

**UWCHLAN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
August 9, 2021**

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, this meeting was held hybrid. 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 August 9, 2021 to discuss personnel issues within the Township.

Present: Supervisors: Bill Miller, Mayme Baumann and Doug Hanley; Township Manager Scott Greenly; Assistant Township Manager/Secretary Katie Churchill; Building & Zoning Official Tara Giordano; Township Treasurer Sue Bernhard; Fire Marshal Lee Ruth; 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 July 12, 2021 Mrs. Baumann and Mr. Hanley 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 July 1,110 entries were documented into the call reporting system. The department issued 157 traffic citations, had 24 traffic accidents, and made 19 arrests. There were 3 motor carrier traffic details resulting in 1,024 trucks weighed. Officers conducted 9 inspections during normal work details resulting in numerous violations including 2 drivers and 3 vehicles being placed out of service. During the month of July, no Narcan was administered.

Year to date officers have answered 7,240 calls for service and arrested 106 individuals. The department issued 1,050 traffic citations, 1041 written warnings, investigated 1076 traffic accidents.

Treasurer: Ms. Bernhard reported that to date the Township has collected just over 62% of its budgeted revenues and spent just over 56% of its budgeted expenses.

Public Works: Mr. Greenly reported that for the month of July the daily average flow was 1.4 million gallons per day. There was no new connection to the Dara treatment plant or the Eagleview treatment plant. The Township has received 3.76 inches of rain during the month of July.

The Public Works Department responded to 157 PA One Calls. The department was out repairing sinkholes on Morris Rd, Tremont Dr, Timber Springs Ln and Fairfax Dr. Curbs were repaired in Reber Cir and Shamona Cir. Stormwater pipes and inlets were repaired on Peck Rd and Steeplewood Dr. Catch basins were cleared on Livingston Dr, Burdette Dr, Williamsburg Blvd, Dover Ct, Geddy Dr, Fairweather Dr and Woodland Dr. The department also preformed state inspections and maintenance on all Township vehicles.

Fire Marshal: Mr. Holmes reported that during the month of July the Building Department issued 123 permits for construction projects, had 108 inspections and issued 39 use and occupancy certificates. There were 17 fire responses for the month and conducted 1 fire inspection.

Lionville Fire Company: Mike Lam reported that the Fire Company responded to 59 alarms during the month of February. Of those, 25 were in Uwchlan Township, 13 in Upper Uwchlan, 7 in West Pikeland, and 14 in other Townships.

Uwchlan Ambulance Corps: No report was given.

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

BUSINESS:

1. Meeting Room AV Upgrade Proposal –

Mr. Greenly asked the Board to approve the proposed plan from Vistacom to update the AV equipment in the meeting room. This will not only update the meeting room it will also greatly improve the hybrid meeting experience. The quote is for \$22,233 with the option for an extended warranty that is still being reviewed by Township Staff and the request for approval is for only the Proposed updates at this time.

Mrs. Baumann made a motion to approve the proposed plan from Vistacom to update the AV equipment in the meeting room. Mr. Hanley seconded. Mr. Miller asked for public comment. There being none, the motion was carried unanimously.

2. Event Request –

- Norwood Road between Peck Rd & Beech St. - Block Party August 14th, 3pm – 6pm
The residents on Norwood Rd are asking for permission to close the road between Peck and Beech St for a neighborhood block party.
- Lionville Fire Company Housing Ceremony/Parade- October 2nd
The Lionville Fire Company will be hosting the 110th Anniversary and Housing Ceremony and Parade on October 2nd. They are requesting the closure of Whitford Rd. at Crump Rd., South Village Ave. at W Welsh Pool Rd. and RG Holmes Blvd. at the Red Robin Entrance. The closure will take place between 10:00am and 2:00pm with Fire Police present.
- Uwchlan Ambulance Company- September 11th
The Uwchlan Ambulance Company would like to hold their inaugural Thank a Hero; Be a Hero event to commemorate the 20th anniversary of 9/11. This event will be held on September 11th at 3:00pm.

Mrs. Baumann made a motion to approve the event requests for the Norwood Rd. Block Party, Lionville Fire Company Ceremony/Parade and Uwchlan Ambulance September 11th Event. Mr. Hanley seconded. Mr. Miller asked for public comment. There being none, the motion was carried unanimously.

3. Permission to Advertise –

- Winter 2021-2022 Snow Bid:
Mr. Greenly explained the township would like permission advertise for snow removal of the 2021/22 winter season.
- Temporary Sign Ordinance:

Mr. Freed explained that due to a PA Supreme Court ruling the Township is updating the Township sign ordinances starting with the Temporary Sign Ordinance. The new regulations require all temporary signs be content neutral. The Township is asking for permission to advertise the hearing for the September 13th meeting.

- Fats, Oil and Grease Ordinance:

The Township is asking for permission to advertise the updated ordinance for consideration at the September 13th hearing.

- 2022 Trash Collection Bid:

Mr. Greenly explained that the current trash contract with Eagle Disposal expires at the end of 2021 therefor the Township is asking for permission to advertise for the 2022 trash collection bid proposal for the October 11th meeting.

Mr. Hanley made a motion to grant permission to advertise the 2021/22 snow removal bid, temporary sign ordinance, fats, oils and grease ordinance and the 2022 trash collection bid. Mrs. Baumann seconded. Mr. Miller asked for public comment. There being none, the motion was carried unanimously.

4. Extension Requests –

- Audubon Development Corporation:

Ms. Giordano explained that the Township received a letter from Bernadette Kearney, the Applicant's Attorney, requesting an extension until October 12th. This will allow the applicant time to receive a decision from the Zoning Hearing Board and appear in front of the Planning Commission.

Mr. Hanley made a Motion to grant Audubon Development Corporation's request for an extension until October 13, 2021. Mrs. Baumann seconded. Mr. Miller asked for public comment. There being none, the motion was carried unanimously.

- Gray Farm:

Ms. Giordano explained that the Township received a request from Alyson Zarro, Applicant's Attorney, requesting an extension until November 9th. This will allow the Township and Township Consultants to review the environmental report that was recently received.

Mrs. Baumann made a Motion grant Gray Farm's request for an extension until November 9, 2021. Mr. Hanley seconded. Mr. Miller asked for public comment. There being none, the motion was carried unanimously.

5. Planning Commission Appointment –

Ms. Giordano explained that the Planning Commission has interviewed two applicants, Nick Kurtz, currently a member of the EAC, and Steve Hessler. The Planning Commission is requesting that the Board appoint both applicants as Ex Officio members of the Planning Commission.

Mrs. Baumann made a motion to appoint Nick Kurtz and Steve Hessler to the Planning Commission. Mr. Hanley 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:

With the exception of the area of Devon Drive going toward West Whiteland and Shoen Road drilling work and pipe installation is complete. Restoration work is either under way or complete at those sites with the exception of landscape tree replacements. The tree replacement is delayed due to both weather and the shortage of available trees.

Devon Drive to Shoen Road is scheduled to begin casing work on Friday, July 9th and is anticipated to continue for 6-8 working days. Work is anticipated to continue for 120 working days. Completion time is scheduled to be in mid-November pending unforeseen conditions.

Sunoco has informed the Township that additional security cameras have been installed due to recent vandalism on the site.

Mr. Miller addressed a potential hazmat incidence that occurred on August 3, this did not turn out to be the case. Sunoco was conducting pressurization and dewatering protocol creating several loud noises. Sunoco typically provides notification of these events in advance. The township was told the week prior that this activity was going to be preformed on Saturday or Monday. This information was then passed on to the residence via social media and the Township website. The Township received notification that the activity was pushed to Tuesday late the evening of Monday August 2nd which did not allow ample time to update the notification and inform residents. The Township has addressed its concerns regarding the timeframe and manor of notification

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

All Township meetings will now be held in person.

1. 08/11 – Historical Commission Meeting - 7:30 pm – Cadwalader House
2. 08/11 – Zoning Hearing Board – 7:00 pm – Audubon Dev. & 377 Brookwood Dr
3. 08/19 – Environmental Advisory Council Workshop Meeting – 6:30 pm
4. 08/21 – Uwchlan Township Community Day- 5 pm
5. 09/01 – Planning Commission Meeting – 7:30 pm
6. 09/06 – Labor Day – Township Offices Closed
7. 09/09 – Park & Recreation Committee Meeting – 7:30 pm
8. 09/09 - Historical Commission Meeting - 7:30 pm – Cadwalader House
9. 09/13 – Board of Supervisors Meeting – 7:30 pm

Mr. Miller noted that the Board will be holding an executive session on August 9, 2021 after the meeting to discuss potential litigation.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

Discussion regarding the Sunoco incident on Tuesday, August 3 –

- Mrs. Baumann received an email asking if the Township Noise Ordinance could be enforced regarding this matter. Mr. Freed explained that this incidence was within the constraints of the noise ordinance and therefor the Township cannot issue a violation.

- Henry Casey asked if the Township is considering any measures to slow down construction in the Township.

The Board addressed the concerns referring to the Comprehensive Plan that directly addresses the overall snapshot of the Township and its development. They also emphasized the current percentage of open space in the Township as well as all of the Boards and Commissions in place to advise the Board of Supervisors in these decisions.

- Carrie Gross asked for clarification on whether the Township received notification Monday afternoon and did not have time to notify residents before the noise occurred at 10:43. She went on to ask how much time the township needs to send out an alert, what type of alert would be used in an emergency situation and how much time does that require and why the police and fire did not know about the planned construction and noise.

Mr. Miller addressed the questions stating that the email was sent by Sunoco after Township ours and was not received by the Township and was in fact only sent to one employee. The Township has addressed the issue with Sunoco requesting more notice as well as notifying more than one person. The alert would be sent via social media and emergency alerts will be sent via the Township Notify Me system. Residents are encouraged to sign up and can receive text and/or email alerts. You can sign up under the Notify Me link on the Township website.

- Rebecca Britton asked that her comments typed into the chat be read on the record:

"The recent incident was unnerving as a

. I was away and my elderly parents were visiting my home. They called me to ask me what was happening. I told them it was probably sunocco testing. I hung up only to get a hazard response notification through the county sponsored app. It took 11 mins for our brave, but volunteer, fire dept to come. I know because I watched them drive past my home on my time stamped ring camera video footage.

During that time if this was a real emergency everyone in the area had different responses. Some went outside and stood around others got in their cars.

This event demonstrates ill preparedness.

I hope that in the future we have taken steps to be prepared. To that end I would like to ask the board to tell them community who is helping to prepare the anopr reply and reply to the safety 7 case?

Having a meaningful reply with actionable items is in the best interest of taxpayers, first responders who work and volunteer here, and residents. Preparedness is our live of defense.

I would like my comment read on the record or I can make public comment.

Anopr

Anopr reply

To puc

Anopr is an acronym that our solicitor should be aware of.”

Mr. Holmes addressed the response time and stated that not all of the trucks pass by the residence mentioned therefor the response time stated is not an accurate representation. The fire department was aware of the testing and treated the response accordingly. It was noted that the response would be treated as any 911 call and would be regardless of the fire departments knowledge of the planned event. Mrs. Baumann spoke to the lack of communication from Sunoco about the planed event and therefor the Township could not adequately notify the residents.

- John Kern, constituent advocate for Rep. Chrissy Houlahans office provided an update as well as contact info. Residents can reach out by phone 202-225-4315 or email john.kern@mail.house.gov

Mr. Miller noted that the Board will hold an executive session after the meeting to discuss township litigation.

There being no other business Mr. Hanley made a motion to adjourn at 8:35 p.m. seconded, and the Mrs. Baumann motion was carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Kate Gillen