

UPPER MERION TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
JANUARY 23, 2014

The Board of Supervisors of Upper Merion Township met for a Business Meeting on Thursday, January 23, 2014, in Freedom Hall, in the Township Building in King of Prussia. The meeting was called to order at 7:34 p.m., followed by a pledge to the flag.

ROLL CALL:

Supervisors present were: Greg Philips, Erika Spott, Greg Waks, Bill Jenaway and Carole Kenney. Also present were: David Kraynik, Township Manager; John Iannozzi, Township Solicitor; Rob Loeper, Township Planner; Jim Majewski, Township Engineer; Angela Caramenico, Assistant to the Township Manager.

MEETING MINUTES:

It was moved by Mr. Philips, seconded by Mrs. Kenney, all voting "Aye" to approve the November 7, 2013 Budget Workshop Minutes, November 7, 2013 Workshop Meeting Minutes, November 14, 2013 Business Meeting Minutes, December 2, 2013 Workshop Meeting Minutes, and the December 5, 2013 Business Meeting Minutes as submitted. None opposed. Motion approved 5-0.

CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS:

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

NEW BUSINESS

CONSENT AGENDA:

1. Resolution 2014-2 re: Traffic Signal Approval – S. Gulph and Henderson Roads
2. Authorize Solicitor to Sign Settlement Agreement re: Zoning Hearing Board – Ludwig
3. Authorization to Sign Settlement re: Upper Merion Area School District versus King of Prussia Hotel Associates, LP
4. Approve Memorandums of Understanding:
 - a. Non-Uniform Group
 - b. Executive Group
5. Waiver of Fees – Swedeland Volunteer Fire Company - \$374 – Installation of Emergency Backup Generator
6. Adoption of Resolution 2014-4 re: Establish Sewer Rates for 2014
7. Adoption of Resolution 2014-5 re: Village at Valley Forge. Plan for continuation of internal streets (Market Street, Bryce Lane & Somerset Place)
8. Adoption of Resolution 2014-7 re: The Tamaro Group, 1020 Mt. Pleasant Avenue. Two-lot subdivision with one twin family dwelling. R -3 Residential, 0.33 acres

9. Adoption of Resolution 2014-8 re: Disposition of Township Records
10. Adoption of Resolution 2014-9 re: Disposition of Library Equipment
11. Approval of Labor Counsel – Ballard Spahr as provided in the recent rate letter
12. Accept Resignation of Matt Frangiosa from Police Citizen Advisory Board
13. Appointment to Zoning Hearing Board: Maria Mengel

Board Action:

It was moved by Mr. Philips, seconded by Mrs. Kenney, all voting “Aye” to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted. None opposed. Motion approved 5-0.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & PAYROLL:

It was moved by Mrs. Spott, seconded by Mr. Jenaway, all voting “Aye” to approve the Accounts Payable for invoices processed from December 4, 2013 to January 15, 2014 in the amount of \$2,735,126.53 and the Payroll for January 3, 2014, January 17, 2014 and Attendance Bonus January 17, 2014 in the amount of \$1,521,448.48 for a total of \$4,256,575.01. None opposed. Motion passed 5-0.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

SNOW REMOVAL

Mr. Philips and Mr. Waks gave high marks to Public Works staff on snow cleanup during recent storms.

NEGOTIATIONS WITH NON-UNIFORM AND EXECUTIVE GROUPS

Mr. Philips commended staff for their professionalism during the negotiations with the non-uniform and executive group

UPPER MERION SENIOR SERVICE CENTER

Mrs. Spott provided the details for the annual Valentine’s Day Hoagie Social to be hosted by the Upper Merion Senior Service Center on Friday, February 14th.

“THANK YOU” TO MATT FRANGIOSA

On behalf of the Board of Supervisors, Mr. Jenaway thanked Matt Frangiosa for his service to the Police Citizen Advisory Board. He also noted the vacancy this creates on the Board and encouraged interested township residents to file the appropriate paperwork with the township staff.

ALLENDALE ROAD BRIDGE REPAIR

Mr. Jenaway provided additional details and suggestions navigating the detour for the Allendale Road Bridge repair.

COLD WEATHER

In view of the ongoing cold weather conditions, Mr. Jenaway reminded the public to be a good neighbor and look out for one another.

FARMERS MARKET

Mrs. Kenney reminded the public of the Farmers Market schedule during the winter season.

REMINDER OF THE IMPORTANCE OF ACCESS TO HOMES

Mrs. Kenney provided an example of the importance of the “Lock for Life” program administered by the Upper Merion Police Department and encouraged residents to use this service for safety purposes.

COMMUNITY CENTER

Mr. Philips asked the Township Manager to provide a status report on the demolition for the community center project. Mr. Kraynik responded the demolition is well underway and 70-80% complete. He reported a workshop session (open to the public) is scheduled on February 6th for the first review of the land development for the community center which ultimately will lead to letting of a bid for construction sometime this spring.

4TH ANNUAL BIG BINGO EVENT

Mrs. Spott provided details about the 4th annual “Big Bingo” event hosted by the Upper Merion Senior Center on Saturday, March 1 starting at 11 a.m.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Waks announced the Public Information Office’s launch of Twitter at UMTownship which joins Facebook already in place since 2013 and will serve as an additional method used by the Township to communicate with residents.

SCHUYLKILL RIVER TRAIL

Mr. Waks noted a small segment of the Schuylkill River Trail will be closed beginning January 27th and directed the public to the township website for more details.

NORRISTOWN HIGH SPEED LINE

Mr. Waks provided details on SEPTA’s public meeting/open house for the Norristown High Speed Line. The project will evaluate various alignments to provide increased transit service to the King of Prussia area as well as to determine public demand. This meeting will be held Thursday, January 30 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Radisson Hotel and additional details are available on the township’s website.

BOARD OF COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE DEADLINE – MARCH 15TH

Mr. Waks reminded residents that the Board of Community Assistance (BCA) deadline is March 15th. He noted last year the Board of Community Assistance awarded \$128,000 to organizations which provide services to Upper Merion residents as well as scholarships for students to further their education. Additional details are on the township website.

POSITIVE THINGS HAPPENING IN UPPER MERION TOWNSHIP

Mr. Waks noted Wayne, Pennsylvania (a portion of which is located in Upper Merion Township) was named as one of the best places to live in the metropolitan area by a website that monitors real estate taxes. He indicated King of Prussia was named as the 6th best place in Pennsylvania for job seekers.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Mr. Philips, seconded by Mr. Jenaway, all voting "Aye" to adjourn the meeting. None opposed. Motion approved 5-0. Adjournment occurred at 7:49 p.m.

DAVID G. KRAYNIK
SECRETARY-TREASURER
TOWNSHIP MANAGER

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Minutes Approved:
Minutes Entered