



Haverford 7th Ward EXTRA!

From Larry Chrzan for 7th Ward Commissioner

Acting on the Township Master Plan

The Sept 12 Board of Commissioners meeting was held shortly after Hurricane Irene hit Haverford Township, highlighting the need to act on a **good comprehensive strategic plan** for Haverford Township, including fixing storm water management problems. Numerous residents spoke at this meeting describing how their homes were flooded by storm water. Many 7th ward residents experienced water problems. This is just one of many issues that highlight the glaring need to update and act on the Township Master Plan with its recommendations that are now **delayed by decades!**



years later, little has been done on the Plan. It was recently updated to look at the deteriorating Township property assets. But still, **after 20 years in office, McGarrity has done nothing to take care of valuable Township assets.** He says we can't afford it right now. But in the past 20 years, there have been periods of good and bad economic conditions, but nothing was done!



After two decades of inaction, Commissioner McGarrity has proven that he is not going to work on this. Very simply, if you want someone who has the courage to act on these plans and make our Township better, **I'm the only candidate who is willing to do this.** It's our town, let's take care of what we have and invest in the future of our community!

- Larry

My comments in the meeting's public forum:

In June, 4th Ward Commissioner Dan Siegel provided the report of the Property Committee. The report said:
*"Physical infrastructure is deteriorating and has been for many years."
"Decades of recommendations have been ignored."
"Years of deferred maintenance, renovation and replacement"
"Buildings are not code compliant"
"Make it difficult for employees to perform their jobs as efficiently as possible."
And finally, that "It's time to put the plan into action."*

This Property committee report did not include parks, utilities infrastructure and storm water management. And I'm sure that many people are concerned right now about storm water management!

After the report, Mr. **McGarrity**, who was on this Property committee, **commented that our township buildings are a "total joke" and should be replaced**, but now it is not the time, because we can't afford it right now.

Why do you care?

Because as any homeowner or car owner knows, the long term costs of not fixing things is always more than if you take of things in a timely manner. Our Township assets are worth many millions of dollars and we're not taking care of them. And we, the taxpayers, bear the burden of this neglect.



These same recommendations were in the 1988 master plan but were not acted on. And Commissioner Siegel also said that some of these recommendations were also made prior to 1920 and have not been acted on. That's 90 years!

My questions to the Board of Commissioners:

- 1) Will this board act on these recommendations, and when? If so, what has been done in the 3 months since this June report?
- 2) Will this board be another board that says **"Make-Do"** with what we have? Or will this board and maybe the next board adopt a **"Can-Do"** attitude and do the right thing for the taxpayers of the township? **Is our town worth investing in? Or are incumbents too worried about getting re-elected to do that?**

When 7th Ward Commissioner Jim McGarrity became Commissioner in 1991, the Master Plan of 1988 was already 3 years old and some of the recommendations were proposed decades before that. Twenty

Want a Chrzan Lawn Sign?

Let me know if you want to display a Chrzan sign. The signs will be delivered and picked up the day after the election.



Contact Larry at larry@larrychrzan.com or call 484-410-9597 for a lawn sign.

Why No Email News in the 7th Ward? Elect Chrzan for Better Communications!

Other wards in Haverford Township have good communications via email newsletters in addition to the printed Township newsletter. As Commissioner, I'll make sure that the 7th Ward is served with better communications via email and other digital media. I'll also make sure that our Township website provides better information. See www.Radnor.com for a good example; it uses the same website system but is much more useful.



Donate to the Chrzan Campaign

In 2007, Jim McGarrity spent about \$20,000 on his campaign. I spent about \$8,000, including about \$1,300 of my own money. For this 2011 campaign, McGarrity has raised almost \$20,000. My budget is \$5,000 and I can run a good campaign on that amount.

As the ONLY candidate in this 7th Ward Commissioner race who does NOT take contributions from people who do business with the Township, I need your help.

Please make a contribution - all of my support comes from people like you, not people who do business with the Township or outside PACs. It's easy:



- Contribute online at www.LarryChrzan.com/Contribute
- Send a check made out to "Chrzan for the 7th Ward" to 408 Strathmore Road, Havertown, PA 19083

Contact me at larry@larrychrzan.com or call 484-410-9597 if you would like to help my campaign in any way.

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From the Larry Chrzan for 7th Ward Commissioner Campaign



Constituent Services Stories - Who's Paying?

While knocking on doors in the 7th ward for this campaign and back in 2007, I heard lots of stories from people about constituent services.

Here are two stories I heard recently.

A resident described to me a situation last winter where he called Commissioner McGarrity for what he described as "a snow problem that might have cost me a couple thousand dollars to fix." He said that McGarrity showed up, summoned some township workers, and they took care of the problem. When I asked what the snow problem was, the resident would not tell me. When I asked him if the service was something that he should get as a tax-paying resident, he said, "I don't know" and would not discuss it further. My response was that there aren't many non-road snow problems that are the Township's responsibility, and if he didn't know, it was probably not something that he should have received. And I said, **"That's exactly what's wrong with our Township. You got a couple thousand dollars worth of free services and the rest of us paid for it!"**

Another resident told me that he was voting for McGarrity because he gave him two free recycling bins. The resident said he went to the Township Administration building and requested new recycling bins. He is not a new resident so he was informed that the cost of a recycling bin was \$18. The resident told me that he didn't think he should have to pay for these cans, and called McGarrity. Shortly thereafter, 2 new recycling bins were delivered to the resident. My response was the same - **we all paid for those recycling bins!**



So, if you got something for "free", it was really a gift that all your neighbors bought for you with our tax dollars, and McGarrity decided who got the gifts. And if you got something for "free", maybe you owe McGarrity your vote. **But if you are one of the many who didn't get something "free" and wouldn't even think of asking your Commissioner for such things, keep in mind that you are paying for this favoritism!**

One of the ways that we can get more from the taxes we pay is to eliminate this costly dispensing of services by Commissioners. As 7th Ward Commissioner I'll fight to make sure every taxpayer gets the services they are entitled to. I will also fight to stop the old-time politics of Commissioners giving away services to the favored few.



McGarrity ExpenseGate Issue Still Unresolved

From Dec 2006 to Dec 2009 (37 months), McGarrity submitted and was reimbursed at or near the maximum \$400 per month almost every month.

- These expenses included 2 phones - a cell phone and his home phone line.
- McGarrity's home phone was also the phone number used on all his campaign literature. So taxpayers were paying for this political expense by McGarrity.
- Approximately 200 miles per month were submitted for reimbursement.
- A \$50 per month reimbursement for use of home office was also paid.
- \$935 in "Contributions"

- \$917.80 for Postage
- \$436.25 for Stationary/Printing (Note: Township newsletters are paid directly by the Township.)
- All of this is documented and can be viewed on www.LarryChrzan.com/VoterInfo

I brought this issue to the Board of Commissioners at the December 2009 meeting and notified the Township Auditor of these issues. I also notified the Delaware County District Attorney's office. In March 2010, I met with a detective at the Delco DA's office and presented the information that I had. In particular, I provided examples of McGarrity's campaign literature that showed the phone number that was being expensed and paid for by the taxpayers was also used for McGarrity's political activities. (This is not something that the Township was aware of when these expenses were approved.)

Now it's October 2011 and nothing has been done. I have repeatedly tried to contact District Attorney G. Michael Green via certified mail, phone calls and personal visits to the DA's office. But there has been no response.

Since the beginning of 2010 (after I raised this issue) McGarrity's expense report amounts have declined dramatically. Now only one phone is expensed. After mileage logs were required, McGarrity's mileage expense dropped significantly and now he no longer includes that. Contributions were removed as an expense item. And as of September 2011, McGarrity was no longer using the taxpayer-funded phone number on his campaign literature.

Exposing this information to public scrutiny has saved the Township hundreds or thousands of dollars. Now **it's time for McGarrity to reimburse the Township for using his taxpayer-funded phone for political purposes.** At over \$50 per month for 5 years, that's about \$3,000.

Feel free to contact Delco DA Mike Green to ask why he hasn't looked into this matter (610-891-4161 or email greengm@co.delaware.pa.us). Instead, the Delco DA was filing charges (later dismissed) against three Newtown Township officials for FedEx shipment charges, all under \$100.

Haverford Blog Re-Launched, Campaign Finance Reports Now Online

The Haverford Blog has re-opened, now featuring the campaign finance reports for candidates and political action committees in Haverford Township. Visit the new Haverford Blog at www.HaverfordBlog.com to check these campaign finance reports and comment on Haverford Township campaigns and politics.



Larry Chrzan owns and operates the Haverford Blog. It is a non-commercial website.

Voter Info

For the Nov 8, 2011 election, the last day to register to vote or change an existing registration is October 11. All voter forms (registration, absentee ballots) are available online at www.votespa.com. Or contact me and I'll make sure you get the right form.