

January 20, 2016
Curtis Hall

A regular meeting of the **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS** was held this evening, President Morton J. Simon, Jr. presiding. Members present were Commissioners Brockington, Holland, Norris, Pransky, Rappoport, and Sharkey.

Staff present were Charlyn Battle, Director of Human Resources; Christopher Clewell, Superintendent of Public Works; Michael Fleming, Public Works Coordinator; Nancy Gibson, Public Information and Complaint Officer; Brian Hinson, Director of Parks and Recreation; Amy Montgomery, Township Engineer; John J. Norris, Chief of Police; Joseph O'Neill, Fire Marshal; Bruce Rangnow, Director of Fiscal Affairs; and Bryan T. Havir, Township Manager. Also present was Joseph Bagley, Esq., Wisler Pearlstine, LLP. A Public Attendance List is attached.

1. The meeting commenced at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance being led by Commissioner Norris.
2. Mr. Simon announced that prior to the meeting, the Commissioners held an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.
3. Each member having received a copy of the Commissioners' Regular Meeting Minutes dated December 16, 2015 and Reorganization Meeting Minutes dated January 4, 2016, upon motion of Mr. Norris, the Minutes were unanimously approved by the Board of Commissioners.
4. Each member having received a copy of the Executive Summary Financial Report of the Manager/Secretary for the month of December, 2015, upon motion of Mr. Norris, the Report was unanimously approved by the Board of Commissioners.
5. Each member having received a copy of the Accounts Paid Report for the month of December, 2015, upon motion of Mr. Norris, the Report was unanimously approved by the Board of Commissioners.
6. Ms. Rappoport presented **Resolution No. 38-15** to Dr. W. Thomas London, Emeritus Professor at Fox Chase Cancer, honoring his receipt of a named Research Professorship at the Baruch S. Blumberg Institute for his contributions to the discovery and prevention of hepatitis B and transformational contributions to medicine (see attached).
7. Mr. Simon presented **Resolution No. 55-16** and Volunteer Certificate to Alan S. Gold honoring his retirement after 21-years of service as a member of the Zoning Hearing Board (see attached).
8. Mr. Brockington presented Community Service Awards to members of the Lutz Family for their organization of several annual events in East Cheltenham and a Posthumous Community Service Award honoring George Lutz for his volunteerism with the Cheltenham Fire Company and East Cheltenham Town Watch.
9. Mr. presented **Resolution No. 35-15** to Joseph Baxter upon the occasion of his retirement as the Superintendent of the Parks Department after 10-years of service (see attached).

10. Mr. presented **Resolution No. 44-15** to Richard DiValentino upon the occasion of his retirement after 33-years of service with the Public Works Department (see attached).

11. Mr. Simon presented Certificates honoring the following volunteers for 20-years of service:

20 Years: Sheryl Drach, Cheltenham Fire Company
Jeffrey Henry, Glenside Fire Company
Jacob N. Nixon, La Mott Community Center
James E. Reynolds, Civil Service Commission

Mr. Norris presented Certificates honoring the following volunteers for 10-years of service:

10 Years: Robert Erkert, Cheltenham Fire Company
James McCann, IV, Cheltenham Fire Company
Charles McGee, Cheltenham Fire Company
Keith Miller, Elkins Park Fire Company
James Salanik, Cheltenham Fire Company
Peter Stanley, Cheltenham Fire Company
Brian Wagner, Cheltenham Fire Company
Father Abdalian Tateos, Cheltenham Police Chaplain
Bishop Eric A. Lambert, Cheltenham Police Chaplain
Reverend Charles Dear, Cheltenham Police Chaplain

12. Review of the Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes dated January 13, 2016:

a. Upon motion of Mr. Sharkey, the Board of Commissioners unanimously authorized the Township Manager to request, in writing, a renegotiation of a new contract with the City of Philadelphia Water Department so as to allow Staff to proceed on an aggressive Inflow and Infiltration Program (I&I) to address sanitary sewer repairs.

b. Upon motion of Mr. Sharkey, the Board of Commissioners unanimously authorized the scheduling of a **Public Hearing** on February 17, 2016 and the publishing of a Legal Notice for the purpose of considering and possibly adopting the Wissahickon Creek Watershed Stormwater Management Ordinance (said Ordinance is available on the Township website).

c. Upon motion of Mr. Sharkey, the Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the scheduling of a **Public Hearing** for February 17, 2016 and the publishing of a Legal Notice for the purpose of considering and possibly adopting an Off-Premises Advertising Sign Overlay District Ordinance and change the Zoning Map accordingly (said Ordinance is available on the Township website).

d. Upon motion of Mr. Sharkey, the Board of Commissioners unanimously adopted **Resolution No. 55-16** honoring Alan S. Gold for 21 years of outstanding service to the Zoning Hearing Board (see attached).

13. Review of the Public Safety Committee Meeting Minutes dated January 6, 2016.

Upon motion of Mr. Norris, the Board of Commissioners unanimously accepted the Public Safety Committee Regular Meeting Minutes dated January 6, 2016.

14. Review of the Public Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes dated January 6, 2016.

a. Upon motion of Ms. Rappoport, the Board of Commissioners unanimously appointed William F. Kerr, Jr., of the law firm of High Schwartz as conflicts attorney to represent the Township in the assessment appeal of 2727 Cheltenham Avenue, Cheltenham-Ogontz Realty Partners.

b. Upon motion of Ms. Rappoport, the Board of Commissioners awarded a Contract for the Elkins Park Library Restroom Renovation and Accessible Toilet Construction Project to Centre Point Construction, 510 West 8th Street, Lansdale, PA 19446, being the lowest responsible bidder meeting Township specifications for a Base Bid Amount of \$88,500 plus an Alternative No. 1 additional cost of \$8,800 for a total contract cost of \$97,300 to be offset by \$40,000 grant from the Department of Education, Office of Commonwealth Libraries (Ayes: Brockington, Holland, Norris, Pransky, Rappoport, Simon; Nay: Sharkey)

c. Upon motion of Ms. Rappoport, the Board of Commissioners unanimously adopted **Resolution No. 53-16** honoring the 50th Anniversary of the Glenside Pub. Said Resolution to be presented at a future meeting of the Board.

d. Upon motion of Ms. Rappoport, the Board of Commissioners unanimously adopted a **Posthumous Resolution No. 54-16** honoring Staff Sgt. Peter Taub recently killed in Afghanistan. Said Resolution to be presented at a later date.

e. Upon motion of Ms. Rappoport, the Board of Commissioners unanimously accepted the Public Affairs Committee Regular Meeting Minutes dated January 6, 2016.

15. Review of the Building and Zoning Committee Meeting Minutes dated January 6, 2016:

a. Upon motion of Mr. Simon, the Board of Commissioners unanimously authorized the scheduling of a **Public Hearing** on Wednesday, February 17, 2016 and the publication of a Legal Notice for the purpose of considering and possibly adopting an Ordinance establishing a Flood Plain Conservation District Overlay.

b. Upon motion of Mr. Simon, the Board of Commissioners unanimously accepted the Building and Zoning Committee Regular Meeting Minutes dated January 6, 2016.

16. Under Old Business: none.

17. Under New Business:

a. In accordance with the Code of the Township of Cheltenham and Article XIII, Section 1302, of the Home Rule Charter, the President of the Board presented reorganizations of the citizens' committees for the advice and consent of the Board.

Upon motion of Mr. Sharkey, the Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the reorganizations as submitted by the Board President (see attached).

In response to a question from Mr. Norris, the responsibilities of the Civil Service Commission were explained.

b. Upon motion of Mr. Sharkey, the Board of Commissioners unanimously approved a Community Service Award for the students from Arcadia University who decorated Glenside Memorial Hall for the holiday season.

18. Under Citizens' Forum: None.

There being no further business, upon motion of Mr. Norris, and unanimously approved by the Board of Commissioners, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.



Bryan T. Havar
Township Manager

as per Anna Marie Felix

Resolution No. 38-15
of the Board of Commissioners of Cheltenham Township

Whereas, THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHELTENHAM TOWNSHIP, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, with great admiration and respect, recognizes **DR. W. THOMAS LONDON** of Wyncote for his transformational contributions to medical advances regarding the hepatitis B virus; and

Whereas, In the early 1960s, **DR. W. THOMAS LONDON** was a crucial member of the research team that first identified the hepatitis B virus and then developed first the blood test to detect infection and then the vaccine. His long-term collaboration with Dr. Baruch S. Blumberg, who won the Nobel Prize for his discovery of the hepatitis B virus, led to breakthrough epidemiological, clinical, and virological studies of hepatitis B and its link to primary liver cancer; and

Whereas, An internationally renowned physician-scientist, **DR. W. THOMAS LONDON** has dedicated his entire professional career to the study of hepatitis B and to the care of those who live with the chronic disease. In 2015, the Baruch S. Blumberg Institute, established by the Hepatitis B Foundation, created the W. Thomas London Distinguished Professorship in recognition of his lifetime contributions to the identification and elimination of this devastating liver disease, which kills nearly one million people each year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHELTENHAM TOWNSHIP, duly convened in regular session this Twentieth Day of January, A.D., 2016, does hereby officially honor resident **DR. W. THOMAS LONDON** for his outstanding contributions to medicine and world health. It is further directed that this Resolution be spread in full upon the minutes of this meeting and that a copy thereof be presented to Dr. London.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, MORTON J. SIMON, JR., President of the BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHELTENHAM TOWNSHIP, have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Township of Cheltenham to be made a part thereof. DONE AT ELKINS PARK, PENNSYLVANIA, in the year of the Township of Cheltenham, the one hundred and seventeenth.

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
OF CHELTENHAM TOWNSHIP**



By: _____
Morton J. Simon, Jr., President



Attest: _____
Bryan T. Havir
Township Manager and Secretary

*A Resolution No. 55-16
of the Board of Commissioners of Cheltenham Township*

Whereas, THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHELTENHAM TOWNSHIP, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, with appreciation and respect, recognizes **ALAN S. GOLD** of Elkins Park on his retirement from the Cheltenham Township Zoning Hearing Board after 21 years of service; and

Whereas, A lawyer by profession, **ALAN S. GOLD** was first appointed to the three-member Zoning Hearing Board in 1995. In the decades that followed, he has helped adjudicate hundreds, if not thousands, of appeals from residents, businesses and institutions who were all seeking to make changes to their properties that were not permitted by right under the Township Zoning Code. The Zoning Hearing Board is the only Township citizen committee invested with a quasi-judicial authority and responsibility to act independently from the Board of Commissioners; and

Whereas, In his volunteer role on the Zoning Hearing Board, **ALAN S. GOLD** has helped shape and define the physical landscape of this community in ways that will reverberate for years to come. At all times, he strove to perform this vital responsibility with care, diligence and fidelity.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHELTENHAM TOWNSHIP, duly convened in regular session this Twentieth Day of January, A.D., 2016, does hereby officially honor **ALAN S. GOLD** for his invaluable contribution to the community. It is further directed that this Resolution be spread in full upon the minutes of this meeting and that a copy thereof be presented to Mr. Gold.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, MORTON J. SIMON, JR., President of the BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHELTENHAM TOWNSHIP, have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Township of Cheltenham to be made a part thereof. DONE AT ELKINS PARK, PENNSYLVANIA, in the year of the Township of Cheltenham, the one hundred and seventeenth.

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Morton J. Simon, Jr., President



Attest: _____
Bryan T. Havir
Township Manager and Secretary

Resolution No. 35-15
of the Board of Commissioners of Cheltenham Township

Whereas, THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHELTENHAM TOWNSHIP, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, with deep admiration and respect, honors **JOSEPH BAXTER** on the occasion of his retirement after a decade of dedicated service to the Cheltenham community; and

Whereas, **JOSEPH BAXTER** joined the Township's Public Works Department as Parks Superintendent on April 18, 2005. His duties chiefly entailed planning and prioritizing the routine and seasonal maintenance of approximately 350 acres of Township parkland. This work included landscaping, mowing, seeding, and fertilizing lawns and playing fields; planting, watering and pruning trees; removing snow and ice; and much more; and

Whereas, **JOSEPH BAXTER** also provided proper training, clear direction and top safety standards for his staff. In addition, he offered volunteers, residents and environmental organizations invaluable assistance in regard to the identification and proper removal of invasive plants. He always contributed his best effort in every aspect of his job. His retirement on December 31, 2015, has been keenly felt by all of his Township colleagues and friends.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHELTENHAM TOWNSHIP, duly convened in regular session this Twentieth Day of January A.D., 2016, does hereby officially honor **JOSEPH BAXTER** for his dedicated service to the community and wishes him the best of luck in all his future endeavors. It is further directed that this Resolution be spread in full upon the minutes of this meeting and that a copy thereof be presented to Mr. Baxter.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, MORTON J. SIMON, JR., President of the BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHELTENHAM TOWNSHIP, have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Township of Cheltenham to be made a part thereof. DONE AT ELKINS PARK, PENNSYLVANIA, in the year of the Township of Cheltenham, the one hundred and seventeenth.

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By: _____
Morton J. Simon, Jr., President



Attest: _____
Bryan T. Havir
Township Manager and Secretary

Resolution No. 44-15
of the Board of Commissioners of Cheltenham Township

Whereas, THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHELTENHAM TOWNSHIP, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, with deep admiration and respect, honors **RICHARD DIVALENTINO** on the occasion of his retirement after more than 33 years of dedicated service to the Cheltenham community; and

Whereas, **RICHARD DIVALENTINO** joined the Township's Public Works Department as a Laborer on October 4, 1982, and quickly mastered all aspects of the position. In 1992, he became the Sweeper Operator for the Highway Department responsible for cleaning every street in the Township, especially during fall leaf collection and spring/summer maintenance programs. He was also key in ensuring Public Works maintained state-mandated standards under the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System; and

Whereas, **RICHARD DIVALENTINO** became a group leader in 2010, thereafter serving as an invaluable resource and stellar role model for all of his fellow employees. He has been a constantly dedicated, loyal and honest worker who will be sorely missed by all of his friends and colleagues at the Township after his retirement on January 15, 2016.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHELTENHAM TOWNSHIP, duly convened in regular session this Twentieth Day of January A.D., 2016, does hereby officially honor **RICHARD DIVALENTINO** for his impressive career and dedicated service to the community, and wishes him good fortune in all his future endeavors. It is further directed that this Resolution be spread in full upon the minutes of this meeting and that a copy thereof be presented to Mr. DiValentino.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, MORTON J. SIMON, JR., President of the BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHELTENHAM TOWNSHIP, have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Township of Cheltenham to be made a part thereof. DONE AT ELKINS PARK, PENNSYLVANIA, in the year of the Township of Cheltenham, the one hundred and seventeenth.

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By: _____
Morton J. Simon, Jr., President



Attest: _____
Bryan T. Havir
Township Manager and Secretary

Resolution No. 54-16
of the Board of Commissioners of Cheltenham Township

Whereas, THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHELTENHAM TOWNSHIP, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, with deep sorrow and immense respect, posthumously honors **STAFF SGT. PETER TAUB**, a former Wyncote resident and 2004 graduate of Cheltenham High School who was killed in the line of duty in Afghanistan on December 21, 2015; and

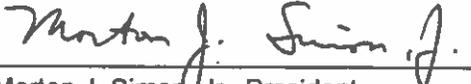
Whereas, **STAFF SGT. PETER TAUB** was an eight-year veteran with the Air Force assigned to the Office of Special Investigations who had recently re-enlisted to continue his courageous service to his country. He was among six troops killed in a suicide bomb attack on a joint NATO-Afghan patrol. President Barack Obama characterized the six fallen troops as "outstanding" and "brave" in Christmas Day remarks; and

Whereas, Along with the rest of the nation, Cheltenham Township mourns the loss of **STAFF SGT. PETER TAUB**, who leaves behind grieving friends and family including a pregnant wife and three-year-old daughter as well as parents and a brother. He made the ultimate sacrifice to protect our country's freedom, and we shall forever bear a debt of gratitude to him for his heroism.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHELTENHAM TOWNSHIP, duly convened in regular session on the Twentieth Day of January, A.D., 2016, does hereby posthumously honor **STAFF SGT. PETER TAUB** for the fullest measure of his dedicated service to his nation. It is further directed that this Resolution be spread in full upon the minutes of this meeting and that a copy thereof be presented to Sgt. Taub's family at a School Board meeting on January 12, 2016.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, MORTON J. SIMON, JR., President of the BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CHELTENHAM TOWNSHIP, have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Township of Cheltenham to be made a part thereof. DONE AT ELKINS PARK, PENNSYLVANIA, in the year of the Township of Cheltenham, the one hundred and seventeenth.

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