

UPPER MERION TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AUGUST 20, 2015

The Board of Supervisors of Upper Merion Township met for a Business Meeting on Thursday, August 20, 2015, in Freedom Hall, in the Township Building in King of Prussia. The meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m., followed by a pledge to the flag.

ROLL CALL:

Supervisors present were: Greg Waks, Erika Spott, Bill Jenaway and Carole Kenney. Also present were: David Kraynik, Township Manager; Sally Slook, Assistant Township Manager; Joseph McGrory, Township Solicitor; Rob Loeper, Township Planner; Tom Beach, Township Engineer. Supervisor Philips was absent.

MEETING MINUTES:

It was moved by Mr. Waks, seconded by Mr. Jenaway, all voting "Aye" to approve the July 9, 2015 Zoning Workshop Meeting Minutes, the July 9, 2015 Workshop Meeting Minutes and July 16, Business Meeting Minutes as submitted. None opposed. Motion approved 4-0.

CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS:

Chairperson Spott stated an Executive Session was held prior to this meeting to discuss personnel.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSENT AGENDA RE:

1. Bid Recommendation re: 2015 Upper Merion Township Road Program to Glasgow Inc. - \$598,617.26
2. 2014 Volunteer Fire and EMS Pension Distribution
3. 2016 Budget Guidelines
4. Community Center Project – Change Orders re:
 - a. SMJ Contracting (General) Change Order #14 – in the amount of \$25,482.05 for the excavation and backfill of pool electrical service and to replace the existing pool discharge box and related underground piping
 - b. Jay R. Reynolds (Plumbing) Change Order #5 – in the amount of \$62,512 for the installation of underground gas piping from gas meter which was relocated by PECO to the building's mechanical room
 - c. Herman Goldner Company (Mechanical) Change Order #8 – in the amount of \$35,505 for the upgrading of insulation on exposed ductwork
5. Resolution 2015-26 re: Authorize the Township Manager to Sign Local Bridge Bundling Agreement
6. Resignation of Barbara Krasner from the Police Citizen Advisory Board
7. Resolution 2015-29 re: Disposition of Township Vehicles to Auction – Total Minimum Sale Value - \$13,200.00

8. Resolution 2015-30 re: Condemnation by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Transportation, of Right of Way for State Road 422

Board Action:

The Consent Agenda was approved unanimously by a vote of 4-0.

RESOLUTION 2015-28 RE: SCAVELLO SUBDIVISION, 225 BRADLEY STREET; LOT LINE REVISION (1,993 SF); R-3

Mr. Rob Loeper, Township Planner, stated Michael Scavello is the owner of a tract of land at 225 Bradley Street in the Swedesburg section of the township. The existing property comprises 2,700 square feet and is occupied by a 3-story dwelling. The property is zoned R-3 Residential and is non-conforming with regard to size.

A previous owner made improvements to the property including a deck, swimming pool and fence; however the improvements were made on property owned by the Pennsylvania Turnpike.

Mr. Scavello reached an agreement with the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission to purchase the fenced area consisting of approximately 2,000 square feet resulting in a 4,700 square foot lot. The accessory improvements (pool, deck and fence) will be located on the enlarged lot.

Both planning commissions recommended approval of the subdivision. There is a waiver for the general provisions of the subdivision because this is a lot line change and it is not creating any new building lots.

Mrs. Spott asked the Solicitor if he had any comments to add. Mr. McGrory responded the applicant has signed the resolution which incorporates all the conditions requested by the township thereby placing the resolution in a position for the Board's action.

Mr. Jenaway noted the Upper Merion Planning Commission recommended approval of the subdivision plan at their recent meeting after a brief discussion.

Board Action:

It was moved by Mr. Jenaway, seconded by Mr. Waks, all voting "Aye" to approve Resolution 2015-28 as presented. None opposed. Motion approved 4-0.

APPOINTMENT OF DR. JONATHAN GARZILLO TO THE ZONING HEARING BOARD

Mrs. Spott stated the final interviews to fill the vacancy on the Zoning Hearing Board were held tonight and the Board is now in a position to make an appointment. Mrs. Spott proposed that Dr. Jonathan Garzillo be appointed to the Zoning Hearing Board. It was noted Dr. Garzillo has served on the Planning Commission in a distinguished manner for several years and is well qualified to serve on the Zoning Hearing Board.

Board Comment:

Mr. Jenaway commented about Dr. Garzillo's committed service as a member of the Planning Commission.

Mr. Waks stated pending favorable action by the Board a vacancy will be created on the Planning Commission and he urged interested citizens to apply

and provided guidance on the application process.

Mrs. Spott noted the vacancy created on the Police Citizen Advisory Board by the resignation listed on the Consent Agenda and encouraged additional applicants.

Board Action:

It was moved by Mrs. Kenney, seconded by Mr. Jenaway, all voting "Aye" to approve the appointment of Dr. Jonathan Garzillo to the Zoning Hearing Board. None opposed. Motion approved 4-0.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & PAYROLL:

Board Action:

It was moved by Mr. Jenaway, seconded by Mr. Waks, all voting "Aye" to approve the Accounts Payable for invoices processed from July 16, 2015 to August 5, 2015 in the amount of \$1,599,317.85 and the Payroll for July 17, 2015 and July 31, 2015 in the amount of \$1,432,461.84 for a total of \$3,031,779.69. None opposed. Motion passed 4-0.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

CITIZEN BOARD VACANCIES

In addition to the vacancies on the Planning Commission and Police Citizen Advisory Board, Mr. Jenaway noted vacancies also exist on the Environmental Advisory Council, Municipal Utility Authority, alternate position on the Property Maintenance Appeals Board and two alternate positions on the UCC Board of Appeals. He pointed out the last two boards require some special qualifications and background in such things as plumbing and electrical knowledge.

UPPER MERION TOWNSHIP SWIM CLUB REOPENING

Mr. Jenaway provided an update on the reopening of the pool at West Valley Forge Road after an extensive amount of activity to upgrade various portions of the pool, make some safety improvements and enhance operational practices. He said the pool provides a valuable amenity to Upper Merion Township and additional improvements will be made during the off season. Mr. Jenaway expressed appreciation to all the departments, staff and volunteers who worked so hard to get the pool back in operation in a very short period of time.

Mr. Waks emphasized how amazing it was to see everyone work so closely together over the past few weeks, especially on the day when the township regained possession of the pool on July 22nd. Because a plan was prepared in advance everything went smoothly when on short notice everything had to be coordinated put in place the morning of July 22nd.

Mrs. Kenney also expressed appreciation to the all members of the community who pitched in to help with this successful effort.

Mr. Jenaway mentioned how much time the swim team invested in making the pool reopening a reality.

Mr. Waks commented, "It was truly a massive community effort."

MUNICIPAL UTILITY AUTHORITY

With regard to the vacancy on the Municipal Utility Authority, Mrs. Kenney explained the mission of the Authority in overseeing the sewer treatment plants.

She said in going forward the Authority will be discussing stormwater issues and if anyone has an interest in environmentalism or stormwater knowledge they should consider applying for the vacancy.

FIRE AND EMT STUDY

Mrs. Kenney reported on the introductory meeting which was held with Municipal Resources, a company that the Board hired to do the fire and EMT study for the township. During the six-month study, they will be contacting numerous people and organizations in the township for their input and she encouraged everyone's cooperation in this important study.

KING OF PRUSSIA VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY EVENT

Mr. Waks provided details of the 4th Annual KPVFC 9/11 Memorial 5K Run and 1 Mile Fun Walk to be held on Sunday, September 13th. Proceeds from this event will benefit local charities.

UPPER MERION DAY AT ELMWOOD PARK ZOO

Mr. Waks noted on Sunday, September 13th Upper Merion Day will be held at the Elmwood Park Zoo. All admission is half off. Proof of Upper Merion residency will be necessary. Upper Merion Day has been made possible by a grant the Elmwood Park Zoo received from the Board of Community Assistance.

FARMERS MARKET

Mrs. Spott reminded everyone about the Farmers Market to be held on Saturday and on every Saturday into November.

From the Public:

Mr. Tom Birster, Wilson Road, discussed a private contractual commercial transaction not under the jurisdiction of the Board of Supervisors.

Ms. Cynthia Hornyack, Mark Lane, expressed concern over parking on a side yard in her neighborhood and supports a revision of the parking code. *Mrs. Spott noted because of other similar resident complaints a workshop meeting has already been placed on the agenda for September 10th. Interested residents are welcome to attend and contribute to the discussion.*

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 4-0. Adjournment occurred at 8:20 p.m.

DAVID G. KRAYNIK
SECRETARY-TREASURER
TOWNSHIP MANAGER

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Minutes Approved:
Minutes Entered