

**Upper Moreland Township
Board of Commissioners - Regular Meeting
June 3, 2019 Meeting Minutes**

Board of Commissioners Members: Commissioner and President, Kevin C. Spearing; Commissioner and Vice President Charles M. Whiting; Commissioners R. Samuel Valenza, Joseph A. Lavalle, Kip McFatridge, Nicholas O. Scull and Cheryl Lockard

- I. **Call to Order:** The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Upper Moreland Township was called to order by the President of the Board of Commissioners, Kevin C. Spearing at 7:00 p.m.
- II. **Moment of Silent Meditation/Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Roll Call:** Commissioner and Board President Spearing, Commissioners Lavalle, McFatridge, Whiting, Valenza, Lockard and Scull. Also present were David A. Dodies, Township Manager, and Jennifer Prior, Township Solicitor.
- IV. **Presentations/Announcements:**
 - Mr. Dodies announced that the Township has received the following grant awards:
 1. The Montco 2040 Initiative Grant in the amount of \$72,000 which will be used for the Signage and Wayfinding Master Plan. This is the third consecutive year that the Township has received assistance from this program.
 2. An ARLE Grant in the amount of \$106,000 for traffic signal and pedestrian improvements at the intersection of Horsham and Blair Mill Roads.
 - Commissioner Valenza made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McFatridge, and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 7-0 to open Public Hearing #1945 on Ordinance #1701 to consider amending the Property Maintenance Code in part, to specify penalties and fines.

PUBLIC HEARING

- Public Hearing #1945 was held.
- Commissioner Valenza made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McFatridge, and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 7-0 to close Public Hearing #1945.

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- V. **Public Comments:**
 - Lynnette Saunders, a resident, commented on concerns of sediment being pumped into Southampton Creek from the Masons Mill parking lot construction. Ms. Saunders stated that she spoke with construction workers and also reported it to Paul Purtell, Director of Code Enforcement. Ms. Saunders also stated that she recently noticed improvements to the Creek but it is still very cloudy and muddy, and suggested that more could be done. Mr. Dodies stated that Gilmore & Associates have been advised of the issues. Commissioner Lavalle inquired on erosion, sedimentation control and feedback from Montgomery County Conservation District on the project, and Mr. Dodies stated that he is not aware of any response or concerns from the Agency regarding the project.

- VI. **Treasurer's Activity Report – May 2019** - The Treasurer's Activity Report was unanimously approved as submitted.
- VII. **Approval of Minutes - May 6, 2019:** Commissioner Spearing made an amendment to agenda item IV. Other Items, d. Resolution R-2019-16, first bullet point to read: "*Commissioner McFatridge made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Lockard, the Board of Commissioners approved the motion by a vote of 7-0 to table Resolution R-2019-16.*" The minutes were unanimously approved as amended.
- VIII. **Committee Recommendations:**
- A. **Finance & Administrative Committee:**
1. **Appointments/Reappointments:**
 - a. The Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 7-0, the appointment of Roseann J. McGrath to assist the Board of Commissioners in the recruitment process for the position of Township Manager at the hourly rate of \$125.00.
 - b. The Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 7-0, the appointment of Bob Mathers, Jr. on the Upper Moreland Historical Commission to fill a licensed real estate agent vacancy left by Donald G. Warner and complete the remainder of the current term that will expire on December 31, 2020.
 - Commissioners Lavalley and Spearing expressed their support for Mr. Mathers as an appropriate choice for the position.
 2. **Vacancy(ies):**
 - a. On the Upper Moreland Historical Commission to fill the vacancy left by Kazim Ali and complete the remainder of the current term that will expire on December 31, 2020.
 - b. On the Civil Service Commission to fill an alternate vacancy left by Stephen Martin and complete the remainder of the current term that will expire on August 7, 2023.
 - c. On the Parks and Recreational Advisory Council to fill the vacancy left by Edward Sheehan and complete the remainder of the current term that will expire on November 14, 2020.
 - Commissioner Valenza stated that interested individuals can send their resume with a cover letter to the attention of Mr. Dodies.
 2. **List of Bills Payable** - The Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 7-0, the List of Bills as submitted.
 3. **Aqua General Funds Bills** - The Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 6-0 in favor and one (1) abstention (abstention by Commissioner Spearing, Aqua employee).
 4. **Other Items:**
 - a. **Resolution R-2019-17** – Authorizing the Sale of a Fire Truck:
 - The Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 7-0, Resolution R-2019-17, authorizing the sale of a fire truck.
 - b. Motion to set a date of July 8, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. for a public hearing to receive public comments concerning Verizon Communications Services in keeping with the

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requirements of the Federal Cable Communications Act with respect to the renewal of their franchise agreement with Upper Moreland Township:

- Commissioner Valenza made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McFatrige, and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 7-0, to set a date of July 8, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. for a public hearing to receive public comments concerning Verizon Communications Services in keeping with the requirements of the Federal Cable Communications Act with respect to the renewal of their franchise agreement with Upper Moreland Township. The Board of Commissioners directed the Township Solicitor to advertise a Public Hearing set for July 8, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Building.

5. **New Business** - Nothing to report.

B. Community Development Committee:

1. **Code Enforcement** - nothing to report.
2. **Land Development/Subdivision Applications** - nothing to report.
3. **List of Upcoming Zoning Hearing Board Applications:**
 - Commissioner Lavalley read two applications to be considered at the Zoning Hearing Board meeting scheduled for June 13, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.
4. **Other Items:**
 - a. **Ordinance #1701** – Amending the Property Maintenance Code in part, to specify penalties and fines:
 - The Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 7-0, **Ordinance #1701**, amending the Property Maintenance Code in part, to specify penalties and fines.

C. Parks & Recreation Committee - nothing to report.

D. Public Health & Safety Committee:

1. Motion to advertise an ordinance amending the Township Code relating to fire prevention, specifically the imposition of fines and penalties by action of the Fire Marshal (or Police Department) related to unlawful parking in designated fire zones.
 - Mr. Dodies clarified that the Fire Marshal has the ability to issue a notice of violation for parking in a fire zone.
 - The Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 7-0, to advertise an ordinance amending Section 153-11 of the Upper Moreland Township Code to enable the Fire Marshal, along with Police, to levy fines for parking in restricted zones. The Board of Commissioners will take action on the ordinance at the Regular Meeting on July 8, 2019.

IX. New Business - Nothing to report.

X. Commissioner Comments:

- Commissioner Lockard commented on updates to legislation regarding local radar and suggested sending a letter in support of Senate Bill 607.
- Commissioner Lavalley reflected on the service of veterans and stated that D-Day is

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- Commissioner Lavalley stated that on July 17, 2019 there will be a groundbreaking for a Korean War Memorial at Peace Park.
- Commissioner Spearing inquired on the status of legislation with amendments to Townships of the First Class. Commissioner Valenza stated that there are lengthy amendments being considered by the House and Senate Committees working on this matter that will need to be moved forward.
- Commissioner Spearing stated that June Fete will be held June 7-9, 2019 at Edge Hill Road and Huntingdon Road.
- Mr. Dodies stated that a meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 25, 2019 with PennDOT, Hatboro's Township Engineer, Erik Garton, Upper Moreland's Township Engineer, Diane Hegel, Judith Arena and her supervisors to discuss the bridge over the Pennypack on Warminster Road. Commissioners McFatrige and Lavalley suggested including discussions on the height of the bridge and the sidewalk.
- Commissioner Spearing directed Mr. Dodies to include Moreland Road Bridge as an agenda item under New Business for a future Community Development Committee Meeting.

XI. **Visitor Comments** - Nothing to report.

XII. **Adjournment:** There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kathleen Kristire.