

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; and other department heads.

Chairman Civera called the regular meeting of October 25, 2017 to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag led by Charlie Tong, 6th Grade Student, East Lansdowne Elementary School. Wanda Mann, of the Office of the Delaware County Sheriff, gave the invocation.

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

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Agenda Item 4, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 18, 2017, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Chairman Civera called on Linda Hill, Director of Planning/OHCD, to speak on Agenda Item 5.

Ms. Hill requested the approval to amend the 2017 Community Development Block Grant Action Plan to allocate \$51,050.00 to Marcus Hook Borough for storm water improvements, located on Cedar Street from Dalton Lane to Pine Street. The activities will include installation of storm water main pipe inlets, clean-out and related site restoration.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving the following Housing and Community Development Action Plan Amendment: allocate \$51,050.00 to Marcus Hook Borough for storm water improvements. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Morrone gave a brief background of Agenda Item 6 prior to making a motion on the item.

Mrs. Morrone said Council has the opportunity to work with lots of different municipalities within Delaware County. The action we are going to take here is an opportunity where we are working together with our local municipalities to preserve open space.

Earlier this year, Council worked with Concord Township and several community groups to preserve a property known as Beaver Valley consisting of 254-acres of open space.

Last week she had the opportunity to attend Thornbury Township's public meeting where they took an action to preserve 14.72-acres of open space that abuts to an adjoining park that they currently have in the township.

The action we are taking today is another step where we are partnering with a local municipality to help them with the funding necessary to be able to preserve open space.

Joining us this morning from Thornbury Township is Jim Raith, Chairman, Thornbury Township Board of Supervisors; JP Kelly, Vice Chairman, Thornbury Township Board of Supervisors; and Sheri Perkins, Supervisor. The work they have done to preserve this open space doesn't happen overnight but rather over a period of time (probably over ten-years) with the property owner.

Mrs. Morrone recommended the approval of a Grant to Thornbury Township in the amount of \$65,000.00 from Marcellus Shale Legacy Funds to help fund the purchase of a 14.72-acre parcel, located at 69 Stoney Bank Road, Thornbury Township. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

On behalf of Thornbury Township residents, Mr. Raith thanked County Council for the donation of \$65,000.00, which is approximately 10% of the purchase price. This was a 5-acre subdivision that was approved five years ago and actually started ten years ago when the township first approached the homeowner that they would like to purchase their land. This is number two on their open space inventory of properties they have targeted of the top fifteen. Since the time in 2007, they have purchased six of those properties.

Thornbury Township is happy and thrilled that Delaware County was able to partner with them on this purchase of this parcel of land.

Chairman Civera called on Joe Dougherty to speak on Agenda Item 7.

Mr. Dougherty asked for Council's approval of two (2) Subsidized Day Care Providers of Service with Child Care Information Services. There are no County dollars associated with the approval of this request.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Agreements, Contracts and Amendments with the Human Services Provider of Services as per the attached list. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Chairman Civera called on Mr. Culp to speak on Agenda Item 8, the presentation by PECO of a donation to the Hero Scholarship Fund.

Every year across the country, Mr. Culp said it seems our communities are shaken by the tragic loss of one of our brave first responders. When that happens in Delaware County, we come together as a community to support their families and their fellow first responders.

These men and women are police officers, firefighters and emergency responders, but they are also fathers, husbands, wives and friends. The Hero Scholarship Fund is one way we can help families in Delaware County if the worst happens. We are grateful to the many sponsors who continue to contribute their time and generosity to the Hero's Scholarship Fund.

Today we are joined by Joseph C. Blackburn, PECO's External Affairs Manager, who is going to present a \$2,000.00 check donation in support of the sons and daughters of police, firefighters and emergency medical personnel who died in the line of duty. Also, attending today's meeting on behalf of the Hero Bowl is Robert Lythgoe, Jr., President of the Hero Scholarship Fund and Chairman of the Hero Bowl.

Chairman Civera called on Mr. White to speak on Agenda Item 9, a Resolution declaring October 23-31 as Red Ribbon Week.

Mr. White said alcohol and drug abuse have reached epidemic proportions in the United States and is a serious public health threat to our children, our families and our communities.

In Delaware County, we formed the Heroin Task Force with our District Attorney in 2012 to address this epidemic through prevention, education, awareness and now recovery. Since then, we have made great strides through partnerships with law enforcement, community groups and our schools.

Today, we are proud to have some of our partners with us to recognize Red Ribbon Week, which is observed from October 23-31 to raise awareness about the dangers of drug and alcohol abuse.

Our Department of Human Services, Office of Behavioral Health, work tirelessly to help prevent addiction. They offer a comprehensive array of mental health, alcohol and drug treatment services and are key members of the Heroin Task Force. We also have certified recovery specialists who work in emergency rooms and crisis centers, police, physicians and families to help reach people who recently survived an overdose and to get them connected with treatment and help them with support.

We know that raising awareness is key. It is critical to educate our youth about drug and alcohol abuse and to convey the message that any use of illegal drugs, or illegal use of legal drugs, is unacceptable and ruins lives.

Joining us today are some very special guests from one of our local schools here in Delaware County, whose staff and students are shining examples in our community. Led by Ms. Marnie Jackson, school counselor, and Ms. Andrea Fink, student council moderator and teacher, students from East Lansdowne and Park Lane Elementary Schools, of the William Penn School District, planned and participated in a series of activities and events this week aimed at drug awareness and prevention.

Some of their initiatives include wearing all red in acknowledgement of being drug-free and participation in character building activities to promote making good choices.

Tomorrow, October 26, East Lansdowne School is hosting a "Red Ribbon Rally" in partnership with local police, fire departments and elected officials. On Friday, October 27, to culminate the week, students, parents, teachers and staff from Park Lane Elementary School will march through the neighborhood, vowing to keep themselves and their community drug-free. This has become an annual event in honor of Red Ribbon Week that shows unity among the school and the community against one of the greatest scourges of our time and one of the largest threats to the future success of our young people. By taking a united stance and identifying and making positive choices, these students are sending a powerful message to their peers and their community.

Mr. White said we are honored to have the following students with us today and want to recognize them for being shining examples in the community: Gianna Gamble, Kimani Belcher, Mia Perez, Ariel Noble, Charlie Tong, Aniya Laws and Kayla Hazelwood (all 6th grade students). They were accompanied by Marnie Jackson, School Counselor and Andrea Fink, Student Council Moderator and Kindergarten Teacher.

Also attending today's meeting was District Attorney Jack Whelan and Sheriff Mary McFall Hopper.

Chairman Civera said he has the great privilege of recognizing (for the fourth year) the Veterans Memorial 2017 Freedom Medal Honorees.

He first wanted to recognize the contributions of the late Linda Houldin. Linda spoke from her heart and was dedicated and believed in what she saw (her vision). She met with Claude de Botton regarding their vision of erecting the Veterans Memorial, in Newtown Square. Together they carried this vision through to fruition. On behalf of all members of County Council, it is with sincere sympathy that we remember Linda for her contributions.

In 2013, the Delaware County Veterans Memorial, in Newtown Square, became the newest monument in the county dedicated to veterans.

The Veterans Memorial Association hosts an annual Freedom Medal dinner to pay tribute to the brave men and women of the armed services, in addition to its educational programs that ensure future generations know about this nation's military history and sacrifice.

Chairman Civera said County Council is partnering with the Veterans Memorial Association to host the third annual Freedom Medal Awards dinner on Thursday, November 16 at the Springfield Country Club. County Council is honored to help present these awards at the dinner.

Chairman Civera called on Guy Fizzano, Delaware County Veterans Memorial Association President, to come forward and say a few words.

Mr. Fizzano thanked County Council for recognizing the DCVMA. He also thanked Council for partnering with them in hosting their 4th annual Freedom Medal Awards dinner. He recognized the following 2017 Freedom Medal Award winners: Martin Costello, U.S. Navy Veteran; Jennifer Jones, U.S. Army Veteran; William M. Kinney, Jr., U.S. Marine Corps Veteran; Jerry Sweeley, U.S. Army Veteran; and Sean Sweeney, U.S. Marine Corps Veteran.

Awards will also be presented to the following community leaders: Dr. Tina Kane, Principal, Paxon Hollow Middle School, Marple Newtown School District; the Videon Family; and our own County Councilman Dave White, who is the recipient of the President's Award.

Mr. Fizzano said this is the largest fundraiser for the Veterans Memorial, which is a non-profit organization, with all funding for both construction and yearly upkeep done by way of charitable donations. They appreciate all the contributors, especially Claude de Botton, Nicole de Botton and family.

Lastly, Mr. Fizzano said Linda Houldin was a very dear supporter of the Memorial. She was one of our founding members, who will be greatly missed.

Chairman Civera said a few words about one of the honorees, namely Dave White. He got to know Dave when they both were running for County Council. Dave believed in and supported the building of the Veterans Memorial. He is deserving of this honor and thanked the DCVMA board for honoring him.

Chairman Civera called on Mr. White to speak on Agenda Item 11, a Resolution recognizing October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Mr. White said (sadly) one in four women and one in seven men in the United States have suffered severe physical violence at the hands of an intimate partner. Last year, several of the homicides in Delaware County were directly related to domestic violence.

In May 2015, District Attorney Jack Whelan, County Council and partners in the community formed the Domestic Abuse Review Team, or DART. Delaware County has always worked to prevent domestic abuse and assist abused victims and through this team we focus our attention to domestic violence by looking how to strengthen our criminal justice system.

As a member of the DART team, Mr. White has seen firsthand how devastating and costly domestic violence is to its victim, their children, their families, in the workplace and the community.

One goal is to examine evidence-based prosecution and investigate techniques surrounding domestic abuse, from the original response call by the patrol officer, through the criminal justice system including Protection from Abuse Orders.

The committee is identifying areas where a domestic abuse victim is vulnerable. We want to develop plans to better identify and serve high-risk victims of domestic violence in partnership with the Domestic Abuse Project of Delaware County.

Working with the Domestic Abuse Project, we now have a countywide Lethality Assessment Program, which is an innovative strategy to prevent domestic violence homicides and serious injuries. We want to identify the victims who are at the highest risk of being injured or killed by their partners and connect them with services.

The Lethality Assessment Program is a multi-pronged intervention where the evidence is assessed and responders are alerted to the unique circumstances of a high-danger victim so they can better help that victim.

For all of us, the goal is to reduce domestic violence and to raise awareness that all men, women and children have a right to be free from violence and abuse. October is the perfect time to shine a spotlight on this issue because it is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Mr. White said Council would like to recognize many of the people who are working tirelessly on this issue in Delaware County. We are grateful for their expertise and compassion and want to recognize their latest efforts to end domestic violence.

Attending today's meeting on behalf of Domestic Violence Awareness Month were the following individuals: Jack Whelan, District Attorney; Mary McFall Hopper, Sheriff; and Joseph Ryan, Chief of the Delaware County Criminal Investigation Division.

Chairman Civera called on Mrs. Morrone to continue with today's Agenda Items.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Agenda Item 13, the request by the Controller's Office for payment of current bills, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

SOLICITOR: Mr. Maddren asked for Council's authorization to file one (1) Consent for Adoption with the Orphans Court.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to file one (1) Consent for Adoption with the Orphans Court, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment(s).

COUNCIL: Mr. Culp thanked PECO for their generous donation to the Hero Scholarship Fund. Bob Lythgoe and his team do a tremendous job. He thanked everyone for coming in for Red Ribbon Week and encouraged everyone to participate in Red Ribbon Week. This is a tough subject and wearing red helps to bring attention to this epidemic. Congratulations to all the

Freedom Medal honorees. He said he can speak for everyone on Council by saying we cherish all our veterans and active military personnel. What they do is exceptional and we can't thank them enough.

As for Domestic Violence Awareness Week, Mr. Culp said you can see here today we have many County employees, day in and day out, serving the community. They do an excellent job.

Mr. White echoed Mr. Culp's comments. Every group that was honored here this morning has done a tremendous job and service to the Delaware County residents. Without you, this work would not get done. To the students that were here from East Lansdowne Elementary School, it is such a great way to help fight drug abuse.

Mr. White said he along with D.A. Whelan and Sheriff Hopper attended a Heroin Task Force event Tuesday evening in Ridley Park. It is devastating to hear the comments and the stories of how this affects so many people in one way or another. It is so important that we get the message out about drug abuse.

He thanked the Veterans Memorial Organization for honoring him this year with the President's Award. The Veterans Memorial is very close to his heart. His parents are named on one of the columns at the Memorial.

Mr. McBlain echoed everyone's sentiments. He extended congratulations to Thornbury Township and the County Planning Department for their open space efforts. We continue to add to the inventory of open space in Delaware County.

He was also proud last week when the county submitted its bid for Amazon's 2nd Headquarters here in Delaware County. One of the sections that was included in the bid submission was something about the quality of life and our open space. Delaware County has approached 20% of our land as being protected as open space, whether it be by municipality, by the county, by the state or federal government or some other private entity. That is significant for a county of our size and so close to an urban area and contrasts us against the Chester counties where they are approaching (maybe) 30%, but most of that is farmland that has an easement.

Mr. McBlain congratulated the Freedom of Medal honorees. It made him think that we have seen the national news over the last couple of weeks, the politicization of ways to honor our veterans and especially fallen veterans. If you ever want to hear (very eloquently stated) the essence of how proper it is to honor our veterans, listen to Mr. de Botton talk about his appreciation of our veterans. He is someone who immigrated to this country and is so appreciative of everything that the veterans have done and has put his heart and soul into honoring them. If you listen to people like Mr. de Botton, as well as what General Kelly said last week, those types of people will end the conversation about honoring veterans. So, he wanted to thank Mr. de Botton for all his efforts and the entire Veterans Memorial committee.

Mrs. Morrone said she would also echo the comments made. She expressed her appreciation for the work that the Domestic Violence Coalition does and the work around Red Ribbon Week to promote and communicate throughout our community these two important issues that impact everyone's lives here in the county, one way or another.

Congratulations to Thornbury Township. The county was happy to partner with our local municipalities and to be able to preserve this open space. Again, this shows how the county partners with the local municipalities and how we all need to come together to be able to save open space.

Many thanks to our Freedom Medal Award winners and for coming in today. We are excited to attend this annual dinner; it is truly an event that is memorable. It recognizes the service of our veterans here in Delaware County and the work they do to protect us in the world and to make our lives better. To Dave, congratulations. This is an honor well-deserved.

Chairman Civera said this Council recognizes all the honorees that were present this morning and we recognize the hardworking people of the county. We enjoy doing what we do here and enjoy recognizing the individual people.

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

HUMAN SERVICES AGREEMENTS, CONTRACTS
& AMENDMENTS TO CONTRACTS

<u>Name of Provider</u>	<u>Type of Service</u>	<u>Term of Contract/ Agreement</u>	<u>Current Contract/ Agreement Amount</u>	<u>Proposed Contract/ Agreement Amount</u>
Krayola Kidz Academy Childcare LLC	Subsidized Day Care	9/1/17-*	N/A	N/A
Lalita Shields	Subsidized Day Care	9/1/17-*	N/A	N/A

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