

UWCHLAN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
February 14, 2022

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, this meeting was held hybrid. Questions and comments from the public will be taken during the public comment portion of the meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairperson Mayme Baumann.

Mrs. Baumann noted that before the meeting an executive session was held January 12, 2022 to discuss matters concerning the Safety 7 case. On January 24, 26, 27, February 3, and 9, 2022 to discuss personnel matters within the Police Department, administration and advisory board appointments.

Mrs. Baumann also noted that the public chat has been disabled and all public comment will be taken during the public comment portion of the meeting using the raised hand function on zoom.

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

Mrs. Obenski made a motion to approve the minutes of both the January 10, 2022 meeting and Mr. Miller seconded. Mrs. Baumann asked for public comment, there being none, the motion was carried unanimously.

Reports:

Police: Chief Alexander reported that for the month of January 999 entries were documented into the call reporting system. The department issued 83 traffic citations, had 38 traffic accidents, and made 12 arrests. There was 1 motor carrier traffic detail at the weight station, resulting 153 commercial vehicles being weigh none of which were found to be overweight. 4 additional inspections were performed during normal work days resulting in numerous violations including one truck being placed out of service.

Treasurer: Ms. Bernhard reported that in the month of December Township has collected just over 113% of its budgeted revenues for the year and spent just under 104% of its budgeted expenses. Ms. Bernhard recommended that transfers be made out of the surplus in the amount of \$800,000 to the capital improvement fund and \$150,000 to the insurance trust fund.

Mr. Miller made a motion to add the request for transfer of the budget surplus to the meeting agenda and Mrs. Obenski seconded. Mrs. Baumann asked for public comment, there being none, the motion was carried unanimously.

Mrs. Obenski made a motion to approve the request for transfer of the budget surplus to the capitol improvement fund and the insurance trust fund and Mr. Miller seconded. Mrs. Baumann asked for public comment, there being none, the motion was carried unanimously.

Ms. Bernhard reported that in the month of January Township has collected just under 5% of its budgeted revenues and spent just over 7% of its budgeted expenses.

Public Works: Mr. Greenly reported that for the month of January the daily average flow was 1.39 million gallons per day. There were no new connection to the Dara treatment plant and one new connection to the Eagleview treatment plant for the Eagleville apartments.

The Public Works Department responded to 101 PA One Calls. The department was out to salt roadways on January 3,7,9,10,16,17, 18, 20, 28 and 29. They were also out to plow roadways on January 7,16,17 and 29 with an additional crew brought in to deal with drifting snow and ice on January 30. Inlets were cleared before weather events. There was cleanup at the pipe repair location at Dover Ct. and Williamsburg Blvd. In addition, vehicle maintenance and plow repair were performed as needed.

Fire Marshal: Ms. Giordano, on behalf of Mr. Homes, reported that during the month of January the Building Department issued 65 permits for construction projects, had 71 inspections and issued 36 use and occupancy certificates. There were 5 fire responses for the month and conducted 1 fire investigation.

Lionville Fire Company: Ms. Giordano, on behalf of Mr. Homes, reported that the Fire Company responded to 45 alarms during the month of January. Of those, 22 were in Uwchlan Township, 6 in Upper Uwchlan, 5 in West Pikeland, and 11 in other Townships.

Uwchlan Ambulance Corps: No report was given.

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

BUSINESS:

1. Advisory Board Appointments
 - a. Planning Commission
Lindsay Lebresco
David Lemons

Mrs. Obenski made a motion to appoint Lindsay Lebresco and David Lemons to the Planning Commission and Mr. Miller seconded. Mrs. Baumann asked for public comment. There being none, the motion was carried unanimously.

- b. Environmental Advisory Council
Susan Harris
Jim Warihay

Mrs. Obenski made a motion to appoint Susan Harris and Jim Warihay to the Environmental Advisory Council and Mr. Miller seconded. Mrs. Baumann asked for public comment. There being none, the motion was carried unanimously.

- c. Community Day Committee
Megan Kelly
JoAnna Benton
Kate Carpenter

Mrs. Obenski made a motion to appoint Megan Kelly, JoAnna Benton and Kate Carpenter to the Community Day Committee and Mr. Miller seconded. Mrs. Baumann asked for public comment. There being none, the motion was carried unanimously.

- d. Zoning Hearing Board
Chris Wethman

Mrs. Obenski made a motion to appoint Chris Wethman to the Zoning Hearing Board and Mr. Miller seconded. Mrs. Baumann asked for public comment. There being none, the motion was carried unanimously.

Mrs. Baumann took a moment to thank all of the residence who showed interest in the open positions. She also stated that there are still open positions to be appointed and a complete list can be found on the Township website.

2. Appointment Request for Police Officer

Chief Alexander explained that they have a candidate that they would like to appoint to one of the open positions. Mr. Vasek had completed the necessary steps under the previous hiring process. Chief Alexander requested that the board appoint Christopher Vasek as a probationary full-time officer with a hire date of February 28, 2022.

Mrs. Obenski made a motion to approve the appointment request for Police Officer Christopher Vasek and Mr. Miller seconded. Mrs. Baumann asked for public comment. There being none, the motion was carried unanimously.

3. Resolutions

- a. Resolution #2022-05 – 2022 Tax Duplicate

Mr. Greenly explained that this is a yearly resolution that establishes the amount of \$183,663.60 as the approximant collection amount for 2022 and to transmit the tax duplicate for 2022 be transferred to the elected tax collector of Uwchlan Township.

Mr. Miller made a motion to adopt Resolution 2022-05 establishing the tax duplicate for 2022 Mrs. Obenski seconded. Mrs. Baumann asked for public comment. There being none, the motion was carried unanimously.

- b. Resolution #2022-06- Yearly Appointment of Fire Police

Chief Alexander explained that this resolution is to appointment members of the Lionville Fire Company who provide fire police services for the Township. For the year of 2022 the appointments for fire police for 2022 are Jack Sledgeski, Andrew Ballam, Richard Ruth, Halim (Almi) Dumis, Bruce Vessey, Gregory Shindel, James McFadden, Julio Lavin, Linda Gramling and Barb Yagle.

Mrs. Obenski made a motion to adopt Resolution #2022-06 appointing fire police for the year of 2022 and Mr. Miller seconded. Mrs. Baumann asked for public comment. There being none, the motion was carried unanimously.

c. Resolution #2022-07- Police Policy Manual Update

Chief Alexander explained that this resolution is to formally adopt the recent updates to the Police Policy Manual that pertain to the establishment and recruitment process.

Mrs. Obenski made a motion to adopt Resolution 2022-07 the police policy update and Mr. Miller seconded. Mrs. Baumann asked for public comment. There being none, the motion was carried unanimously.

4. Deputy Tax Collector Agreement

Mr. Greenly explained that this recognizes a formal agreement between the elected Tax Collector Paulette LoMarro to allow Susan Bernhard to act as the Deputy Tax Collector for the Township for the duration of the 2022-2025 term.

Mrs. Obenski made a motion to adopt the Deputy Tax Collector Agreement and Mr. Miller seconded. Mrs. Baumann asked for public comment. There being none, the motion was carried unanimously.

5. Permission to Advertise 2022 Road Projects BID

Mr. Greenly explained that the Township is asking for permission to advertise the proposed 2022 road projects. This includes Maple St, Beech St, Birch St, Geddy La. Dover Ct Pl, Livingston Dr, Burdette Dr, Williamsburg Blvd from Burdette, Lightfoot Dr, Amber Dr and Horshoe Cir.

Mrs. Obenski made a motion to grant permission to advertise the 2022 road project BIDs and Mr. Miller seconded. Mrs. Baumann asked for public comment. There being none, the motion was carried unanimously.

6. Gray Farm – Request for Extension through 4/12/2022

Ms. Giordano explained that at the February 2, 2022 Planning Commission meeting there was extensive discussion about the Gray Farm project. In addition to comments from the Commission, there were public comments that were not addressed at the time of the meeting. A letter was received from Alyson Zarro, Attorney for Worthington Partners, requesting an extension through April 12, 2022. They plan to appear at a future meeting to address both Commission and public comment.

Mrs. Obenski made a motion to grant an extension through April 12, 2022 and Mr. Miller seconded. Mrs. Baumann asked for public comment. There being none, the motion was carried unanimously.

7. Letter to District Attorney Ryan regarding Pipeline Construction Issues at Herman O West

Mr. Freed explained that the Township is asking for permission to send a letter to Deb Ryan, District Attorney requesting that she invoke her Authority under the Clean Streams Law. This is in regards to continued follow through on issues surrounding the pipeline and the ability to reopen the agreement if necessary. Mr. Freed explained that following the agreement there were a number of incidences specifically on the Herman O West site and the Board would like there to be continued follow through on the matter.

Mrs. Baumann noted that the letter will be posted on the Township website for review by the public.

Mrs. Obenski made a motion to approve the Board sending a letter regarding pipeline construction issues

at Herman O West and Mr. Miller seconded. Mrs. Baumann asked for public comment. There being none, the motion was carried unanimously

8. Ratifying Opioid Crisis Settlement Agreement Documents

Mr. Freed explained that a settlement was agreed to by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as well as Chester County and a number of pharmaceutical companies that distribute the opioid drugs. As a conditions to the settlement from the pharmaceutical companies was that the municipalities sign off on the settlement, even though they were not parties to the litigation. 14 of the 15 municipalities did sign off on the agreement.

This will ratify the townships approval of the opioid crisis settlement agreement and participation documents.

Mr. Miller made a motion to ratify the townships approval of the opioid crisis settlement agreement and participation documents and Mrs. Obenski seconded. Mrs. Baumann asked for public comment. There being none, the motion was carried unanimously

Mrs. Baumann noted that due to personal conflict she is abstaining from the vote on this matter.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: *All meetings will be at the Township building unless otherwise noted*

1. 02/15 – Community Day Committee - 7:00 pm
2. 02/16 – Zoning Hearing Board – 7:00 pm – Shops at Lionville Station – Parking Variance
3. 02/17 – Environmental Advisory Council – Workshop Meeting – 7:00 pm.
4. 02/21 – Presidents’ Day Holiday – Township Offices Closed
5. 03/02 – Planning Commission – 7:30 pm
6. 03/07 – Park & Recreation Committee – 7:30 pm
7. 03/10 - Historical Commission – 7:30 pm Cadwalader
8. 03/14 – Board of Supervisors – 7:30 pm

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

There being no other business Ms. Obenski made a motion to adjourn at 7:56 p.m., Mr. Miller seconded and the motion was carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Gillen