



Upper Uwchlan Township
Board of Supervisors Workshop

July 8, 2014

4:00 p.m.

Minutes

Approved

In attendance:

Cathy Tomlinson, Chair
Kevin Kerr, Vice-Chair

Cary Vargo, Township Manager
Gwen Jonik, Township Secretary
John DeMarco, Police Chief
Jill Bukata, Township Treasurer

Invited Guest: Fred Lutz, T and M Associates

Cathy Tomlinson called the Workshop to order at 4:04 p.m.

Township Manager's Report

Cary Vargo highlighted the following projects and activities: we've submitted documents for the Vision Partnership Program (VPP) grant reimbursement for completing the Comprehensive Plan update – the reimbursement will be received next month; we will submit a grant application to VPP seeking funding to conduct a feasibility study regarding the creation of a Storm Water Management Authority; Pickering Valley Contractors is installing storm water management piping from Marsh Harbour development to Park Road - damaged trees and vegetation debris had blocked a portion of the swale – and they will also correct a storm water channel/basin between Windsor Place and Heather Hill developments; Staff have trained on the Trimble precision instrument that allows us to map (GPS) storm water infrastructure into our Munilogic database; the American Towers Conditional Use Hearing is scheduled for July 21, 2014 – the Zoning Hearing Board heard the zoning variance application June 25 and the Hearing was continued to July 16, at which time the County will offer comments regarding the impact of potential construction on the existing retaining wall and water tower; Cary met with the Turnpike Commission and they reviewed all overpasses and updated project phasing; all is going well to update the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Township Police Department; the Dorlan Mill Road bridge repair is moving along – new steel and super structure will be placed on top of the existing stone piers; the Township has received from Mr. McBride, who represents the Cutler Group for Waynebrook, a detailed activity listing with deadlines to complete the items for completion and dedication of the Waynebrook development; pre-construction meetings have been held for Phase 2 of the Route 100 Wastewater Treatment Facility, targeting August 2014 to begin construction; we've received funding to install trails along both the Route 100 and Little Conestoga Road frontage of the Funderwhite property; and we're submitting a Recycling Grant application to reimburse the initial purchase costs of the recycling toter carts - we'll need to comply with PaDEP burning regulations before we can receive grant funds.

Preliminary Review - 2013 Audit / Financials

Jill Bukata commented that the 2013 Audit Reports have been received for the Township Funds and both the non-uniformed employee and uniformed employee pension plans. A thorough summary of the Township's financial statements and audit reports has been provided to the Board of Supervisors and the elected Auditors for review and comment. Pam Baker, of Barbacane Thornton and Company, will attend the July 21, 2014 Board of Supervisors Meeting to present the final Report. The Final Report will be posted on the website shortly thereafter.

Open Burning Prohibition – Draft Ordinance Discussion

Cary Vargo advised that a fairly simple open burning prohibition ordinance has been drafted to comply with PaDEP's Clean Air regulations. The Township would lose significant revenue from recycling performance grants is not compliant. The Planning Commission has reviewed previous ordinance drafts over the past year and has not recommended prohibition. The Board will be asked at the July 21, 2014 meeting to authorize advertisement of the Ordinance, for potential adoption at the August 18, 2014 meeting.

Act 13 Watersheds Restoration and Protection Program Grant

With ever-increasing storm water management challenges and regulations, Township staff have been surveying and mapping existing infrastructure to develop a plan to improve those facilities within the Township, perhaps to the point of creating a Storm Water Management Authority.

Fred Lutz, of T & M Associates, presented a proposal to assist the Township with storm water management projects. T & M Associates, a multi-disciplinary consulting firm, has been working with storm water management standards for years and is dedicating time and energy to bring these resources to the region at this time. Storm water management project discussions need to include whether they should be funded by fees vs. taxes; it is suggested they be fee-based rather than a tax because tax-exempt entities are usually big storm water contributors but wouldn't be taxed, so it is fairer to the residents if fee-based. Discussion points should also include designing sustainable storm water infrastructure for water quality and flow management, using naturalized areas, biologically/ecologically sound, mimicking nature, while complying with Federal EPA and State DEP requirements, which are slowly being implemented and monitored.

Several projects have been identified and prioritized, including Upland Farm and 2 basins in Heather Hill. These projects could include minor stream relocation, berm re-stabilization, retrofit and naturalize extended basins. Mr. Lutz provided a list of estimated costs for these projects totaling \$540,385.40.

Cary Vargo advised the plan to submit applications to the State's Growing Greener Grant Program and the Act 13 Watershed Restoration and Protection Program. Both programs require matching funds. Act 13's maximum award is \$300,000, thus requiring \$240,000 from the Township General Fund.

A Committee of residents and retail/commercial/industrial business owners will be formed, so everyone is represented, to eventually form a Storm Water Management Authority.

Cathy Tomlinson moved, seconded by Kevin Kerr, to adopt Resolution # 07-08-14-07, authorizing submission of a grant application to the Act 13 Watershed Restoration and Protection Program. The Motion carried.

Adjournment

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, Cathy Tomlinson adjourned the Workshop at 5:17 p.m. Cathy Tomlinson and Kevin Kerr held an Execution Session regarding a legal matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Gwen A. Jonik
Township Secretary