaccinated.

Vice Chairman Morrone thanked everyone for coming in this morning. She thanked everyone for bearing with her as she sat in as chairman of the meeting; it is a little different than serving as vice chairman. Councilman McBlain did a great job presenting the Agenda Items.

Vice Chairman Morrone asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

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