

UPPER MERION TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AUGUST 8, 2013

The Board of Supervisors of Upper Merion Township met for a Business Meeting on Thursday, August 8, 2013, in Freedom Hall, in the Township Building in King of Prussia. The meeting was called to order at 7:43 p.m., followed by a pledge to the flag.

ROLL CALL:

Supervisors present were: Erika Spott, Greg Waks, Bill Jenaway and Carole Kenney. Also present were: David Kraynik, Township Manager; John J. Iannozzi, Township Solicitor; Tom Beach, Township Engineer; Judith A. Vicchio, Assistant Township Manager. Supervisor Philips was absent.

MEETING MINUTES:

It was moved by Mrs. Kenney, seconded by Mrs. Spott, all voting "Aye" to approve the June 13, 2013 Workshop Meeting Minutes and the June 20, 2013 Business Meeting Minutes as submitted. None opposed. Motion approved 4-0.

CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS:

Chairperson Waks stated an Executive Session was held prior to this meeting to discuss personnel matters.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Appointment to Transportation Authority and General Authority – Tom Kohler.
2. Equipment Replacement Request re: Replace Crosscut Shredder - \$2,100
3. Authorization to Sign Settlement Stipulations re:
 - a. Upper Merion Area School District v. Henderson Square Apartments
 - b. Upper Merion Area School District v. GMBC-4LP
4. Resolution 2013-21 re: Lafayette at Valley Forge Club House: Development Plan, 967 Penn Circle; Construction of ± 3,300 square foot clubhouse. *This was discussed at the previous Board of Supervisors meeting.*
5. Resolution 2013-22 re: Application for Signal Modification: N. Gulph Road/Goddard Boulevard: ADA Curb ramp modification, add InSync adaptive control, add accessible pedestrian signals. (Permit Number 64-3185 continuation of Goddard Blvd. into Village at Valley Forge)
6. 2013-2016 Janitorial Services Contract

Board Action:

It was moved by Mrs. Spott, seconded by Mr. Jenaway, all voting "Aye" to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted. None opposed. Motion approved 4-0.

RESOLUTION 2013-23 RE: APPLICATION FOR SIGNAL MODIFICATION: N. GULPH ROAD/UGI AMERIGAS: ADD INSYNC ADAPTIVE CONTROL. (PERMIT NUMBER 64-2505)

Board Comment:

Mrs. Spott stated for the record that she will be recusing herself from any discussions or vote on this matter. She is an employee of UGI Corporation and as such affected by this Resolution resulting in a conflict of interest. The appropriate documentation will be incorporated in the minutes of this meeting.

Board Action:

It was moved by Mr. Jenaway, seconded by Mrs. Kenney, to approve Resolution 2013-23. Mrs. Spott abstained. Motion approved 3-0-1.

AMENDED PROPOSAL FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES – HEUSER PARK TO VALLEY FORGE PARK TRAIL PROJECT

Board Comment:

Mr. Waks stated, as he has in the past, he will continue to recuse himself from all discussions and/or votes on this matter. While technically not a conflict of interest under the Class Exemption according to Pennsylvania law, Mr. Waks emphasized how important it is for the Board of Supervisors to set a higher example than just what the law mandates. He does not want a perception of a conflict of interest to exist.

Mrs. Spott stated the amended proposal for professional services for the Heuser Park to Valley Forge Park Trail Project was discussed at the workshop meeting last week. As a result of the discussion at the meeting there have been some modifications to the plan and the supervisors asked for an updated proposal from our consultants which is now before the Board for a vote.

Board Action:

It was moved by Mrs. Kenney, seconded by Mr. Jenaway, to approve the Amended Proposal for Professional Services. Mr. Waks abstained. Motion approved 3-0-1.

PRESENTATION ON COMMUNITY FAIR/TRICENTENNIAL PARADE

Ms. Judy Vicchio, Assistant Township Manager, provided an update of parade preparations that have been underway for the last several months. Highlights are as follows:

- Motorized units will report at 12 noon to the Upper Merion High School on Saturday, September 7th; the parade will start at 1 p.m.
- The units will then proceed to Caley Road School where marching units will join the parade.
- The parade will then continue to Heuser Park arriving at 3 p.m. and then disband.
- The Community Fair will begin at 3 p.m.
- The parade route will appear next week on the Township website.
- The parade will be led by the Color Guard, the Board of Supervisors, the Grand Marshal, the Honorary Grand Marshals, the Township Managers (current and former), followed by the three Township volunteer fire companies.
- Interspersed throughout the parade will be bands, marching groups, antique cars, floats, etc.
- There are approximately 20-25 motorized units registered for the parade.

- There are 5 bands, 9 groups, 1 Boy Scout Troop, 2 legislators, 5 fire companies and 4 schools registered for the parade.
- The reviewing stand will be located to the right of the entrance to Heuser Park.
- UMGA-TV will have its equipment and vehicle at this location with the announcers.
- Invited guests will be seated on a flatbed which will be decorated with red, white and blue bunting and Tricentennial banners.
- Traffic and parade control will be provided by the Fire Police and the Upper Merion Police at selected intersections and other locations throughout the parade route.
- “No parking” signs will be installed Wednesday or Thursday before September 7th along the parade route and will be in force starting from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, September 7th.
- The Police Department will have 6 bike patrols along the parade route.
- The Chief Information Officer will communicate parade details to the printed press and TV news media, the Township website and UMGA-TV. A Connect CTY message will be sent to residents along the parade route one week before September 7th.
- The Tricentennial Committee will serve as parade marshals.
- Staff liaisons for the citizen boards will invite members to serve as volunteer parade marshals who will be placed at strategic locations along the parade route.
- Invited guests will include current and former members of the Board of Supervisors, the Grand Marshal, current and former Township Managers, County Commissioners, the Governor, state and federal legislators. Invitations will be sent to invited guests and responses are due by August 22nd.
- Invited guests are to report to the high school at 1 p.m. on September 7th.
- The rain date will be Sunday, September 8th.
- Local businesses are being contacted to produce identification signs for the vehicles and groups in the parade.
- A committee member will contact an automobile dealership to see if they have an interest in supplying convertibles for its participants.
- The Tricentennial Committee is making arrangements for refreshments for parade participants to be located at Heuser Park in a separate location.
- Tricentennial logos are needed for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prize plaques for floats in the parade.
- the initial supply of the Tricentennial cookbook has been sold and another 100 cookbooks have been ordered and will hopefully arrive in time for Community Day and the Tricentennial Parade. An order form will be posted on the website for easy ordering.

Mrs. Kenney provided an update on the automobiles and antique cars for the parade to transport dignitaries. While some vehicles will be obtained from car dealers, Mrs. Kenney suggested there might be some local people who have their own antique cars and convertibles, and she urged all those interested in participating to contact the Tricentennial Committee.

Mrs. Kenney asked the chairs of the various authorities and citizen boards to ask their members if they would like to serve as volunteer marshals in the parade.

Mr. Dan Russell, Director, Parks and Recreation, discussed plans for the 2013 Community Fair/Carnival/Concert. Highlights are as follows:

- Community weekend kick-off on Friday, September 6th at Heuser Park.
- Carnival sponsored by Tons of Fun Shows starting at 6 p.m until 10 p.m. There will be 9 amusement rides, 10 carnival-type games and concessions and 2 food concessions.

- Carnival will start at 12 noon on Saturday for those who do not want to stay for the entire parade.
- Community Fair will start at 3 p.m at Heuser Park .
- Concert Festival will start at 4 p.m. beginning with the Upper Merion Senior Center Band. Awaiting final confirmation is a very high energy children's act. Live music will continue until approximately 10 p.m and the Carnival will wrap up about 10:30 p.m. or 11 p.m.
- Substantial advertising of the parade, fair and carnival to be done in the coming weeks.

Mr. Jenaway recalled similar major events in the community in 2000 and 2009 when the King of Prussia Fire Company hosted the State Firemen's Convention. At that time, people who lived along the parade routes were advised to consider having block parties on parade days. He suggested residents think about doing something similar on Tricentennial parade day.

Mrs. Kenney noted some schools have submitted parade registration forms; however, not all have responded to date. She encouraged the representation of every school in Upper Merion Township in the Tricentennial parade.

With regard to promotion, Mr. Waks suggested this portion of the meeting be used as a special segment to be aired on UMGA-TV as well as a Connect CTY phone call to go out sometime in very early September.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & PAYROLL:

It was moved by Mr. Jenaway, seconded by Mrs. Spott, all voting "Aye" to approve the Accounts Payable for invoices processed from July 10, 2013 to July 31, 2013 in the amount of \$531,476.04 and the Payroll for July 5, 2013 and July 19, 2013 in the amount of \$1,320,770.09 for a total of \$1,852,246.13. None opposed. Motion passed 4-0.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

GEORGE WASHINGTON TRICENTENNIAL AFGHAN

Mrs. Kenney introduced Mark Shepperd who announced a one of a kind afghan that is not for sale, but will be offered as a prize at a special drawing to be held during the Holiday Hoopla on Friday, December 6th. It was inspired by a mural of "George Washington Reviewing His Troops at Valley Forge" that was displayed in the Township during the Nation's Bicentennial in 1976. Tickets are being printed and will be available at numerous locations around the township for \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

Mrs. Kenney thanked the Kunda Family for providing access to the mural painted by Ted Kunda on which this afghan is based. The original painting was the work of William B. T. Trego, a Montgomery County artist and was the basis for the U.S. postage stamp in 1976 which commemorated the official postage stamp for the U.S. Bicentennial year.

POWER TO THE PONYTAIL PARTY

Mr. Jenaway stated on Saturday, September 21, 2013 between the hours of 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. the Cancer Center at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia is partnering with the King of Prussia Mall and Regis Salon to host the Power to the Ponytail Party in honor of Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. He encouraged those who are looking to cut their long hair to consider donating their ponytail so that real-hair wigs can be made for cancer patients. The event will be held outside the Penny's Court at the King of Prussia Mall.

BOARD OF COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE AWARDS

Mr. Waks stated last Thursday was the First Annual Board of Community Assistance (BCA) Awards. UMGA-TV taped the event and it will be scheduled for viewing in the very near future. He said it was a tremendous honor and pleasure to be able to help those organizations in Upper Merion Township who serve the needs of others as well as some very deserving recent high school graduates. On behalf of the Board of Supervisors and Board of Community Assistance, Mr. Waks expressed appreciation to Mike Bowman, Valley Forge Casino Resort, for providing the venue for this event. Others who were singled out for special mention are Township Manager David Kraynik for working with the BCA, Assistant Township Manager Judy Vicchio who coordinated the event, and Angela Caramenico and Cathy Dolan who assisted with the invitations and program.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN TOWNSHIP

Mr. Waks announced a number of upcoming Township meetings.

OTHER TOWNSHIP-RELATED ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Waks reported the Shade Tree and Beautification Commission has received two tree grants and are looking for volunteers to help with the planting in township parks. Dates and times for volunteer project events will be provided on the township website starting August 12th.

Reminder mailings will be sent to the community for Lafayette Ambulance and Rescue Squad's 2013 annual fund drive. The members of the organization would like to thank all those who have donated during the initial fund drive campaign which began in early April. Donations are crucial to the success of this organization and subscription benefits are offered to those who contribute.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Mrs. Kenney, seconded by Mr. Jenaway, all voting "Aye" to adjourn the meeting. None opposed. Motion approved 4-0. Adjournment occurred at 8:15 p.m.

DAVID G. KRAYNIK
SECRETARY-TREASURER
TOWNSHIP MANAGER

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Minutes Approved:
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