



TOWNSHIP OF UPPER UWCHLAN
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

SPECIAL MEETING

January 30, 2017

7:00 p.m.

Approved

Attending:

Board of Supervisors

Kevin C. Kerr, Chair

Jamie W. Goncharoff, Vice-Chair

Guy A. Donatelli, Member

Township Administration

Cary B. Vargo, Township Manager

Gwen A. Jonik, Township Secretary

Mr. Kerr called a Special Meeting of the Board of Supervisors to order at 7:00 p.m., led the Pledge of Allegiance and offered a moment of silence. The meeting was held at the Township Building, 140 Pottstown Pike, Chester Springs, PA 19425. One citizen was in attendance.

Mr. Kerr announced that the Special Meeting was called in order for the Board to consider for adoption a time-sensitive Ordinance.

Approval of Payments

Mr. Goncharoff moved, seconded by Mr. Donatelli, to approve payments as listed January 27, 2017. The Motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATION

Tax Collector Compensation Ordinance Amendment. Cary Vargo explained that the current tax collector's compensation is 2% of the real estate taxes collected. The current 4-year term of the tax collector expires December 31, 2017. The Board has been considering reducing the tax collector's compensation and whether to continue with a local individual or contract with an Agency – Keystone Collections, Berkheimer Associates, Chester County Treasurer. The proposed Ordinance 1) continues the current compensation rate of 2% of real estate taxes collected for the period January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018; and 2) effective January 1, 2019, reduces the tax collector's compensation to no more than \$1.65 per real estate tax bill mailed, plus postage. The adjusted compensation Ordinance has to be adopted and effective prior to the time petitions for Candidacy begin – February 14, 2017.

The current elected tax collector, Ben LaGarde, has participated in conversations on the matter and is aware of the proposed reduction in compensation. The Ordinance was advertised twice in the Daily Local News.

Mr. Donatelli moved, seconded by Mr. Goncharoff, to adopt Ordinance #2017-01, establishing the township real estate tax collector's compensation at 2.0% of real estate taxes collected for January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 and beginning January 1, 2019, reduces the compensation to \$1.65 per tax bill mailed. The Motion carried unanimously.

Fulton Bank – Lease. Cary Vargo advised that the 2017 Budget included the \$262,622.70 purchase of a street sweeper / vacuum truck, which will save paying a contractor for the annual street sweeping and be used for storm water inlet cleaning. Various financing options were

reviewed, with Fulton Bank having the lowest interest fees. A Lease/Purchase Agreement has been crafted for a 5-year period with the Board favoring a 20% down/80% financing rather than 100% financing, saving \$2,200 in interest fees.

Mr. Donatelli moved, seconded by Mr. Goncharoff, to enter into the Lease Agreement with Fulton Bank and authorizing Cary Vargo to execute the associated documents. The Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kerr announced upcoming meetings: February 14, 2017, 4:00 p.m. Board of Supervisors Workshop; February 21, 2017 (Tuesday) 7:00 p.m. Board of Supervisors Meeting.

Open Session

Ray Erfle distributed a letter suggesting that meeting agendas be expanded and supporting documents available on-line. Cary Vargo advised that the newly hired Assistant Township Manager will be working on a policy and process for this type of expanded communication.

Adjournment

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Mr. Kerr adjourned the meeting at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gwen A. Jonik
Township Secretary