

UPPER MERION TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
SEPTEMBER 12, 2013

The Board of Supervisors of Upper Merion Township met for a Business Meeting on Thursday, September 12, 2013, in Freedom Hall, in the Township Building in King of Prussia. The meeting was called to order at 7:39 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; Joseph McGrory, Township Solicitor; Tom Beach, Township Engineer; Judith A. Vicchio, Assistant Township Manager, and Angela Caramenico, Assistant to Township Manager.

MEETING MINUTES:

It was moved by Mr. Philips, seconded by Mr. Jenaway, all voting "Aye" to approve the July 11, 2013 Workshop Meeting Minutes, July 18, 2013 Business Meeting Minutes, August 1, 2013 Workshop Meeting Minutes, and the August 8, 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 legal and personnel matters and an Executive Session will resume after the meeting to discuss legal and personnel matters.

NEW BUSINESS

SWEARING IN OF NEW POLICE OFFICERS BY DISTRICT JUSTICE JAMES GALLAGHER

Chief Tom Nolan introduced two new officers and gave a brief biographical sketch of each. The two officers sworn in were: John Kreuer and Jay Nakahara. The hiring process began in March 2013 with nearly 300 applicants who applied to be a police officer in Upper Merion Township. Over the past five months the potential candidates worked their way through a process of a written examination, a physical agility test, a lie detector test, a comprehensive background investigation, and a Command interview. Out of the original pool of candidates only 13 individuals made it through to the final Command interview.

Board Comment:

As Board Liaison to the Police Department, Mr. Jenaway had an opportunity to participate in Upper Merion's first Cop Camp which was held August 19-23 at Heuser Park. He reported on this unique program for youth ages 10-12 and outlined the exciting sessions which were designed to resemble a police officer's schedule with activities such as accident investigation, traffic stops, hostage rescue with the SWAT Team, K-9, Bicycle Unit demo, crime scene processing with Upper Merion Detectives and other aspects of police work. In addition, the three township fire companies and Lafayette Ambulance were involved to demonstrate how they all interact with the Police Department. Mr. Jenaway commended Police Chief Tom Nolan, Officer Harry Nuskey, who coordinated the program, and the rest of the Police Department who made the first Cop Camp such an awesome and rewarding experience for everyone involved.

## PROCLAMATION RE: RECOGNIZE LIBRARY 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

Mrs. Kenney, who serves as Board Liaison to the Library, read the proclamation and presented it to John Eagan, Chair of the Library Board, on the occasion of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Upper Merion Township Library. Karl Helicher and members of the Library Board were also in attendance. Doris Freeman who served on the original Board of the Library will be provided with a copy of the proclamation.

Mr. Eagan announced that Helene B. Thorpe is being honored posthumously as Library Friend of the Year. Mrs. Kenney read the proclamation and presented it to family members who were in attendance. She shared her personal reflections on the life of Helene Thorpe who was her friend for many years.

On behalf of the entire Board of Supervisors, Mr. Waks expressed appreciation to Helene Thorpe's family for sharing their mother with Upper Merion Township. He said the many contributions she made to the Library will live on for generations to come.

## CONSENT AGENDA:

1. 2014 Budget Guidelines
2. Permission to Advertise, Receive and Open Bids re:
  - a. 2013 Stormwater Remediation Construction Project. Location of the work at Diana Court, Sharon Court and Red Oak Terrace
  - b. 2014-2016 Uniform Services Contract
  - c. 2014-2016 Wastewater Disinfection & Dechlorination Chemicals Contract(s)
3. ARRO Request for Contract Extension re: Matsunk Trickling Filter Rehabilitation
4. Authorization to Sign Settlement Stipulations re:
  - a. Queens Associates LP v. Upper Merion Area School District
  - b. Upper Merion Area School District v. Continental Square Associates
5. Resolution 2013-24 re: Application for Signal Modification: Chester Valley Trail. DeKalb Pike & Saulin Boulevard Permit #64-3221
6. 2014 Minimum Municipal Obligations for Police and Non-Uniform Pension Plans
7. Temporary Construction Easement re: Bridge Work on Allendale Road beginning January, 2014
8. Proposal to Provide Professional Engineering Services – Tannery Road Culvert @ Crow Creek Stream Bank Stabilization – Remington & Vernick Engineers - \$49,750

## Board Comment:

Mrs. Spott pointed out the 2014 Budget Guidelines (item #1) is the roadmap that the Board of Supervisors and township staff follow when preparing the budget. She noted a great deal of hard work goes into this process and reported it once again contains the direction of no tax increase. Mrs. Spott offered assurance that everything is being done to continue to provide a strong level of service while remaining mindful of the Board's stewardship of public funds.

Mr. Waks stated he was supportive of Mrs. Spott's comments.

With regard to item #2.a, Mrs. Kenney stated she has been speaking with some of the residents from the affected areas and this construction project will definitely help improve stormwater problems they have experienced in the past.

Board Action:

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

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & PAYROLL:

It was moved by Mr. Jenaway, seconded by Mr. Philips, all voting "Aye" to approve the Accounts Payable for invoices processed from July 31, 2013 to September 5, 2013 in the amount of \$1,043,039.54 and the Payroll for August 1, August 16, and August 30, 2013 in the amount of \$1,972,173.97 for a total of \$3,015,213.51. None opposed. Motion passed 5-0.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

COMMUNITY FAIR AND PARADE

Mr. Philips expressed appreciation to the Park and Recreation Department, the Tricentennial Committee and all the volunteers who helped make the events associated with the Community Fair and parade last weekend such a great success.

KING OF PRUSSIA FIRE COMPANY

Mr. Jenaway provided scheduling details on the second annual 9/11 Memorial 5k Run and 1 mile Fun Walk hosted by the King of Prussia Fire Company on September 15, 2013.

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.

ROUTE 202 CONSTRUCTION

On behalf of the Board of Supervisors, Mr. Jenaway expressed appreciation to the general public for their patience during this unusually active construction period in Upper Merion Township along US Route 202. He noted these are short term inconveniences which will result in long term improvements with beautiful new structures, effectively managed stormwater and more walkable areas.

TRICENTENNIAL WEEKEND

Mrs. Kenney expressed appreciation to all the groups and volunteers involved in making the Tricentennial Weekend such a resounding success.

#### UPPER MERION FARMERS MARKET

Mrs. Kenney noted the special attraction for the Farmers Market on Saturday will include an international flavor.

#### TRI-CENTENNIAL FUNDRAISER

Mrs. Kenney provided details on the Tricentennial fundraiser to be held on Tuesday, September 17 at Famous George Pizza.

#### WEST END CIVIC ASSOCIATION TRICENTENNIAL EVENT

Mrs. Kenney provided details on the Tricentennial event hosted by the West End Civic Association featuring a live Blues Band and a Chicken and Ribs dinner.

#### GREATER VALLEY FORGE TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION

Mr. Waks reported that Upper Merion Township was awarded the 2013 Platinum Award from the Greater Valley Forge Transportation Management Association at their annual Sustainable Awards event. The award recognized the Township's continued commitment to sustainability and to the environment.

#### HAPPY ROSH HASHANAH

Mr. Waks wished the Township's Jewish residents a Happy Rosh Hashanah and best wishes for a Happy New Year.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS IN TOWNSHIP

Mr. Waks announced a number of upcoming additional Township meetings.

#### SKATE PARK FUNDRAISER AT CALIFORNIA PIZZA

Mr. Waks noted there will be a fundraiser at California Pizza Kitchen on Wednesday, September 18<sup>th</sup> to benefit the Daniel T. Kellett Skate Park.

#### UPPER MERION TOWNSHIP FACEBOOK

Mr. Waks provided details on the Township's Facebook page as another way to stay connected to Township happenings and events.

#### From the Public:

Ken Brown, Croton Road, expressed support for the Crow Creek study which was approved at this meeting. He asked if the results of that study would be presented at a Board of Supervisors meeting, and he was informed that a Workshop meeting would be an appropriate forum to discuss this study.

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 8:25 p.m.

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DAVID G. KRAYNIK  
SECRETARY-TREASURER  
TOWNSHIP MANAGER

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Minutes Approved:  
Minutes Entered