



TOWNSHIP OF UPPER UWCHLAN
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
March 2, 2009

Attending:

Board of Supervisors

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

Township Administration

John J. Roughan, Jr., Township Manager
Gwen A. Jonik, Township Secretary
John DeMarco, Chief of Police
Cheryl Neri, Assistant Treasurer
Mike Taggart, P.E., Gilmore & Associates

Mr. Kerr called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 the February 17, 2009 meeting minutes as presented. Mrs. Tomlinson followed up on a billing question and Green Valley Road cul de sac. Don Carlson suggested Dave Leh's comment during his report regarding Parcel 5C should be included. Mr. Kerr concurred. The Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Payments

Mr. Donatelli moved, seconded by Mrs. Tomlinson, to pay all vendors as listed March 1-7, 2009. The Motion carried unanimously, with Mr. Donatelli abstaining from Check #37950 as it is a client of his Firm.

Supervisors' Report

Mr. Kerr reported an Executive Session was held this evening regarding personnel.

Jack Stefferud - Natural Lands Trust – was present this evening to answer questions the Board might have regarding the Declaration of Covenants and Restrictions drawn in cooperation with the Township, County and State regarding the Shryock Property. The Covenants ensure that the property will forever remain open space. Mr. Stefferud thanked the Board for their patience and cooperation. Mr. Kerr thanked Mr. Stefferud for his efforts in this matter. Mr. Donatelli thanked the public for their support of this project.

Mr. Donatelli moved, seconded by Mrs. Tomlinson, to approve the Declaration of Covenants. The Motion carried unanimously. Mrs. Tomlinson presented Mr. Stefferud with the Township's contribution check for this project.

Mr. Kerr called attention to Jamie Goncharoff and boy scouts of Troop 220 who were present this evening to fulfill requirements toward earning their citizenship badge.

Mr. Donatelli read a prepared statement that the Board is taking the Upland Farm lease situation very seriously, that an independent auditor will investigate the situation and report directly to the Board of Supervisors. The public will be given updates, and the results will be made public as allowed by Law. Mr. Donatelli moved, seconded by Mrs. Tomlinson, to approve Bob Bezgin to conduct the aforementioned audit. The Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kerr read the following calendar: March 10, 2009 4:00 p.m. Board of Supervisors' Workshop; March 16, 2009 **6:30 p.m.** Board of Supervisors' Meeting. The March 16th meeting time (6:30) will be advertised.

Public Works Report

John Roughan reported Mike Heckman and the crew worked since last evening on snow removal and did a great job. Cinderling activities will occur overnight tonight. Mr. Roughan highlighted February activities such as updating street signs, keeping cinder supply stocked, and pothole patching took place in the warm weather early in February.

Land Development

Mike Taggart advised the Board of the final escrow release of \$50,745.50 to Penn Liberty Bank. This release is not related to the repairs to Font Road – that is a separate project. Mrs. Tomlinson moved, seconded by Mr. Donatelli, to release the \$50,745.50 to Penn Liberty Bank. The Motion carried unanimously.

Administration

John Roughan reported the Graphite Mine Road Soccer Field Project bids were received and opened February 24, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. The project consists of one full-size soccer field and a smaller field at the corner of Byers Road and the northern link of Graphite Mine Road. The project was estimated @ \$153,000 and the low bid was @ \$154,000. It is hoped the fields will be ready for play in the fall of 2010.

Mr. Donatelli moved, seconded by Mrs. Tomlinson, to award the Graphite Mine Road Soccer Field contract to JMC Contractors at \$154,400. JMC's references were checked and all companies rated them "very good". The Motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Tomlinson moved, seconded by Mr. Donatelli to authorize the advertisement of the recently revised Open Space, Recreation and Environmental Resource Plan (February 18, 2009 draft) for the public's review and comment during March. The Plan is scheduled to be adopted April 6, 2009. The Motion to advertise carried unanimously.

Mrs. Tomlinson moved, seconded by Mr. Donatelli, to authorize advertisement of the sight distance ordinance amendments. John Roughan commented the amendments were motivated by inconsistent criteria between the Township and PennDOT road design requirements discovered during the development of Penn Liberty Bank's plans. The Motion to advertise carried unanimously.

Open Session

Mr. Kerr introduced township resident Cruz Sigala, who the Board met earlier this evening regarding his interest in serving the Township on the Park & Recreation Board. Mr. Donatelli moved, seconded by Mrs. Tomlinson to appoint Mr. Sigala to the Park & Recreation Board. His term would expire December 31, 2013. The Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Mr. Kerr adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gwen A. Jonik
Township Secretary