



TOWNSHIP OF UPPER UWCHLAN
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
REGULAR MEETING
March 17, 2014

Approved

Attending:

Board of Supervisors

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

Township Administration

Cary B. Vargo, Township Manager
Gwen A. Jonik, Township Secretary
John DeMarco, Police Chief
Jill Bukata, Township Treasurer
Al Gaspari, Codes Administrator
Mike Heckman, Director of Public Works
Dave Leh, P.E. Township Engineer

Mrs. Tomlinson 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

Mr. Kerr moved, seconded by Mr. Donatelli, to approve as presented the minutes of the February 11, 2014 Board of Supervisors Workshop and the February 18, 2014 Board of Supervisors Meeting. The Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Payments

Mr. Kerr moved, seconded by Mr. Donatelli, to approve the payments to all vendors, with Mr. Donatelli abstaining from the payment to the Solid Waste Authority as it is a client of his Firm. The Motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Jill Bukata reported the Township's financial position continues to be strong. Snow removal expenditures to date are \$29,711 (budget \$30,000) so we will be over budget for this item this year.

Mr. Kerr commented on several delinquent reimbursable engineering accounts. Mr. Kerr moved, seconded by Mr. Donatelli, to accept the Treasurer's Report. The Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisor's Report

Mrs. Tomlinson read the published calendar: March 26, 2014 Yard Waste Collection; March 26, 2014 7:00 p.m. Zoning Board Hearing – Applicant is Byers Station Community Association; April 8, 2014 4:00 p.m. Joint Boards & Commissions Workshop; April 13-16, 2014 PSATS Annual Educational Conference and Trade Show; April 18, 2014 Township Office closed – Good Friday; and April 21, 2014 7:00 p.m. Board of Supervisors Meeting.

Mr. Kerr asked if the dumpsters for tree debris are being well utilized and Mr. Vargo replied they are now that the snow is melting. The Staff will determine how long the dumpsters will be available, most likely through March.

Administrative Reports

Township Engineer's Report

Dave Leh reported they've received comments from DEP on the Upland Farm trail project ; a PennDOT highway occupancy permit is needed for the trails along the Funderwhite property; and the Columbia Gas Pipeline Expansion plans have not yet been reviewed. Columbia needs to establish an escrow account and execute an Agreement.

Building and Codes Department Report

Al Gaspari reported 20 building permits were issued in February, with permit fees totaling \$3,000.

Replacement of the emergency generator for the Township building will occur this spring, as will changing the heating system from propane to natural gas. The Turf field is already in use.

Mark your calendars for the Township's 2014 Block Party -- June 14, 2014. Several donations toward fireworks have been received. Vendor registration forms are on the Township website.

Police Chief's Report

Chief DeMarco reported the Department logged 1,097 calls in February, including 8 criminal arrests. A \$6,000 Grant has been secured which will provide for the Department's use of a driving simulator for a week in May when officers will train for driving in adverse conditions and adverse situations (high speed, rain-slick roads, etc.)

Public Works Department Report

Mike Heckman reported they've been called out for snow/ice 6 times since the February meeting. The Department has also been performing preventive maintenance and inspection of vehicles; R & S Sweeping was the low bidder for street sweeping; Jake Gawrys has resigned - we'll advertise for a full-time roadworker/mechanic position. We'll also need summer help for grass mowing and park maintenance activities.

Administration

Cary Vargo introduced an Ordinance amendment for the Limited Industrial (LI) zoning district, to allow for Municipal Recreational Use through Conditional Use Approval by the Board of Supervisors. Discussions began during conversations regarding the County's need for zoning relief with their Struble Trail Trailhead Improvement Project, which is an existing non-conforming parcel. The proposed amendment was reviewed by the Planning Commission. It was suggested that it could be opened to any municipal use through the Conditional Use Approval process, rather than limiting it to municipal recreational use. The Board members favored the expanded 'Municipal Use' suggestion and authorized the advertisement of the ordinance amendment for consideration at their April meeting.

The Board was requested to accept the dedication of Arrowhead Drive and Sierra Drive in the Eagleview Corporate Center. Township Staff and Consultants have reviewed/inspected the roads and dedication documents and find them to be in order. Mr. Donatelli moved, seconded by Mr. Kerr, to adopt Resolution #03-17-14-03, which accepts dedication of Arrowhead Drive and Sierra Drive in Eagleview Corporate Center. The Motion carried unanimously.

Disposition of Township Property. The Public Works Department and the Police Department had vehicles advertised for sale using Municibid. Both vehicles are being replaced. The high bid was \$5,425 for the Public Works 1996 F250 pick-up truck and snow plow (VIN ending in 3653). Mr. Donatelli moved, seconded Mr. Kerr, to accept the high bid of \$5,425 and the Motion carried unanimously.

The high bid was \$2,272 for the Police Department 2007 Ford LTD -- Canine Car (VIN ending in 4396). Mr. Donatelli moved, seconded by Mr. Kerr, to accept the high bid of \$2,272 and the Motion carried unanimously.

Open Session

Cameron Zack of Boy Scout Troop 220 in Lionville was in attendance. He is working toward Eagle Scout and he built an osprey nesting area in Marsh Creek State Park for his Eagle Scout project.

Adjournment

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

Respectfully submitted,

Gwen A. Jonik
Township Secretary