



Upper Uwchlan Township
Board of Supervisors
Workshop
March 8, 2022
4:00 p.m.
Minutes
Approved

Attendees:

Sandy D'Amico, Chair
Jenn Baxter, Vice-Chair
Andy Durkin, Member

Tony Scheivert, Township Manager
Shanna Lodge, Assistant Township Manager
Gwen Jonik, Township Secretary
John DeMarco, Police Chief
Rhys Lloyd, Building Code Official
Anthony Campbell, Zoning Officer

The Workshop was held at the Township Building, 140 Pottstown Pike, Chester Springs PA 19425. Sandy D'Amico called the Workshop to order at 4:00 p.m., led the Pledge of Allegiance and offered a moment of silence. There were no citizens in attendance.

Parks Ordinance Amendment for Alcohol Permits

Tony Scheivert introduced an Ordinance amending Chapter 127 of the Upper Uwchlan Township Code "to allow for alcoholic beverages to be possessed and consumed at private events at the Barn at Upland Farm with a permit and at Township sponsored events with prior approval of the Board of Supervisors." The Board could expand the regulations if so desired in the future. The Board is asked to authorize the advertisement of the ordinance amendment for adoption consideration at their April meeting. Jenn Baxter moved, seconded by Andy Durkin, to authorize the advertisement of the ordinance amendment. The motion carried unanimously.

Barn Use Regulations

The Board was presented with a final draft of the rules and regulations for the use/rental of the Barn at Upland Farm, including the areas available for use – upper level room, lower level classrooms, amenities, fees, and permits required. The fees are broken out by type of user – Township programs, Township-based non-profit organizations, Township residents, etc. Maximum capacity determination, tent use, and parking were discussed. The Board was asked to review the document which may be considered for approval at their March 21, 2022 meeting.

Police Vehicle Purchase

Chief DeMarco explained that the 2022 budget included replacement of 2 police vehicles. A third vehicle was being serviced, however, it's been determined to be beyond repair. Using the Co-Stars State purchasing contract with New Holland Auto Group, a quote has been prepared to purchase and outfit a third police vehicle this year, totaling \$48,484.17. The Board is asked to consider approving this purchase at their March 21, 2022 meeting.

Taser 7 Purchase

Chief DeMarco proposes the purchase of (16) Taser 7 devices, the latest technology in the use of less lethal force. That number would provide each Officer with their own taser. At the end of their shift, the Officer would return their assigned Taser to an electronic docking station, which downloads any activity that occurred with the device. The purchase would take advantage of a Bundle Package, providing the taser, holster, cartridges, etc., that are typically sold separately. The total cost would be \$53,555.19 over a 5-year payment plan, \$10,711.03/year. The Board is asked to consider approving this purchase at their March 21, 2022 meeting.

Tony Scheivert noted that since these purchases were not included in the 2022 Budget, funds will need to be transferred. We will investigate whether ARP funds may be used.

Open Session

Tony Scheivert attended the Chester County Tax Collection Committee (CCTCC) meeting and it was reported that the Township's and the County's earned income tax revenue is up from last year for the first two months of 2022. This may be due to increased population, higher salaries, and perhaps those working from home instead of in Philadelphia, not paying that wage tax and the taxes staying local.

Chief DeMarco invited the Board members to attend the Department's training sessions at the County's Emergency Training Center later this month.

Chief DeMarco noted the Department's Accreditation Assessment will take place late March. This Assessment occurs every 3 years.

Shanna Lodge advised that the Board may see at their March 21 meeting proposals for storm water basin retrofits in the Heather Hill development and the new basin at Upland Farm Park.

Adjournment

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Sandy D'Amico adjourned the Workshop at 4:43 p.m. The Board then held an Executive Session regarding a legal matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Gwen A. Jonik
Township Secretary