

UWCHLAN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 11, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Joseph E. Toner and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: Supervisors: Joseph E. Toner, Frederick W. Gaines and Milton H. Bozarth; Township Manager Doug Hanley; Building Inspector/Zoning Officer Tom Cooke; Assistant Zoning Officer Tara Caputo; Township Secretary Katie Churchill; Township Treasurer Susan Bernhard; Fire Marshal Mike Holmes; Police Chief Joseph Pontarelli and Detective Tom Fortmann.

Minutes: *Mr. Gaines made a motion to approve the minutes of December 14, 2015 and January 4, 2016 and Mr. Bozarth seconded. Mr. Toner asked for public comment. There being none, the motion was carried unanimously.*

REPORTS:

Police: Chief Pontarelli reported that there were 104 traffic citations issued, 19 criminal arrests and 43 traffic accidents during the month of December.

Chief Pontarelli introduced Andrew Kline, a newly hired officer. He has worked at various municipalities as well as the Montgomery County prison.

Treasurer: Ms. Bernhard stated that she had no final numbers available but expects a small surplus for the year.

Public Works: Mr. Hanley reported that for the month of December the Public Works Department prepared all winter equipment for snow removal; repaired or replaced various signs; flushed sanitary sewer lines; finished curb repairs in the Devon Dr. cul-de-sac; installed bank protection at the culvert on Sheree Blvd. along the walking trail; performed weekly meter checks and monthly grease trap checks; and performed general maintenance of vehicles as well as State inspections.

He also reported that for the month of December the daily average flow to Downingtown was approximately 1.4 million gpd and there was one new sewer connection to DARA.

The Township has received 5.49 inches of rain for December with a year-to-date surplus of 4.8 inches.

Fire Marshal: Mr. Holmes reported that for the month of December he responded to 10 fire calls during working hours; spent 15 hours of work time handling Fire Department activity; and reviewed plans for commercial buildings and inspected those under construction.

Lionville Fire Co.: Mr. Holmes reported that for the month of December the Fire Company responded to 47 alarms, 27 of which were in Uwchlan Township. Year-to-date, the Fire Company has responded to 519 alarms, 275 of which were in Uwchlan.

Uwchlan Ambulance Corps: Mr. Baxter reported that for the month of December the Ambulance Corps answered 275 calls, 95 of which were in Uwchlan Township. Year-to-date, the Ambulance Corps has answered 3152 calls, 1054 (33%) of which were in Uwchlan Township.

Mr. Gaines made a motion to accept the Reports as submitted and Mr. Bozarth seconded. Mr. Toner asked for public comment. There being none, the motion was carried unanimously.

Police Presentation: Sgt. Stephen McNally & Susan Benson

Both Sergeant McNally and Susan Benson have retired. Sergeant McNally served 35 years on the Police force and Ms. Benson 27 years of non-union administrative support. Each were presented with a Service Award by Chief Joseph Pontarelli.

Appointment of DARC Representative:

The current Representative, Harry Ambrogi, is unable to continue in this position and Mr. Hanley suggested that Bea Yorczyk serve as DARC Representative.

Mr. Gaines made a motion to appoint Bea Yorczyk as DARC Representative and Mr. Bozarth seconded. Mr. Toner asked for public comment. There being none, the motion was carried unanimously.

Permission to Advertise for Road Materials:

Mr. Hanley stated that the Township would like to receive bids for road materials to be used in the 2016 Road Improvement Program which consists of rehabilitating all the roadways in the Welsh Ayres development. Cost of the program is estimated at \$400,000.

The Board members gave their "OK".

Starbucks Coffee Company – 111 Eagleview Blvd.: Outdoor Seating Proposal

Kim Freimuth, Attorney for Starbucks, and Bill DelKanic, Project Manager for Starbucks, requested permission to allow up to 16 outdoor seats to be located on a patio in front of the proposed business in the former Taco Bell building. There will be one small speaker that will pipe in music to the patio. The proposed seating is no different than any other outdoor seating at various restaurants located throughout the Township.

The Board members had a concern with the speaker and how loud it would be. They were assured by the Applicant that no music will be heard beyond the boundaries of the property.

Mr. Cooke noted that the number of outdoor seating will be included in the total of all seats permitted at this location.

Mr. Bozarth made a motion to approve the outdoor seating, as discussed as long as the loudness of the speaker does not reach beyond the boundaries of the property, which is outlined in the Township

Codes, and the number of outdoor seats will be included in the overall count. Mr. Gaines seconded the motion. Mr. Toner asked for public comment. There being none, the motion was carried unanimously.

Mohonster Sports – 197-199 Philips Rd.: Letter of Acceptance of Conditional Use Decision and Order

The Township has received a letter accepting all the Conditions outlined in the Decision and Order of December 16, 2015.

Resolutions:

1. No. 2016-02: Appointing Emergency Services

This is a yearly resolution that lists all Emergency Organizations and personnel chosen to fulfill the public safety need of Uwchlan Township.

Mr. Gaines made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2016-02 and Mr. Bozarth seconded. Mr. Toner asked for public comment. There being none, the motion was carried unanimously.

2. No. 2016-03: Appointing Chief Administrative Officers for Pension Funds

This is a yearly resolution that appoints the Township Treasurer and the Manager as Chief Administrative Officers with regards to conducting daily business of the Police and the Non-Uniform Pension Funds.

Mr. Gaines made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2016-03 and Mr. Bozarth seconded. Mr. Toner asked for public comment. There being none, the motion was carried unanimously.

3. No. 2016-04: Mileage Reimbursement

This yearly resolution establishes a mileage reimbursement fee for employees and officials using personal vehicles while on Township business. The rate is set at \$.54 per mile.

Mr. Gaines made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2016-04 and Mr. Bozarth seconded. Mr. Toner asked for public comment. There being none, the motion was carried unanimously.

4. No. 2016-05: Adopting the Hazard Mitigation Plan

This resolution adopts the multi-jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan of Chester County.

Mr. Gaines made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2016-05 and Mr. Bozarth seconded. Mr. Toner asked for public comment. There being none, the motion was carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. 01/14 - Municipal Authority - Reorganization and meeting – 4 pm.
2. 01/14 - Historical Commission – Reorganization and meeting - 3:30 pm.-
Township Building

3 - BOS Meeting - 1/11/16

3. 01/15 - UTIDA - Reorganization and meeting – 8:30 am.
4. 01/20 - Zoning Hearing Board – 7 pm. - DASD East High School – Sign Variance
5. 02/03 - Planning Commission – 7:30 pm.
6. 02/08 - Board of Supervisors – 7:30 pm. - After Regular Meeting - Conditional Use – Knauer, Lionville Self Storage & Hankin – Lot 24
7. 02/11 - Historical Commission – 7:30 pm. - Cadwalader House

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR QUESTIONS AND COMMENT

1. Mr. Toner announced that Nancy Gebhart, long time Uwchlan resident, died and Bill Latoff, a Downingtown National Bank executive, also died.
2. Mr. Bozarth revisited the issue of staffing of the Police Department that was discussed during November's Board meeting. He questioned when the hiring process will begin to replace the current vacancy that exists. He understands that it is a long process and suggested it begin now in order to assure a suitable replacement is found. He stated that he believes that the hiring of a part-time officer is not enough.

Mr. Gaines countered that part-time can turn in to a full-time position and that Chief Pontarelli will come up with a written plan, which will, in turn, be reviewed.

Mr. Toner suggested that this issue not be discussed at a public meeting. Nothing more was said.

3. Mr. Cooke reported that the Township has received a request from Chris Knauer that he be added to the Feb. 8th Conditional Use Hearing agenda to discuss allowing outside storage at his Lionville Self Storage facility.

The Board gave their “OK”.

There being no other business, Mr. Gaines made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 p.m. Mr. Bozarth seconded. The motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Churchill
Township Secretary

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