



Upper Uwchlan Township
Board of Supervisors Workshop

December 13, 2016

4:00 p.m.

Minutes

Approved

In attendance:

Guy Donatelli, Chair

Kevin Kerr, Vice-Chair

Jamie Goncharoff, Member

Cary Vargo, Township Manager

Gwen Jonik, Township Secretary

Jill Bukata, Township Treasurer

John DeMarco, Police Chief

Chris Williams, P.E., Traffic Consultant

Guy Donatelli called the Workshop to order at 4:00 p.m.

State Route 100 – Discuss changing the designation of Route 100 from Pottstown Pike to Graphite Mine Road. Cary Vargo talked about beginning the process with PennDOT to designate Graphite Mine Road as Route 100, the State owning Graphite Mine Road (currently the State owns the portion south of Byers Road), and Pottstown Pike becoming a township road. This re-designation has been suggested several times during the course of Graphite Mine Road's construction and opening (2009) as it would lessen confusion at the southern intersection of Graphite Mine and Pottstown Pike, but the Township didn't favor taking Pottstown Pike previously. Graphite Mine Road is beginning to deteriorate. If Pottstown Pike is a township road, we'd have better control of the streetscape in the Village. Chris Williams advised that usually PennDOT approaches the Municipality to 'turn back' a State road to the Municipality and they negotiate a dollar amount to correct the "old" road, then the road is turned back to the township. PennDOT may believe the road ownership swap was already in place due to the suggestions over the years. Chris Williams was asked to evaluate the condition of both roads and provide an estimate to repair Pottstown Pike prior to the Township coordinating a meeting with PennDOT. The estimate would be for the road and storm water management facilities; the traffic signals wouldn't be included as they are owned by the Township.

Draft 2017 Budget – Final Review

Jill Bukata reviewed a few minor changes to the draft 2017 budget since the last meeting: a decreased amount for a street sweeper and reduced-rate financing. Ms. Bukata advised the Township received emergency grant monies from FEMA for expenses related to winter storm Jonas in January 2016. We'll soon receive \$145,000 for the recycling grant.

Township Manager's Report

Cary Vargo highlighted several projects:

Our I.T. Firm, Help-Now, is transitioning a Police Department program to the Cloud and just a few adjustments will bring that to completion;

The conditional use hearing will be scheduled for Moser Land Development's Marsh Lea project seeking approval to permit construction and portions of structures to be located within precautionary slopes;

McKee/Fetters conditional use is in process. The sewer agreement for Phase III is being reviewed, PaDEP increased the capacity of the soils, however long-term disposal life is still being measured and the project will also need some off-site disposal area. A full connection with the

proposed development and Prescott Drive in the Reserve at Eagle, a connection with Toll's Reserve at Chester Springs, and a traffic light at Milford Road and Little Conestoga Road are being considered by the Applicant. The Township awaits a full structural evaluation of the house, springhouse and barn;

Assistant Township Manager. Eighty-five resumes were received, eleven candidates were selected, and nine interviews are being held this week. The Board would like to interview the top 3 or so interviewees;

Municipal Authority long-range plan. The Authority has identified 10 properties within 1.5 miles of existing Route 100 wastewater treatment fields for potential disposal area. Columbia Gases' pressure station on the south side of Fellowship Road would be ideal. The Authority will review this information at their December 20 meeting. Kevin Kerr would like to discuss this at the January 10, 2017 Workshop;

The Township and the Police Association have agreed to a 2-year extension of the Police contract, through December 2018;

A pre-construction meeting was held for the Struble Trail Trailhead Improvement project, with construction to commence mid-March. The parking area and trail in that vicinity will be closed during construction, estimated to finish mid-May. Cathy Tomlinson advised that the County awaits PennDOT's approval of the Dorlan Mill Road crossing for the Trail to be extended to Marsh Creek State Park;

Bids are due December 15 for construction of the trails along Route 100 and Little Conestoga Road from Upland Farm and the Reserve at Waynebrook to Park Road;

Final design of Park Road Trail Phase IV is underway. McMahon Associates is the engineering firm currently working on this project and targets letting the bid in 2017 for construction in 2018. The Township will seek additional construction funds from Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC).

Upcoming Board of Supervisors Workshops, Meetings

December 19, 2016 7:00 p.m. Meeting and continuation of the McKee-Milford Associates Conditional Use Hearing

January 3, 2017 7:00 p.m. (Tuesday) Annual Organizational Meeting

January 10, 2017 4:00 p.m. Workshop

January 17, 2017 7:00 p.m. (Tuesday) Meeting, Conditional Use Hearing – Moser/Marsh Lea

Open Session

Gwen Jonik advised the following elected officials' terms expire December 31, 2017:

Kevin Kerr – Township Supervisor; Ben LaGarde – Tax Collector; Steve McNaughton – Auditor

Bob McHugh expressed concern with the increase of serious crimes in the Township over last few months, inquiring if more Police Officers might be required. Chief DeMarco advised there's been increased traffic in this area and increased urban influence and drug-related activity comes with that. The best defense is vigilant neighbors and concerned citizens reporting any unusual or suspicious activity.

Adjournment

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Guy Donatelli adjourned the Workshop at 5:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gwen A. Jonik,
Township Secretary