

UPPER MERION GENERAL AUTHORITY

July 12, 2017

The members of the Upper Merion General Authority met for their regular meeting on Wednesday, July 12, 2017 in the Township Building, 175 West Valley Forge Road, King of Prussia, PA. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. and commenced with the pledge of allegiance.

ATTENDANCE

Marvin Meneeley, Chairman
Thomas Kohler, Asst. Secretary/Treasurer
Carlton Stuart, Vice Chairman
Dave Kraynik, Executive Secretary
Nick Hiriak, Finance Director
Noah Marlier, Rudolph Clarke
Rita Ann Pfeiffer, Recording Secretary

ABSENT

Ed O'Brien, Director of Public Works
Ian Kingsley, Treasurer
Lou Zotti, Secretary
Greg Philips, Supervisor Liaison

MEETING MINUTES

It was moved by Mr. Stuart, seconded by Mr. Kohler, all voting "Aye" to approve the meeting minutes of June 14, 2017. None opposed. Motion approved 3-0.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Kohler stated at the last Authority meeting there was a discussion about the necessity to do the audits in view of the lack of activity. Mr. Hiriak commented with \$56,000 in the bank an audit is recommended. Currently Maillie charges \$3,500 for each Authority's annual audit. Mr. Kraynik said discussions will be held with Maillie to look into options for negotiating a reduced audit fee.

Mr. Kohler asked if is necessary to have a balance in order to have an authority. Mr. Hiriak responded it could be a minimal or zero balance since it still involves ownership of the Township Building which still has assets.

Mr. Kohler suggested having the Board of Supervisors come up with something for the Authority to do rather than just owning the building. Mr. Meneeley suggested possibly doing some off-site improvements. Mr. Kohler suggested possibly rehabbing other township owned facilities.

Mr. Meneeley said given the Authority's current reality he would like to see a reduced price on the audit. Mr. Kraynik indicated he and Mr. Hiriak will work on it.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS REPORT

No report. Mr. Kraynik reported Mr. O'Brien was absent due to a family matter and would provide a report next month.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Renovations of former Park and Recreation offices for Expanded Space for Police Department

Mr. Kraynik indicated bids for renovation will be due July 20th with a bid opening in August. If prices come in under budget the Board of Supervisors will award a contract so the much needed expanded police space can be completed by the end of the year. Some of the space includes a female police officer's locker room and shower facility for the female officers and improved interrogation rooms. It was noted twenty-five contractors were in attendance at the pre-bid meeting.

Mr. Meneeley asked about the source of the funding for the renovations. Mr. Hiriak responded it is part of the equipment replacement (part of the township's capital budget).

Mr. Kohler commented the Authority owns the building but leases it to the township. Part of the lease agreement is that the township is responsible for maintenance.

Pedestrian Incident

Mr. Kraynik reported in early evening on Sunday, June 25th a pedestrian was struck by a police vehicle at the police-only driveway which is a restricted area with signage posted at both ends.

A discussion followed about possible options to deal with this situation to maximize safety.

It was noted Police Chief Tom Nolan's investigation is ongoing.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT – no report

FINANCIAL REPORT – no report

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Authority, the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

DAVID G. KRAYNIK
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

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