

UWCHLAN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
April 12, 2021

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, this meeting was held virtually. Questions and comments from the public were received through typed submission in chat format.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Bill Miller.

Mr. Miller noted that the Board held an Executive session on April 7, 2021 to discuss a personnel issue in the police department.

Present: Supervisors: Bill Miller, Mayme Baumann; Township Manager Scott Greenly; Assistant Township Manager/Secretary Katie Churchill; Building & Zoning Official Tara Giordano; Township Treasurer Sue Bernhard; Building Inspector Mike Holmes; Police Chief Scott Alexander; Township Engineer Dan Daley and Township Solicitor Mark Freed.

Minutes:

Mrs. Baumann made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2021 and Mr. Miller seconded. Mr. Miller asked for public comment. There being none, the motion was carried unanimously.

Reports:

Police: Chief Alexander reported that for the month of March 1147 entries were documented into the call reporting system. The department issued 169 traffic citations, had 25 traffic accidents, and made 21 arrests. There were 2 motor carrier traffic details resulting in 439 trucks weighed, 4 of which were overweight. 12 inspections were conducted with no violations found. Officers conducted 8 inspections during normal work details resulting in numerous violations including one truck being placed out of service.

Year to date officers have 2,931 calls for service and arrested 43 individuals. The department issued 410 traffic citations, 35 written warnings, investigated 60 traffic accidents, and weighed 224 trucks. There was 1 Narcan administered during the month of March.

Treasurer: Ms. Bernhard reported that to date the Township has collected just under 25% of its budgeted revenues and spent 24% of its budgeted expenses.

Public Works: Mr. Greenly reported that for the month of March the daily average flow was 1.9 million gallons per day. There were no new sewer connections. The Township has received 4.85 inches of rain during the month of March. The township preventative measures by clearing known problem areas. Summer preparations have begun. Various potholes and signage were repaired. PennDOT will be out on Ship Rd. addressing potholes, the timeline is unknown. The street sweeping program has been completed as well as regular vehicle maintenance, station checks and regular right of way maintenance.

The Public Works Department responded to 147 PA One Calls and conducted routine maintenance of winter equipment.

Fire Marshal: Mr. Holmes reported that during the month of March the Building Department issued 71 permits for construction projects, had 79 inspections and issued 35 use and occupancy certificates. There were 8 fire responses for the month, and 1 burning complaints.

Lionville Fire Company: Mr. Holmes reported that the Fire Company responded to 58 alarms during the month of February. Of those, 28 were in Uwchlan Township, 9 in Upper Uwchlan, 4 in West Pikeland, and 14 in other Townships.

Uwchlan Ambulance Corps: No report was given.

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

BUSINESS:

1. Supervisor Appointment –

Mr. Miller explained that the Board asked for letters of interest for the open position of Supervisor and thanked everyone who submitted letters of interest.

Mr. Miller made a motion to appoint Doug Hanley as Township Supervisor and Mrs. Baumann seconded. Mr. Miller asked for public comment. There being none, the motion was carried unanimously.

2. Park and Recreation, Zoning Hearing Board & Historical Appointments –

Park and Recreation -
Brian Brower
Maggie Moore, ex-officio
Sean Kotalik, ex-officio

Zoning Hearing Board –
Vince Gillen, ex-officio

Historical Commission –
Chuck Jackson, ex-officio
Elise Jackson, ex-officio

Mrs. Baumann made a motion to appoint members as recommended by the Township for the Park and Recreation, Zoning Hearing Board & Historical Commission. Mr. Miller seconded. Mr. Miller asked for public comment. There being none, the ordinance was carried unanimously.

Mr. Greenly made note that the updated list of open positions will be posted, and letters of interest will continue to be accepted.

3. Road Sealant BID Advertisement –

Mr. Greenly asked the board for permission to advertise the bid for road sealant.

Mrs. Baumann made a motion to approve Road Sealant BID Advertisement. Mr. Miller seconded. Mr. Miller asked for public comment. There being none, the motion was carried unanimously.

4. Resolution 2021-07 - Native Plant Resolution –

Mr. Greenly introduced Laura Obenski on behalf of the EAC who spoke about the Native Plant Resolution. The resolution ensures that the plants used will help with the natural native species in the Township and would include a Native Plant Week to help continue the education and outreach of this program.

Mrs. Baumann made a Motion to adopt Resolution 2021-07 - Native Plant Resolution. Mr. Miller seconded. Mr. Miller asked for public comment. There being none, the motion was carried unanimously.

5. Resolution 2021-08 – National Library Week -

Ms. Churchill explained that National Library week is celebrated each April. This years theme is You Belong at Your Library, which promotes Libraries extend beyond the four walls and are open to everyone who wish to use their services.

Mrs. Baumann made a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-08 – National Library Week. Mr. Miller seconded. Mr. Miller asked for public comment. There being none, the motion was carried unanimously.

6. Resolution 2021-09 – Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement –

Ms. Churchill explained that this resolution permits the Assistant Township Manager/Secretary to sign and submit to PennDOT the traffic signal maintenance agreement.

Mrs. Baumann made a motion to adopt Resolution 2021-09 – Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement Mr. Miller seconded. Mr. Miller asked for public comment. There being none, the motion was carried unanimously.

7. Brandywine Creek Greenway – Mini Grant Program – Letter of Support -

Ms. Giordano explained that the Township has been working with the Brandywine Conservancy and other local municipalities on the Brandywine Creek Greenway Initiative. This letter is in support of the Conservancy to apply for the grant.

Mrs. Baumann made a motion to grant the letter of support for the Brandywine Creek Greenway – Mini Grant Program – Letter of Support. Mr. Miller seconded. Mr. Miller asked for public comment. There being none, the motion was carried unanimously.

8. DCEF – Narwhal Nature Center – Letter of Support –

Ms. Giordano introduced Ms. Jackie Fenn, Board Member of the Downingtown Community Education Association. She explained the plan for an outdoor classroom and nature trail at the Sixth Grade Center. They are asking for a letter of support to apply for grants for the project.

Mrs. Baumann made motion to approve a letter of support for the DCEF – Narwhal Nature Center – Letter of Support. Mr. Miller seconded. Mr. Miller asked for public comment. There being none, the motion was carried unanimously.

Resident Alexa Manning, EAC Member expressed support and would be available for assistance with this project moving forward.

9. Audubon Development Corp. – Request for Extension -

Ms. Giordano explained that the township received a letter from Kestra Kelly, engineer for Audubon Development Corp requesting an extension until August 31, 2021 while they continue through the Zoning Hearing.

Mrs. Baumann motion to approve Audubon Development Corp. – Request for Extension. Mr. Miller seconded. Mr. Miller asked for public comment. There being none, the motion was carried unanimously.

10. Hankin Group – Eagleview Town Center II – Preliminary Land Development Plan Submission

Ms. Giordano Explained that the Hankin Group submitted the plan and the Township would like to send this plan out for review so that the applicant appear at the next Planning Commission meeting in May.

Mrs. Baumann motion to accept the Plan Submission for Eagleview Town Center II. Mr. Miller seconded. Mr. Miller asked for public comment. There being none, the motion was carried unanimously.

SUNOCO UPDATE:

Mr. Miller gave a brief overview of Sunoco’s construction within the township

- 1) Herman O West to Upper Uwchlan – 93% complete with the final ream 20-inch pipes, pullback is scheduled for May 2021.
- 2) Herman O West to Wharton Blvd. – The work is complete with restoration is complete with tree planting partially complete.
- 3) Eagleview Blvd. to Dairy Queen – all pipework is complete; Stabilization is to be completed this spring.
- 4) N. Whitford Rd. to Devon Dr. – all pipework is complete; at N. Whitford Rd. Devon Drive to Shoen Road work is currently on hold.
- 5) Devon Dr. to W. Whiteland – On hold and currently waiting on PA DEP approval for start on the 20-inch pipeline.

Mr. Freed explained that a decision was rendered by the hearing officer on what is commonly known as the Safety Seven Case at or around 4:00p.m. on Monday April 12, 2021. This case was an appeal brought by residents of both Delaware and Chester County challenging some of the safety activities of the pipeline. The hearing officer granted relief approving the need for more information and more clear communication and ruled on physical concerns brought by the complaint.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, all Township Public Meetings are being held via Zoom – Links can be found on the Township website prior to the meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. 4/13 – EAC Educational Series: Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner – 7:00 pm
2. 4/16 – Uwchlan Township Industrial Development Authority – 9:00 am
3. 4/15 – Environmental Advisory Council Workshop Meeting- 6:30 pm
4. 4/21 – Zoning Hearing Board – 7:00 pm
5. 5/03 – Park & Recreation Committee – 7:30 pm
6. 5/05 - Planning Commission – 7:30 pm

7. 5/10 - Board of Supervisors – 7:30 pm

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

Kathy Sotak – Asked to address the formal request submitted on March 1, 2021 regarding the modernization of the backyard chicken ordinance. She stated that based on a petition that was circulated residents are involved and asking for a change to the current ordinance.

Sara Friant – Resident of the Tarrencoyd Neighborhood wanted to address the speeding concern in the neighborhood and looking to continue working together on the issue at hand.

There being no other business Mrs. Baumann made a motion to adjourn at 8:43 p.m. Mr. Miller seconded, and the motion was carried.

Respectively submitted,

Kate Gillen