



DAUPHIN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WORKSHOP MEETING

AUGUST 11, 2010
10:00 A.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jeff Haste, Chairman
George P. Hartwick, III, Secretary

Dominic D. DiFrancesco, II, Vice Chairman (ABSENT)

STAFF PRESENT

Chad Saylor, Chief Clerk; Marie E. Rebuck, Controller; Janis Creason, Treasurer; Fred Lighty, Esq., Human Services Director's Office; Ed Marsico, District Attorney; Ken Rapp, Public Defender; Mike Pries, Director of Safety & Security; Tom Guenther, Director of IT; Mike Madden, Prison; J. Scott Burford, Deputy Chief Clerk; Hector Ortiz, Human Services Director's Office; Gary Serhan, Deputy Controller; Robert Christoff, Conservation District; Leila Brown, Solicitor's Office; Randy Baratucci, Director of Purchasing; Terry Kaufman, Solicitor's Office; Danielle Vayda, Solicitor's Office; Amy Richards, Commissioners' Office; Kay Lengle, Personnel; Dave Schreiber, Personnel; Greg Schneider, Budget & Finance; Jena Wolgemuth, Commissioners' Office; Brenda Hoffer, Commissioners' Office and Richie-Ann Martz, Assistant Chief Clerk

GUESTS PRESENT

Chief Robert Martin and Pat Navagato

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Haste, Chairman of the Board, called the meeting to order at 10:26 a.m.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Everyone observed a moment of silence.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Haste: We have three sets of meeting minutes that we'll bring up at next week's Legislative Meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Haste: We are at the point in time in the Meeting for public participation. Is there anyone in the audience that would like to address the Board at this time? (There was none.)

DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS/GUESTS

A. Dauphin County Commissioners

- 1. Presentation of Proclamation honoring Chief Robert Martin as the PA Department of the American Legion's Law Enforcement Officer of the Year for 2010**

Mr. Haste: Thank goodness we have a moment of silence for those of us that need to say a prayer can say a prayer, because today's morning hasn't been real good. This is a highlight. It helped change the mood of the morning. I'm not sure how long we've known each other or even when we first met what the course was, but I do know it is an honor that the Pennsylvania American Legion has recognized you as the law enforcement officer of the year. I think that is something that many of us knew well before they even acknowledged this. I have found very few individuals, not only in law enforcement, but just in public service and in life in general that have made a commitment and has made a difference to the community like Rob Martin has. Having lived and my children growing up in the community in which you were not only an officer, but the Chief, they have been blessed to see law enforcement as young adults and juveniles through a set of eyes and glasses that I'm not sure most people get to see. That is very unfortunate for every other community, because what you have done and what you have been able to instill out there and the perception that you have been able to give to young people is truly a valuable asset to those folks and something that everybody else misses. As a fellow coach to see the commitment that you give to youth, not only to those that it is easy to coach, but to those that have great disadvantages. They come to the field with some unfortunate attitudes and things like that and you are able to break those down and mold them into a team. That truly says a

lot of your ability to deal with people, especially young people. It is an extreme honor for me today to be able to join with others in recognizing you. I'll read the Proclamation.

Office of County Commissioner
Dauphin County, Pennsylvania

Proclamation

***We**, the Dauphin County Board of Commissioners, are delighted to join elected leaders, fellow police officers, and the community at large in paying tribute to Susquehanna Township Chief of Police Robert A. Martin as he is so deservedly honored by the Pennsylvania American Legion as Law Enforcement Officer of the Year;*

***Whereas**, as Chief of Police for the Susquehanna Township Police Department for the past thirteen years, Commander of the Dauphin County Crisis Response Team, and 10-year member of the United States Navy Reserve, this dynamic leader has fulfilled his duty to protect the safety and welfare of the community with steadfast commitment and has achieved an impressive series of personal and professional successes, including the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal and Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, to name a few;*

***Whereas**, after graduating from Valley Forge Military College with honors and the Pennsylvania State Police Academy as valedictorian, he went on to graduate from the FBI National Academy, the Princeton University of Executive Development Program and the prestigious Harvard University John F. Kennedy School of Government;*

***Whereas**, a beloved baseball coach, gifted leader and mentor to many, Chief Martin has fostered learning opportunities for troubled youth and has proudly worked to enrich his community, earning him the enduring respect of his peers, community leaders, families in crisis, and all citizens;*

***Therefore**, we join the 256,000 residents of Dauphin County in celebrating the outstanding achievements of Susquehanna Township Chief of Police Robert Martin; we commend his devotion to personal excellence and community service; we warmly congratulate him on his prestigious award from the Pennsylvania American Legion and the marvelous work it salutes; and in grateful recognition thereof, we are pleased and proud to declare August 11, 2010 as "Chief Robert A. Martin Day" in Dauphin County.*

(Applause was given.)

Mr. Hartwick: It is very difficult to follow-up those adequate comments. It is very difficult to put what I think of you into an adequate phrase or words. You represent God, family, country and community in a way that I don't think any other public servant has or I've ever come into contact with. You don't just preach you live by example. You don't forget your humble beginnings. You use those experiences, as well as what education has taught you to understand that you still work for the public even in the position of police officer. You have never allowed the position to have you or any of your officers ever forget that. While you are here to serve and protect as the primary function, you also include the service part as a primary part of how you enact that duty every day. I think the coaching skills were learned in the police department. Talk about individuals who come with different ideals and attitudes and to be able to have a professionally run police department that is considered one of the finest in the State of Pennsylvania is a direct credit to your leadership. While we have the ability to understand and know and have a vision about what we want, it often takes a significantly different skill set, as well as leading by example to be able to reform and to change an organization to represent that type of professionalism and class by which you carry yourself. Ultimately we have seen that through your police department and through the young kids who you have affected. I can only hope for the day that we are able to have a county-run police

department with Chief Robert Martin at the helm to be able to set those standards for all police and individuals who serve in that position and capacity throughout this county. You brought great recognition to this county. You brought great recognition to our hometown of Steelton. You brought great recognition to your family and anytime that I hear people reference Chief Robert Martin it is only in the highest, best possible professional manner. In your job that is difficult. You don't deal with people who are happy to see you every day nor do your officers. To understand that you are fair, caring and your understanding and you believe that you are not better than anybody else has a lot to do with the way you have been brought up and the way that you view your service. I think the recognition that is brought upon you is only the first in a series of many state-wide and larger recognition, because we know the value of what we have in a gem called Rob Martin here in Central Pennsylvania. We sincerely appreciate your service and congratulations!

Mr. Haste: George said and one of the thoughts that crossed my mind, I was going to say I would be all for a county-wide police department tomorrow if Rob Martin was the chief.

Mr. Marsico: The two of you I have seen speak many times, but your comments today, both of yours were one of the best that I have ever heard. The three of us share that high regard that we have for Rob. There is no better person, as you said, in public service, not just as a police chief, which is a limited pool, but in public service. I know how fortunate I am to have Rob as someone I can bounce stuff off to, day or night. I can call him anytime. He centers me. He brings me back to where I need to be. I have seen him in the command center in some difficult situations when the crisis response team is there. His calm demeanor that he exudes is reflected by the rest of the team that he leads in those difficult situations. That is a testament to his character, experience and integrity. I want to thank the Commissioners for issuing this Proclamation today. I'll be following up with you on the police department issue.

(Pictures were taken.)

Chief Martin: I don't have anything prepared, but I'm just going to speak from my heart. First of all, I can't express to you how touched I am to be recognized by the Dauphin County Commissioners. As a police chief, the leadership that Commissioner Haste, Hartwick and DiFrancesco have exercised during their tenure, I think has been probably never seen in this County, in the history of this County. They have done more for law enforcement, County law enforcement, thinking outside the box and bringing some ideas that quite frankly disturb people, which I'm all for, has been invigorating for me as a Chief. As a citizen and Chief of Police, I'm touched by your honor for me today, as well as I'm always touched by our friendship. When I was at the Harvard school, they actually define leadership in one sentence. They said "Leadership is disturbing your own people at a rate that they can absorb." You gentlemen have done that in an effective way that's lead this government out of some tough times. I would be remiss, whenever I'm honored, not to mention my mother. Commissioner Hartwick, District Attorney Marsico and I share something in common with our Steelton roots. My great-

grandfather immigrated to this country through Ellis Island to the Borough of Steelton and was a steelworker. My grandfather was a steelworker. God bless my Mom. When District Attorney Marsico was elected as the DA, she couldn't stop bragging about how she grew up across the street from the Marsico family in the lower end of Steelton. I take from that a belief in this country from Steelton. It stays with me. I'm very pleased at that. My mother never stopped believing in me. I was raised without a father. If my father walked in here today, I would not know who he is. I never knew my father, which I think is what has motivated me to coach these young men who come from tough situations. I know what it is like to be a lonely young boy and to have a certain emptiness in your heart. I try to appeal to them from that perspective. God bless my Mom, she was a hardheaded Steelton girl. After she graduated from St. Peters School in 8th grade, on the first day of High School at 9th grade, she refused to go to McDevitt and was the only child of six in Steelton that went to Steel-High. She wanted to be a Roller. I have that steadfastness of hers in my heart. I believe in this country, this county and I believe that police officers need to demonstrate an empathetic face to those that we serve. A couple of weeks ago we had a tragedy in our township, a murder/suicide situation. I quoted Hemmingway when he wrote "The world breaks everyone, but those of us left behind we have to be strong in the broken places." That is what we need from our police officers; to be strong for people in the broken places. That is what we do every day. Commissioners, thank you very much. It is the first time that I have had a day named after me. It has been a privilege and honor to serve for the past 27 years of my career.

Mr. Haste: Chief, it is great to call you friend.

Mr. Hartwick: Thank you!

(Applause was given.)

PERSONNEL

Ms. Lengle: Are there any questions on the Salary Board items? (There was none.) Are there any questions on the Personnel Packet? (There was none.)

PURCHASE ORDERS

Mr. Baratucci: There is nothing unusual in the Purchase Order Packet. There are a few minor budget adjustments that need to be made. Unless you have any questions it will be forwarded to next week for approval. (There was none.)

TRAINING PACKET

It was moved by Mr. Hartwick and seconded by Mr. Haste that the Board approve Items #4 and #7 in the Training Packet.

Question: Mr. Haste – Aye and Mr. Hartwick – Aye; motion carried.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- A. Approval of Response Letter to United States Environmental Protection Agency with regard to the MS4 Permit. (*****A VOTE REQUESTED 8/11/10*****)

Mr. Haste: Bob, can you give us a summary of what this is?

Mr. Christoff: My name is Bob Christoff and I'm with the Dauphin County Conservation District. What we have here is a response letter to EPA. EPA administers a Federal Program, the NPDES (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System). Under that program, one aspect of it is the MS4 program, which is Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems. Dauphin County is subject to those regulations. That permit tells certain work ethics that need to be done in order to comply with the permit. Some of those efforts entailed the adoption of ordinances related to stormwater management. The ordinances that need to be adopted relate to things like zoning ordinances and subdivision ordinances, which Dauphin County really cannot adopt and have those supersede the local regulations. The letter that you are looking at is in response to EPA, which earlier this year had sent a letter that we were in violation of the permit conditions. The letter outlines the items that they were looking at. Since we got that letter we have been working with DEP, EPA and Mr. Tully to iron out how to move forward to achieve compliance with the permit. Essentially what we have developed as our approach has been concurred with by EPA, DEP and the Solicitor's Office. The Board would need to approve this letter to EPA.

Mr. Haste: I know some of the actions that are mentioned we have already begun.

Mr. Christoff: Correct.

It was moved by Mr. Hartwick and seconded by Mr. Haste that the Board approve Item A listed above under Items for Discussion.

Question: Mr. Haste – Aye and Mr. Hartwick – Aye; motion carried.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – FRED LIGHTY, ESQ.

Mr. Lighty: The Solicitor's Report is in your packet. I would be happy to answer any questions? (There was none.)

CHIEF CLERK'S REPORT – CHAD SAYLOR

Mr. Saylor: Likewise, I have nothing further unless you have questions of me. (There was none.)

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Mr. Hartwick: Just one short item of thanks to all of those who coordinated, engaged and were involved with our Cultural Celebration that happened last Friday. It was an overwhelming success judged by the participation. Close to 10,000 people attended. The folks who came out and volunteered their time, who were involved in the planning made this event a huge success for the citizens of Dauphin County. It shows the commitment of our staff. It was a great event. I heard nothing but great feedback from the community. I had a great time dancing with Leela James.

Mr. Haste: It was a fun night.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Haste: We are again at the point in time for public participation. Is there anyone in the audience that would like to address the Board? (There was none.)

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, it was moved by Mr. DiFrancesco and seconded by Mr. Hartwick that the Board adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Chad Saylor, Chief Clerk

Transcribed by: Richie-Ann Martz