



Upper Uwchlan Township  
Board of Supervisors Workshop  
March 12, 2024  
4:00 p.m.  
Minutes  
Approved

Attendees:

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

Kristin Camp, Esq., Township Solicitor

Neil Phillips, Chair, Environmental  
Advisory Council (EAC)

Tony Scheivert, Township Manager  
Lindsay Yeager, Assistant Township Manager  
Gwen Jonik, Township Secretary  
Rhys Lloyd, Codes Enforcement Officer  
Anthony Campbell, Zoning Officer  
Tom Jones, Police Chief  
Joe Carr, Police Lieutenant  
Mike Esterlis, Public Works Director  
Kristin Roth, Public Works Administrative Assistant

The Workshop was held at the Township Building, 140 Pottstown Pike, Chester Springs PA 19425.

Jenn Baxter called the Workshop to order at 4:00 p.m., led the Pledge of Allegiance, and offered a moment of silence. No one planned to record the Workshop. There were 6 citizens in attendance.

Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) ~ Update

Neil Phillips, Chair, advised that the EAC has a busy spring lined up: litter cleanup scheduled for March 23 on Route 100 from the Lexus dealership to the Turnpike. This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> attempt for this project. April 6 is the next e-waste and shredding event at the Public Works facility. April 20 is Earth Day celebration, with 18 vendors, food, music, at the Barn at Upland Farm. The EAC gave away daffodil bulbs at October's Trunk or Treat.

Today's visit relates to the draft plastic bag ban ordinance, and other single-use plastics such as take-out containers, utensils. They have plenty of information but request the Board look at the draft ordinance and provide input. Tony Scheivert suggested perhaps establishments should charge for paper bags to encourage folks to bring their reusable bags instead. This will be mentioned at the Business Breakfast March 21; it could be publicized for effective date January 1, 2025. They'd like to know how to keep people from putting their recycling into clear plastic bags in their recycling totes and those who keep plastic bottle caps on the bottles. We should put proper recycling information in emails to the Homeowners Associations (HOAs) and on our utility bills and everywhere else that is prominent. Request the Board provide input to the EAC by the beginning of April for discussion at their April meeting. The EAC has distributed 1,000 of their green reusable bags. And they're impressed with the 2 junior members who have lots of great energy.

Solid Waste and Recycling Contract ~ Bid Results

The current solid waste and recycling collection contracts end July 31, 2024. We have exercised the (2) 1-year extensions. The new collection contract period is August 1, 2024 – July 31, 2027. There were 4 bidders: A.J. Blosenski, Inc., Waste Management, Inc., J.P. Mascaro & Sons, Whitetail Disposal, Inc. The apparent low bidder is A.J. Blosenski, Inc. at \$3,142,254.38 for the 3-year

contract for trash and recycling. Waste Management's bid was \$3,900,150.00; J.P. Mascaro's was \$4,942,296.00; Whitetail's was \$4,616,369.72.

The Township plans to approve the contract at the March 18, 2024 meeting. Kristin Camp is reviewing the bid documents to make sure all is in order.

Don Isabella, of Waste Management, noted the cost per home per month for trash is very close, not quite as close for recycling, but he thinks they should be awarded the whole contract or at least the trash collection because their level of service was better.

Jim Clark, of A.J. Blosenski, noted they had some service issues and have taken steps to resolve them, they far exceed the competition with safety measures (less crashes and damages, etc.), service is improving, and they'll have no problem servicing Upper Uwchlan.

Jenn Baxter advised that we knew the new contract would have increased costs and we budgeted very conservatively, however, we may have to increase our fee - it's under investigation. Kristin Roth commended Jim Clark for his assistance during the collection issues.

There were no further questions or comments from the Board or Staff. Resident Gerry Stein asked about safety.

#### Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside (TASA) Program Grant Award

Tony Scheivert advised that Bowman (formerly McMahon Associates) has reduced their proposal for engineering the "Route 100 Pedestrian Path", the trail connection from Reserve Drive to Upland Farm Park. Task 1, the topographic survey, was approved at the February Board of Supervisors meeting. Task 2, preliminary engineering, was reduced by \$8,000. Task 3 environmental studies and clearance; Task 4 environmental permitting; Task 5 subsurface utility engineering; Task 6 PennDOT project delivery. This project will be done in phases. Using ARPA fund, half the costs are in this year's budget and the other half in 2025. The proposal totals \$440,396.00. The Board was requested to approve moving forward with Tasks 2-6. Andy Durkin moved, seconded by Sandy D'Amico, to approve the Bowman proposal Tasks 2-6 for engineering services. The motion carried unanimously.

#### Open Session

Tony Scheivert announced the March 18, 2024 Supervisors meeting will be held at the Barn at Upland Farm, 7:00 p.m. Sandy D'Amico will be unable to attend.

Don Isabella, of Waste Management, made comment about our trash/recycling collection contract situation being similar to E. Fallowfield Township's.

#### Adjournment

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Jenn Baxter adjourned the Workshop at 4:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gwen A. Jonik  
Township Secretary