

UPPER MERION TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
BUSINESS MEETING
JANUARY 17, 2019

The Board of Supervisors of Upper Merion Township met for a Business Meeting on Thursday, January 17, 2019, in Freedom Hall, in the Township Building in King of Prussia. The meeting was called to order at 7:58 p.m., followed by a pledge to the flag.

ROLL CALL:

Supervisors present were: Bill Jenaway, Greg Philips, Greg Waks, Carole Kenney, and Tina Garzillo. Also present were: Sally Slook, Acting Township Manager; Joseph McGrory, Township Solicitor; Rob Loeper, Township Planner; Tom Beach, Township Engineer.

MEETING MINUTES:

It was moved by Ms. Kenney, seconded by Mrs. Garzillo, all voting "Aye" to approve the October 18, 2018 Business Meeting as submitted. None opposed. Motion approved 5-0.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS:

An executive session was held prior to this meeting regarding personnel and legal matters and The Board was going back to executive session after this meeting to discuss personnel and legal matters.

NEW BUSINESS

CONSENT AGENDA RE:

1. Resignation of Vivien Peikin from the Planning Commission
2. Resolution 2019-4 re: Accepting Transfer of Assets from Lafayette Ambulance & Rescue Squad, Inc. with Restrictions on use of Assets
3. Approval of Administrative Services Agreement with Cornerstone Adminisystems, Inc. to provide third party and patient billing services
4. Bid Recommendation re: Repairs to the Beidler Road Bridge over Abrams Run (139 Beidler Road) and the Covered Bridge Road Bridge over Abrams Run (364 Covered Bridge) to Professional Construction Contractors (PCCI) in the amount of \$205,142.00
5. Expand ARRO Consulting, Inc. Engineering Scope of Services to include MS4 Permit Application
6. Accept Two Appointments, Courtney Smith and David Newman to the Environmental Advisory Council

Board Comments:

With regard to item 4, Ms. Kenney asked for clarification of the location of the Beidler Road Bridge over Abrams Run. Mr. Loeper stated that it was adjacent to Sweetbriar Rd.

From the Public:

Mr. Napolitan, 360 Garrison Way, requested further explanation regarding the restriction on use of assets in reference to item 2. Mr. Waks directed the question to the Director of Public Safety and Police Chief Nolan. Chief Nolan

stated the process consists of the Lafayette Ambulance Solicitor preparing the financial documents and if the resolution is passed tonight, it will first go to the Attorney General's Office. The Attorney General's Office will review the procedures and the plans for segregating the funds for the township to be used only for EMS services in the future. Once approved by the Attorney's General's Office, a motion will be filed in the Montgomery County Orphan's Court for the final decree to send the assets over to Upper Merion Township.

In regards to item 5, Mr. Napolitan asked for further explanation and who currently does this in the township. Mr. Waks directed the question to Ms. Slook. Ms. Slook stated that currently this is done in-house by staff and so we are looking to have the current sewer engineer assist in the administration of the MS4 Permit. Ms. Slook deferred Mr. Napolitan's question of why the change was needed to Mr. Lachenmayer. He stated that we are looking to have the same engineer onboard to do the one task instead of having multiple engineers involved. Mr. Napolitan further asked for the estimated cost of the scope of services and Mr. Lachenmayer responded and stated that is dependent upon what work is kept in-house versus what will be streamlined but it would be based on time and material (T&M).

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.

PUBLIC HEARING RE: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE UPPER MERION TOWNSHIP CODE TO REPEAL CHAPTER 11, "POLICE DEPARTMENT CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD" AND CHAPTER 19, "FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES BOARD", AND TO REESTABLISH SUCH BOARDS THROUGH RESOLUTION AS THE "PUBLIC SAFETY CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD"

Mr. McGrory introduced the following exhibits, B-1 ordinance considered for adoption, B-2 legal notice of tonight's hearing, B-3 prove of publication in the Times Herald on January 9, 2019, and B-4 proof of submission to the January 7, 2019 receipt ordinance by the Montgomery County Law Library. The change of this ordinance will permit making future changes by resolution which is the recommended way and the two boards will be assumed by the new board, the Fire and Rescue Services Board.

Board Action:

It was moved by Mr. Jenaway, seconded by Mr. Philips, all voting "Aye" to approve the Ordinance Change as presented. None opposed. Motion approved 5-0.

RESOLUTION 2019-2 RE: REVISING CHAPTER 19 OF THE UPPER MERION TOWNSHIP CODE TO REMOVE THE RESPONSIBILITES AND ACTIVITIES OF THE UPPER MERION TOWNSHIP FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES BOARD

Board Action:

It was moved by Mr. Philips, seconded by Mr. Kenney, all voting "Aye" to approve the Resolution 2019-2 as presented. None opposed. Motion approved 5-0.

RESOLUTION 2019-3 RE: ESTABLISHING THE UPPER MERION TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SAFETY CITIZEN ADVISORY BOARD

Board Comments:

Ms. Garzillo stated some current Citizen Board members asked what the process is to be put on the new board. Mr. Waks stated that members would probably have to be reappointed and Mr. Nolan confirmed that members from both boards are being selected for the new board. It was also mentioned that some members have expressed not interested in being part of the new board so application would be ideal.

Board Action:

It was moved by Ms. Garzillo, seconded by Mr. Jenaway, all voting "Aye" to approve the Ordinance Change as presented. None opposed. Motion approved 5-0.

PUBLIC HEARING RE: CONDITIONAL USE – MOBILITE: N. GULPH & KIRK AVENUE. INSTALLATION OF A 40 FT. WOOD POLE WITH OMNI DIRECTIONAL ANTENNA IN PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY

Mr. Waks stated the matter be continued to the February 21, 2019 hearing due to the need of an attorney to be present in behalf of the corporation.

HAEG LLC SUBDIVISION: 348 TENNESSEE AVENUE, TWO-LOT RESIDENTIAL SUBDIVISION W/ONE EXISTING RESIDENCE, 1.60 ACRES, R-2 RESIDENTIAL. EXPIRATION 2/25/19
RESOLUTION 2019-5

Mr. Loeper stated the Montgomery County Planning Commission reviewed in support of the application with no further comments. Remington & Vernick also reviewed the plans and issued review letters in October and December of last year. Mr. Loeper furthermore mentioned several waivers associated with the plan. The first is to allow grading within five feet of the property line, the second is to not require sidewalks and the last is to not require street trees.

Mr. Waks noted that this matter was discussed in a previous workshop meeting. A discussion ensued regarding the waiver to not require street trees.

Board Action:

It was moved by Ms. Kenney, seconded by Mr. Jenaway, all voting "Aye" to approve the Subdivision Plan granting the waivers to allow grading within 5 feet of a property line and no sidewalks but denying the tree coverage waiver as presented. None opposed. Motion approved 5-0.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE & PAYROLL:

Board Action:

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

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS:

INTERACTIVE SNOW PLOW MAP

Ms. Garzillo reminded the public about the interactive snow plow map where people can track the process of snow removal.

CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION

Ms. Garzillo stated that the Christmas Tree Collection is still continuing until January 31st. Collection can occur by simply placing Christmas trees on your sidewalk and Public Works will pick them up. If however, you still have a Christmas tree after January 31st; arrangements can be made for pickup by contacting Public Works.

FARMER'S MARKET

Ms. Garzillo reminded the public that the indoor Winter Farmer's Market is still continuing with the hours of 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and located on the upper level of the township building. The next indoor Winter Farmer's Market will be on January 26, 2019.

PENNDOT

Ms. Garzillo reminded the public of using PennDOT.gov to report situations such as potholes on PennDOT roads.

ATHOC MANAGER SEARCH COMMITTEE

Ms. Kenney reminded the public that residents are encouraged to apply if interested to serve on the temporary search committee to help search for the next township manager. The end of the application period is January 31, 2019.

STATUS ON ABRAMS ROAD BRIDGE

Mr. Jenaway stated that inquiries have been received regarding when the Abrams Road Bridge would be repaired and reopened. The timetable given is early part of February with exact dates unknown due to weather conditions.

ANTICIPATED WINTER STORMS

Mr. Jenaway reminded the public to be patient and that primary roads get opened first, followed by secondary and then residential roadways.

BOARD OF COMMUNITY ASSISTANCE

Mr. Waks stated that the Board of Community Assistance (BCA) application deadline is approaching, April 1, 2019. Further information about the BCA can be found on the township's website. Mr. Waks encouraged organizations as well as senior students to consider applying.

PUBLIC SAFETY ADVISORY BOARD

Mr. Jenaway expressed gratitude to all individuals who have served over the years on the Police and Fire and Rescue Services Board. Mr. Jenaway noted that anyone interested in participating in the new board recognize that the focus will be on communication techniques.

From the Public:

Mr. Napolitan expressed his thoughts regarding the extended application deadline for the Manager Search Committee. Both Ms. Kenney and Mr. Waks stated the extension was made to give the township's residents a reasonable amount of time to apply as the original notice was given during the holiday season.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Mr. Philips, seconded by Ms. Kenney, all voting "Aye" to adjourn the meeting. None opposed. Motion approved 5-0. Adjournment occurred at 8:58 p.m.



NICHOLAS HIRIAK
ASST. SECRETARY/TREASURER

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Minutes Approved:

Minutes Entered:

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