



Upper Uwchlan Township
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WORKSHOP

February 8, 2011
Minutes

Approved

In attendance:

Cathy Tomlinson, Chair
Kevin Kerr, Vice-Chair
Cary Vargo, Township Manager
Cheryl Neri, Assistant Treasurer
Chief DeMarco, Police Chief
Dave Leh, Gilmore & Associates

Mrs. Tomlinson called the workshop to order at 4:07 p.m. and announced that since Mr. Donatelli is running late, the meeting would proceed out of agenda order.

Speed Limit Ordinance Amendment – Authorize Advertisement

The Township recently accepted dedication of several roads in the Byers Station and Ewing subdivisions and as usual, establishes the speed limits and stop sign intersections associated with those roads. The Board may adopt the Ordinance amendment at the February 22, 2011 meeting. Mr. Kerr moved, seconded by Mrs. Tomlinson, to advertise the Ordinance amendment. So moved.

Township Manager’s Report

Cary Vargo reviewed his monthly report as follows:

The Public Works department continues painting and preparing their new facility, located at 132 Oscar Way. It is hoped they’ll be able to move all equipment and occupy the building by the end of February;

Construction of the Park Road pedestrian bridge is scheduled to begin in March --status reports will be announced at the monthly Supervisors’ meetings;

A Safety Committee has recently been established with the goal being employee safety, and reducing injury and liability. Delaware Valley Insurance Trust has provided resources to assist this Committee.

The Township and Municipal Authority audits have been completed and went smoothly.

The Pension Plan audits (Police, Non-Uniformed Employee) also went well and the Plans are in good shape.

Earned Income Tax (EIT) collections are much lower than this time last year, which could be a result of the data transfer from Berkheimer to Keystone Collection Group. All parties are aware of the issue and believe it will be corrected by month’s end.

Several areas of the Township had problems with snow plowing procedures. The Contractors were reminded of what was expected and the Township doesn’t foresee any future issues.

There were (2) employment opportunities advertised and applications were accepted through yesterday for a skilled roadworker and an accounting associate. There was no shortage of qualified applicants. Interviews will be scheduled over the next week.

Open Session

Mary Lou Farrow commented that Larkins Bridge should be painted white, in keeping with the historic color of covered bridges. Richard Moore commented that whenever structures of historic nature are rehabilitated, knowledgeable and qualified people should be consulted so the work is appropriate and correct.

Guy was still en route and advised the Board to proceed without him.

Byers Station / Ewing Community Center # 2

Tom Kessler, Toll Brothers Division Vice-President, was present to introduce himself and discuss the Byers Group's application to amend the Conditional Use Approval regarding the Evans Barn, which is to be renovated for the second Byers Station/ Ewing community center and pool.

The 2-story barn isn't suitable for a modern, efficient recreation center and its size (@ 7,000 square feet) does not allow for an adequately sized pool to serve the Community's needs. The application to amend the Conditional Use requests permission to demolish the 2-story barn and build an adequately sized 1-story rec center (@ 3,500 sf) and a larger pool (6 lanes, 25m long), plus a separate kiddie pool. The pool originally proposed for this parcel is the same size as the pool at the first rec center, and the residents are asking for a larger pool.

Regarding the Evans farmhouse and springhouse next door, Toll is using the farmhouse as its office so that is in decent condition. Once all the homes are sold and Toll can move on, the springhouse and farmhouse lot is to be sold to a third party.

The Board commented as follows: can the barn be retrofitted for a smaller rec center; the condition of the barn continues to deteriorate; before the springhouse deteriorates, renovate it now; a compromise needs to be found; can barn materials be re-used.

Mr. Kessler replied that the Byers Group also doesn't want the springhouse or farmhouse to deteriorate; the barn's timber and pegs could be re-used in the new structure, as could the exterior wall stone, and some of the timber may be suitable for re-use in other Township structures.

Mary Lou commented that as part of discussions about a compromise, there may be options available that will benefit all Township residents. Cary commented that he, Tom, and Barry Depew (Toll) had conversations about various trail connections in the Township, such as the paved trail planned at Upland Farm and its driveway as a walkway from Route 100 toward the back of the barn to access planned passive recreation areas. Installation of trails and the driveway repair could be considered by Toll.

Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss, Cathy adjourned the Workshop at 6:00 p.m. and the Board proceeded to an Executive Session regarding personnel matters.

Respectfully submitted,
Gwen Jonik,
Township Secretary