

UPPER MERION TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
BUSINESS MEETING
DECEMBER 5, 2019

The Board of Supervisors of Upper Merion Township met for a Business Meeting on Thursday, December 5, 2019, 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, Carole Kenney, Tina Garzillo Bill Jenaway and Greg Philips. Also present were: Anthony Hamaday, Township Manager; Joe McGrory, Township Solicitor; Tom Beach, Township Engineer.

MEETING MINUTES:

It was moved by Mrs. Kenny, seconded by Mrs. Garzillo, all voting "Aye" to approve the following meeting minutes: November 7, 2019 Budget Workshop, November 7, 2019 Board of Supervisors Workshop, November 11, 2019 Board of Supervisors Workshop and November 14, 2019 Business Meeting as submitted. None opposed. Motion approved 5-0.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS:

Mr. Waks stated that at the end of this meeting there will be an executive session to discuss legal and personnel matter.

NEW BUSINESS

2019 GRANT PRESENTATIONS TO SPORTS ORGANIZATIONS

Each year as a part of the budget process the Park and Recreation Department administers grant requests to the local township sports organizations. This is done through the Park and Recreation Board. The Board listens to grant presentations done by each organization and then passes on recommendations to the Board of Supervisors for their approval for annual grants. Mr. Dan Russell, Director of Parks and Recreation, along with Board of Supervisors liaison to the Park and Recreation Board, Mrs. Garzillo, announced the 2019 Grant recipients as follows: the Upper Merion Baseball Association and accepting on their behalf is Softball Director, Kristen Schuller; the Upper Merion Aquatics Club and accepting on their behalf is their President, David Hardel; the King of Prussia Soccer Club and accepting on their behalf is one of their Board members, Chris Dickson; the Upper Merion Lacrosse Club and accepting on their behalf is their President, Jose Almonte; the Upper Merion Youth Wrestling Association and accepting on their behalf is their former President, Bob Walkley and current President, Chris Falcone; the Valley Forge Generals Senior Legion Baseball Team and accepting on their behalf is their Manager, Rich Lachenmayer; the Upper Merion Spring and accepting on their behalf is Linda Moser; and lastly the Upper Merion Crew Boosters. On behalf of the Park and Recreation Department, Mr. Russell thanked all the volunteer organizations that do all these activities for the children making Upper Merion Township the best place to live.

Mr. Waks expressed gratitude to Mr. Russell and all the volunteers of all these great sports organizations. He also noted that we are now in the Board of Community Assistance Application Open Period. The Open Period lasts until April 1, 2020 and is not a rolling application process. Mr. Waks encouraged any organization that provides services to Upper Merion Township residents to apply for the grants.

PRESENTATION BY THE ECDC RE: SMALL BUSINESS HOLIDAY PROGRAM INITIATIVE

Ms. Andrea Esqueda, Chairperson for ECDC, joined by a few of the committee members, presented the Small Business Holiday Program Initiative. The program is to encourage residents and visitors to shop at our small and local businesses this holiday season. Ms. Esqueda stated, Upper Merion has the best shopping in the world and we believe it comes from businesses of all sizes. The way it works is that there are 25 local businesses participating and so all residents have to do is shop at any of these participating businesses. Any time a purchase is made they will give you a stamp on your passport and if you fill your passport you can enter your passport to win any number of great prizes. Passports can be picked up from the participating businesses as well as the Township Building and soon the Community Center.

CONSENT AGENDA RE:

1. Resolution 2019-45 re: Establishing the Fixed Dollar Amount to be Excluded from Taxation for Each Homestead Property in Upper Merion Township for Calendar year 2020
2. Resolution 2019-46 re: Reducing Police Officers' Contributions to the Police Pension Plan for the Year 2020
3. Equipment Replacement Request re: Public Works – Replace three traffic adaptive cameras - \$13,250.00
4. Approval of Request for Inclusion in Township Health Benefit Program – Supervisor Garzillo
5. Permission to Allow UMASD to make Baseball Field Improvement at Heuser Park
6. BID Award re: Police Range Project
7. Resolution 2019-50 re: Authorization to sign PennDOT Traffic Signal Permit Application for the Chester Valley Trail (Saulin & Prince Frederick Blvd./Rt. 202)

Board Action:

It was moved by Mr. Philips, seconded by Mr. Jenaway, all voting "Aye" to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. None opposed. Motion approved 5-0 for Items 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 and 7. Motion approved 4-0 for Item 4. One extension for Item 4 by Mrs. Garzillo.

HEARING AND ADOPTION OF 2020 BUDGET

1. Resolution 2019-47 re: Adoption of 2020 Capital Improvement Budget
2. Resolution 2019-48 re: Adoption of 2020 General Operating Budget
3. Adoption of Sewer Revenue Fund Budget
4. Approval of Resolution 2019-49 re: 2020 Fee Schedule

Mr. McGrory stated there are three budgets under consideration. Mr. McGrory opened the hearing and introduced the following budgets into the record: the first is the Adoption of the 2020 Capital Improvement Budget; the second is the Adoption of the 2020 General Operating Budget; the third is the Adoption of the Sewer Revenue Fund Budget. Mr. McGrory introduced the following exhibits into the record: Board Exhibit 1 is the Budget Notice which includes a notice of all three budgets; Board Exhibit 2 is the Proof of Publication showing that it was advertised in the Times Herald on November 1, 2019.

Mr. Waks asked if approval for Item 4, Approval of Resolution 2019-49 regarding 2020 Fee Schedule, was a part of this hearing or separate and Mr. McGrory responded after the close of the hearing. With no further comments, Mr. McGrory closed the hearing and reconvened into the public meeting portion of

the agenda and stated this matter is now in the position for the Board's consideration.

Board Action:

It was moved by Mr. Philips, seconded by Mrs. Kenney, all voting "Aye" to Approve the 2020 Budget as presented. None opposed. Motion approved 5-0.

Board Action:

It was moved by Mr. Jenaway, seconded by Mrs. Garzillo, all voting "Aye" to Approve Resolution 2019-49, 2020 Fee Schedule as presented. None opposed. Motion approved 5-0.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF UPPER MERION TOWNSHIP AT PART 1 "ADMINISTRATIVE LEGISLATION," CHAPTER 7, "BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS," BY AMENDING AND RE-ENACTING THE CHAPTER

Mr. McGrory opened the hearing and introduced the following exhibits into the record: Board Exhibit 1 is the Ordinance itself; Board Exhibit 2 is the Legal Notice for tonight's hearing; Board Exhibit 3 is the Proof of Publication showing that it was advertised in the Times Herald on November 13, 2019.

Mr. Waks briefly commented that a thorough presentation back in August was presented.

With no further comments, Mr. McGrory closed the hearing and reconvened into the public meeting portion of the agenda and stated this ordinance is now in the position for the Board's consideration.

Board Action:

It was moved by Mr. Jenaway, seconded by Mr. Philips, all voting "Aye" to Approve an Ordinance Amending the Code of Upper Merion Township at Part 1 "Administrative Legislation," Chapter 7, "Business Improvement Districts," by Amending and Re-enacting the Chapter as presented. None opposed. Motion approved 5-0.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & PAYROLL:

Board Action:

It was moved by Mr. Jenaway, seconded by Mrs. Kenney, all voting "Aye" to approve the Accounts Payable and Payroll. None opposed. Motion approved 5-0.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS:

Indoor Winter Farmer's Market

Mrs. Garzillo announced the first indoor will be held Saturday, December 7, 2019 at the atrium area from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Annual Holiday Village

Mr. Garzillo also announced the Annual Holiday Village is also Saturday December 7, 2019 and it is being held here at the Township Building from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Annual Holiday Lights Contest

Mrs. Garzillo announced the Annual Holiday Lights Contest is approaching. The deadline for entry Monday, December 9, 2019. Information is provided on the Township website. Judging will take place from December 10th and December 12th and winners will be notified on December 17th. The winners will be announced on December 20th in the Township E-Newsletter.

Mrs. Garzillo wished everyone a safe holiday season.

Fire Company Holiday Events

Mr. Jenaway announced that Swedesburg Fire Company will have their Santa Claus Breakfast on December the 15th from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and their Santa run through the community will occur on December 21st starting at noon.

The Swedeland Fire Company Santa run through the community will occur also on the December 21st and their Breakfast with Santa is December 8th from 8 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.

The King of Prussia Fire Company no longer does Breakfast with Santa but they will be out with Santa Claus on Christmas Eve Day starting at about 9 a.m.

Mr. Jenaway wished everyone a safe and happy holiday and urged the public to stay safe and not drink and drive.

Mr. Philips and Mrs. Kenney also wished everyone a safe a happy holiday season. Mrs. Kenney also mentioned tonight's meeting is the last one for the year.

UMT Foundation

Mr. Waks announced there is a ceramic mug that anyone can buy this Saturday at the Winter Fest, the Township Building or various Township events. The cost of the mug is \$35.00 and proceeds to which benefits the Upper Merion Township Foundation.

King of Prussia Town Center Winter Fest

Mr. Waks announced that every Saturday through December 21st, the King of Prussia Town Center is going to be holding it's Annual Winter Fest.

Mr. Waks wished everyone a happy, healthy holiday season.

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.


ANTHONY HAMADAY
TOWNSHIP MANAGER

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Minutes Approved:
Minutes Entered: