

**PRESENT:** John P. McBlain, Chairman; Colleen P. Morrone, Vice Chairman; Michael F. Culp, Council Member; Kevin M. Madden, Council Member; Brian P. Zidek, Council Member; Joanne Phillips, Controller; Marianne Grace, Executive Director; Michael L. Maddren, Solicitor; Anne M. Coogan, County Clerk; and other department heads.

The Regular Meeting of Delaware County Council was held on April 25, 2018 at 10:00 A.M. in the County Council Meeting Room, Government Center Building located at 201 W. Front Street, Media, PA. Chairman McBlain called the meeting to order followed the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag led by CID Detective Robert Lythgoe, Jr. Shannon Fitzpatrick Thomas, Children's Mental Health/Office of Behavioral Health, gave the invocation.

Chairman McBlain called on Mr. Culp to speak on Agenda Item 4, a Resolution recognizing the 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Delaware County Hero Bowl on May 31.

Mr. Culp said every year across the country it seems our communities are shaken by the tragic loss of one of our brave first responders, whether they serve as police officer, firefighter or emergency medical personnel. When this happens, we are proud of the fact that here in Delaware County, we come together as a community to support their families and their fellow first responders.

Since 1977, the Hero Scholarship Committee has been raising funds to provide scholarship aid to the children of Delaware County police officers, firefighters and EMS personnel who lost their lives in the line of duty. Since its founding, 35 young people have received scholarships through the Hero Scholarship Fund.

One of the main fundraisers is an all-star football game that involves the top athletes from our local high schools. This year marks the 42<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the Hero Bowl, which is set for 7:30 P.M. Thursday, May 31, at Cardinal O'Hara High School in Springfield. All proceeds from the game benefit the Hero Scholarship Fund. Tickets are \$5.00. Last year the Hero Bowl raised over \$37,000.00 for the Hero Scholarship Fund.

Today, Council is presenting a resolution to recognize the efforts that make this a success from the hard work of the committee to the coordinated work of the athletes and their coaches. We are also grateful to the many sponsors who contribute their time and generosity to this event.

One of the greatest tragedies a community can suffer is the loss of a police officer or emergency responder. These men and women are police officers, firefighters and emergency responders, but are also fathers, husbands and friends. The Hero Scholarship Fund is one way we can help families in Delaware County if the worst happens.

On behalf of the Hero Bowl, Robert Lythgoe, Jr., President of the Hero Scholarship Fund and Chairman of the Hero Bowl, is with us today to say a few words about the Hero Bowl and to introduce other members who accompanied him today.

On behalf of Delaware County police officers, firefighters and emergency medical personnel, Chief Lythgoe thanked County Council for their continued support. He recognized some of the many supporters of the Hero Bowl, namely the Franklin Mint Federal Credit Union, TD Bank, Springfield Outback Steakhouse, Springfield Run for Heroes, Premier Orthopedics and Sports Medicine, Delaware County Firemen's Association, Delaware County Fraternal Order of Police, Chester Police Department Fraternal Order of Police/Lodge 19, Wawa, PECO, Comcast; and Boeing.

He also thanked Cardinal O'Hara High School for hosting the Hero Bowl game, Widener University who hosts the practice sessions and Media Borough for the use of their Community Center for the cheerleaders to practice.

Chairman McBlain thanked all the members of the Hero Bowl Committee and its sponsors. He noted that Mark Hanley, a police officer in Ridley Park and who was with us earlier, was shot in the line of duty and survived the shooting. Thank goodness that his children will not have to use this fund, as he has since recovered. Mark is married to the daughter of a fallen firefighter of Collingdale Fire Company, Donald Felker, who died in 1978 in the line of duty. Firefighter Felker left behind a wife and ten children. This is an example of how the Hero Scholarship Fund helps the families of fallen heroes. He encourages everyone to help in this very worthy cause.

Chairman McBlain called on Mr. Zidek to speak on Agenda Item 5, a Resolution declaring May 10 as Children's Mental Health Awareness Day.

In Delaware County, Mr. Zidek said we are pleased to have an extensive System of Care, through our Department of Human Services, Office of Behavioral Health, that helps families and individuals access the services they need to address the mental health of children and youth. Council recognizes that mental health is just as important as physical health.

For many children in Delaware County and across the nation, mental health is a daily challenge in their lives. Each year, thousands of children receive licensed mental health services in Pennsylvania. Research shows that early identification and intervention of mental health issues in a critical component of the health and well-being of children and adults. By raising awareness about children's mental health and the resources available to families, we support our children, their positive emotional development and their hope for a bright future.

Our Delaware County Child Serving Systems and Community Supports work closely together forming our Delaware County System of Care. Children and youth with mental health challenges and their families benefit from access to timely services and supports as well as from the integration of behavioral health in primary care, education and child welfare.

Each year, the System celebrates Children's Mental Health Awareness during the month of May with the actual day of awareness taking place this year on Thursday, May 10. This year's theme is "Partnering for Health and Hope following Trauma," which focuses on the importance of an

integrated approach to caring for the mental health needs of children, youth and young adults who have experienced trauma, as well as their families. This year there will be a series of trainings offered, including monthly Youth Mental Health First Aid Training, which enhances the skills of teachers, providers, coaches and parents in identifying children at risk and linking them to resources. So far, Delaware County has certified more than 1,000 individuals through this suicide prevention model.

Council would like to recognize all of these efforts by presenting a resolution in recognition of Children's Mental Health Awareness and ask Shannon Thomas, the county's coordinator of Children's Mental Health and System of Care, to come forward with her partners to say a few words.

Ms. Thomas thanked County Council for highlighting the importance of children's mental health, behavioral health and substance abuse. As we have talked about over the years, suicide prevention is of utmost importance to us. She introduced the following people who accompanied her today: Theresa Agostinelli, representing Mental Health Intellectual Disabilities Board; Jeanne Ewing, Children's Mental Health Specialist; Tracy McAlee, Delaware County Crisis Connections Team/Elwyn; Christina Gordon, Children's Mental Health Caseworker and DCORT member; Tracy Wise, Delaware County Intermediate Unit Mobile Crisis Response Team/Director of the School-based Mobile Crisis Team; and Joe Dougherty, Director of Human Services.

Chairman McBlain called on Vice Chairman Morrone to present the Resolution recognizing May as Older Americans Month.

In Delaware County, Mrs. Morrone said we are pleased and grateful for the hundreds of older residents who contribute their time and talent to enhance our lives and our communities. We value them each and every day, but in May we shine a spotlight on the contributions of our senior residents.

Nearly one in every five County residents is a senior. County Council recognizes the contribution of our seniors to our businesses, our volunteer organizations, our veterans' groups, our churches and many other valuable activities.

Every year since 1963, May has been designated as Older Americans Month to celebrate the vitality and achievements of our older residents. The 2018 theme "Engage at Every Age" emphasizes that you are never too old or too young to take part in activities that can enrich your physical, mental and emotional well-being.

We also celebrate the many ways in which older adults make a difference in our communities. More than ever, older Americans are working longer, trying new things and engaging in their communities. Our seniors are striving for wellness, focusing on independence and advocating

for themselves and others. What it means to age has changed and this is a perfect opportunity to recognize and celebrate what getting older means today.

During the month of May, we also encourage our seniors to attend one of several events hosted by Council and the County Office of Services for the Aging.

- The Senior Living Expo is taking place on Friday, May 4, at Harrah's Casino. People 50 and older can come learn about the many County services available to them.
- One of our favorite events is the Centenarian Luncheon when we recognize all Delaware County residents who are 100 years or older and have amazing stories to tell. That wonderful celebration is May 23 at the Drexelbook. This year we have invited more than 100 individuals to this luncheon.
- And don't forget the Senior Games which begin on June 11. Every year, seniors go for the gold in bowling, swimming, tennis, golf, pickleball and bocce. For more information and to register, visit the Senior Games Website at [www.delcoseniorgames.org](http://www.delcoseniorgames.org).

Through the Office of Services for the Aging (COSA), Council is dedicated to helping seniors who need assistance in maintaining their independence, dignity and quality of life. COSA offers many helpful programs, including health insurance counseling, legal services, in-home supports and community-based services, nursing home eligibility, senior centers and much more.

Today, we are presenting a resolution declaring May as Older Americans Month. Attending today's meeting to accept the resolution is COSA Director Denise Stewart; Sheelah Weeks, Deputy Director of COSA, Long Term Services & Supports; Barbara Nicolardi, Planner for COSA; and Elaine Lawley, Communications Director for COSA.

Mrs. Stewart thanked Council for their continued support and especially during Older Americans Month. She recognized some of the sponsors of the events that are planned this month: Aetna, Always Best Care, Bayada Home Health, Connect One Health, Home Helpers of Drexel Hill, Home Helpers of Media, Independence Blue Cross, Main Line Health Systems, Sweet Home Health Care, UPMC and Victoria's Home Care.

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

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Agenda Item 7, the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 18, 2018, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving to Award Contract No. CP-22018 to furnish and deliver ten (10) new Joerns Bariatric Beds RCUHLB850 for Fair Acres Geriatric Center, County of Delaware to Joerns LLC at a total cost of \$45,246.41. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving Agenda Item 9 to rescind the Agreement executed by County Council and the Friends of Chester Creek Branch, Inc. for maintenance of the Chester Creek Rail to Trails. The County is currently maintaining the Trail. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

Kelly Johnson, Communications Director of the Friends of the Chester Creek Branch, thanked County Council for their support of this trail project, which is an incredibly popular asset for the county. This means many people have a safe place to walk, run and bike in an area with limited other options. As a Friends Group, they look forward to working with the county on this great asset to the community.

John Paulson, Treasurer of the Chester Creek Branch, thanked County Council for their support over many years. They appreciate that the county is taking over the maintenance responsibilities. Now that we will have a Memorandum of Understanding in place, they can plan a variety of activities and trail maintenance support projects.

Motion made by Mrs. Morrone approving a Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Delaware and the Friends of the Chester Creek Branch, Inc. concerning the cooperation and assistance between the parties regarding the Chester Creek Trail. The motion is subject to the Solicitor's approval, seconded by Mr. Culp and carried unanimously.

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. Culp and carried unanimously.

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

**SOLICITOR:** Mr. Maddren said he had nothing to request or report today.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** No comment or discussion.

**COUNCIL:** Mr. Zidek thanked Shannon Thomas and the women who joined her today to raise awareness about mental health issues and the men and women who help support Denise Stewart in COSA. He also thanked all the people who work on the Hero Bowl and who support that wonderful cause.

Mr. Madden echoed Mr. Zidek's remarks.

Mr. Culp said we have wonderful employees who really care about Delaware County and they do a tremendous job day in/day out. Council gets a lot of credit, but the employees do all the work. He looks forward to seeing everyone on May 31 at the Hero Bowl.

Mrs. Morrone echoed her thanks to the groups that support our children all the way up to our seniors throughout the county. We are pleased with the amount of support that we have, not only internally from our team and staff, but also from the community. You can see that by all the groups that were represented here today from the Hero Bowl to the Health Awareness and the Older Americans.

Mrs. Morrone thanked The Friends for their longtime work and support on this 2.8-mile trail that has lots of visitors every day. County Council is fully behind the development of the trails with well over 100 miles of trails in Delaware County.

Chairman McBlain recognized Doug Hill, Executive Director of the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania, who attended this morning's meeting. CCAP, as it is known, is an advocacy group advocating on behalf of all PA counties to our state government. It's a very effective advocate for counties to not only monitor legislation and suggest legislation and advocate for legislation that is helpful to the counties but to help us deliver the services that the State requires we deliver to the residents. He thanked Mr. Hill and his staff at CCAP for all they do for our county and across the state.

Chairman McBlain said Saturday, April 28 is National Drug "Take Back" Day that started many years ago in an effort to collect unused drugs, whatever maybe lying around and not used or expired. Our Delaware County Drug Task Force van, which is a secured vehicle, goes out into the community and collects the drugs from the drop boxes that are located in our municipalities and then delivered to the Drug Enforcement Agency for destruction.

Mr. Zidek announced that we will be holding next week's County Council meeting at the Radnor Municipal Building, 301 Iven Lane, Radnor, at 6:00 P.M.

There being no further County business, nor public discussion, motion made by Mr. Culp to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Madden and carried unanimously.

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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>
Commonwealth of PA, Department of Human Services, Office of Child Development and Early Learning (OCDEL)	Leadership, management and administration of Early Learning Resource Centers	4/1/18-4/30/20 (with a 3-year renewal option)	-	\$97,136,717