



Upper Uwchlan Township
Board of Supervisors Workshop

March 10, 2015

4:00 p.m.

Minutes

Approved

In attendance:

Kevin Kerr, Chair

Guy Donatelli, Vice-Chair

Cathy Tomlinson, Member

Cary Vargo, Township Manager

John DeMarco, Police Chief

Gwen Jonik, Township Secretary

Al Gaspari, Codes Administrator

Kevin Kerr called the Workshop to order at 4:00 p.m.

Ordinance Review

PSATS Unemployment Compensation Group Trust

Cary Vargo explained that the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Supervisors (PSATS) Unemployment Compensation Group Trust Agreement had been revised in July 2014 by PSATS and all Participants are required to adopt the revised Trust Agreement. If the Board wishes to continue participating in the Group Trust, adoption of the revised Trust Agreement could take place at the March 16 Supervisors' meeting.

Police Pension Amendments

Cary Vargo explained that through the recent Police Contract negotiations, a few amendments need to be made to the Police Pension Ordinance, regarding definitions, clarifying disability benefits, and the Act 44 Retirement Program. The Township's labor attorneys and pension advisors have reviewed the Amendments and have no further comments. Adoption of the Police Pension Ordinance amendments could take place at the March 16 Supervisors' meeting.

Township Manager's Report

Cary Vargo provided an update of the following projects: Toll, Orleans and Pulte have signed the Settlement Agreement and Dedication Agreement resolving the suit they brought in regard to the Route 100 Wastewater Treatment Facility. The Board of Supervisors and Municipal Authority will consider approval. The Conditional Use Decision and Order has been drafted for Toll's and Orleans' request to eliminate continuing Sunderland Avenue (East) from Ewing/Upper Uwchlan into Ewing/West Vincent Township. The Decision denies their request; they will need to build the road. A Storm Water Authority feasibility study is underway. The Board will be asked to execute the Grant Agreement from DEP to reimburse the Township for the initial recycling toter purchase in 2010. Township employees have begun using a password management system. A mandatory connection ordinance for the Route 100 WWTF Phase II expansion has been drafted and will be advertised for adoption at the Board's April 27 meeting. The Township will enter an Agreement with the Marsh Creek Eagles and the "Believe and Achieve Foundation" to construct a field house at Fellowship Fields. Sunoco Pipeline has begun site development for the pump station they'll construct at their Milford Road/Little Conestoga Road property. Conditional Use Hearings have been scheduled for March 23, 2015

regarding Chester County's Struble Trail Trailhead Improvement Plan at Dorlan Mill Road and Chester County's Emergency Voice Radio Upgrade Tower on Fellowship Road.

Guy Donatelli advised that Glenmoore/Eagle Youth Association (GEYA) would like to propose lighting of Hickory Park Field 3 (large diamond); GEYA would contribute funds to the project. Guy would like the pros and cons explored; how would this affect neighbors; would lights pose a problem for Turnpike traffic; etc.

Solid waste and Recycling Contract

The solid waste and recycling contract expires July 31, 2015. Bid specifications have been drafted for the August 1, 2015 through July 31, 2018 Contract period, which include that the hauler has to use side-loaded automated trucks and we've increased the frequency of yard waste collections - from 17 to 36 per year. The Board authorized advertisement of the bid specifications; bids will be due April 9, 2015.

Multi-Municipal Regional UCC Board of Appeals

Al Gaspari advised that thirteen (13) or so Municipalities to our west have formed a Regional Uniform Construction Code (UCC) Board of Appeals, to hear any appeals by residents of those Townships who don't like a decision of the Codes or Building Department. Upper Uwchlan has not received any Appeals, however it would be beneficial to join this Regional Board in the event an Appeal is submitted in the future. Membership is an initial term of 5 years, with automatic annual renewal. The one-time Application fee is \$750; annual dues is currently \$50. Each Member municipality has to provide a representative and an alternate representative to the Board of Appeals' Board of Directors. Al Gaspari volunteers to be the representative; Rhys Lloyd the alternate. The Board of Supervisors will need to adopt an Ordinance authorizing participation in this Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement. The Board of Supervisors will consider the request.

Non-Residential Land Development – accessory structures

Two recent requests from non-residential entities have prompted this discussion regarding accessory structures on non-residential properties, which by definition requires land development approval. The Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code (MPC) provides exclusions to that requirement. Commercial properties and accessory structures typically triggers "land development". If we'd like to enact the exclusion, we'd have to amend our Ordinance. The Board of Supervisors does not favor amending the Ordinance as it would be difficult to determine appropriate exclusions. The preference is for the property owners to begin the land development process and seek a waiver.

Adjournment

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Kevin Kerr adjourned the Workshop at 4:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gwen A. Jonik
Township Secretary