

Upper Pittsgrove Township

March 13, 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 8:00 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:

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 February 14, 2012 regular meeting be approved as received which motion was seconded by Bishop and adopted unanimously.

The following monies were received from:

Susan DeFrancesco, Tax Collector – Taxes Collected	\$1,216,149.43
– NSF – RETURNS	(1,926.75)
Linda S. Buzby – White Goods/Tires	135.00
– Land Use Ordinance	200.00
– Application Fees	1,350.00
– Yearly Interest	722.11
– Zoning Permit	40.00
– Zoning Map	1.00
– Copies	8.50
– Marriage License	28.00
– Convenience Center Stickers	15.00
Michael T. Raio – 3 Cert. 200' List	30.00
Jack Justice – Fire Safety Fees	429.50
State of New Jersey – Homestead Rebate – Taxes	171,191.86
– Homestead Rebate Mailing	265.80
– Hurricane Irene	15,032.80
– Small Cities Rehab	28,050.00
Salem County Improvement Authority – Class Reimb. CRP	345.00
Pilesgrove Joint Court - Court Costs	951.55
Garden Homes Management – Feb Site Fees	800.00
Sprint – Closed Account	79.94
JIF – Ded. Reimb. For Ford F350	1,000.00
– 2011 Optional Safety Budget Reimb.	595.68
Giordano's Recycling	4,702.46
First National Bank of Elmer - Int. on NOW	196.34
First National Bank of Elmer - Int. on MMA	601.22
TOTAL	<u>\$1,440,994.44</u>

The Treasurer's report showed the following balance as of February 29, 2012:

Current Fund - Checking Account	\$ 764,611.89
Current Fund - Money Market Account	560,028.90
Alt. Landfill Closure Escrow Fund	45,207.80
Capital Improvement Fund	323,889.37
COAH Developer's Fees Escrow Fund	308,838.78
Farmland Preservation Fund	421,467.43
Municipal Alliance Trust Fund	3,159.28
Veterans Memorial Fund	<u>446.59</u>
Total	\$2,427,650.04

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

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

Meschi introduced the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Upper Pittsgrove that the public shall be excluded from the following portion of this meeting during which time the Township Committee will discuss a subject or subjects for which the general nature is pending litigation and personnel. It is estimated that the time when, and the circumstances under which, the discussion conducted in closed session can be disclosed to the public is at the conclusion of the issues.

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

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

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Upper Pittsgrove at a meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of March 2012.

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Linda S. Buzby Clerk

Meschi moved that the next portion of the meeting be opened to the public which motion was seconded by Gantz and adopted unanimously.

Bishop made a motion to authorize Township Solicitor, John Hoffman, to file simultaneously the final foreclosure judgment and file deeds to convey Block 40 Lot 1 and Block 5 Lot 46 to those individuals who had purchased the tax liens held through public auction held on December 13, 2011. A covenant would be created to indemnify the Township. This motion was seconded by Meschi and adopted unanimously.

Brooks made a motion to give all employees a two percent (2%) raise with the following exceptions:

Municipal Clerk	4%
Tax Collector	3%
Treasurer	3%
Public Works Foreman	\$1,000 stipend

This motion was seconded by Bishop and adopted unanimously.

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 2012-1 as per attached copy. Meschi moved that this Ordinance be approved on first reading and that a notice of this Ordinance be published in the *Today's Sunbeam* issue of March 30, 2012 together with a notice of its introduction and a public hearing to be held at the Township Hall on April 10, 2012.

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

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

Brooks introduced "RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CALCULATIONS OF THE RESERVE FOR UNCOLLECTED TAXES PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-41(c)(1)" per attached copy.

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

The 2012 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 2012 Municipal Budget be published in the *Today's Sunbeam* issue of March 30, 2012 together with a notice of its introduction and public hearing to be held on April 10, 2012 at 7:00PM, at the Township Hall.

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

Bishop - Yes      Brooks - Yes      Gantz - Yes      Meschi - 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 2011 was 95%. The Committee thanked Ms. DeFrancesco for her due diligence with tax collection.

Barry Foote distributed Monroeville Fire Company's report on 2011 expenses and their budget requests for the year 2012. The Mayor thanked the Fire Company for their dedication to the Township.

The Clerk presented a request from the Salem County Office of Emergency Management requesting the municipality review and adopt a Resolution for supplying mutual aid to the county and surrounding municipalities, as well as sign the agreement. After some discussion the Clerk was asked to contact the JIF insurance to determine, what if any, were the risks, should one of the Township Fire Companies fail to respond.

Gantz introduced "RESOLUTION SUPPORTING ORIGINAL LEGISLATION CREATING THE MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE PROGRAM UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY GOVERNMENTS" per attached copy.

Gantz 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

Meschi introduced "RESOLUTION TO REDUCE PERFORMANCE BOND FOR BANCROFT NEUROHEALTH BLOCK 29 LOT 4" as per attached copy.

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Linda S. Buzby, Clerk