



TOWNSHIP OF UPPER UWCHLAN
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

May 18, 2020

7:00 p.m.

Approved

LOCATION: This was a virtual meeting, held via Zoom video/audio conferencing, in order to minimize public exposure to COVID-19 and maintain social distancing. The meeting's Public Notices instructed those interested in participating in the meeting to email or call the Township Manager for the link and password to join in the meeting.

In Attendance:

Board of Supervisors

Sandra M. D'Amico, Chair

Jamie W. Goncharoff, Vice-Chair

Jennifer F. Baxter, Member

Tony Scheivert, Township Manager

Shanna Lodge, Assistant Township Manager

Gwen A. Jonik, Township Secretary

Jill Bukata, Township Treasurer

John DeMarco, Police Chief

Al Gaspari, Codes Administrator

Kristin Camp, Esq., Township Solicitor

Mike Heckman, Director of Public Works

Dave Leh, P.E., Gilmore & Associates

There were 18 citizens/households in attendance, including Rep. Danielle Friel-Otten.

Mrs. D'Amico called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m., led the Pledge of Allegiance, and offered a moment of silence. No citizen planned to video or audio record the meeting, however, the Township was audio recording for purposes of minute preparation.

High Meadow (Meadow Creek Lane) Pipeline Construction - Discussion

Mrs. D'Amico advised that the Township has reached an agreement, in principle, with Sunoco regarding locating the pipeline within Meadow Creek Lane rather than through residents' properties. In exchange for using a Township roadway, it is hoped we'll be able to offer public sanitary sewer service to the neighborhood without an installation fee to the homeowners. Final details are being worked out. Formal action would be discussed and voted on at a public meeting. Discussion included that no Agreement has been drafted but a Condition would be that all necessary governmental approvals be attained prior to construction; the Board of Supervisors would try to negotiate enough funds from Sunoco that the High Meadow neighborhood could get public sewer connection and abandonment of existing septic systems at little or no cost; the Board is trying to minimize as much as possible the impact to the residents; there are no ideas at this time for use of 38 Meadow Creek if Sunoco gives it to the Township; Matt Brown, Authority Administrator, will attend a Supervisors meeting to answer questions regarding the public sanitary sewer aspects; regarding leak sensors, Rep. Otten advised that in Pennsylvania, townships and counties are responsible for early detection systems/warnings and the technology might not be accurate enough to be of use. She hopes to pass a Bill that there'd be a risk assessment available to Municipalities and create an impact fee so Townships could afford to get something in place for emergency preparedness and response; we rely on the operator to inform emergency responders of any issues; can a 3rd party arbitrator be engaged to protect the homeowners; when Sunoco workers are onsite outside of the approved hours, the code enforcement office should be advised; the DEP website contains the geological studies and other reports/documents related to the pipeline as they're matters of public record; the Board will provide updates as more details are worked out and will advise when formal action is to be considered.

Approval of Minutes

Mr. Goncharoff moved, seconded by Mrs. Baxter, to approve as presented the minutes of the April 14, 2020 Board of Supervisors Workshop and the April 20, 2020 Board of Supervisors Meeting. The Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Payments

Mr. Goncharoff moved, seconded by Mrs. Baxter, to approve the payments to all vendors as listed May 14, 2020. The Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Jill Bukata reported the balance sheet remains strong; year to date revenues are at 36.0% of budget; expenses are at 29.7% of budget; earned income tax was less than April 2019.

Supervisor's Report

Mrs. D'Amico read the following published calendar: June 9, 2020 4:00 PM Board of Supervisors Workshop; June 15, 2020 7:00 PM Board of Supervisors Meeting; the Annual Township Block Party has been postponed to a date to be determined; yard waste collection dates are Wednesdays May 20, May 27, June 3, June 10.

Township Engineer's Report

Dave Leh reported that with COVID-19 related restrictions being lifted for construction, most sites have resumed home construction and they've started on the model home for the Preserve at Marsh Creek (McKee/Fetters).

Building and Codes Department Report

Al Gaspari reported that 28 building permits were issued in April, totaling \$4,846 in permit fees; the number of building permits is down substantially from previous months due to the COVID-related restrictions; Starbucks started site work; a pre-construction meeting is scheduled for next week for Profound Technology;

Police Chief's Report

Chief DeMarco reported there were 1,011 calls last month; Junior Police Academy has been cancelled for June but some version of it may be held in the Fall.

Public Works Department Report

Mike Heckman reported that the Department received and completed 95 work orders; used the vacuum truck to clean curbs and storm water inlets; cleared downed trees from the storms; the summer mowing help have started; and they're replacing a storm water pipe on Krauser Road. Mike Heckman / Shanna Lodge reported that the pipeline depth relocation in Hickory Park is complete, they're demobilizing tomorrow and then another contractor will do the restoration work. We have the end-of-work date so the \$10,000 penalty and daily fee(s) will be due. The restoration work isn't to be included in the penalty calculation.

Land Development

Reserve at Chester Springs Escrow release #7: Dave Leh advised that final paving has been completed. His Firm has observed and inspected the work and recommends the release of \$193,194.92 to Toll Brothers. Mrs. Baxter moved, seconded by Mr. Goncharoff, to release the recommended \$193,194.92 to Toll Brothers for their Reserve at Chester Springs project. The Motion carried unanimously.

160 Park Road (Eagle Village Parking Expansion) Escrow release #3: Dave Leh advised that Mr. Gunther has constructed the new parking lot and there are just a few landscaping items to finish. His Firm has reviewed the escrow release request and recommends releasing

\$62,076.00 to Mr. Gunther. Mr. Goncharoff moved, seconded by Mrs. Baxter, to release \$62,076.00 to Mr. Gunther for the 160 Park Road project. The Motion carried unanimously.

Chester Springs Crossing - Public Improvements Escrow Release #2: Dave Leh advised this release is for erosion/sedimentation controls and paving work. His Firm has observed the work, reviewed the release request and recommends the release of \$731,154.36 to Toll Brothers. Mrs. Baxter moved, seconded by Mr. Goncharoff, to release \$731,14.36 to Toll Brothers for the general site improvements. The Motion carried unanimously.

Chester Springs Crossing – Sanitary Sewer Improvements Escrow Release #1: Dave Leh advised that ARRO Consulting has observed/inspected the sanitary sewer work for this project, reviewed the release request and ARRO recommends the release of \$371,463.00 to Toll Brothers for sanitary sewer work. Mr. Goncharoff moved, seconded by Mrs. Baxter, to release the recommended \$371,463.00 to Toll Brothers. The Motion carried unanimously.

Preserve at Marsh Creek Escrow Release #1: Dave Leh advised that his Firm has observed the work and recommends the release of \$1,157,825.27 to Toll Brothers for the erosion/sedimentation controls, storm sewer work, and base road work completed at this project (McKee/Fetters). Mrs. Baxter moved, seconded by Mr. Goncharoff, to release the recommended \$1,157,825.27. The Motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATION

Resolution to Implement Act 15 of 2020 – Property Tax Relief Provisions. Mr. Scheivert advised that this Resolution was introduced at the Workshop last week. It allows for the Township to waive any penalties or fees associated with the Township's real estate tax if the tax is paid by December 31, 2020. If the Board desires to adopt the Resolution, it is to be provided to our tax collector by May 20, 2020. Mr. Goncharoff moved, seconded by Mrs. Baxter, to adopt Resolution #05-18-20-07, allowing Upper Uwchlan Township to waive penalties or fees associated with the Township's real estate tax if said tax is paid by December 31, 2020. The Motion carried unanimously.

Disposition of Township Property. Several park-related pieces of equipment that were no longer functioning or of use to the Township had been advertised for sale via Municibid, an electronic auction. The auctions closed this morning and the Board was requested to accept the high bids and approve the sales. Mill Creek Turf 75TD spreader/top dresser – high bid \$1,800.00; Underhill Tracker traveling sprinkler – high bid \$355.00; tennis court windscreens (quantity 7) – high bid \$360.00; and Nelson 400 sprinklers (quantity 3) – high bid \$131.00. Mr. Goncharoff moved, seconded by Mrs. Baxter, to accept the high bids and approve the sales of those four (4) items. The Motion carried unanimously.

Open Session

Mr. Scheivert announced that Administration moved back to the renovated Township Building at 140 Pottstown Pike today. We'll be unpacking throughout the week and operational Tuesday, May 26. We won't be open to the public yet while following the State's red phase guidelines. Partial staff will be in the office while others stay at home until at least June 4, 2020.

Adjournment

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Mrs. D'Amico adjourned the Meeting at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gwen A. Jonik
Township Secretary