

**UWCHLAN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**  
**September 12, 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 and Township Solicitor Mark Freed.

*Mr. Miller made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 15, 2022, meeting and Ms. Obenski 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 August 995 entries were documented into the call reporting system. The department issued 122 traffic citations, issued 38 written warnings, investigated 29 traffic accidents, and made 12 arrests.

There were 3 motor carrier traffic details resulting in 1,006 trucks weighed. 4 of which were overweight. 4 additional inspections were performed during normal work detail resulting in numerous violations.

Year to date the officers have answered 8,180 calls for service and arrested 98 individuals. The department issued 810 traffic citations, 224 written warning, investigated 1,450 traffic accidents.

**Treasurer:** Ms. Bernhard reported that in the month of August Township has collected just under 78% of its budgeted revenues for the year and spent just under 63% of its budgeted expenses.

**Public Works:** Mr. Greenly reported that for the month of August the daily average flow was 1.34 million gallons per day. There was one new connection to the Dara treatment plant at 121 S Village Ave and no new connections at the Eagleview treatment plants.

The Public Works Department responded to 168 PA One calls for the month as well as finished up the 2022 paving projects, with minor repairs that still need to be made. The sewer department televised 1,191 feet of sewer pipe and 199 feet of storm pipe. Repaired a leak in the storm-pipe on Ravenwood a Stoughton and repaired catch basins in W. Devon Dr, Ashland, Dover Ct. and Spring Run. They replaced a failed c-top in Chippenham, a failed outfall pipe on William Salesbury and repaired failed blacktop areas on N. Milford and Rice Blvd. In addition, the department performed state inspections of trucks and trailers as well as regular maintenance and service of equipment as necessary.

**Fire Marshal:** Ms. Giordano reported that during the month of August the Building Department issued 94 permits for construction projects, had 117 inspections and issued 34 use and occupancy certificates. There were 23 fire responses for the month, 1 open burning complaint.

**Lionville Fire Company:** Ms. Giordano reported that the Fire Company responded to 58 alarms during the month of August. Of those, 28 were in Uwchlan Township, 8 in Upper Uwchlan, 8 in West Pikeland, and 14 in other Townships. Year to date there have been 412 fire responses.

**Uwchlan Ambulance Corps:** No report was given.

*Ms. Obenski made a motion to accept the reports as given and Mr. Miller seconded. Mrs. Baumann asked for public comment.*

**COMMENTS:**

Ms. Obenski took a moment to welcome Office Lanshe to the Uwchlan Township Police Department. She also asked Chief Alexander for an update on the Citizens Police Academy.

*There being no additional comments, the motion was carried unanimously.*

**BUSINESS:**

1. Update on the Downingtown Library

Lauren Smyth, director of the Chester County Library took a moment to introduce herself and thank the Township for their support of the library. Ms. Smyth encouraged everyone to explore the fall programs at the library.

Ms. Smyth explained that one of their budget goals this raise an estimated \$30,000 to get staff salaries to a minimum of \$12/hour as well as a minor 2-3% increase for other staff to support the growing needs of the library. Ms. Smyth explained that the Township will be receiving a letter detailing the request for support from the township.

2. Devon Drive Traffic Update

Mr. Greenly explained that the Downingtown Area School district submitted a plan that will appear at the October Planning Commission Meeting. This plan includes plans for an additional School Zone on Devon Dr. The plan is being reviewed by Township Engineers and the Township is working closely with PennDOT and the School District to move this forward.

Ms. Obenski explained that the Township had a productive meeting with the DASD to discuss multiple items within the plan including a new School Zone on Devon Dr.

Mr. Swymer asked if there were plan for raised crosswalks. It was explained that all options are in discussion and not decisions have been finalized.

3. Snow Bid Results

Ms. Churchill stated the Snow Bid opening was held on Friday September 9<sup>th</sup> and no bids were submitted. Ms. Churchill said the Township will readvertise and the bid will be back in front of the board at the October meeting.

4. Appointment of Lighting Consultant – Seth Nace – Spotts, Stevens & McCoy

Ms. Giordano explained that the previous lighting consultant Stanley Stubbe has officially retired. The Township has interviewed Seth Nace of Spotts, Stevens & McCoy, recommended by Mr. Stubbe. The Township is asking for permission to appoint Seth Nace as the new Township Lighting consultant.

*Ms. Obenski made a motion to appoint Seth Nace of Spotts, Stevens & McCoy as the Township lighting consultant and Mr. Miller seconded. Mrs. Baumann asked for public comment.*

Henry Casey asked what the purpose of a Township lighting consultant is. Ms. Giordano explained that the lighting consultant review plans and ensure that the Township lighting ordinances are being enforced.

*There being no other comments, the motion was carried unanimously.*

5. Lionville Hotel Associates – Tru Hotel

Julie Hetzel, representative for the Hampton Inn Lionville Hotel Associates, explained that they received Conditional Use approval to build a second hotel where the Hoss' restaurant was. The Conditional Use decision granted an extension to construct the hotel until 2019 though at that time, Spring Hill Suites was approved on a nearby property and Lionville Hotel Associates choose not to build at that time and requested an extension until 2022. Lionville Hotel Associates are now asking for another extension until September 2025 to reevaluate future plans.

*Ms. Obenski made a motion to grant a 3-month extension until the December 12 meeting for the board to review the conditional use decision before an extension is granted and Mr. Miller seconded. Mrs. Baumann asked for public comment. There being none, the motion was carried unanimously.*

6. Rossi Tract – 96 W. Devon Dr. – Request for Extension

Ms. Giordano explained that Vic Kelly of Commonwealth Engineering requested an extension on behalf of the applicant until March 31, 2023 while they are currently exploring other options for the property aside from the plan that was previously submitted.

*Mr. Miller made a motion to approve an extension for the Rossi Tract until March 31, 2023 and Ms. Obenski seconded. Mrs. Baumann asked for public comment. There being none, the motion was carried unanimously.*

7. Permission to Advertise Stormwater Ordinance Update

Ms. Giordano explained that the County is updating the Act 167 Plan pertaining to stormwater management and is requiring all Municipalities to update their Ordinance to be in compliance with the new regulations. The Township is requesting permission to advertise the ordinance.

*Ms. Obenski made a motion to grant permission to advertise the stormwater ordinance update Mr. Miller seconded. Mrs. Baumann asked for public comment. There being none, the motion was carried unanimously.*

8. Downingtown East High School – 50 Devon Dr. Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan Submission

Ms. Giordano explained that the Township received a Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan submission from Downingtown East High School. The plan will be sent out for review and be at the Planning Commission meeting on October 5<sup>th</sup> and will be available on the Township website to review.

Mr. Swymer asked if they plan to add students. It was explained that the improvements are to enhance and evolve with the changing times and learning practices. It is not intended to increase the student population.

9. Resolution 2022-12 – Establishing the Minimum Municipal Obligations for 2023 Pension Plans

Mr. Greenly explained that this is a yearly resolution establishing the minimal municipal obligations to the 2023 pension plan. The 2023 expected contribution to the Uniform Pension Plan is \$500,615 and the non-Uniform is \$235,100.

*Ms. Obenski made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-12, establishing the minimum municipal obligations for 2023 pension plans and Mr. Miller seconded. Mrs. Baumann asked for public comment. There being none, the motion was carried unanimously.*

10. Resolution 2022-13 - Authorizing Signature of Video Sharing License Agreement with PADOT

Mr. Greenly explained that there was a typo on the agenda and this item should read Authorizing Signature of Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement with PADOT –

*Mr. Miller made a motion to amend the agenda to read Authorizing Signature of Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement with PADOT and Ms. Obenski seconded. Mrs. Baumann asked for public comment. There being none, the motion was carried unanimously.*

PennDot is looking to install a travel time monitor to the signals at Rt. 100 and 113. The previous agreement has adjusted slightly and therefor requests a resolution authorizing Township Manager Scott Greenly to sign for the intergovernmental cooperative agreement with PennDot.

*Ms. Obenski made a motion to authorize Scott Greenly as an authorized signer for the Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement with PADOT and Mr. Miller seconded. Mrs. Baumann asked for public comment. There being none, the motion was carried unanimously.*

11. Request for Block Party- Conreys Way

*Mr. Miller made a motion to add the request for block party on Conreys Way to the agenda and Ms. Obenski seconded. Mrs. Baumann asked for public comment. There being none, the motion was carried unanimously.*

Ms. Churchill explained that the Township received an email requesting permission to hold a block party on Conreys Way on October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 from 1-8:00pm. It was noted that they have held block parties on this street for many years. Chief Alexander also noted that the road still needs to be passable for any emergency vehicles if necessary.

*Ms. Obenski made a motion to approve the request for a block party on Conreys Way and Mr. Miller seconded. Mrs. Baumann asked for public comment. There being none, the motion was carried unanimously.*

12. Ordinance Hearing - Single Use Single-Use Plastics Ordinance #2022-06

*This hearing was recorded by the court reporter and approved by the Board unanimously.*

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

1. 09/14 – Yoga in the Park @ Baird Park – 9:30 am
2. 09/15 – Historical Commission – 7:30 pm – Cadwalader House
3. 09/15 – Environmental Advisory Council – 7:00 pm
4. 09/19 – Park & Recreation Committee – 7:30 pm
5. 09/21 – Zoning Hearing Board – 7:00 pm - 890 S. York Dr. – rear yard variance
6. 10/05 - Planning Commission – 7:30 pm
7. 10/10 - Board of Supervisors – 7:30 pm

**PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:**

Michael Taylor spoke about the intersections of Rt. 113 and Peck Rd. He is concerned about the number of accidents and the danger it poses to the community. He is asking the Board to look into and work with other agencies involved to improve the safety of the intersection.

Mr. Swymer asked for an update on the noise ordinance and his previously notes concerns. It was addressed that there have been conversations between the Township and the School District around the noise ordinance. The Township is working with the School District about the specifics around the exceptions made for School activities.

*There being no other business Mrs. Obenski made a motion to adjourn at 8:36 p.m., Mr. Miller seconded, and the motion was carried.*

Respectfully submitted,  
Kate Gillen