UPPER MERION GENERAL AUTHORITY APRIL 9, 2014

The members of the Upper Merion General Authority met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, April 9, 2014 in the Township Building, 175 West Valley Forge Road, King of Prussia, PA. The meeting was called to order at 7:50 p.m. and commenced with the pledge of allegiance.

ATTENDANCE

Marvin Meneeley, Chairman
Tom Kohler, Vice-Chairman
Louis Zotti, Treasurer
Michael Santillo, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer
Greg Philips, Supervisor Liaison
Dave Kraynik, Township Manager
Joseph Pizonka, Esq., Pizonka, Pizonka, Reilley, Bello & McGrory, P.C
Nicholas Hiriak, Director of Finance
Rita Ann Pfeiffer, Recording Secretary

ABSENT

Carl Pinto, Secretary Ed O'Brien, Director of Public Works

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

It was moved by Mr. Santillo, seconded by Mr. Kohler, all voting "Aye" to approve the meeting minutes of March 12, 2014 as submitted. None opposed. Motion approved 4-0.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

Mr. O'Brien will submit his report next month.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Electric car charging stations

Mr. Kraynik reported for March 2014 the electric car charging stations had 15 transactions for a total usage of 24 hours, saving 10.1 gallons of gas.

Office Relocations

Mr. Kraynik indicated the Board of Supervisors has approved recommendations to relocate some offices as a result of recent office vacancies. In the next month or so, the Public Information Office (PIO) will be moved to the Tax Collector's former office space to enable the PIO to better interact with the residents. The former Park and Recreation office which is vacant will be made available to the Human Resources Department. This will provide more privacy for employees to discuss insurance and other HR issues. Confidential personnel files will also be relocated for greater security.

In 2015, when the Community Center is completed the current Parks and Recreation office will move to the Community Center. The Police Department will occupy the Park and Recreation space and provide for an expansion of the women's locker room and some specialty units.

Mr. Kohler commented that space issues have existed for some time and asked if this will eliminate most of the issues previously discussed. Mr. Kraynik responded in the affirmative. .

Mr. Meneeley noted when all the office changes are made there will be some good smart uses and better positioning of space in the Township Building.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

No report.

FINANCIAL REPORT

No report.

REQUISITIONS

None.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

Mr. Meneeley called attention to a stretch of road on Beidler Avenue from Abrams Mill to Heuser Park where water and/or sewer lines were installed. The side of that road has a deep drop off and it is necessary to drive more towards the center of the lane creating a hazard. Mr. Kraynik obtained additional details from Mr. Meneeley about this particular situation and will check it out. Mr. Kraynik also said he has received a lot of complaints about the way Aqua is leaving the roads and has requested a meeting with the Regional Manager of Aqua.

A discussion followed about the current road areas that need attention as well as the road surfacing procedure in general and problems caused during road resurfacing if not done properly. Mr. Kraynik said with the new Transportation funding bill there will be a lot more state road resurfacing. Mr. Philips pointed out the paving machine is only so wide creating a seam and how the crew deals with the seam during the paving process will determine if there will be problems in the future. If the seam is not pinched and closed up water seeps in and freezes and thaws. Mr. Philips noted crews doing underground digging in the street need to make sure it is compacted well and the edges sealed to prevent potholes. Mr. Kraynik will follow up with the construction company that does a lot of work in this area to make sure they check the subcontractor's work.

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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