

**PRESENT:** Mario J. Civera, Jr., Chairman; Colleen P. Morrone, Vice Chairman; 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 June 7, 2017 to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. John Sheaffer, Assistant Director of Delaware County Veterans Affairs Office, gave the invocation.

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

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 31, 2017, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to advertise for Bids to furnish and deliver Gasoline and Diesel Fuel to designated locations in the County of Delaware for a period of one (1) year, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to purchase patron access to LexisNexis Database for the Francis J. Catania Law Library for thirty-six (36) months for a total cost of \$37,800.00. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Agenda Item 7, Central Tax Collection Department's request for refunds for the year 2017 County Real Estate Taxes for 6 property owners due to the overpayment of the amount of taxes due, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Morrone said, before making a motion on Agenda Item 8, she wanted to provide a little bit of background on this item. Today, Council is acting on the purchase, protection and preservation of open space in Delaware County, a tract known as Beaver Valley, located in Concord Township. This tract of land consists of 270 acres and through collaborations and partnerships with Delaware County, Concord Township, the Natural Lands Conservation, the Brandywine Conservation and many other individuals in the community, we have been able to raise money to purchase this land and protect it for the residents of Delaware County to enjoy as open space.

This parcel of land abuts to a property in Delaware called the First State National Park. So, this land will be directly connected to that park and allow for an even greater access of open space in the community. It is full of trails for biking, walking and beautiful lands for horses.

Mrs. Morrone's said it is her pleasure to make the motion for the approval of Agenda Item 8, authorizing a payment of \$250,000.00 in Marcellus Shale Funds to Eastern States Development Companies, Inc. in support of The Conservation Fund's acquisition of the Beaver Valley

property for the protection and preservation of open space in Delaware County. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Prior to this morning's Council Meeting, Chairman Civera said Council had the honor of raising the flag of the U. S. Army.

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 2017, 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, we raised the first of the five flags to be flown this year with the flag of the U.S. Army, which was established on June 14, 1775. It will fly from the flagpole in the courtyard of the Government Center and Courthouse complex through the Army's birth date of June 14, which also is Flag Day.

Joining us this morning to represent those who served in the U.S. Army were Army veterans Bill Lovejoy, Director of Veterans Affairs and John Sheaffer, Assistant Director of Veterans Affairs.

Bill Lovejoy served as a military policeman in West Germany from 1965-1967 early in the Vietnam War era and is Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Pennsylvania Veterans Museum, in Media.

John Sheaffer was a paratrooper from 2000-2003 with a combat deployment to Afghanistan in the aftermath of the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001. He is Commander of the Herbert W. Best VFW Post 928, in Ridley Township.

Chairman Civera called on Mr. White to speak on Agenda Item 10.

After our meeting this morning, Mr. White invited everyone to come down to the Armed Services Tribute Board, located in the Government Center Lobby, for the posting of U.S. Army Sergeant Philip Hackler's photo.

American troops continue to risk their lives to protect our freedom here at home. Unfortunately, as we go about our daily lives, we tend to forget that over one million men and women continue to serve in the United States military, both here and overseas.

In Delaware County, we want to continue to recognize all residents who are serving in the Armed Services, whether they are stationed on an overseas base or one of the 6,000 bases here in the United States. One of the ways we do that is by posting their photo on the Armed Services Tribute Board.

U.S. Army Sergeant Philip Hackler grew up in Springfield and is a 1996 graduate of Springfield High School. Following high school, Sergeant Hackler attended the American Military University and received an Associate's Degree. In August 2001, Sergeant Hackler enlisted and began basic training at Fort Benning, Georgia. Since then he has received numerous accommodations and awards as well as serving multiple tours in Iraq and Kuwait.

Mr. White acknowledged Sergeant Hackler's parents Stephen and Karen Hackler, of Springfield; his grandparents Edward and Edith Laguna; his sisters Lauren Homony and Lisa Kiesel; and uncles Edward Jr. and James Laguna who joined us this morning.

Chairman Civera recognized Dr. Jerry Parker on his retirement as President of the Delaware County Community College.

Since the Delaware County Community College first opened its doors in 1967 with 300 students, Delaware County residents have been afforded the chance to pursue opportunities in higher education. In 1977, a young man named Jerry Parker arrived in the county with a vision that community colleges should offer the same advantages and opportunities of highly-selective universities to a wider audience.

Dr. Parker came to Delaware County from Poughkeepsie, New York, where he worked at Vassar College. He started at Delaware County Community College (DCCC) in 1977 as assistant to the vice president of administration.

Four decades later, County Council is recognizing Dr. Parker on his retirement, which becomes official on June 30. During his forty years at DCCC, the college has grown significantly. It now serves 27,000 students on the Marple campus and at various satellites, including a newer branch in Upper Darby Township.

It is Dr. Parker's vision that has resulted in transforming DCCC into a modern, state-of-the-art college that offers programs needed to prepare people for jobs in today's changing world. It was under Jerry's leadership that the STEM Center was built and opened its doors in 2010.

The STEM Center, which stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, is a remarkable facility that has modern classrooms, advanced laboratories and offers hands-on learning in the latest technologies necessary to do today's jobs. It's also a green building with energy-efficient systems, recycled materials and daylight harvesting.

As part of that complex, there is also an Advanced Technology Center that trains people in laboratories for jobs in carpentry, automotive, electronics, heating, air conditioning, plumbing, welding, robotics and much more.

This year, Jerry was instrumental in helping the college secure a \$100,000.00 grant from Sunoco Logistics to help fund training programs for careers in the process control technology, which will help DCCC students secure jobs in manufacturing. It's great to see these types of partnerships between colleges and our leading businesses.

Jerry has served as a member of the Delaware County Workforce Development Board. County Council has been privileged to collaborate with him and DCCC to offer a wide variety of training programs that benefits those seeking employment and the employers looking for workers as well. His efforts have helped Delaware County as a community to create and sustain a highly skilled workforce.

Chairman Civera said it is Delaware County Council's privilege today to present Dr. Parker with a Resolution. Delaware County and its residents are much better off after having Jerry Parker at the Delaware County Community College for four decades. He will be missed and we wish him and his family well in his well-deserved retirement.

Chairman Civera spoke on Agenda Item 12, a Resolution recognizing Monsignor Bonner and Archbishop Prendergast's Softball Team.

Council is proud to have many great athletes in our high schools who bring pride to not only the student body but to the entire community. Today, we are honored to recognize the Monsignor Bonner Archbishop Prendergast Softball Team for winning the Philadelphia Catholic League Girls Softball Title. This is a huge accomplishment and honor for the team and Delaware County.

The team took home the title of Philadelphia Catholic League Girls Softball Champions on May 26 when they beat out Saint Hubert's, in Northeast Philadelphia, 3-2. Currently, they hold an impressive 18-5 record.

Earning this title is much more than just excellence in athletics. It also encompasses all of the wonderful things about the sport you love including the moments you will likely remember all of your lives and the friendships you have built with your teammates. Many of you will continue those friendships throughout your college and adult lives.

Your great success story was due to hours of practice and dedication throughout the season. County Council commends the team and coaches for their dedication, comradery and team spirit. We are proud to have you represent Upper Darby and all of Delaware County!

Chairman Civera recognized the following coaches: Tom McNulty, Kate Dumont and Briana DeLenardo. A Resolution was presented to the team and certificates were awards to the members: Senior members - Caroline Manfre, Molly McNulty, Kerri Quinn, Melissa Callahan, Kelsy Czbik, Kerry Keenan and Sam Frescoln; Junior members - Meghan Sullivan, Kaitlyn Martin, Allison Martin and Kayla McLaughlin; and Sophomore member - Haley Rugh.

Chairman Civera called on Mr. White to speak on Agenda Item 13, the presentation of funds raised by AFSCME for the Peggie and Paul Shevlin Foundation.

Mr. White said the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Public Employees Council 88, also known as AFSCME, is Delaware County's largest public services employees' union representing 14,000 members in Southeastern Pennsylvania, 1,500 of which are Delaware County residents and 675 being Delaware County employees. As a diverse group of people who share a common commitment to public service, part of the organization's mission is to advocate for services that keep families safe and make communities strong.

Earlier this year, Delaware County Council, our District Attorney and members of the Heroin Task Force met with Tom Tosti, Director of AFSCME District Council 88, to discuss ways they could partner with the county and together we could address the opioid epidemic. Recognizing this is an issue impacting families across the region, and members of their own families, AFSCME members generously decided to donate \$500.00 to the Peggie and Paul Shevlin Foundation.

Mr. White gave a brief background about the Shevlin family. Peggie and Paul Shevlin are both lifelong residents of Delaware County and currently reside in Marple Township. They have seven children, three of which are in long-term recovery. Being faced with addiction within their own family, Peggie and Paul Shevlin knew firsthand the devastation that addiction can cause. In 2015, as a family, they decided to establish an organization that provides scholarships for individuals struggling with addiction who are unable to afford treatment for recovery. In addition to providing scholarships, the Shevlin Foundation also assists families with interventions, education, prevention, sober support and other addiction and recovery services.

We are pleased that founder Peggie Shevlin and her son P.J. Shevlin are here today, along with Tom Tosti, President of the Union Council.

Tom Tosti, Director of AFSCME District Council 88, introduced the following AFSCME members who accompanied him today: Susan Porreca, President, Local 3107; Renee Bennett, President, Local 1439; Ed Dutch, President, Local 2244; and Brian Dayoc, Staff Representative.

Mr. Tosti said they held a Women's Conference in March of this year, which is held every other year, to decide on a cause they will support. This year their cause was the opioid addiction problem. When they held the delegate assembly, which they do twice a year, they take a

collection up for a cause that is within their council and they were able to raise \$500.00. He then contacted Executive Director Grace about who they could donate the money to and she recommended the Shevlin Foundation.

They are happy to make the donation and hopefully they can continue this partnership because it is a problem, not only here in Delaware County, but throughout the entire state.

Chairman Civera spoke on Agenda Item 14, recognizing Wound Care Awareness Week.

Every year thousands of patients across the United States, including more than 33,000 individuals right here in Delaware County, suffer from severe, chronic wounds. Currently, chronic wounds affect approximately 6.7 million people in the U.S. with that number expected to rise over the next decade due to an aging population and increasing rates of diseases and conditions such as diabetes, obesity and the late effects of radiation therapy. If left untreated, chronic wounds can lead to diminished quality of life and can even result in serious infections and amputation. The good news is that chronic wounds can be easily treated and prevented.

To raise awareness about chronic wounds, County Council and our Department of Intercommunity Health is partnering with Delaware County Memorial Hospital's Center for Wound Healing and Hyperbaric Medicine to observe "Wound Care Awareness Week" during the week of June 5 to 9.

Through increased awareness, we can better inform patients, their families, community physicians and the general public about the importance of advance wound care and hyperbaric medicine and its ability to save lives, limbs and quality of life.

As one of the founding hospitals of the Crozer Keystone Health System, Delaware County Memorial Hospital's Wound Care Center offers advanced, multidisciplinary approaches to healing chronic wounds associated with diabetes, peripheral vascular disease and autoimmune disease. With a healing rate of 94 percent, their staff combines technology with personal attention and draws on the latest advances in wound care to craft a treatment plan that addresses each individual's needs.

Today, County Council recognized the dedicated staff of the Delaware County Memorial Hospital's Wound Care Center for their tireless dedication in providing healing and life-saving services for county residents. We are grateful for the strong partnership we have with DCMH, Crozer and our three health systems here in Delaware County.

Attending this morning's Council Meeting were the following individuals: Robert Haffey, President of Delaware County Memorial Hospital; Dr. Sunny Fink, Transplant Trauma Surgeon and Delaware County Memorial Hospital's wound care physician; Dr. Rhonda Cornell, DPM Surgeon and Limb Salvage Specialist; Kevin Cary, Program Director, Wound Care Hyperbaric

Medicine; Lori Devlin, Director of Intercommunity Health; and Dr. George Avetian, Senior Medical Advisor.

Chairman Civera thanked the Delaware County Memorial Hospital for being involved with Wound Care Awareness Week. DCMH is located in the Drexel Hill section of Upper Darby Township and services that community well. We are proud to have them here today.

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

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Agenda Item 15, 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 three (3) Consents for Adoption with the Orphans Court.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to file three (3) Consents for Adoption with the Orphans Court, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** No public comment(s).

**COUNCIL:** Mr. Culp thanked U.S. Army Sergeant Hackler's family for everything they do. While he is away fighting for our freedom, you are here worrying about him fighting for our freedom. We appreciate everything you and he does for us. To Dr. Parker - we cannot qualify how much an impact you have made on Delaware County and the education you have given everyone throughout the years. Best of luck on your retirement. To the Monsignor Bonner/Archbishop Prendergast Softball Team - you have all done a tremendous job and congratulations and good luck in the future. He thanked AFSCME for everything they have done, not just with the donations to a tremendous foundation like the Shevlin Foundation but for what they do on a daily basis. We cannot thank them enough. We are lucky to have people like Peggie and Paul Shevlin in Delaware County who care about the opioid epidemic and for caring about the people who are struggling with that. Wound Care Awareness Week – we are lucky to have you in our community.

Mr. White said it occurred to him the excellence we have just sitting in this room, whether it be Delaware County Memorial Hospital, the Delaware County Community College and now the Prendie Softball Team. Congratulations to each of you and for everything you do for our county and our residents. Congratulations to the young ladies who have proven hard work will get you some place. To AFSCME and the Shevlin family – thank you for coming in today and continue the good work. We have a long way to go, but he can assure you that this Council will never give up the task. To Sergeant Hackler and his family – he is giving to this country and we are so grateful for that.

Mrs. Morrone thanked Sergeant Hackler's family for being here this morning. To Dr. Parker – she has really enjoyed getting to know him over the last ten years since she's been involved in Delaware County. His 40 years of service in Delaware County will truly impact the county for years to come. Best of luck in your retirement. To the Shevlin Family – keep up the great work.

Chairman Civera said Council takes pride in what we do in recognizing the individuals and groups that live in our county. Thanks for everyone who came out this morning. Have a safe summer.

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.

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ANNE M. COOGAN, County Clerk