

UWCHLAN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
May 9, 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.

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; Fire Marshal Mike Holmes and Township Solicitor Mark Freed.

Mr. Miller made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2022, meeting and Ms. Obenski. 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 April 1,069 entries were documented into the call reporting system. The department issued 115 traffic citations, 25 traffic accidents, and made 10 arrests. Two commercial vehicle inspections were performed during normal workdays resulting in 7 violations.

Year to date the officers have answered 4,086 calls for service and arrested 45 individuals. The department issued 357 traffic citations, 80 written warning, investigated 123 traffic accidents.

Treasurer: Ms. Bernhard reported that in the month of April Township has collected just over 33% of its budgeted revenues for the year and spent just over 31% of its budgeted expenses.

Public Works: Mr. Greenly reported that for the month of April the daily average flow was 1.78 million gallons per day. There was no new connection to the Dara or Eagleview treatment plants.

The Public Works Department responded to 140 PA One Calls. The department performed preventative maintenance in accordance with the sanitary sewer maintenance plan. Installed safety fences along the washed-out trail on Dowlin Forge Rd. The road is closed temporarily for repairs. The department cleaned out catch basins with general pipe cleaning on Hickory, Birch, Lionville Station, Fairweather, Berkley, Woodland, Livingston and Burdette.

Fire Marshal: Mr. Holmes reported that during the month of April the Building Department issued 112 permits for construction projects, had 127 inspections and issued 73 use and occupancy certificates. There were 14 fire responses for the month, 2 open burning complaints and conducted 1 fire investigation.

Lionville Fire Company: Mr. Holmes, reported that the Fire Company responded to 41 alarms during the month of April. Of those, 25 were in Uwchlan Township, 3 in Upper Uwchlan, 2 in West Pikeland, and 11 in other Townships.

Uwchlan Ambulance Corps: No report was given.

Ms. Obenski took a moment to mention the concerns raised at the intersection of Rt. 113 and Devon Dr. The Township is aware and is working with the School District to address the traffic safety concerns.

Chief Alexander took a moment to address the accident on May 9 around 2:30pm involving a school bus at the intersection of Rt. 113 and Devon Dr. There were no injuries and the accident is still under investigation.

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

BUSINESS:

1. Permission to advertise N. Milford Road Culvert Replacement –

Mr. Greenly explained that bridge/ culvert on N. Milford Rd. damaged by Hurricane Ida has had a temporary fix since the damage. Township is asking for permission to advertise to begin pricing for a 24 linear ft. with a 12 ft. span and 8ft. rise permanent structure.

Mr. Miller made a motion to grant permission to advertise the N. Milford Rd. Culvert Replacement and Mrs. Obenski seconded. Mrs. Baumann asked for public comment.

Peg McClory asked the Board to address the traffic flow on the bridge and consider reopening Milford Road permanently to allow for traffic to bypass the Welsh Ayres neighborhood.

There being no further comment, the motion was carried unanimously.

2. Appointment to Planning Commission –

The Board appointed Lindsay Lebresco as a voting member of the Planning Commission to replace Tim Butcher who resigned after the April meeting.

Mrs. Baumann made a motion to Motion to appoint Lindsay Lebresco as a voting member of the Planning Commission 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 Tim Bucher for his time and years of service to the community on the Planning Commission.

3. Hankin Group – Lot 24 – Request for Extension of Time to Complete Construction –

Ms. Giordano mentioned that a letter was submitted from Hankin requesting a 5-year extension until December 31, 2027 in order to complete construction of the remaining phases of the planned life care facility at the corner of Rice and Stockton. Hankin received conditional use approval in 2016 which allowed for a 24 month extension with the option to request additional time if necessary. Construction was slowed due to covid.

Mrs. Obenski made a motion to grant the 5-year extension and Mr. Miller seconded. Mrs. Baumann asked for public comment. There being none, the motion was carried unanimously.

4. Permission to advertise Ordinance:

Ms. Giordano explained that at the May 4th Planning Commission meeting the following ordinances were discussed. The Planning commission recommended Ordinances 2022-02, 2022-03 and 2022-04. Ordinance 2022-05 is being reviewed based on comments received at the May meeting. This ordinance will go back to the Planning Commission during the June meeting for further discussion and recommendation. All Ordinances are available on the website. The Township is asking for permission to advertise for a hearing at the June 13th Board of Supervisors meeting.

No. 2022-02 – Amendment to Town Center – Section 508.11

No. 2022-03 – Amendment to Lighting Ordinance - Section 615

**No. 2022-04 – Amendment to Landscaping Ordinance- Chapter 260,
Section 602.8.f with Appendices**

No. 2022-05 – Chicken Ordinance – Chapter 87

Mr. Miller made a motion to grant permission to advertise ordinance No. 2022-02 – Amendment to Town Center – Section 508.11; No. 2022-03 – Amendment to Lighting Ordinance - Section 615; No. 2022-04 – Amendment to Landscaping Ordinance- Chapter 260, Section 602.8.f with Appendices; No. 2022-05 – Chicken Ordinance – Chapter 87. Ms. Obenski seconded. Mrs. Baumann asked for public comment. There being none, the motion was carried unanimously.

Board Comment: Ms. Obenski took a moment to thank the Township staff and commissions that have worked on the details of these ordinances.

Public Comment:

Kathy Sotak thanked the Board for their work on the chicken ordinance. She encouraged the Township to look at the lot size requirements as well as the setback requirements.

Gina Murry asked to consider including smaller lot sizes and asked about the data used to draft this ordinance.

Holly Christian asked how this would be advertised.

It was explained that all ordinances are available for review on the Township website as well as advertised in the Daily Local News. It was also clarified that after advertising the ordinances further discussion can take place.

Joe Muckley encouraged the Board to consider including smaller lot sizes in the chicken ordinance.

There being no further comment, the motion was carried unanimously.

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

1. 05/11 – Yoga in the Park – Baird Park – 9:30 am
2. 05/12 – Historical Commission – 7:30 pm – Cadwalader House
3. 05/17 – Community Day Committee – 7:00 pm
4. 05/17 – Primary Day – Township Offices Close at noon
5. 05/18 – Yoga in the Park – Baird Park – 9:30 am
6. 05/19 – Environmental Advisory Council Meeting – 7:00 pm
7. 05/25 – Yoga in the Park – Baird Park – 9:30 am
8. 05/30 – Memorial Day – Township Offices Closed
9. 06/01 – Yoga in the Park – Baird Park – 9:30 am
10. 06/01 – Planning Commission – 7:30 pm
11. 06/04 – EAC Spring into Summer – Township Building – 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
12. 06/08 - Yoga in the Park – Baird Park – 9:30 am
13. 06/13 – Board of Supervisors – 7:30 pm

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

Mark Young expressed support for the chicken ordinance. He also inquired about the playground equipment at Shamona Peck playground, and issues pertaining to drainage in his yard.

Jenna Perseck spoke on behalf of the Chester County Library highlighting some of the programs the library has and encouraging residents to visit and participate.

Rob Fullerton brought concerns about a neighbor draining their pool into his yard.

There being no other business Mrs. Baumann made a motion to adjourn at 8:15 p.m., Mrs. Obenski seconded, and the motion was carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Gillen