

Upper Pittsgrove Township

March 12, 2019

A regular meeting of the Upper Pittsgrove Township Committee was held in the Township Hall on the above date. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M. by Mayor Jack Cimprich reading the public announcement stating that adequate notice had been given provided under the "Open Public Meetings Act" with a flag salute and the following present:

Jack Cimprich	Committeeman
Edward Meschi	“
David Zeck	“
Bruce Bishop	“
Michael J. Seery, Sr.	“
Susan DeFrancesco	Treasurer/Temporary CFO
Barry Foote	Public Works Superintendent
& Township Visitors	

Seery moved that the minutes of the February 12, 2019 regular and closed session meeting be approved as received which motion was seconded by Meschi adopted unanimously.

The following monies were received from:

Susan DeFrancesco, Tax Collector – Taxes Collected	\$1,388,170.18
Linda R. Stephens - Zoning Permits	100.00
– CO	50.00
– White Goods	156.00
- Certified Copies	10.00
- Reimbursement	28.70
Pilesgrove Joint Court - Court Costs	3,375.57
Garden State Homes – Pad Fees-Mar	800.00
JIF Elected Official Seminar Credit	250.00
Flett Exchange – sRecs	1,540.00
First National Bank of Elmer - Int. on NOW	233.36
First National Bank of Elmer - Int. on MMA	<u>291.98</u>
TOTAL	\$1,395,005.79

The Treasurer’s report showed the following balance as of February 28, 2019:

Current Fund - Checking Account	\$ 803,831.68
Current Fund - Money Market Account	1,173,596.52
Alt. Landfill Closure Escrow Fund	13,076.05
Capital Improvement Fund	374,808.70
COAH Developer’s Fees Escrow Fund	78,066.38
COAH Twp. Contribution	324,612.14
Farmland Preservation Fund	67,581.83
Municipal Alliance Trust Fund	4,652.32
Veterans Memorial Fund	<u>653.80</u>
Total	\$ 2,840,879.42

Seery moved that the approved bills listed on the “BILL PAYING LIST” as presented to the Committee be paid which motion was seconded by Meschi and adopted upon a call of the roll.

Bishop - Yes      Meschi - Yes      Seery – Yes      Zeck – Yes      Cimprich – Yes

The Mayor opened the Public Hearing for “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN EXPENDITURE OF MONIES FROM THE 2019 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR THE FARMLAND PRESERVATION PROGRAM” known as Ordinance 2019-1 at 7:00PM as advertised.

The Clerk read the Ordinance by title, stating that it had been published in *South Jersey Times* issue of February 15, 2018 as required.

After hearing no comments for or against this Ordinance, the Mayor declared the Public Hearing closed at 7:05PM.

Meschi moved that this ordinance be finally adopted on second reading and that a notice of its adoption be published in the *South Jersey Times* issue of March 17, 2019. This motion was seconded by Bishop and adopted upon a call of the roll.

Bishop - Yes      Meschi - Yes      Seery - Yes      Zeck – Yes      Cimprich – Yes

Meschi introduced “ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)” known as Ordinance 2019-2.

Meschi moved that this ordinance be approved on first reading and that a copy of this ordinance be published in the *South Jersey Times* issue of March 17, 2019 together with a notice of its introduction and a public hearing to be held at the Township Hall on April 9, 2019 at 7:00PM. This motion was seconded by Seery and adopted upon a call of the roll.

Zeck introduced “RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE TAX RATE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UPPER PITTSBORO, COUNTY OF SALEM OPEN SPACE, RECREATION, FARMLAND AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION TRUST FOR THE BUDGET YEAR 2019” known as R-24-2019.

Zeck moved that this Resolution be adopted, which motion was seconded by Bishop and adopted upon a call of the roll.

Bishop - Yes      Meschi - Yes      Seery - Yes      Zeck – Yes      Cimprich – Yes

The 2019 Budget was presented by Susan DeFrancesco as per attached copy. After review, discussion, and comments from the Committee members the following Resolution was introduced by Meschi.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2019 Municipal Budget be published in the *South Jersey Times* issue of March 17, 2019 together with a notice of its introduction and public hearing to be held on April 9, 2019 at 7:00PM, at the Township Hall.

Meschi moved that this Resolution be adopted, which motion was seconded by Zeck and adopted upon a call of the roll.

Bishop - Yes      Meschi – Yes      Seery - No      Zeck - Yes      Cimprich -Yes

The Regional Director, Jessica Bagley, from NeoEndurance gave a brief explanation of a proposed Elephant Swamp Trail Ultra Marathon and was requesting Township approval to hold the event. The Township Committee questioned Ms. Bagley as to safety concerns, and any additional approvals she had received. Meschi made a motion to deny any approvals for the event based on safety concerns. This motion was seconded by Zeck and adopted unanimously.

Meschi introduced “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE COMPENSATION TO BE PAID TO THE ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UPPER PITTSBORO” known as Ordinance #2018-2 as per attached copy.

Meschi moved that this ordinance be approved on first reading and that a copy of this ordinance be published in the *South Jersey Times* issue of March 17, 2019 together with a notice of its introduction and a public hearing to be held at the Township Hall on April 9, 2019 at 7:00PM.

This motion was seconded by Seery and adopted upon a call of the roll.

Bishop - Yes      Meschi - Yes      Seery - Yes      Zeck – Yes      Cimprich – Yes

The Tax Collector, Susan DeFrancesco, presented the Township Committee with her annual report for their review. Ms. DeFrancesco reported that the collection rate for 2018 was 95%. The Committee thanked Ms. DeFrancesco for her due diligence with tax collection.

Seery moved that the Tax Collector’s Report pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-91 as per attached copy be accepted as filed. This motion was seconded by Bishop and adopted unanimously.

Seery introduced “RESOLUTION APPOINTING A TEMPORARY CERTIFIED FINANCIAL OFFICER” R-24-2017

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Seery moved that this Resolution be adopted, which motion was seconded by Bishop and adopted upon a call of the roll.

Bishop - Yes      Meschi - Yes      Seery - Yes      Zeck – Yes      Cimprich – Yes

The Mayor opened the meeting to the public for comment. There being no one from the public present and no further business, the meeting was adjourned to meet at the call of the Mayor.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda R. Stephens, Clerk