

UWCHLAN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
JANUARY 14, 2019

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

Present: Supervisors: Bill Miller, Mayme Baumann and Kim Doan; Township Manager Doug Hanley; Assistant Manager Scott Greenly; Building Inspector/Zoning Officer Tom Cooke; Assistant Zoning Officer Tara Giordano; Township Secretary Katie Churchill; Township Treasurer Susan Bernahrd; Fire Marshal Mike Holmes; Chief of Police Scott Alexander; Township Engineer Dan Daley and Township Solicitor Mark Freed.

Mr. Miller announced that prior to the meeting, the Board met in an Executive Session to discuss potential litigation.

Minutes: *Mrs. Baumann made a motion to approve the Minutes of December 18, 2018 and January 7, 2019 and Dr. Doan seconded. Mr. Miller asked for public comment. There being none, the motion was carried unanimously.*

REPORTS:

Police: Chief Alexander reported that there were 75 traffic citations issued, 24 traffic accidents and 8 criminal arrests during the month of December.

Treasurer: Ms. Bernahrd had no report for December since the Finance Department has not completed closing the books for 2018.

Public Works: Mr. Greenly reported that for the month of December the Public Works Department performed many storm management related projects due to the amount of rainfall; repaired a failed roadway area along Lionville Station Road; cleaned out the ditch line on Taylor Rd. between Plank Ln. and Herrs Ln.; completed top soil work at the Lori Circle culvert; repaired plows; 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 2.56 million gpd and there were no new sewer connections to DARA or the Eagleview Plnat. The Township has received 8.6 inches of rain during December with a year-to-date surplus of almost 41 inches.

Fire Marshal: Mr. Holmes reported that during the month of December he responded to 7 fire calls during regular work hours, spent 5 hours of work time handling Fire Department activity, attended a County-sponsored tabletop pipeline exercise, and reviewed plans for commercial buildings and inspected those under construction.

Lionville Fire Co.: Mr. Holmes reported that the Fire Co. answered 32 alarms during the month of December, 19 of which were in Uwchlan Township.

Uwchlan Ambulance Corps: Mr. Baxter reported that during the month of December, the Ambulance Corps responded to 331 calls, 96 of which were in Uwchlan Township. He noted that the total number of calls have been higher than last year due to the Ambulance Corps covering outside of their usual area.

Mrs. Baumann made a motion to accept the Reports as submitted and Dr. Doan seconded. Mr. Miller asked for public comment. There being none, the motion was carried unanimously.

BUSINESS:

Permission to Advertise for Road Materials:

The Township would like to advertise for the bidding of road materials for the 2019 season. Improvements are planned for portions of the Seasons Development as well as Devon Dr. and Colonial Dr. The budgeted amount is approximately \$369,995.

Mrs. Baumann made a motion approving the advertisement for bids and Dr. Doan seconded. Mr. Miller asked for public comment. There being none, the motion was carried unanimously.

Pat Gaines – Fred’s 1st Responders Run Proceeds: Check Presentation

Mrs. Gaines and her daughters presented the following checks from the proceeds of the 1st Responders Run held in the Fall:

1. Lionville Fire Co. - \$1,000
2. Uwchlan Ambulance - \$1,000
3. Chief Alexander – Police - \$1,000

They thanked all the sponsors and participants.

Marchwood Shopping Center – Antique Car Show Request: March 24th , 12 p.m.- 4 p.m.
Rain Date March 31st

The Township has received a request to hold the above noted event in the lower parking lot of the Marchwood Shopping Center. Chief Alexander reported that there were no issues/problems with last year’s event.

Dr. Doan made a motion to approve the event and Mrs. Baumann seconded. Mr. Miller asked for public comment. There being none, the motion was carried unanimously.

Resolutions:

1. No. 2019-01: Appointing Chief Administrative Officers for Pension Funds
2. No. 2019-02: Mileage Reimbursement - \$.58/mile
3. No. 2019-03: Appointing Emergency Services

Mrs. Baumann made a motion to adopt Resolution Nos. 2019-01, 2019-02 and 2019-03, all administrative in nature, and Dr. Doan seconded. Mr. Miller asked for public comment. There being none, the motion was carried unanimously.

Eagleview – Land Development Plan for Lot #58: Request for 120 day Extension

The Applicant is currently revising this plan for a 3-story, 50,000 s.f. office building on 5.5 acres and has requested a 120 day extension to do so.

Mrs. Baumann made a motion to approve the extension and Dr. Doan seconded. Mr. Miller asked for public comment. There being none, the motion was carried unanimously.

Permission to Advertise: Hearing for Liquor License Transfer to 555 Wellington Square (Bluefin Sushi Restaurant)

The Township has received a letter from Mike Malloy, Attorney for the Hankin Group, requesting a hearing for an inter-municipal transfer of a liquor license from W. Vincent Township to Uwchlan Township. Hearing is scheduled for February 11, 2019.

Mrs. Baumann made a motion to advertise the Hearing and Dr. Doan seconded. Mr. Miller asked for public comment. There being none, the motion was carried unanimously.

Sunoco Update:

Mr. Freed reported that there are currently 8 pending court cases involving Sunoco including the Dinniman case, individual residents bringing suit and a Delaware County lawsuit. The lawsuits deal with construction stoppage of MEII, the need for increased public notification procedures, attempts to cease the use of MEI due to its age and corrosion issues, and requirement to have proper emergency management in place.

Mr. Daley noted that there are no new construction plans to start the MEII project within Uwchlan Township. However, general maintenance of the MEII pipeline is on-going. Also, the Township was notified on December 29th that the 12” MEI line has been re-purposed and is active and carrying product.

The following residents were present and had question/concerns regarding what the Township is doing as far as filings and actions, some suggesting that the Township is not doing enough:

1. Janet Toolan/Mark Toolan
2. Carrie Gross
3. Doug Dunghe/Heather Dunghe
4. Margaret Quinn
5. Joe Avellino

Mr. Miller explained that the Township has been in discussions with County Emergency services, the

Senate and House in evaluating the active court cases to determine whether or not to support these cases. The Board has shown support for the Dinniman case and Danielle Otten, newly elected State Representative, is primarily concerned with the pipeline issue and how it is affecting her constituents.

Mr. Miller further stated that no one knew that an older pipeline could be re-purposed to carry the very same product proposed for the MEII line. Mr. Freed added that the Board has handled every question posed to them from the residents, and pointed out that Sunoco has never been here to address any of the residents' concerns.

There have been numerous meetings with the County. Even though there is an Emergency Management Plan in place for all hazards, there have been discussions to add something more specific to deal with pipeline emergencies. As far as notification of residents about an "event", Sunoco would notify the County who would then notify emergency services - Fire Department, Police, and Ambulance.

Laura Obenski noted that all residents should register with READYCHESCO, an organization formed to allow residents to register a family profile, which would alert emergency personnel to any person that is handicapped or needs help if a situation occurs necessitating an evacuation. This website will be linked to the Township website.

Also briefly discussed was whether or not cell phones should be used for notification since phones could generate a spark.

A resident asked how far away from an event would someone be safe. Since this was discussed at length at a prior meeting, resident was directed to "dragonpipediary.com" to view a complete analysis done by the Citizens Risk Assessment group.

Lastly, Susan Britton Seyler displayed a banner that shows Article 1, Section 27 addendum adopted by Pennsylvania in 1971 that states that the people of Pennsylvania have a right to clean air, pure water, and preservation of the natural, scenic, historic and esthetic values of the environment and that the Commonwealth is responsible for maintaining them.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. 01/15 - Park & Recreation - Reorganization and meeting – 7 pm.
2. 01/16 - Environmental Advisory Council – Reorganization and meeting – 6:30 pm.
3. 01/17 - Comprehensive Plan Meeting – 3 pm.
4. 01/18 - UTIDA - Reorganization and meeting – 8:30 am.
5. 01/23 - Zoning Hearing Board – 7 pm. - 114 Wagon Trail - Covered Deck, Tower Health – 119 E. Uwchlan Ave – Sign
6. 02/06 - Planning Commission – 7:30 pm.
7. 02/11 - Board of Supervisors – 7:30 pm.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

1. Curt Elwell, a resident who lives near Martin Park, complained that the run-off in this area is not being handled by the existing pond and asked when the Township is planning to fix it.

The Township is aware of the issue and has had Township Engineers and various other companies look at a possible solution. The forty-one plus inches of rainfall is a factor. Work will begin when weather permits and continue as long as the work will not have any negative impact on the aquatic life in the area.

2. Joe Avellino reported that since the road repairs occurred on Newcomen Road, there has been no mowing of the area and asked who is responsible for maintaining. Staff told him PennDOT is responsible for maintenance.

Mr. Dunghe asked who is responsible for stormwater maintenance along Route 113. Staff responded that PennDOT is responsible.

There being no other business, Mrs. Baumann made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Dr. Doan seconded. Mr. Miller asked for public comment. There being none, the motion was carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Churchill
Township Secretary

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