

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 March 1, 2017 to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag led by Jim Wurster, a member of the Rotary Club of Central Delaware County. Maureen Dillon, of the Information Technology Department, gave the invocation.

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

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 22, 2017, seconded by Mr. McBlain and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Central Tax Collection Department’s request for refunds for the year 2016 County Real Estate Taxes for 5 property owners due to the overpayment of the amount of taxes due, seconded by Mr. White and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving the participation in the Intergovernmental Transfer Agreement between Fair Acres Geriatric Center (Delaware County) and the Department of Human Services. This agreement will result in funding for Fair Acres in the amount of \$2,810,503.00. The motion is subject to the Solicitor’s approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Chairman Civera called on John Daly, Director of the Office of Workforce Development, to speak on Agenda Item 7.

Mr. Daly asked for Council’s approval of two contracts for the Office of Workforce Development.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Item 7, 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.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to reappoint the following individuals to the Delaware County Housing Authority for a five (5) year term ending January 2022:

Paul G. Mattus
William T. Neil
Robert Boland

Ridley Township
Ridley Township
Ridley Park Borough

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

Chairman Civera called on Mrs. Morrone to speak on Agenda Item 9, a Resolution declaring Women's History Month.

Mrs. Morrone said every March County Council partners with the Delaware County Women's Commission to recognize Women's History Month. Throughout history, women have fought tirelessly to broaden democracy, to ensure we are all treated equally and to encourage young girls to reach for new heights.

This year's theme focuses on women who have successfully challenged the role of women in business and the paid labor force with the theme "*Honoring Trailblazing Women in Labor and Business.*"

The Women's Commission and its partner, the Friends of the Women's Commission, will celebrate Women's History Month at the annual breakfast on March 22, at the Springfield Country Club. On that day, they will present the annual Woman of Achievement Award to three women and induct a former Springfield Township Board of Commissioner into the Hall of Fame.

Today, we want to recognize the members of the Women's Commission for their work in raising awareness and encouraging the role of women in business and industry and to recognize this year's honorees.

This year's Hall of Fame inductee is Kitty Jurciukonis, a former Springfield Township Board of Commissioner. Kitty worked tirelessly for the good of the residents and was a role model professional, mentor and a trailblazer as a working woman in her public service roles, community volunteer and realtor association involvement.

The following three exceptional women will be honored by the Women's Commission with the Woman of Achievement Award: Delaware County Court of Common Pleas Judge Fizzano Cannon; Stephanie Fleetman, CEO of Mustang Expediting Inc. and Jennifer Morgan, President of SAP North America.

Judge Christine Fizzano Cannon has parlayed a successful legal career with a focus on municipal and commercial law into a career in public service. Prior to being elected to the Court of Common Pleas, Judge Fizzano Cannon served on Delaware County Council where she successfully advocated for energy efficiency, open space preservation and government transparency.

Stephanie "Sam" Fleetman represents the true American dream born out of sheer determination and hard work. Sam started her own special handling trucking company, Mustang Expediting Inc., and building her life-long vision into a multi-million-dollar company.

Jennifer Morgan has served as president of SAP North American since May 2014. Under her stewardship, SAP has become an industry leader in the area of diversity and inclusion and was

recently acknowledged as the first technology company in the U.S. to receive the EDGE Certification, a recognition awarded by the World Economic Forum recognizing the company's commitment to gender equality in the workplace.

Mrs. Morrone said County Council is proud to honor these women today and they look forward to joining the Commission to further recognize them at the awards breakfast on March 22.

The following members of the Women's Commission were here today: Marlaina Geffers (Chairman), Gina Sage, Patti Rodgers Morrisette, Caitlin Ganley, Lisa Dort, Pearl Kim, Emily Harris, Marie Feindt, Anne Marie Murphy and Victoria Gainor. Also attending this morning was honoree Stephanie Fleetman and Hall of Fame recipient Kitty Jurciukonis's son-in-law Chris Shandley.

Chairman Civera called on Mr. White to speak on the Resolution recognizing the *Six Degrees of Delaware County*.

Mr. White said most of us are familiar with the concept of six degrees of separation, the idea is that anyone in the planet can be connected to anyone else in just six steps, by way of introduction, from any other person in a chain of friendships or connections. In Delaware County, this concept rings true through the many partnerships that exist among our neighborhoods, communities and in government and businesses.

In Delaware County, there are 13 Rotary Clubs whose members provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations and help to build goodwill and peace throughout the world. Their member represents a cross-section of the community and it is open to all cultures, races and creeds.

Last October, the Delaware County Rotary organizations came together in partnership to host an event called the "*Six Degrees of Delaware County*" at Team Toyota, in Glen Mills. At the event, a total of \$8,000 was raised for the Delaware County Hero Scholarship Fund as well as the Delaware County Firefighter and EMS Memorial, in Rose Tree Park. Six Degrees was conceived by Glen Mills resident Dan Foltz, the event chair and immediate past president of the Rotary Club of Central Delco. This was made possible through the generous support of Team Toyota, ACME Markets and dozens of other area businesses here in Delaware County.

Mr. White further said that County Council is proud of the fact that much of the success of Delaware County is due to partnerships, connections and strong communities. Today, we want to commend the Rotary Club of Central Delaware County, Team Toyota and ACME Markets for organizing this event to help raise funds for the Delaware County Hero Scholarship Fund and the Delaware County Fallen Firefighter and EMS Memorial. In addition, the Club will be making a contribution to support the Delaware County Fire and EMS Chiefs Association. These are worthy organizations that County Council appreciates and supports any event that fosters community connections in our fine county.

The following individuals attended today's meeting on behalf of "Six Degrees of Delaware County": Robert T. Lythgoe, Delaware County Hero Scholarship Fund; John Viola, the 1st Vice President of the Delaware County Fire & EMS Chiefs Association; Richard Heffernan, President, County Fire & EMS Memorial Committee; Claire Baker, President, Rotary Club of Central Delaware County; Rotary members – George Jones, Jeanne Lee, Dan Foltz, Jim Wurster, Joyce Laughlin, Mike Carr, Mikael Nordstrom; Lisa Diskin (Team Toyota Owner), Dan Croce (President of ACME Markets, and Ed Kline (Delaware County Department of Emergency Services).

Mr. White called on Dan Foltz to say a few words.

On behalf of the Rotary Club of Central Delaware County, Mr. Foltz thanked County Council for their support last year. The event represented three qualities: to inspire our community members, to inform community members and to improve the lives in Delaware County.

On behalf of the Central Delaware County Rotary, the Delaware County Hero Scholarship Fund will be receiving \$4,000.00; the Delaware County Fire & EMS Memorial will be receiving \$4,000.00; and the Delaware County Firefighter and EMS Chiefs Committee will be receiving \$400.00.

Mr. Foltz thanked the members of his Rotary Club (and all Rotarians) for coming together and making this an inspiring event. A special thank you to Vice Chairman Morrone for her family support that day. It was very gracious to have your family and children involved with helping to put that event together. Their contribution was very much appreciated. As leaders of the community, we inspire people by giving back to our communities and by being involved with something, even as a 1st year event, a message is sent that anything is possible!

Lastly, on behalf of the Rotary Club of Central Delaware County and also the representation of Glen Mills/Thornbury, Mr. Foltz presented Bob Lythgoe with a Community Service Award for his dedicated service to the community and for furthering the Rotary ideal of service of themselves.

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

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Item 11, 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: Janet Elliott, 409 Timber Lane, Newtown Square, who is the secretary for the Newtown Township Environmental Advisory Council and vice chair of the Newtown Square "In Bloom" Organization, came to this morning's County Council Meeting to ask for Council's help to support developing a live Town Hall with our representatives. This is a crucial issue to be able to stand in front of our representatives and respectfully and thoughtfully ask questions that really relate to our county.

Chairman Civera thanked Mrs. Elliott for coming in this morning. He replied by saying the general public of Delaware County starts at the local level for a response. On many issues Mrs. Elliott raised, this Council has been successful such as the environment, open space, trail and recreation. He said he would contact Representative Meehan and let him know that this request was made today for a Live Town Hall Meeting.

Rebecca Porter, of Middletown Township, asked if this County Council can help the Delaware County residents to have an in-person Town Hall Meeting with either Representative Meehan or Senator Toomey. She is requesting an in-person meeting - not letters.

Elizabeth Norris, of Wayne, asked the same question as the other two women did. She thinks it is very important for Representative Meehan to have a public meeting with the people who represents their community. There have been multiple requests to his office, phone calls, letters and email making this request.

Paul Seligson, 4727 West Chester Pike, Newtown Square, who is president of the Business Association in Newtown Square and coach for the Delaware County's Special Olympics Tennis, came here today to ask County Council for help in urging Representative Meehan to hold a Town Hall Meeting that is open to the public. He is fully aware that sometimes people can get a little bit unruly and if there needs to be rules of the road, rules of decorum or procedure on how the questions get asked and if there is a rebuttal, he is in favor of whatever it takes to make it palatable to Representative Meehan to meet with them.

Becky Collins, 1034 Creekside Drive, Brookhaven, she feels she is representing every patriotic American who is a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent of whatever and who is totally confused about the ever changing issues of the day. We need to have our representatives come and meet with them in person. So, she is here to ditto, ditto, ditto, ditto everything that has been said today.

Linda Litwin, 5 Clark Drive, Newtown Square, said is very involved in the environment and is very concerned about what is happening with the politics in our country. She is concerned for our environment, education, immigration and all that. She also would like to meet with Representative Meehan.

COUNCIL: Mr. Culp congratulated all the honorees that were recognized here this morning by the Delaware County Women's Commission. He also thanked everyone involved with "Six Degrees of Delco." They did a great job raising money for such unbelievable causes.

Mr. White congratulated the honorees of the Women's Commission. They have done a great job. This is a small way that Council can thank them for their dedication to the county. As for the "Six Degrees of Delco," keep up the good work. Each one of you are selfless in what you give back to the county; you do it without complaining. He looks forward to being with them and supporting these great groups.

Mr. McBlain echoed the congratulations to the honorees, both the Women's Commission and all the groups involved with "Six Degrees." It is a privilege to be able to highlight the great works that are occurring here in Delaware County.

Mr. McBlain said he thought it was fortuitous some of the public comments today because (actually) last Friday he participated in meetings with Congressman Meehan that were conducted at the William Penn School District on very important legislation, which he has introduced in order to hold Section 8 landlords or delinquent to hold their feet to the fire. There are many different issues, not just one single issue, that is being debated in this country today. He (Meehan) was able to go out and have a meeting and talk about introducing that legislation. Congressman Meehan has always been somebody that he has found to be open and accessible. They had a meeting with all elected Democrats from the School Board and they were able to discuss various issues, including the new Secretary of Education and her plans to improve our (obviously) poor educational areas that we have in many places in this country. Not only the Affordable Care Act, but other topics were discussed.

Mr. McBlain thanks Representative Meehan for introducing that legislation which will help all taxpayers in Delaware County to ensure that those who receive federal subsidies pay their taxes.

Mrs. Morrone extended her congratulations to all the award winners and check recipients today. These recognitions are the things that we look forward to here on County Council by seeing our community actively involved. You can see by both presentations today that we have an extremely active Women's Commission that does tremendous work in the community and is in touch with women who are making a difference in our community.

Mrs. Morrone pointed out Chris Seibert who was here today and works who with our Women's Commission on behalf of the county. She does a great job helping them to stay organized and to get all these great things done.

As for Six Degrees, Mrs. Morrone said she did not hear Mr. Foltz say when the next event would take place. Mr. Foltz said they are in discussion and they will inform County Council when a date, time and place are set.

Chairman Civera thanked everyone for coming in this morning. Council looks forward to honoring our residents and the different organizations. The recognition of Women's History Month is unbelievable for what they have accomplished over the years, not only in the private sector but also in the educational and political worlds. They are well-recognized and well-respected; keep up the good work.

The Six Degrees of Delco is a great idea. It is very hard to get people to participate in service organizations today. So, he congratulates the Rotary Club and all the service organizations for their work.

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