



Upper Uwchlan Township
Board of Supervisors Workshop
June 12, 2018
4:00 p.m.
Minutes
Approved

In attendance:

Jamie Goncharoff, Chair
Sandy D'Amico, Vice-Chair

John DeMarco, Police Chief
Al Gaspari, Codes Administrator
Gwen Jonik, Township Secretary

Cary Vargo, Township Manager
Shanna Lodge, Assistant Township Manager

Jamie Goncharoff called the Workshop to order at 4:01 p.m., led the Pledge of Allegiance, and offered a moment of silence.

Fireworks Ordinance - Draft

Cary Vargo, Chief DeMarco and Al Gaspari explained that this draft Ordinance is consistent with Act 43 of 2017, recently adopted State Law, regulating fireworks use for the protection of residents and property. The Township Ordinance doesn't impose any additional restrictions on consumers; a person must be at least 18 years old to purchase, possess and use consumer fireworks; Professional pyro-technicians must be at least 21 years old; commercial or professional fireworks displays require a permit issued by the Township. The Board will consider adoption of this Ordinance next week.

Solid Waste & Recycling Collection Contract Extension

Cary Vargo led the discussion for exercising the Township's option to extend the solid waste, recycling and yard waste collection contract with A.J. Blosenski, Inc. for 1 year, August 1, 2018 through July 31, 2019. Costs were stable over the current 3-year contract, as bid, but will increase for the extended year; however, there will be no increase in the User fee. The recyclables market is changing, unfortunately. End users are decreasing and China isn't taking any more recyclables from the U.S., so these costs will rise in the future. The Township is gathering data for drafting the bid specifications for the next contract, which will begin August 1, 2019. Jamie Goncharoff asked if recyclables would go to the landfill if there are no end users, and if so, do we have to pay for that in addition to the solid waste tipping fees. These questions will be addressed while preparing the new bid specifications.

Open Session

Jamie Goncharoff asked for an update regarding Comcast service changes at Township facilities. Cary Vargo advised the changes have been made.

Fred Gunther asked the Board for their thoughts regarding his property on Park Road, between Route 100 and Little Conestoga Road. Chase Gunther displayed a conceptual drawing and described mixed uses – existing and proposed – retail, restaurant, café, apartments, commercial spaces. The Board expressed their favor with what has been done with the property and they look forward to his future proposals.

Adjournment

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Jamie Goncharoff adjourned the Workshop at 5:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gwen A. Jonik
Township Secretary