



TOWNSHIP OF UPPER UWCHLAN
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MEETING
April 18, 2022
7:00 p.m.
Minutes
Approved

LOCATION: Township Building,
140 Pottstown Pike, Chester Springs PA 19425

Attending:

Board of Supervisors

Sandra M. D'Amico, Chair
Jennifer F. Baxter, Vice Chair
Andrew P. Durkin, Member

Township Administration

Tony Scheivert, Township Manager
Shanna Lodge, Assistant Township Manager
Gwen Jonik, Township Secretary
Jill Bukata, Township Treasurer
John DeMarco, Chief of Police
Rhys Lloyd, Director, Code Enforcement
Mike Heckman, Director of Public Works
Dave Leh, Township Engineer

Mrs. D'Amico called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m., led the Pledge of Allegiance and offered a moment of silence. No one planned to record the meeting. There were 6 citizens in attendance.

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Baxter moved, seconded by Mr. Durkin, to approve as presented the minutes of the March 8, 2022 Board of Supervisors Workshop, March 21, 2022 Board of Supervisors Meeting, March 28, 2022 Board of Supervisors Special Meeting re: Sunoco/Energy Transfer's Marsh Creek Lake Cleanup and March 29, 2022 Conditional Use Hearing #4 ~ 100 Greenridge Road. The motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Payments

Mrs. Baxter moved, seconded by Mr. Durkin, to approve the payments to all vendors as listed April 14, 2022. The motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Jill Bukata reported the financial position remains strong; year-to-date revenues are at 36.6% of the budget; year-to-date expenses are 11.1% of budget; the majority of real estate taxes and solid waste fees were received in March.

Supervisor's Report

Mrs. D'Amico advised that 2 candidates were interviewed this evening for vacancies on the Historical Commission (HC). Mrs. Baxter moved, seconded by Mr. Durkin, to appoint Gerry Stein and John Eblacker to the Historical Commission. A term on the HC is 3 years. Mr. Stein's term will end December 31, 2024; Mr. Eblacker's term will end December 31, 2025. The motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. D'Amico read the following published calendar: April 24-27, 2022 Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors (PSATS) Annual Educational Conference & Trade Show in Hershey Pa; May 9, 2022 6:30 PM Conditional use Hearing ~ 100 Greenridge Road at Pickering
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Valley Elementary School; May 10, 2022 4:00 PM Board of Supervisors Workshop; May 16, 2022 7:00 PM Board of Supervisors Meeting and tentative Conditional Use Hearings ~ Natural Lands/Shryock, and Chester County Parks & Facilities Struble Trail Extension Phase II; May 23, 2022 6:30 PM Conditional Use Hearing ~ 100 Greenridge Road at Pickering Valley Elementary School; May 30, 2022 Office Closed ~ Memorial Day – No Trash/Recycling Service.

Administration Reports

Township Engineer's Report

Dave Leh reported that Final Plans for review and recording have been received for Byers Station Parcel 6C – Vantage Point Retirement Living. The consultants are conducting their final review and escrow amounts will be established. Amended Final PRD Plans were submitted for consultants review for Byers Station Parcel 5C Lot 2B.

Building and Codes Department Report

Rhys Lloyd reported that 77 building permits were issued last month, totaling \$52,822.55 in permit fees, and 11 re-sale use and occupancy inspections were completed.

Police Chief's Report

Chief DeMarco reported there were 1,290 calls last month; the Department was re-assessed for Accreditation; and a wild turkey has been visiting the Township Building property of late.

Public Works Department Report

Mike Heckman reported the Department performed routine maintenance, received and completed 148 work orders, continued with street sweeping, cleared storm water inlets, called in 5x for snow/ice removal. Mrs. D'Amico asked about the summer help; a few will return this year and others are lined up.

Land Development

Jack Stefferud of Natural Lands Trust presented a proposed lot line change for parcels owned by Shryock Bros, along the proposed Struble Trail extension, to allow the Trust to purchase 2.7 acres from Shryock Bros. which will give the County the room to build the Trail extension and give the remainder, which abuts Marsh Creek State Park, to the State. Demolition of the miller's house is proposed as it is falling in on itself. Tony Scheivert introduced Kevin McKenna, Esq., and explained that Mr. McKenna is representing the Township in the County's conditional use application as Buckley Brion McGuire & Morris is representing the County. Shryock Bros. requested additional time to review the plans and the matter was tabled until the Board's May meeting.

Resident Gerry Stein inquired of the Trail's location; resident and Historical Commission's Chair, Vivian McCardell commented that the Dorlan Mill miller's house is on the subject parcel and they'd like at least a portion of the house to be preserved if at all possible, perhaps the foundation with an interpretive sign; resident Steve Egnaczyk would also like the house to be preserved and perhaps the Township could provide some funds to help with that endeavor.

Tony Scheivert noted that the Township is working toward a preservation ordinance that would prohibit demolition-by-neglect and that the Township building and zoning officers won't allow anyone to enter the house for safety concerns. Cathy Tomlinson commented that the State doesn't like to take land with buildings standing as they are a liability; Gerry Stein noted that Mr. Stefferud mentioned it'd take \$50,000 just to simply bulldoze the house and they don't have the funding to preserve any part of it.

ADMINISTRATION

Resolution adoption ~ American Rescue Plan Allocation (ARPA) expenditure. Jill Bukata advised the Resolution was a procedural task, concerning the ARPA funds we've received. The Treasury's guidelines are that funds are to be spent on municipal expenditures that are in the budget. We need to amend our 2022 budget to include an expenditure for COVID-19 hazard pay for our police officers. We have spent some of the funds for the public water and sewer connections at Upland Farm Park, which were included in the budget. We might use some of the funds for improvements at Hickory Park.

Mrs. Baxter moved, seconded by Mr. Durkin, to adopt Resolution #04-18-22- 03 providing for supplemental appropriations for the 2022 Budget. The motion carried unanimously.

Stormwater basin retrofits – authorize publication of construction bid specifications. Mrs. Baxter moved, seconded by Mr. Durkin, to authorize the publication of construction bid specifications to retrofit stormwater basins in the Heather Hill subdivision and to construct a stormwater management feature in Upland Farm Park, the "Marsh Creek Watershed Protection Project." The motion carried unanimously.

Open Session

Jan Bowers of the Chester County Department of Facilities, Eric Quinn of Chester County Planning Commission, Sandy Martin of McCormick Taylor Inc., and Justin Coyle of Carroll Engineering Inc. were in attendance to discuss the County's Bridge Program, repair or replacement of bridges, and discuss the North Reeds Road bridge (#134). The County meets with the municipalities, in this case East Brandywine and Upper Uwchlan, to discuss the bridge and determine the needs of the community and how this bridge currently serves those needs, what might be needed in the future, to try to address those items during the design phase of the project. This bridge is mainly in East Brandywine Township. The weight limit on this bridge has been restricted to 12 tons, downgraded from 16 tons. The County tries to make safe the 94 County-owned bridges over local roads. Some of the bridges are historic and the use of those bridges has changed. The \$5/vehicle registration fee that the County charges now helps fund these replacements. This bridge was constructed in 1939, 82 years old, and the deck and substructure are in fair condition, but the beams are in poor condition. The County would like to eliminate the weight restriction, update the safety measures and improve the access. This bridge serves the residential properties plus the west side of Marsh Creek State Park. The project wouldn't be ready for construction until 2023 or 2024 and construction would take 6 months to 1 year.

Adjournment

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Mrs. D'Amico adjourned the meeting
at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gwen A. Jonik
Township Secretary