

UPPER MERION GENERAL AUTHORITY
May 14, 2014

The members of the Upper Merion General Authority met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, May 14, 2014 in the Township Building, 175 West Valley Forge Road, King of Prussia, PA. The meeting was called to order at 7:31 p.m. and commenced with the pledge of allegiance.

ATTENDANCE

Marvin Meneeley, Chairman
Louis Zotti, Treasurer
Carl Pinto, Secretary
Michael Santillo, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer
Dave Kraynik, Township Manager
Ed O'Brien, Director of Public Works
Christina Green, Esq., Pizonka, Pizonka, Reilley, Bello & McGrory, P.C
Rita Ann Pfeiffer, Recording Secretary

ABSENT

Tom Kohler, Vice-Chairman
Nicholas Hiriak, Director of Finance
Greg Philips, Supervisor Liaison

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

It was moved by Mr. Santillo, seconded by Mr. Zotti, all voting "Aye" to approve the meeting minutes of April 9, 2014 as submitted. None opposed. Motion approved 4-0.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Electric Car Charging Stations

The Electric Car Charging Stations recorded eighteen (18) transactions with a total usage time of 30.5 hours and an up-to-date savings of 17.3 gallons of gas. It was noted that a Chevy Volt has been plugged in overnight at the charging station every night of the week. Mr. Kraynik indicated the township has ordered its first electric staff car for one of the inspectors in the Codes Department. Mr. Meneeley asked if there were any special grants available. Mr. Kraynik responded in the negative and said staff is continuing to research. He noted this was a vehicle that was in the replacement budget and was purchased off of state bid. Mr. Meneeley asked about police cars. Mr. Kraynik responded they looked at police cars for CNG and/or electric and it does not work. He said he is continuing to discuss CNG vehicles with Ed O'Brien for use in the public works fleet. With regard to CNG, Mr. O'Brien indicated access to a 24/7 fueling station is an issue and another factor is the vehicle maintenance facility would have to be tremendously modified. Mr. Kraynik commented a CNG vehicle is in the future for the fleet, but it would have to be the right vehicle for the right job.

Roof Leaks Due to Heavy Rain

A roofing contractor is coming out next week to take a look at potential areas creating problems. The roof has a 20-year warranty.

Wing Wall Project

Project is continuing with one wall completed. Anticipated completion in about a month.

Township "Pond"

The body of water commonly referred to as the "township pond" is actually a stormwater retention basin. Issues were identified restricting the use of the "township pond" for the Fishing Rodeo, several steps have been undertaken to identify the problem and seek solutions. The DEP recommended a qualified contractor be contacted for a cost estimate to determine the cost for cleanup and dredging.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

No report.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

No report.

FINANCIAL REPORT

No report.

REQUISITIONS

None.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

Mr. Meneeley followed up on his comments from the previous meeting about a stretch of road on Beidler Avenue from Abrams Mill to Heuser Park where water and/or sewer lines were installed. He reported the road by Heuser Park seems to be getting worse and it could become a safety issue. Mr. Kraynik commented it sounds like an Aqua project. Mr. O'Brien noted it is a state road and asked Mr. Meneeley to send him an email with more details, and photos, if available.

Mr. Kraynik reported on a meeting held he had with Aqua PA, Public Works Director and Chief of Police to request more diligence and timeliness in final restoration of the road after water main repairs. Mr. Kraynik noted one of the points made about state roads is that PennDOT requires a 60 day settling before final paving and restoration of the road.

As a point of information, Mr. Kraynik asked Mr. O'Brien for a rough estimate of the percentage of state roads in the township's entire road system. Mr. O'Brien responded it is in the 30% plus range.

Mr. Santillo indicated he has observed a sinking situation at Old Valley Forge Road where it dead ends at US 422. Mr. O'Brien responded he will follow up on the situation.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Authority, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

DAVID G. KRAYNIK
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

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Minutes Approved:
Minutes Entered: