

Upper Pittsgrove Township

August 13, 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	“
Bruce Bishop	“
Michael J. Seery, Sr.	“
Susan DeFrancesco	Treasurer
& Township Visitors	

Seery moved that the minutes of the July 9, 2019 regular 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	\$ 574,508.34
Linda R. Stephens - Zoning Permits	140.00
– CO	150.00
– White Goods	192.00
- Convenience Center Stickers	7.00
- Small Cities – Pay Off	12,500.00
- Certified Copies	60.00
- Zoning Map	1.00
Third Garden Homes – Pad Fees	800.00
Flett Exchange – sRecs	450.00
Upper Pittsgrove School – SALT Reimbursement	1,265.40
First National Bank of Elmer - Int. on NOW	458.20
First National Bank of Elmer - Int. on MMA	<u>138.69</u>
TOTAL	\$ 590,670.63

The Treasurer’s report showed the following balance as of July 31, 2019:

Current Fund - Checking Account	\$1,747,586.25
Current Fund - Money Market Account	746,719.80
Alt. Landfill Closure Escrow Fund	1,904.68
Capital Improvement Fund	367,325.54
COAH Developer’s Fees Escrow Fund	82,656.29
COAH Twp. Contribution	325,020.55
Farmland Preservation Fund	78,140.16
Municipal Alliance Trust Fund	7,308.30
Veterans Memorial Fund	<u>654.63</u>
Total	\$ 3,357,316.20

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

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

The Mayor opened the Public Hearing for "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UPPER PITTSBORO, COUNTY OF SALEM, STATE OF NEW JERSEY ENTITLED 'PARKS AND RECREATIONAL AREAS'" known as Ordinance 2019-6 at 7:00PM as advertised.

The Clerk read the Ordinance by title, stating that it had been published in *South Jersey Times* issue of July 12, 2019 as required.

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

Seery 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 August 18, 2019. This motion was seconded by Bishop and adopted upon a call of the roll.

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

Thomas Dunn came before the Township Committee requesting Municipal approval to cultivate marijuana, monitored by the State. Mr. Dunn was applying for one of eight State licenses permitting the cultivation only of marijuana. The seed would be provided by the State and it would be sold back to the State at the end of its growing cycle. Mr. Dunn was advised that the Township of Upper Pittsgrove had Ordinance 2018-4 that prohibited the cultivating of marijuana and an endorsement could not be forthcoming.

Sonia Szczesna gave a presentation to the Township Committee explaining the Circuit Trails and the possibility of adding the Elephant Swamp Trail. She explained that connecting trails widens the path from Philadelphia on down. Ms. Szczesna stated that the New Jersey Department of Transportation would provide Local Technical Assistance to evaluate the trail and give us a scope of the work that would need to be done to get it approved for the Circuit Trails. The work could possibly be done with a grant from The William Penn Foundation, The Mayor thanked Ms.

Szczesna for her presentation and she agreed to forward to them a sample Resolution if they considered moving forward with the improvements,

Meschi introduced "RESOLUTION EXTENDING DUE DATE FOR 3RD QUARTER 2019 TAXES" R-35-2019.

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

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

Bishop introduced "RESOLUTION OF THE REVIEW OF THE 2018 AUDIT REPORT" known as R-36-2019.

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

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

Seery introduced "RESOLUTION TO REFUND MONEY TO DANIELLE TAULANE DUE TO A DECREASE IN HER 2019 ASSESSMENT ON BLOCK 35 LOT 3.01" known as R-37-2019.

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 – Absent Cimprich – Yes

The Township Assessor, Michael Raio, reviewed the Requests for Proposals solicited for the Revaluation that must be performed within the Township and gave his recommendation.

Meschi introduced "RESOLUTION AWARDDING BID FOR REVALUATION AS REQUIRED BY THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY & COUNTY OF SALEM" known as R-38-2019.

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

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

Discussion was held regarding the Granato Farm application for Farmland Preservation. The State determined that the Township should fund approximately fifty-percent of the preservation costs and all the soft-costs. The State determined that no development rights were left to purchase from Block 27 Lot 13.02. After some continued discussion, the Committee agreed unanimously to not fund the preservation of this parcel.

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 for which the general nature is Attorney-Client Privilege. 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.

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

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

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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 13th day of August 2019.

Linda R. Stephens, Clerk

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

Meschi moved that the Township Committee draw up a letter stating that the Township Committee would look at its existing Ordinance 18-4 for possible amendment, pending Township Solicitor review and approval. This motion was seconded by Seery and adopted unanimously.

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