



TOWNSHIP OF UPPER UWCHLAN  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
REGULAR MEETING  
November 16, 2009  
7:00 p.m.

Attending:

Board of Supervisors

Kevin C. Kerr, Chairperson  
Guy A. Donatelli, Vice-Chairperson  
Catherine A. Tomlinson, Member

Township Administration

Cary B. Vargo, Township Manager  
Gwen A. Jonik, Township Secretary  
Al Gaspari, Codes Administrator  
Karen Wertz, Treasurer  
Cheryl Neri, Assistant Treasurer  
John DeMarco, Police Chief  
Dave Leh, P.E., Township Engineer

Mr. Kerr called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m., led the salute to the flag and offered a moment of silence.

Approval of Minutes

Mrs. Tomlinson moved, seconded by Mr. Donatelli, to approve as presented the minutes of the November 2, 2009 Board of Supervisors' meeting. The Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Payments

Mr. Donatelli moved, seconded by Mrs. Tomlinson, to pay all vendors as listed November 15 - 21, 2009. The Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Vargo commented that annual contributions to the fire and ambulance companies are being evaluated, the goal being equitable funding by all jurisdictions those companies serve.

Treasurer's Report

Karen Wertz advised the proposed 2010 Budget is now balanced due to the Department heads efforts to find budget reduction opportunities. October 2009 ended better than expected, and the finance department continues its review of insurance and financial advisor firms for potential cost savings. Mr. Donatelli moved, seconded by Mrs. Tomlinson, to accept the Treasurer's Report. The Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisors' Report

Mr. Kerr announced that Executive Sessions had been held October 27 and November 10, 2009 to discuss personnel, legal and real estate matters as they affect the proposed 2010 Budget.

Mr. Kerr read the following emergency services provider report for October 2009: Ludwigs Corner Fire Company – 3 fire calls; Lionville Fire Company – 11 fire calls; East Brandywine Fire Company – 0 fire calls, 3 EMS calls; Glenmoore Fire Company – 0 fire calls; and Uwchlan Ambulance Corps – 26 calls.

Mr. Kerr announced the following calendar: November 21, 2009 Leaf & Yard Waste special collection; November 26-27, 2009 Office closed for the Thanksgiving holiday; December 1, 2009 4:00 p.m. Board of Supervisors' Workshop; December 5, 2009 Leaf & Yard Waste special collection; December 7, 2009 7:00 p.m. Board of Supervisors' meeting and December 15, 2009 4:00 p.m. Board of Supervisors' Workshop.

Township Engineer's Report

Dave Leh reported Byers Station and Windsor Ridge developers have paved the majority of their respective roadways and are completing punch lists in preparation for potential dedications in January 2010. Those Developers have committed to continue plowing their roads this winter. The new traffic light at Graphite Mine Road and Station Boulevard will begin flashing this week and move toward full operation next week.

#### Building/Codes Department Report

Al Gaspari reported that 25 building permits were issued in October, totaling \$2,543.72 in permit fees. The Marsh Creek Eagles football season has ended so Hickory Park's fields 1 and 2 are closed. Mr. Gaspari is working with Mary Lou Farrow and Toll regarding Ewing's Community Center. The Ewing barn will be stabilized over the winter and then in the spring begin work on the architecture. In October, the building and codes department also responded to residents' complaints, leaf issues, investigated various lighting issues with Consultants, and performed annual maintenance on the Township building.

#### Police Chief's Report

Chief Demarco reported 759 complaints were handled in October, including 21 arrests, and the Limerick Power Plant Emergency Drill will be held tomorrow evening.

#### Township Manager's Report

Cary Vargo reported it's been determined that Upper Uwchlan and East Brandywine Townships share responsibility for the Lyndell Bridge over the Brandywine, and Upper Uwchlan is currently repairing the decking. Mr. Vargo reported he has been working on the following projects: evaluating the fire and ambulance contributions, job descriptions, moving the IT infrastructure off-site, insurance quotes in an effort to streamline efficiency while reducing costs, and researching the scheduling of an energy audit. Don Carlson asked that the energy audit information be shared with the Municipal Authority. Mr. Vargo assured him there would be two separate audit proposals.

#### Land Development

Mr. Donatelli moved, seconded by Mrs. Tomlinson, to release the final \$15,440.00 to JMC Contractors for the contracted construction of Larkins Field (formerly known as TU-1). The Motion carried unanimously.

Brandywine Springs Farm - Conditional Use - Decision & Order: Mrs. Tomlinson moved, seconded by Mr. Donatelli, to approve the Conditional Use application for the Brandywine Springs Farm Subdivision Plan submitted by the Shea Family, whereby precautionary slopes will be disturbed in several areas by the construction of the homes and/or roadway. The Plan proposes 8 lots, 1 existing and 7 new, served by a private roadway. Several conditions are incorporated in the Decision & Order regarding the construction and maintenance of the private roadway. Don Carlson commented conditions should be included regarding on-site septic system maintenance and/or reporting. The Motion carried unanimously.

#### Administration

Mr. Donatelli moved, seconded by Mrs. Tomlinson, to authorize the advertisement of the proposed 2010 Budget. No tax increase is proposed. The Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kerr announced the sad news of Elaine Benson's passing last Friday. Elaine's 6-year tenure with the Township included Administrative Assistant - Building and Codes Department, Park & Recreation Board Secretary, and Community Event Coordinator. Elaine will be greatly missed by the Staff and the Community.

Open Session

Steve Senn commented that the proposed “jake brake prohibition ordinance” should be properly referred to as “engine retarder”. Harold Trego commented engine retarders are for the safe operation of the vehicle, especially over-sized loads, but the noise comes from improper exhaust systems. Messrs. Donatelli and Kerr advised the proper language will be investigated and incorporated.

Steve Senn commented that Eagle Service should be the sole Township towing vendor. Chief DeMarco explained that towing services are split between Eagle Service and Crawfords, and the service is periodically evaluated.

Adjournment

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Mr. Kerr adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gwen A. Jonik  
Township Secretary