

**Upper Moreland Township  
Board of Commissioners - Regular Meeting  
February 7, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

**Board of Commissioners Members:** Commissioner and President, Clifton "Kip" McFatridge; Commissioner and Vice President Cheryl Lockard; Commissioners Nicholas O. Scull, Kevin C. Spearing, Charles M. Whiting, Anthony S. Prousi, and R. Samuel Valenza.

- 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 Clifton "Kip" McFatridge.
- II. **Moment of Silent Meditation/Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Roll Call:** Commissioner and Board President McFatridge, Commissioner and Vice President Lockard; Commissioners Scull, Spearing, Whiting, Prousi, Valenza. Also present: Randall K. Schaible, Assistant Township Manager / Director of Finance; Matthew H. Candland, Township Manager; Alex Baumler, Township Solicitor.
- IV. **Presentations/Announcements:**
  - Presentation of a Proclamation to retired Firefighter James Lambert, in recognition of his retirement after more than 30 years of service and dedication to the Township.
    - Commissioner McFatridge read and presented a Proclamation and Mr. Lambert expressed his thanks to everyone.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**PUBLIC HEARING #1957 – 7:00 P.M.** – To receive public comments pursuant to the transfer of Restaurant Liquor License No. R-19288 into Upper Moreland Township by Amazon Retail, LLC.

- Commissioner Valenza motioned, seconded by Commissioner Spearing and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 7-0 to open Public Hearing #1957.
  - Public Hearing #1957 was held.
- Commissioner Spearing motioned, seconded by Commissioner Valenza and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 7-0 to close Public Hearing #1957.

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- V. **Public Comments:**
- VI. **Treasurer's Activity Report – January 2022:**
  - Commissioner Valenza motioned, seconded by Commissioner Spearing and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 7-0, the report as submitted.
- VII. **Approval of Minutes - January 3, 2022 - Reorganizational and Regular Meetings:**
  - Commissioner Valenza motioned, seconded by Commissioner Spearing and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 7-0, the minutes as submitted.

VIII. **Committee Recommendations:**

A. **Finance & Administrative Committee - January 24, 2022** – The Committee recommends the Board of Commissioners take action on the following:

1. **Appointments/Reappointments:**

- a. The reappointment of **Karl Pfizenmayer** on the Environmental Advisory Council to serve a new three-year term that will expire on January 4, 2025.
- b. The reappointment of **Kate Hill** on the Human Relations Commission to serve a new three-year term that will expire on December 31, 2024.
- c. The appointment of **Andrew Harbaugh** as a Voting member on the Human Relations Commission to fill the vacancy left by Tegan Cosby and complete the remainder of the current term that will expire on December 31, 2022.
- d. The reappointment of **Margaret (Meg) Holscher** as an At-Large member on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Council and serve a new two-year term that will expire on December 31, 2023.
- e. The reappointment of **Anthony Benvenuti** as an At-Large member on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Council and serve a new two-year term that will expire on December 31, 2023.
- f. The appointment of **Anthony Benvenuti** as an Alternate member on the Police and Fire Civil Service Commission to fill the vacancy left by Thomas McLaughlin and complete the remainder of the current six-year term that will expire on December 31, 2023.
- Commissioner Valenza motioned, seconded by Commissioner Spearing and the Board of Commissioner approved by a vote of 7-0 the above appointments and reappointments.
- g. The reappointment of **Natalie Baine-Schliskey** on the Historical Commission to serve a new three-year term that will expire on December 31, 2024.
- h. The reappointment of **Bonnie Lynn MacDonald** on the Historical Commission to serve a new three-year term that will expire on December 31, 2024.
- i. The reappointment of **Udo Maron** on the Historical Commission to serve a new three-year term that will expire on December 31, 2024.
- j. The appointment of **Steve Worthington** as a Historical Association representative on the Historical Commission to fill the vacancy left by Robert Young and complete the current term that will expire on December 31, 2024.
- k. The appointment of **Michael Lovecchio** as an At-Large member on the Historical Commission to fill the vacancy left by Peter Freudenberger and complete the current three-term that will expire on December 31, 2022.
- Commissioner Valenza motioned, seconded by Commissioner Prousi and the Board of Commissioner approved by a vote of 7-0 the above appointments and reappointments.
- l. The reappointment of **George Hartman, III** as a representative of Upper Moreland Township on the Upper Moreland Hatboro Joint Sewer Authority and serve a new five-year term that will expire on December 31, 2026.
- m. **Motion to Approve Resolution R-2022-02** for the reappointment of **Francis Calter** on the Zoning Hearing Board to serve a new five-year term that will expire on December 31, 2026.

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- n. **Motion to Approve** the conditional appointment of Eoghan Quigg as a Probationary Firefighter/EMT. Such appointment is conditional upon successful completion of medical and psychological examinations.
  - Commissioner Valenza motioned, seconded by Commissioner Spearing and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 7-0 the above appointments and reappointments.
2. **List of Bills Payable:**
  - Commissioner Valenza motioned, seconded by Commissioner Spearing and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 7-0.
3. **Aqua General Funds Bills:**
  - Commissioner Valenza motioned, seconded by Commissioner Prousi and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 6 (one (1) abstention: Commissioner Spearing, Aqua employee).
4. **Other Items:**
  - a. **Motion to approve Resolution R-2022-03** – Authorizing the Township Administration to proceed with the issuance of General Obligation Bonds:
    - Commissioner Valenza commented that a \$3 million bond will be used for the acquisition and development of the Woodlawn Avenue property and other Township locations.
    - Commissioner Valenza motioned, seconded by Commissioner Spearing and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 7-0.
  - b. **Motion to Approve Resolution R-2022-04** – Authorizing the sale of Two Surplus Police Vehicles:
    - Commissioner Valenza motioned, seconded by Commissioner Spearing and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 7-0.
  - c. **Motion to Approve Resolution R-2022-05** – Authorizing the submission of a grant application for the 2022 Round of the MONTCO 2040 Implementation Grant Program for the Warminster Road Sidewalk Project:
    - Commissioner Valenza motioned, seconded by Commissioner Spearing and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 7-0.
  - d. **Motion to Approve Resolution R-2022-06** – Certifying the active members of the Township’s Volunteer Fire Companies eligible to receive the 2022 Tax Credits pursuant to the Volunteer Service Credit Program:
    - Commissioner Valenza motioned, seconded by Commissioner Spearing and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 7-0.
  - e. **Motion to Approve** the Transportation Impact Advisory Committee receive and review McMahon’s Transportation Impact Fee Adjustment memo:
    - Commissioner Valenza motioned, seconded by Commissioner Spearing and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 7-0.
5. **New Business** - Nothing to report.

**B. Community Development Committee - January 10, 2022:**

1. **Code Enforcement** - Nothing to report.
2. **Land Development/Subdivision Applications:**

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- a. **Motion to Approve Resolution R-2022-07** – Waiving subdivision for the properties located at 2500 Easton Road and Sycamore Avenue:
    - Daniel Chertok, Archer & Greiner, P.C., briefly explained an overview of the sale of properties.
    - Commissioner Spearing motioned, seconded by Commissioner Prousi and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 7-0.
  3. **List of Upcoming Zoning Hearing Board Applications:**
    - Commissioner Spearing read one application that will be heard at the next meeting scheduled on February 10, 2022.
  4. **Other Item:**
    - a. **Motion to Approve Resolution R-2022-08** – Approving the transfer of Restaurant Liquor License into Upper Moreland Township by Amazon Retail, LLC:
      - Commissioner Spearing motioned, seconded by Commissioner Prousi and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 7-0.
    - b. **Motion to Approve** accepting the seven-year processing agreement with Republic Services, with three optional one-year extensions, for \$105 per ton, with the Consortium retaining 100% of the commodity value, in accordance with MSW Consultants’ recommendation:
      - Commissioner Spearing motioned, seconded by Commissioner Prousi and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 7-0.
- C. **Parks and Recreation Committee - January 24, 2022** – The Committee recommends the Board of Commissioners take action on the following:
1. **Motion to Approve** the authorization to advertise the Request for Proposal for the Woodlawn demolition:
    - Commissioner Scull motioned, and the Board of Commissioners unanimously approved by a vote of 7-0.
- D. **Public Health & Safety Committee – January 24, 2022** – The Committee recommends the Board of Commissioners take action on the following:
1. **Motion to Approve** separating from The Rodgers Group and using the services of Aspirant Consulting Group, LLC for the accreditation services of the Upper Moreland Township Police Department:
    - Commissioner Whiting motioned, seconded by Commissioner Spearing and the Board of Commissioner approved by a vote of 7-0.
- IX. **Commissioner Comments:**
- Commissioner Whiting inquired about the status of collections. Chief Block explained that the Police Department has been collecting gently used clothing, new toiletries and gift cards for the homeless between January 31st to February 14th.
  - Commissioner Lockard directed Mr. Candland to ensure that the Township website be updated with current committee vacancies.
  - Commissioner Valenza directed Mr. Candland to provide the Board with a copy of the Boards, Commissions and Committees Book.

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- Commissioner McFatrige shared the appreciation from a resident, who suffered a house fire, for the services and treatment they received from the Township's firefighters.
- Commissioner McFatrige shared a resident's appreciation for the Police officers who assisted them while they were stuck driving in the recent snow storm.
- Commissioner Whiting encouraged residents to learn more about Black History Month and read educational material on the people who made history.

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

XI. **Adjournment:** There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kathleen Kristire.