

UWCHLAN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MEETING MINUTES April 2005

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

Present: Supervisors: Joseph E. Toner, Frederick W. Gaines and Milton H. Bozarth; Township Manager Doug Hanley; Building/Zoning Officer Tom Cooke; Township Treasurer Susan Bernhard; Fire Marshal Michael Holmes; Township Solicitor Tom Oeste and Chief Davis.

Minutes: The minutes of March 28, 2005 were approved by a motion made by Mr. Gaines and seconded by Mr. Bozarth. Mr. Toner asked for public comment. There being none, the motion was carried.

BUSINESS:

Police: Chief Davis reported that there were 508 traffic citations issued, 28 criminal arrests and 36 automobile accidents during the month of March.

Mr. Toner asked about miniature motorcycles being driven in the roadway. Chief Davis said that it is illegal to drive these vehicles in the street. Residents should call the Police Department when they see them.

Treasurer: Ms. Bernhard submitted her report for the month of March. The following is a list of revenues and expenses:.

Funds	Revenues	Expenses
General	\$631,817.23	\$504,886.83
Hydrant	12,830.56	5,000.00
State Liquid Fuel	25.95	56,958.61
Sewer	63,358.70	342,253.88

Ms. Bernhard reported that the Township has collected approximately 24% of its budgeted revenues and spent about 23% of its budgeted expenditures.

Road Department: Mr. Hanley reported that for the month of March the Road Department repaired and replaced signs; cleaned catch basins; plowed one time and cindered twice; completed street sweeping throughout the Township; and serviced and repaired various equipment.

The Department will begin the 2005 Road Program next week by resuming work on the Taylor Rd. drainage project.

Sanitation Department: Mr. Hanley reported that for the month of March:

Daily Average Flow:

Downingtown 1.92 million gpd

There were no new sewer connections to DARA and 2 to the Eagleview Plant for the month of March.

The Township has received 3.97 inches of precipitation during March. There currently is a surplus of 1.72 inches YTD.

Fire Marshal: Mr. Holmes reported that during the month of March he answered 12 fire calls, 8 of which were during work hours; reviewed plans for commercial buildings and conducted inspections of those under construction; performed fire inspections and spent approximately 2.5 hours of work time performing fire department related work.

Of the 296 fire inspections done, 962 violations were noted. Total amount of square footage inspected was 4,936,641 s.f.

Lionville Fire Co.: Mr. Holmes reported that the Fire Co. answered 48 alarms during the month of March, 20 of which were in Uwchlan Township.

Uwchlan Ambulance Corps: Mr. Durr reported that during the month of March the Ambulance Corps responded to 220 calls, 75 of which were in Uwchlan Township.

Facilities Committee: F Mr. Gaines reported that the architectural drawings have been revised and will be discussed by the Historical Commission and Facilities Committee. The Township has also received bids for the new roof to the existing building.

The Reports were approved as submitted.

Township Building Roof Bid:

The following bids were received and opened on April 6, 2005:

Roof:

William Dunleavy & Co. \$47,700.00
McMullen Roofing \$78,600.00
General Contracting:
Centre Point Contracting \$74,000.00

The Township has received a letter dated April 7, 2005 from Rudy Ducharme of Architectural Alliance recommending William Dunleavy & Co. as the low bidder for the metal roof and Centre Point Contracting, Inc. for the general contracting work related to the roof repairs.

Louise Smith, from the audience, asked why there were so few bidders for the project? The Board explained that it was not a large job and it is hard to get contractors to bid on government jobs.

Mr. Bozarth made a motion to approve William Dunleavy & Co. as the low bidder for the metal roof and Centre Point Contracting, Inc. as the general contractor. Mr. Gaines seconded the motion. Mr. Toner asked for public comment. There being none, the motion was carried.

Farmer's Market at Eagleview:

Louise Smith has requested permission to hold the open air Farmer's Market in the upper parking lot of the Eagleview Town Center on Wednesdays from June through November. The Board members discussed this item at their last meeting and agreed to charge the organization \$150 for the season and allow signage at each of the two driveways of the Town Center on the day of the market.

Since that meeting, Ms. Smith has agreed to the parameters set at the last meeting.

Mr. Bozarth made a motion to approve the Farmer's Market as discussed and Mr. Gaines seconded the motion. Mr. Toner asked for public comment. There being none, the motion was carried.

Resolution No. 2005-09: Revising Personnel Policy by Adding Conflict of Interest/Code of Ethics Section

This Resolution basically revises what will and won't be done during business hours.

Mr. Bozarth made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2005-09 and Mr. Gaines seconded. Mr. Toner asked for public comment. There being no other business, the motion was carried.

Plan Submittals:

1. Dewees - 3-Lot Subdivision on Township Line Rd.:
All the lots will be serviced by on-site sewer and water.
This plan will be submitted to the various reviewing agencies.
2. Tennis Addiction - 202 Philips Rd.: Building Expansion
Plan shows 8 additional outdoor tennis courts and outdoor pool area with added parking..
This plan will be submitted to the various reviewing agencies.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. 04/14/05 - Historical Commission and Facilities Meeting, 7 p.m., Cadwalader House. Historical Commission regular meeting will follow the joint meeting.
2. 04/25/05 - Board of Supervisors - Regular Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

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Mr. Bozarth reported that the house at the corner of Peck & Norwood Rds. has 2 vehicles for sale that are parked on the property. The Township allows one vehicle for 30 days. Chief Davis said that the Police have tried to contact the homeowner to no avail.

A certified letter will be sent requesting the removal of one and clarification of the rules governing vehicle sales.

Mr. Toner mentioned the miniature motorcycles again. He wanted to emphasize that they are indeed illegal on Township roads.

There being no other business, Mr. Gaines made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m. Mr. Bozarth seconded, and the motion was carried.

April 25, 2005

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

Present: Supervisors: Joseph E. Toner, Frederick W. Gaines and Milton H. Bozarth; Township Manager Doug Hanley; Building/Zoning Officer Tom Cooke; Township Secretary Lynda Phiel; Township Treasurer Susan Bernhard; Township Solicitor Tom Oeste and Chief Davis.

Minutes: The minutes of April 11, 2005 were approved by a motion made by Mr. Gaines and seconded by Mr. Bozarth. Mr. Toner asked for public comment. There being none, the motion was carried.

BUSINESS:

The ambulance company had a 30 year anniversary for housing of new equipment and renovation to the existing building on Welsh Pool Rd. The Township was presented with an award for the recognition of cooperative spirit and valuable assistance. The event took place last Saturday, April 23rd and was well attended.

Resolution:

1. No. 2005-15: County Mutual Aid Agreement

Mr. Hanley explained that we have been working with other municipalities throughout the county in the instance that there is a large emergency, agencies will be able to respond. It has been reviewed and recommended for approval by the police and fire departments as well as the emergency services director John MacNamara.

Mr. Bozarth made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2005-15 and Mr. Gaines seconded. Mr. Toner asked for public comment.

Chief Davis stated that he knew of some controversy but believed that we should sign off on the Agreement.

The motion was carried.

Weso's Request for Outside Dining: Marchwood Shopping Center

Daniel Wesolowski requested permission to serve lunch and dinner outside on the front patio from 11:30 a.m to 10:00 p.m. Mr. Toner questioned how many tables there would be. He stated that there will be eight tables and they will be left outside over night. Mr. Toner then asked about music. There will be no music playing outside due to the neighbors. Tom Cooke mentioned that there are different safety issues at other restaurants that have outside seating due to their individual locations. Chief Davis and Mr. Gaines are concerned about noise and safety issues as well.

Mr. Bozarth believes that we can try it and if any issues arrive then they can be dealt with later.

Mr. Toner made a motion to approve outside dining under the conditions that are mentioned above. Mr. Gaines seconded and the motion was carried.

Presentation: Brian O'Connell

Chief Davis described, that on December 29, 2004, several youth were walking through the Woodlark Farms development when their basketball had gone rolling onto a frozen pond. A thirteen year old girl went after the ball and fell through the ice. When it was obvious that she couldn't get out, Brian disregarded his own safety and went after her. When the police got there, the ambulance was there and Brian was gone. They had received a letter of how brave the boy had been.

Mr. Toner read the Uwchlan Township Certificate of Recognition honoring Brian for his unselfish act of heroism. Chief Kagel from the Uwchlan Township Ambulance Corps. also presented a certificate of merit to Brian. On May 11, 2005 at 7:30 p.m. he will also be presented with an award at the Chester County Government Services Center in front of the Council.

State and County 12 Year Highway Program:

Mr. Hanley mentioned that we already have under way the Rt. 113 project as well as the designs to widen Rt. 100. from the Inn at Chester Springs to Shoen Rd. We need to reiterate that along with the items on the Vanguard project, the bridge over Rt. 100 at Sheree Blvd. We need to consider adding to that the reconstruction of an area of 113 where there is not five lanes, from the Hampton Inn to a point near Eagleview Blvd. It is estimated to be a one million dollar project. Also, the reconstruction of Whitford Rd. so that it will not need to be paved every five years. The estimated cost for that will be about two million dollars and finally, additional capacity on Rt.113 from Peck Rd. to East Caln Township is part of our Comprehensive Plan, and is estimated at one million dollars. We will need a motion to send a letter to the Chester County Planning Commission as well as to PennDot for the original work plus the added improvement ideas.

Mr. Bozarth questioned if what was described matched up to the April 22, 2005 letter from Orth Rodgers. Mr.

Hanley said that it did.

Mr. Bozarth made a motion to approve sending a letter listing these projects to the County and to PennDot. Mr. Gaines seconded.

Mr. Toner questioned if the improvements of Whitford Rd. went into West Whiteland as well. Mr. Hanley said that it was in Uwchlan only. Mr. Toner stated that the portion of Whitford Rd. in West Whiteland was very dangerous when wet.

Mr. Toner asked for further discussion. There being none, the motion was carried.

Permission to move Forward with Township Administration Building Plans:

Mr. Cooke presented the plans for the alterations and additions which show new construction beginning where the existing apartment met the Township Building. The old apartment and current kitchen will be demolished. The new portions of the building will be made into a service area with handicap accessible men's and women's bathrooms along with extra storage and a new 130 seat meeting room. The entrance to the new meeting room will be in the back and will be handicap accessible. The meeting room will contain an area to hold new audio/visual equipment for use in the future. A proposal to turn the current meeting room into two offices for the finance department, a redesign of current administration area, addition of main handicap accessible entrance with a public bathroom and addition of second floor office area will complete the project.

Mr. Gaines mentioned that they will continue to look to move the service area to a location adjacent to the new meeting room as well as looking into improving heating and air conditioning for the building.

Mr. Cooke showed on the plans that there will be office space above the new addition with stairs from the outside as another means of egress out of the building.

Mr. Bozarth made the comment that it is a challenge trying to make a historic building into a working building.

The Historic Commission has viewed the plans and elevations and has voted their approval.

Mr. Hanley mentioned that he would like the bidding for the construction to begin in June or July of this year.

As Chairman of the Facilities Committee, Mr. Gaines made a motion to move forward with plans. Mr. Bozarth seconded. Mr. Toner asked for further discussion. There being none, the motion was carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. 05/02 - Park and Recreation Board Meeting - 7:30 p.m.
2. 05/04 - Planning Commission Meeting - 7:30 p.m.
3. 05/09 - Board of Supervisors Regular Meeting - 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Bozarth spoke on Act 72 on behalf of the Supervisors. They had a meeting with the School Board, other Municipalities and members of the general public to discuss Act 72. The last day to either opt-in or opt-out is May 20, 2005. The proceeds from Act 71 go into Act 72 for Real Estate tax relief. There is another school board meeting at Lionville Middle School on Wed. April 27, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. that is open to the public. The Board urged the citizens to attend and support opting-in as the decision to be made by the School Board.

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Mr. Toner welcomed Anne Pickering from the Daily Local News, who will now cover the Uwchlan Township meetings.

Mr. Toner welcomed the boy scouts who were there for their Citizenship and Community Merit badges.

Charlie Kalemjian, who was in the audience, questioned if there were any cost estimates on new construction for the Township building. Mr. Hanley informed him that we have not proceeded that far into the project to have a number at this time.

Doug Beecher who was also in the audience, lives in Rhonnda, and had an issue with the fact that he could not have a keyed deadbolt on his back door. He is worried that someone will break into his home. This issue has been in the BOCA National Code since 1981. Mr. Beecher was asked to speak with the Supervisors and Mr. Cooke after the meeting to try to clarify the situation.

Mr. Toner announced that the Board Members will meet in an Executive Session following this meeting to decide on a new Township Solicitor.

There being no other business, Mr. Toner made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. and Mr. Bozarth seconded. The motion was carried.