

Upper Pittsgrove Township

January 10, 2012

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 Deputy Mayor William Brooks 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:

William Brooks	Committeeman
William Gantz	"
Edward J. Meschi	"
Bruce W. Bishop	"
Susan DeFrancesco	Treasurer
Barry Foote	Public Works Superintendent
& Township Visitors	

Meschi moved that the minutes of the December 29, 2011 special, and January 3, 2012 Reorganization meetings be approved as received which motion was seconded by Gantz and adopted unanimously.

The following monies were received from:

Susan DeFrancesco, Tax Collector – Taxes Collected	\$ 158,672.16
Linda S. Buzby – Registrar Fees	66.00
- Convenience Center Stickers	7.00
- White Goods/Tires	196.00
- Zoning Permits	180.00
Michael T. Raio – 1 Certified Tax List	10.00
State of New Jersey – CMPTRA	298.20
- EFT #5	21,940.50
- Fire Safety	3,163.87
- Hurricane Irene	8,362.28
Pilesgrove Joint Court - Court Costs	1,639.62
Borough of Elmer – Public Works Reimbursement	5,002.50
Municipal Alliance Grant	3,547.00
Garden Homes Management – Dec Site Fees	800.00
Trico Joint Insurance Fund – Safety Incentive Reimbursement	153.26
Merlen Farm/Larry Coles – Yearly Rent	1,875.00
Dusty lane Farms – Ditch Cleaning	1,160.00
Giordano’s Recycling	695.55
Scibal – Insurance for repairs to 1999 Ford	399.96
Interest on CD	349.54
Interest on CD	716.30
Interest on CD	698.82
First National Bank of Elmer - Int. on NOW	246.36
First National Bank of Elmer - Int. on MMA	<u>527.90</u>
TOTAL	\$ 210,707.82

The Treasurer's report showed the following balance as of December 31, 2011:

Current Fund - Checking Account	\$	510,178.42
Current Fund - Money Market Account		48,779.54
Alt. Landfill Closure Escrow Fund		45,170.77
Capital Improvement Fund		323,484.01
COAH Developer's Fees Escrow Fund		308,458.15
Farmland Preservation Fund		309,656.98
Municipal Alliance Trust Fund		3,156.69
Veterans Memorial Fund		<u>446.22</u>
Total		\$1,549,330.78

Gantz 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 Brooks – Yes Gantz - Yes Meschi - Yes Cimprich - Yes

The Clerk read a correspondence from the Salem County Local Government Association informing the Committee that the January meeting will be hosted by Pittsgrove Township. Cimprich and Bishop were planning on attending the meeting on January 26, 2012 at 7PM.

The Clerk read an email received from the Clean Communities Coordinator regarding a large amount of tires located on Block 11 Lot in Upper Pittsgrove Township. The tires have been there decades and the property is owned by a non-profit organization that does not have the funds to have them removed and disposed of properly. The Salem Counties Improvement Authority will consider waiving the tire fees at their next Board meeting upon receipt of a letter from the Township and proof of their tax exempt status. After a brief discussion, the Township Committee authorized the Clerk to send the requested letter to SCIA.

John Heritage and Jack Robinson, representing the Daretown Fire Company, were present to give the Committee their report on 2011 expenses and their budget requests for the year 2012. After some questions and answers the Mayor thanked the Fire Company for their dedication to the Township and stated that careful consideration to the request would be given as we prepare the 2012 budget.

Meschi introduced "RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF FAIR SCHOOL FUNDING" as per attached copy.

Meschi moved that this resolution be adopted, which motion was seconded by Bishop and adopted upon a call of the roll:

Bishop - Yes Brooks – Yes Gantz - Yes Meschi - Yes Cimprich -Yes

The following bids were received for the rehabilitation of two homes in Upper Pittsgrove through the Small Cities 2009 Housing Rehab Grant as per attached copy.

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I, Susan E. DeFrancesco, Treasurer of Upper Pittsgrove Township do hereby certify that adequate funds are available for said contracts for the 2009 Small Cities Program for Home Rehabilitation.

Susan E. DeFrancesco, Treasurer

Brooks introduced the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized and directed to enter into a contract with C & H Disposal Services, Inc. for the purpose of rehabilitating certain homes within the township whose low bid for one home amounted to \$9,750.00.

Brooks moved that this resolution be adopted which motion was seconded by Meschi and adopted upon a call of the roll.

Bishop - Yes Brooks – Yes Gantz - Yes Meschi - Yes Cimprich – Yes

There were residents present to address the Township Committee regarding the upcoming Comcast Cable Franchise renewal. They voiced concerns that all residents did not have this service but that they should be entitled to it, and asked the Committee to reach out to the County and State, as well as Comcast, to make this happen.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned to meet at the call of the Mayor.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda S. Buzby, Clerk