



Upper Uwchlan Township  
Board of Supervisors  
Workshop  
December 10, 2019  
4:00 p.m.  
Minutes  
Approved

In attendance:

Guy Donatelli, Chair  
Sandy D'Amico, Vice-Chair  
Jamie Goncharoff, Member

Supervisor Elect Jenn Baxter

Shanna Lodge, Acting Township Manager  
Gwen Jonik, Township Secretary  
Jill Bukata, Treasurer  
John DeMarco, Police Chief  
Al Gaspari, Codes Administrator

Guy Donatelli called the Workshop to order at 4:05 p.m., led the Pledge of Allegiance and offered a moment of silence. No one planned to audio or video record the Workshop. He announced that an Executive Session was held November 23, 2019, regarding personnel matters.

Lionville Fire Company – Tower Truck Replacement

Mark Hull, President of the Fire Company, presented information regarding replacement of their 19-year old tower truck as it has reached the typical life span of @ 15-20 years. They had to make repairs earlier this year @ \$30,000. They plan to replace with a very similar 100-105' ladder, which helps with stability for the fire fighters are battling fire on rooftops or upper floors, and for those being rescued from upper floors. (Marsh Harbour, townhouses, shopping center, Eagle Tavern, Pickering Valley Elementary, etc.)

The new truck is estimated to cost \$1,300,000. They'll sell the current truck and hope to get \$150,000 from the sale. They've requested assistance toward the purchase from the Townships they serve: Uwchlan Township (\$300,000), West Pikeland Township (\$50,000-\$75,000), and Upper Uwchlan \$150,000. If approved, the contribution could be amortized over a few years or a lump sum. Upper Uwchlan assisted with the tanker pumper truck purchase in 2009, amortizing contributions over 4-5 years.

The Fire Company is in a strong financial position; however, they'll have to replace their rescue truck and the tanker pumper truck over the next 5 years, the aging building is in need of upgrades and with a shortage of volunteer firefighters, paid staffing may become necessary in the near future. They spend a lot of time in training and trying to recruit new members, to create an environment to draw young people. They have 50 active firefighters and @ 30% are over 40 years old. In answer to the Board, Jill Bukata advised that with the earned income tax revenues higher than budgeted, the Township could make the requested contribution, either a lump sum or paying over 3 years.

The Board asked if the Fire Company applied for Grant funding. Mr. Hull replied that they don't qualify for some of the Grants and some that they would qualify for are for the purchase of specific items.

Guy Donatelli advised that the Board will consider the request and make a decision either December 16, 2019 or in January 2020. Mr. Hull thanked the Board for their time and consideration.

#### Disposition of Township Property

The Township had replaced an HP ZBook laptop with Windows 7 operating system, as Windows 7 won't be supported beginning in 2020. The laptop was placed for sale on Municibid, an electronic auction. The high bid was \$148.31. Sandy D'Amico moved, seconded by Jamie Goncharoff, to accept the high bid of \$148.31. The Motion carried unanimously.

#### Township Manager's Report

Shanna Lodge, Acting Township Manager provided updates on the following projects: The 2020 Budget will be considered at the Board's December 16, 2019 meeting; Park Road Trail – the final punchlist has been completed, reimbursement from the State will be received in the near future, the contractor will be back in the spring to complete the grass seeding. Sandy D'Amico suggested holding back some funds to assure they return and asked if we looked into the concern raised last month regarding the crosswalk at Moore Road. Shanna Lodge will follow up with McMahon Associates; the Township building expansion is progressing nicely. The building is under roof, a lot of interior work is occurring, the contractor advises they might be back on schedule by the end of year, there's potential to move back in April 2020, additional paving will need to occur (\$56,000 change order) as the existing paving isn't holding up; replacing the schoolhouse roof might get added to the project. It isn't leaking but where it ties in with the new roof, it'd be best to do it at this time. Two quotes were received but the pricing is quite different – one may include prevailing wages. Office furniture has been quoted as well; the Board will consider executing a Drainage Easement Agreement with the Fehrs who live next to the Meadow Creek WWTF; 2 ordinance amendments (DROP, Alternative Energy Systems) will be considered at the December 16 meeting; there are 2 Zoning Hearings tomorrow evening – Little Harvard, proposing a daycare on Byers Road and Hankin, proposing outside storage tanks. The Board discussed the daycare application and, while they'd like to encourage and support entrepreneurs, they expressed concerns of safety issues with increased traffic and the playground location, and the request to allow for larger enrollment.

Jamie Goncharoff moved that the Township take a position to oppose the granting of the 4 variances sought, to include concerns that an accessory use playground along Byers Road can cause traffic issues, that by reducing the requirements for the square footage per child isn't in the best interests of the children, that not providing a clearly delineated pickup/discharge area creates a safety hazard to the children and the traffic flow of cars, mini-buses, etc. Guy Donatelli seconded and the Motion carried unanimously. Shanna Lodge will draft a letter for the Board's review prior to distribution to the Zoning Hearing Board.

#### Open Session

No comments were offered.

#### Adjournment

Jamie Goncharoff moved to adjourn the Workshop at 5:33 PM. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Gwen A. Jonik  
Township Secretary