

UWCHLAN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 9, 2017

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, Milton H. Bozarth and Patricia D. Gaines; Building Inspector/Zoning Officer Tom Cooke; Township Secretary Katie Churchill; Assistant Zoning Officer Tara Caputo; Township Treasurer Susan Bernhard; Fire Marshal Mike Holmes; Lieutenant Scott Alexander and Sergeant Tom Fortmann and Special Counsel Tom Oeste.

Also Present: A large contingency from the Township Police Department as well as other area police departments, District Attorney Tom Hogan and District Judge Lori Donatelli

Mr. Toner announced that the business portion of the meeting will be streamlined since the Township will be appointing a new Chief of Police tonight.

Minutes: *Mr. Bozarth made a motion to approve the minutes of December 12, 2016 and January 3, 2017, and Mrs. Gaines seconded. Mr. Toner asked for public comment. There being none, the motion was carried unanimously.*

REPORTS:

Police: Lieutenant Alexander reported that there were 225 traffic citations issued, 16 criminal arrests and 41 traffic accidents during the month of December. There were 6 Motor Carrier Details done with 5 trucks and 1 driver taken out of service.

Mr. Toner made note that earlier in the evening, Lieutenant Alexander, was interviewed by Walter Perez from Channel 6 News. Discussed was the recent home invasion that occurred in Uwchlan Township.

Treasurer: Ms. Bernhard stated that there are no final year-end numbers available yet but the Township appears to be in good shape.

Public Works: Mr. Hanley reported that for the month of December the Public Works Department repaired a sink hole on Balderston Dr.; replaced a manhole on Whitford Rd. that was damaged when the State plowed the road; repaired wall along Village Ave.; repaired and replaced various signs; salted roadways twice; performed weekly meter checks and monthly grease trap checks; and performed general maintenance of vehicles.

He also reported that for the month of December the daily average flow to Downingtown was approximately 1.4 million gpd and there were no new sewer connections to DARA or the Eagleview Plant.

The Township has received 3.65 inches of rain for December with a year-to-date deficit of 3 inches.

Fire Marshal: Mr. Holmes reported that for the month of December he responded to 10 fire calls during working hours; spent 14 hours of work time handling Fire Department activity; conducted 2 fire investigations; and reviewed plans for commercial buildings and inspected those under construction.

Lionville Fire Co.: Mr. Holmes reported that the Fire Company answered 56 alarms during the month of December, 28 of which were in Uwchlan Township.

Uwchlan Ambulance Corps: Mr. Baxter reported that the Ambulance Corps responded to 269 calls during the month of December, 80 of which were in Uwchlan Township.

He also announced that there was a recent write-up in the Daily Local News about the “Teddy Bear” program, which is sponsored by the Uwchlan Ambulance Corps that instructs children how to respond to emergency situations. A copy of the article was given to file.

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

BUSINESS:

Awarding/Denying Bids for Dowlin Forge Bridge:

The Township received the following two bids for this project:

1. Column Construction - \$476,237
2. Eastern Highway Specialists - \$550,113.60

Kristin Boldaz from E.B. Walsh & Associates and Township Special Counsel, Tom Oeste, have reviewed the submitted bids and have recommended the bid be awarded to the lowest bidder, Column Construction. Column Construction has the required PennDOT pre-qualification.

Mr. Bozarth made a motion to approve Column Construction to re-plank and re-deck the Dowlin Forge Rd. bridge for \$476,237. Mrs. Gaines seconded the motion. Mr. Toner asked for public comment. There being none, the motion was carried unanimously.

Permission to Advertise for Road Materials:

The Board members gave their “OK” to advertise for road materials for the 2017 Road Program.

Ordinance No. 2017-01: Compensation Payable to the Elected Tax Collector

This Ordinance fixes the compensation payable to the Elected Tax Collector for the 2018-2021 term of office.

Mr. Bozarth made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2017-01 and Mrs. Gaines seconded. Mr. Toner asked for public comment. There being none, the motion was carried unanimously.

Appointments: Historical Commission

Prior to the meeting, the Board members interviewed 7 individuals interested in becoming members of the Historical Commission.

Mr. Bozarth made a motion to approve the following as members of the Historical Commission: Judith Haupt, Betty Lou Paul, Teddi Wright, Tashir Kassam, Charles Jackson, Patricia Meister and Arthur Meister. Mrs. Gaines seconded the motion. Mr. Toner asked for public comment. There being none, the motion was carried unanimously.

Resolutions:

1. No. 2017-03: Appointing Chief Administrative Officers for Pension Funds
2. No. 2017-04: Mileage Reimbursement
3. No. 2017-05: Appointing Emergency Services

Mr. Bozarth made a motion to adopt Resolution Nos. 2017-03, 2017-04 and 2017-05. Mrs. Gaines seconded the motion. Mr. Toner asked for public comment. There being none, the motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Toner announced that, in order to move things along, he was not going to read the announcements. Also, if anyone had any questions, they may approach one of the Board members following the meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. 01/12 - Municipal Authority - Reorganization and meeting - 4 pm.
2. 01/19 - Historical Commission - Reorganization and meeting - 3:30 pm.-
Township Building
3. 01/20 - UTIDA - Reorganization and meeting - 8:30 am.
4. 02/01 - Planning Commission - 7:30 pm.
5. 02/09 - Historical Commission - 7:30 pm. Cadwalader House
6. 02/13 - Board of Supervisors - 7:30 pm.
7. 02/18 - Zoning Hearing Board - 7:00 pm. - Decision 5 S. Village Ave
Hearing - 623 Perimeter Dr. - Rear Yard Variance

Appointment: Police Chief – Resolution No. 2017-06

Mr. Toner announced that it is great to be able to elevate another police officer within the Uwchlan Township Police Department and asked Mr. Bozarth to say a few words before appointing Lieutenant Scott Alexander as Chief of Police with the rank of Captain.

Mr. Bozarth welcomed all who were present to witness the appointment and gave a brief background statement regarding the recent growth of the department, retirement of Chief Pontarelli and the choice of Scott Alexander as Officer-in-Charge.

He further noted that Scott has been with the UTPD for 17 years, has served 7 years as Sergeant and was promoted to Lieutenant and Acting Chief in September, 2016. Scott has clearly demonstrated his leadership and feedback from the members of the UTPD team has been very positive.

Therefore, Mr. Bozarth made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2017-06 appointing Scott Alexander as the Uwchlan Township Chief of Police, at the rank of Captain, effective January 1, 2017. Mrs. Gaines

seconded the motion. Mr. Toner asked for public comment. There being none, the motion was carried unanimously.

District Attorney Hogan made a short statement that Chester County is the “jewel” of the State and Uwchlan Township is the township where police officers want to work. He stated that it is a pleasure to welcome Chief Alexander.

Retired Chief, Joe Pontarelli, congratulated Chief Alexander.

Chief Alexander’s wife placed the Chief’s badge on his uniform and Judge Donatelli performed the swearing in.

Chief Alexander thanked everyone for believing in him and stated that he wished the late Fred Gaines was in attendance to share in his enthusiasm. He gave a short talk on why he became a police officer and how important it is to be a member of a team.

There being no other business, Mr. Bozarth made a motion to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. Mrs. Gaines seconded and the motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Churchill
Township Secretary

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