

UPPER MERION TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
APRIL 18, 2013

The Board of Supervisors of Upper Merion Township met for a Business Meeting on Thursday, April 18, 2013, in Freedom Hall, in the Township Building in King of Prussia. The meeting was called to order at 7:35 p.m., followed by a pledge to the flag.

ROLL CALL:

Supervisors present were: Greg Waks, Bill Jenaway and Carole Kenney. Also present were: David Kraynik, Township Manager; Joseph McGrory, Township Solicitor; Judith A. Vicchio, Assistant Township Manager, Angela Caramenico, Assistant to the Township Manager. Supervisor Spott and Supervisor Philips were absent.

MEETING MINUTES:

It was moved by Mr. Jenaway, seconded by Mrs. Kenney, all voting "Aye" to approve the February 21, 2013 Business Meeting Minutes and the March 7, 2013 Workshop Meeting Minutes as submitted. None opposed. Motion approved 3-0.

CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS:

Chairperson Waks stated an Executive Session was not held prior to this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

SPECIAL PRESENTATION FROM PLYMOUTH TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS

A delegation of Plymouth Township officials offered public thanks to Upper Merion Township, its officials, and the Upper Merion Police Department for the help and support they provided in the aftermath of the killing of Plymouth Township Police Officer Brad Fox, who was shot and killed last September while pursuing a hit and run suspect. The delegation included: Sheldon Simpson, Chair; Lenore Bruno, Vice Chair; Dean Eisenberger, Councilman; Karen Weiss, Township Manager; and Joseph Lawrence, Chief of Police. Chief Lawrence singled out the help provided by Chief Tom Nolan and the men and women of the Upper Merion Police Department in making sure Plymouth Township residents, businesses and streets remained safe during those days and weeks following the tragedy.

On behalf of the entire Upper Merion staff, Chief Nolan expressed his gratitude to the officials from Plymouth Township for their presence at this meeting to show their appreciation. He emphasized that both police departments know they can always count on each other and expressed the hope that the need is never so great again in our communities.

On behalf of all Upper Merion residents Mr. Waks stated it was not only an honor to help Plymouth Township during its time of need, it was our duty. He extended Upper Merion's heartfelt wishes to Plymouth Township and the Fox family in going forward from this darkest of days.

POLICE DEPARTMENT – SWEARING IN OF SERGEANT BRENDAN BRAZUNAS AND CORPORAL BRANDY FAHERTY BY DISTRICT JUSTICE MARUSZCZAK

Police Chief Tom Nolan announced the promotion of two police officers, Brandy Faherty and Brendan Brazunas, who are being promoted as the next

successful candidates on the current promotional list which was established in June 2012 after a very comprehensive testing process.

Chief Nolan stated Officer Brandy Faherty is being promoted to the rank of corporal, and is a 2002 graduate of Bloomsburg University with a Bachelor's Degree in both Psychology and Criminal Justice. She was hired as a police officer with the Upper Merion Police Department in 2006, and received her Master's degree from St. Joseph's University in Criminal Justice in 2009. Officer Faherty served in both the Patrol Division and the Investigations Division during her career at Upper Merion Township. She was also a DARE instructor for the Police Department, is a State-certified EMT, and was recently appointed to the Central Montgomery County SWAT team as a negotiator, and represents the Police Department as a peer support member on the Montgomery County Critical Incidents Stress Management team.

Chief Nolan indicated Corporal Brendan Brazunas is being promoted to the rank of Sergeant, and is a 1997 graduate of Lynchburg College with a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science. He was hired by Upper Merion Township as a Special Officer in 1998 and was later hired as a Police Officer in July 2000. Corporal Brazunas has served in the Patrol Division throughout his career and was promoted to Corporal in December of 2006. He is an Advanced Crisis Intervention Specialist, a Field Training Officer, a State-certified EMT, an Emergency Medical Instructor for the Police Department, and is a founding member and current President of the Upper Merion Police Association.

District Justice William Maruszczak administered the oaths to both police officers advancing them to their new ranks.

PROCLAMATION RE: APRIL – AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

On behalf of the Upper Merion Board of Supervisors, Mr. Waks read and presented a proclamation regarding Autism Awareness Month to Patti Erickson, President of the Autism Society, Greater Philadelphia Chapter. Mrs. Erickson expressed her appreciation for the continued support of Upper Merion Township in proclaiming April as Autism Awareness Month and highlighting the growing need for concern and awareness about autism. She noted the increasing autism statistics and asked people to show their support by wearing the autism awareness ribbons.

Mr. Waks emphasized the importance of this cause and wished the Autism Society much success in fulfilling its mission on behalf of persons within the autism spectrum and their families.

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Bid Recommendation re: Sludge Dewatering Equipment Replacement at the Matsunk and Trout Run Water Pollution Control Centers Contract One (including Alternate A) – General Construction – C&T Associates - \$1,636,813 and Contract Two (Including Alternate A) – Electrical Construction – MJF Electrical Contracting - \$121,750
2. Permission to Receive & Open Bids re: 2013-2014 Montgomery County Consortium Fuels Bid
3. Bid Recommendation re: 2013-2015 Street Line Painting Contract – Traffic and Safety Signs, Inc. - \$216,553
4. Acceptance of Citizen Board Resignation of Lydia Dan Sardinas
5. Appointment of Carlton Stuart to Economic and Community Development Committee and appointment of Ricki Imhoff to Human Relations Commission

6. Professional Services Proposal re: Community Center; Buell Kratzer Powell - \$183,382.00
7. Resolution 2013-11 re: Disposition of Library Computer Equipment
8. Resolution 2013-12 re: Disposition of Township Personal Property
9. Equipment Replacement Request re: Replace Traffic Equipment - \$10,000.00
10. Equipment Replacement Request re: Replacement of Pumps #2 and #3 at Abrams Pumping Station - \$98,200.00
11. Waiver of Permit Fees re: Swedeland Fire Company – Re-Roofing Project - \$254.00
12. Resolution 2013-13 re: Earth Day
13. Resolution 2013-14 re: Arbor Day

Note: Mr. Waks stated the numbering of this agenda was revised to reflect two items that were pulled from the original agenda.

Board Comment:

Mrs. Kenney expressed appreciation to Lydia Dan Sardinas for her work as Chair of the Economic and Community Development Committee and to congratulate her on her appointment to the Board of Community Assistance. Mrs. Kenney stated this is an opportunity to thank everyone who volunteers their service on Township Boards, Commissions, and Authorities.

Board Action:

It was moved by Mrs. Kenney, seconded by Mr. Jenaway, all voting “Aye” to approve the Consent Agenda as stated. None opposed. Motion approved 3-0.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & PAYROLL:

It was moved by Mr. Jenaway, seconded by Mrs. Kenney, all voting “Aye” to approve the Accounts Payable for invoices processed from March 6, 2013 to April 10, 2013 in the amount of \$1,086,454.58 and the Payroll for March 15, 2013 and March 29, 2013 in the amount of \$1,300,072.73 for a total of \$2,386,527.31. None opposed. Motion passed 3-0.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

UPPER MERION SWIM CLUB

Mr. Jenaway announced preparations are underway for the opening of the Upper Merion Swim Club on Saturday, May 25th. Family and senior rates are available. More information about the pool can be found at www.umswymandtennis.com or by email at umswymclub@gmail.com.

FARMERS MARKET AND SENIOR SERVICE CENTER FLEA MARKET ON APRIL 20TH

Mrs. Kenney noted one of the highlights of the Upper Merion Farmers Market on Saturday, April 20th will be the free flower bulb distribution. She also pointed out the Upper Merion Farmers Market had a booth at the Philly Farm and Food Fest on Sunday, April 14th at which time additional flower bulbs were distributed in order to promote the market. Many people came to the Upper

Merion booth at the Food Fest from the surrounding areas who did not know yet about the Upper Merion Farmers Market and it was a huge success.

Mrs. Kenney also noted the flea market to be held on Saturday, April 20 at the Senior Service Center.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN TOWNSHIP

Mr. Waks announced a number of additional Township meetings and events. He stated there is now a medication collection box located in the atrium of the Township Building. In addition, a Recycling Day (for anything with a plug) will be held at the Township Building on Saturday, May 4th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mr. Waks also noted the launching of Upper Merion Township's official Facebook page on Thursday, April 25th. He stated Chief Information Officer, Carla Showell-Lee wanted to publicly thank the Public Information Assistant, Justin Friend, who was very instrumental in setting up the Social Media page and Scott Widenhofer and his team for giving technical support.

From the Public:

Nick DeRosato, discussed the need for a light at Swedesburg Park and the discrepancy with estimates received for the proposed light, and he and his wife were informed that the Park and Recreation Director will review and provide a response.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Mr. Jenaway, seconded by Mrs. Kenney, all voting "Aye" to adjourn the meeting. None opposed. Motion approved 3-0. Adjournment occurred at 8:10 p.m.

DAVID G. KRAYNIK
SECRETARY-TREASURER
TOWNSHIP MANAGER

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Minutes Approved:
Minutes Entered