



TOWNSHIP OF UPPER UWCHLAN
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
January 21, 2020
7:00 p.m.
Approved

LOCATION: Temporary Township Administration Office
415 Eagleview Boulevard, Suite 116
Exton, PA 19341

In Attendance:

Board of Supervisors

Sandra M. D'Amico, Chair
Jamie W. Goncharoff, Vice-Chair
Jennifer F. Baxter, Member

Corporal Gathercole
Officer Sherman

Township Administration

Shanna Lodge, Acting Township Manager
Gwen A. Jonik, Township Secretary
Jill Bukata, Township Treasurer
John DeMarco, Police Chief
Mike Heckman, Director of Public Works
Dave Leh, P.E., Gilmore & Associates

Mrs. D'Amico called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m., led the Pledge of Allegiance, offered a moment of silence and announced that Mr. Goncharoff would be participating remotely this evening, via telephone. No one planned to video or audio record the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Baxter moved, seconded by Mr. Goncharoff, to approve as presented the minutes of the December 10, 2019 Board of Supervisors Meeting and the January 6, 2020 Board of Supervisors Organization Meeting. The Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Payments

Mrs. Baxter moved, seconded by Mr. Goncharoff, to approve the payments to all vendors as listed January 17, 2020. The Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Jill Bukata reported that the balance sheet remains strong; year-to-date (through December 2019) revenues are at 110.3% of budget and expenses are at 97% of budget. Earned income tax revenue, \$3,979,873 was at 108% of the budget.

Supervisor's Report

Mrs. D'Amico announced Executive Sessions were held January 14, 2020 and this evening regarding personnel matters.

Gwen Jonik provided information regarding the importance of participating in the 2020 Census, which will begin April 1, 2020. It is important for every household to complete the 9 questions on the census form as that data is used to distribute funding for public services such as education, health care, public spaces, and is used for determining representation in Congress.

Mrs. D'Amico read the following calendar: February 11, 2020 4:00 PM Board of Supervisors Workshop; February 11, 2020 Conditional Use Hearing: Struble Trail Extension, time to be determined; February 17, 2020 Township Office Closed ~ Presidents' Day – trash/recycling will be collected; February 18, 2020 (Tuesday) 7:00 PM Board of Supervisors Meeting; Yard waste and Christmas tree collections February 5 and February 19, 2020.

ADMINISTRATION

Township Engineer's Report

Dave Leh reported that staff and consultants will meet with the Byers Station Parcel 6C developer, Vantage Point Retirement Living, to discuss the outstanding items before they seek Final PRD Plan approval; site construction has begun on the "Preserve at Marsh Creek" (McKee/Fetters Tract) – the initial storm water management measures and the sales center; for the "Chester Springs Crossing" (Jankowski Tract) the sanitary sewer work within Garrison Drive and under Route 100 is complete.

Don Carlson asked when Starbucks would begin their fitout; Stuart Bran asked when the Sunderland Avenue extension into West Vincent Township would be open; Roger Kent of Prescott Drive asked about notification to neighbors when blasting work will be done. Blasting from the Fetters Tract shook his house. These items will be researched by staff.

Building and Codes Department Report

Shanna Lodge reported that 31 building permits were issued in December 2019, totaling \$14,788 in permit fees. Total 2019 – 637 permits issued, \$418,670 in permit fees.

Don Carlson commended the Township for picking up all the development signs; Stuart Bran asked what stores might be coming to Byers Station Parcel 5C. There's been no tenant confirmation; Arrold Canlas of Townes at Chester Springs asked about the results of the FedEx sound study last year. Ms. Lodge advised the results of the sound study were inconclusive and the Township was still communicating with FedEx exploring options for a better resolution. They asked to see the sound study.

Mr. Canlas and his neighbor commented the noises overnight (+/- 2:00 AM) greatly impact their upper floors. The "Townes" residents should reach out to Al Gaspari and Ms. Lodge with the times that the noises are the worst.

Police Chief's Report

Chief DeMarco reported the Department handled 1,242 calls last month, including 10 criminal arrests; he reminded resident there's no parking on the street during snow/ice events as it affects the plowing process; he advised that Officer Kyle Sherman has been with the Department 20 years. Mrs. D'Amico and Mrs. Baxter presented Officer Sherman with a plaque recognizing his 20-year Service Award. Chief DeMarco reminded residents to follow the Police Department on Facebook - for news, community events such as the water ice truck visits, etc.

Public Works Department Report

Mike Heckman reported that along with routine maintenance items, the Department received and completed 122 work orders; they're half way through replacing street name signs; they're replacing the back plates on the traffic signals; cleaning storm drains; called out 2x for snow/ice removal; salt supplies are in good shape.

Don Carlson commented on roadside trash along Font Road, from Route 100 to Milford.

Stuart Bran requested better directional signs at the southern intersection of Graphite Mine Road and Route 100. Mr. Heckman advised those are PennDOT signs, specifically permitted and the Township can't change them; we have to ask PennDOT again. Stuart Bran suggested adding a streetlight at the northern intersection of Route 100 and Graphite Mine Road. Mrs. Baxter asked if there would be any changes on Route 100 due to the Chester Springs Crossing development. There are no changes at this time – a traffic signal is not warranted per PennDOT requirements.

ADMINISTRATION

Mark Hull, President of Lionville Fire Company, was in attendance. He had presented information at the December workshop regarding the replacement of their tower truck, which is nearing the end of its useful life, and requested capital contributions from the Municipalities they serve. Since then, the Fire Company has voted to purchase a 2020 Pierce ladder truck at a cost of \$1,388,550, with a 10-month delivery date. They were offered a number of discounts if certain items were paid for in shorter periods of time. In total, they can save over \$43,000 if the entire purchase price is paid within 30 days of their order. Upper Uwchlan had expressed favor with contributing \$150,000 toward the purchase but had not yet determined whether by lump sum or several annual installments. Mr. Hull advised a lump sum would be great but they will greatly appreciate our contribution either way. In answer to Mr. Goncharoff, with the help of Upper Uwchlan Township, Uwchlan Township, West Pikeland Township, and their own funds, they'll be able to get those discounts and reduce the purchase price. They also plan to remove some of the equipment from the existing truck and sell a usable truck to another Company. This will help them have more funds available to replace 2 other trucks within the next 5 years.

Mrs. Baxter moved to approve a contribution of \$150,000 to Lionville Fire Company to satisfy their request in full at this time. Upon Mr. Goncharoff's second, the Motion carried unanimously.

Open Session

Don Carlson made comment regarding a detention basin on his neighbor's property, Mr. Cliffel, that antiskid material is building up, affecting the inlet pipe. Could the Township remove the antiskid material. Mr. Heckman noted that the Township maintains the basins it owns, which are few, and as in this case, if a basin is on someone's property, it is their responsibility to maintain it.

Adjournment

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Mrs. Baxter moved, seconded by Mr. Goncharoff, to adjourn at 8:04 p.m. The Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Gwen A. Jonik
Township Secretary