

**HORSHAM LAND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY • APRIL 19, 2017 • 3:30 PM**

In Attendance:

Authority Board

W. William Whiteside, III, Chair
Joanna M. Furia, Vice Chair
William Donnelly
Dr. Curtis Griffin
Mark McCouch

HLRA Staff

Michael J. McGee
Tom Ames
Larry Burns
William Walker
Mary Eberle, Esquire

Chairman Whiteside called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. in the Horsham Township Building at 1025 Horsham Road, Horsham PA 19044 and led those in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Mr. Whiteside asked if there were any questions or comments from the public, there were none.

Mr. Whiteside asked for the will of the Board regarding minutes of the HLRA meeting on January 18, 2017. It was moved by Mr. McCouch, second by Mr. Donnelly to approve the minutes for the January 18, 2017 HLRA meeting. All voted in favor, motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Whiteside asked Mr. McGee for the Executive Director's Report. Mr. McGee shared that the Horsham Land Redevelopment Authority (HLRA) has had limited contact with the Navy over the last several months. He confirmed that the Navy is still projecting to transfer the property by late 2018. Mr. McGee noted that the Navy has yet to revise their Sampling and Analysis Plan (SAP) or responded to the comments provided from the HLRA, Horsham Township and the Horsham Water and Sewer Authority. Mr. McGee noted although there has been limited contact, the HLRA is prepared to react to the Navy's plan and schedule for negotiation and property transfer.

Mr. McGee addressed the Board about the Office of Economic Adjustment (OEA) grant that the HLRA receives. The HLRA's operational expenses during the grant period were less than budgeted due to Navy's inactivity in the property transfer process. The environmental remediation efforts have become priority causing a delay in the negotiations between the HLRA and the Navy. Due to this inactivity the HLRA has stood down the consultants and master developer pending the outcome and development of the remediation plan. Mr. McGee stated that the HLRA requested that OEA extend the grant until April 30, 2018. The HLRA received approval from the OEA for the grant extension. Mr. McGee expressed that the HLRA is financially well positioned to continue through the end of April 2018 assuming the level activity remains at the current level

Mr. Whiteside asked Ms. Eberle for the Solicitor's Report. Ms. Eberle stated she has been addressing issues as they arise with the HLRA Executive Director and Deputy Director.

Mr. Whiteside asked for the will of the Board regarding the list of checks. It was moved by Mr. Donnelly, seconded by Mr. McCouch, to approve the list of checks in the amount of \$53,619.10. All in favor, motion passed unanimously.

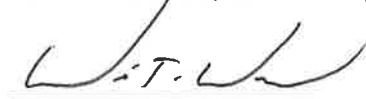
Mr. Walker, Secretary of the Horsham Land Redevelopment Authority and the Horsham Township Manager presented an update to the Board on Horsham's drinking water remediation plan. Mr. Walker explained the short term and long term remediation plan that Horsham Township Council adopted in 2016, is an aggressive plan that involves both Horsham Township and the Horsham Water and Sewer Authority(HWSA). He noted that the EPA lowered the acceptable levels of PFOA and PFOS in drinking water to 70 ppt in May of 2016. Mr. Walker provided details of the steps taken at each of the HWSA supply wells and other sources of drinking water including North Wales Water Authority and Aqua. Currently, Horsham Township is reporting an average of 7 ppt of PFOS and PFOA combined in the drinking water supplied to the community.

Mr. Whiteside commented that the contaminations upon the NAS-JRB Willow Grove is the main reason for the hold on the transfer of property and the redevelopment plan. Mr. Walker and Mr. McGee both confirmed this is the primary reason for the delay in property transfer and redevelopment. Mr. Walker and Ms. O'Rourke explained the technology that HWSA has installed on various wells throughout the township. One of the wells is using resin to treat the water in addition to the granular activated carbon. The use of resin on an experimental basis by has been approved by EPA. Ms. Furia questioned if the new technology would give Horsham Township benefits for using the new technology. Mr. Walker and Ms. O'Rourke gave a detailed explanation of the benefits to using resin technology as having longer life and more cost efficient than the current carbon filters. Ms. O'Rourke noted that the Navy has approved the use (and is funding) the resin technology in addition to the carbon filters on the one HWSA well.

Chairman Whiteside commented that the installed filters and test results show the great effort that Horsham Township and the Horsham Water and Sewer Authority has put forth for the remediation efforts.

Dr. Curtis Griffin, Superintendent of Hatboro Horsham School District and HLRA Board Member, made a presentation on the New Hallowell Elementary School. He started his presentation with a thank you to the Horsham Land Redevelopment Authority for being part of the transfer of property that once was the Horsham Army Reserve Center. The Horsham Land Redevelopment Authority approved the redevelopment plan which permitted the school district to obtain the property from the U.S. Department of Education for one dollar via a Public Benefit Conveyance. The low cost transfer allowed for the district to build a state of the art elementary school at the site of the former reserve center. Dr. Griffin explained to the Board that the new Hallowell Elementary and the School District benefited greatly from the transfer of property. The presentation included photos and videos from the opening of the school for students which occurred the previous day.

Mr. Whiteside announced that the next Horsham Land Redevelopment Authority meeting would be on July 19th, 2017 at 3:30 p.m. in the Horsham Township Municipal Building. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:15 pm.



William T. Walker
HLRA Secretary