

Upper Pittsgrove Township

June 12, 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 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:

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

Meschi moved that the minutes of the May 8, 2012 regular meeting be approved as received which motion was seconded by Gantz and adopted unanimously.

The following monies were received from:

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| Susan DeFrancesco, Tax Collector – Taxes Collected | \$1,116,688.88 |
| Linda S. Buzby – White Goods/Tires | 318.00 |
| - Convenience Center Stickers | 14.00 |
| - Zoning Permit | 60.00 |
| - CO | 250.00 |
| - Certified Copies | 10.00 |
| - Marriage License | 84.00 |
| Michael T. Raio – 1 Certified List 200' List | 10.00 |
| Municipal Alliance | 3,605.04 |
| NJ State Police – Hurricane Irene | 7,124.25 |
| Division of Fire Safety | 1,838.85 |
| Solid Waste – Clean Communities | 10,925.19 |
| Pilesgrove Joint Court - Court Costs | 1,351.29 |
| Borough of Elmer – Shared Services | 3,247.32 |
| Trico JIF Insurance – Safety Incentive | 1,755.00 |
| Garden Homes Management – May/June Site Fees | 1,600.00 |
| Giordano's - Recycling | 2,608.85 |
| First National Bank of Elmer - Int. on NOW | 139.56 |
| First National Bank of Elmer - Int. on MMA | <u>823.12</u> |
| TOTAL | \$1,152,453.35 |

The Treasurer's report showed the following balance as of May 31, 2012:

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| Current Fund - Checking Account | \$ 435,583.30 |
| Current Fund - Money Market Account | 1,115,683.21 |
| Alt. Landfill Closure Escrow Fund | 45,264.65 |
| Capital Improvement Fund | 324,429.49 |
| COAH Developer's Fees Escrow Fund | 319,841.61 |
| Farmland Preservation Fund | 409,203.81 |
| Municipal Alliance Trust Fund | 4,775.49 |
| Veterans Memorial Fund | <u>447.15</u> |
| Total | \$2,655,227.71 |

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 – Absent Gantz – Yes Meschi – Yes Cimprich – Yes

The Clerk reviewed the certified bid summary presented to the Township Committee for a loader/backhoe that had been reviewed by the Township Solicitor per attached copy.

I, Susan E. DeFrancesco, Treasurer of Upper Pittsgrove Township do hereby certify that adequate funds are available for said contract for the 2011/2012 Loader/Backhoe and that the line item to be charged for said contract is Capital.

Susan E. DeFrancesco, Treasurer

Bishop introduced "Resolution Awarding Bid For Purchase of 2011/2012 Loader/Backhoe" per attached copy.

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

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

Bishop introduced the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Clerk be authorized and directed to enter into a contract with Trico Equipment Services, LLC for the purchase of a 2011/2012 Loader/Backhoe whose low bid amounted to \$71,000.00.

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

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

The Mayor had been contacted by the New Jersey Conservation Foundation regarding the use of preservation funds for the Sottile farm located in Upper Pittsgrove Township. This farm contains 65.7 acres and borders Kettle Run and in close proximity to other preserved farms. The Ag Advisory Board voted unanimously to approve the request.

Meschi introduced the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the New Jersey Conservation Foundation be authorized to apply for Federal Farm and Ranch Preservation Funds for fifty percent (50%) of the cost along with a commitment that the remaining fifty percent (50%) would be funded from the Upper Pittsgrove PIG funds for the preservation of the Sottile property known as Block 27 Lot 9.

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

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

The Mayor opened the meeting to the public for comment. Resident Lisa Henry had a concern about her compost and if the speed limit could be posted on Fitchhorn Road. The Mayor addresses her question regarding composting in the Township.

There were several residents present from the “Stop the Poles” organization with their continued concerns about steel poles being erected along Route 77 by the Atlantic City Electric Company. They reviewed the outcome of a meeting they held with New Jersey Department of Transportation representatives. As a result they were requesting that the Township send DOT letters regarding the current placement of a stop sign on the westerly side of Route 77 on Garrison Road, the enlargement of a no passing zone to include the length of Route 77 from Garrison Road, south to the Township/County line, and to send a letter reiterating the Township’s position on placing the proposed transmission line underground.

Bishop 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 personnel and pending litigation. 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 issue.

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

Bishop - Yes Brooks – Absent 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 12th day of June 2012.

Linda S. Buzby Clerk

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

The Township Committee accepted the resignation of Tana Sammons, due to health issues and authorized the Clerk and Tax Collector to advertise for an Assistant Tax Collector.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Linda S. Buzby, Clerk