

**Upper Moreland Township
Board of Commissioners - Regular Meeting
April 4, 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. Absent: Commissioner Valenza. Also present: Randall K. Schaible, Assistant Township Manager / Director of Finance; Matthew H. Candland, Township Manager; Sean Kilkenny, Township Solicitor.
- IV. **Presentations/Announcements:**
 - A. Police Department Unit Citation:
 - Police Chief Andrew Block congratulated and presented citations to: Detectives James Kelly, Frank Gallagher, Todd Smith, Vincent Small, Mark Bouldin, and Special Agent of the United States Secret Service Ryan McAdams, for exceptional police work with an investigation over the past several months regarding a case that originated on October 10, 2021.
 - Commissioner McFatridge commended the detectives for their work.
 - Detective Kelly elaborated on the detectives' outstanding work and thanked Chief Block for his leadership.

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- V. **Public Comments** - Nothing to report.
- VI. **Treasurer's Activity Report – March 2022:**
 - Commissioner Spearing motioned, seconded by Commissioner Lockard and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 6-0, the report as submitted.
- VII. **Approval of Minutes - March 7, 2022 - Regular Meetings:**
 - Commissioner Spearing motioned, seconded by Commissioner Lockard and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 6-0, the minutes as submitted.
- VIII. **Committee Recommendations:**
 - A. **Finance & Administrative Committee - March 21, 2022** – The Committee recommends the Board of Commissioners take action on the following:
 1. **Appointments/Reappointments– Motion to Approve** the following appointments and reappointments:
 - a. The appointment of **Thomas Murt** on the **Historical Commission** to fill an At-Large vacancy left by Michelle Young and complete the remainder of the current two-year term that will expire on December 31, 2024.
 - Commissioner Scull commented high recommendations for Mr. Murt who

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helped to form the Historical Commission, was an early member of the Historical Association, and assisted The Friends of Boileau in saving The Farmstead Park.

- Commissioner Lockard motioned, seconded by Commissioner Spearing and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 6-0.
- b. **Motion to Approve** the conditional appointment of **Michael Cox** as a Probationary Firefighter/EMT. Such appointment is conditional upon successful completion of medical and psychological examinations.
 - Commissioner Lockard motioned, seconded by Commissioner Spearing and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 6-0.
- 2. **List of Bills Payable:**
 - Commissioner Lockard motioned, seconded by Commissioner Spearing and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 6-0.
- 3. **Other Items:**
 - a. **Motion to Approve** Tax Assessment Appeal between the Township, the School District of Upper Moreland and the tax payer, LB UBS 2004 C4 Byberry Road:
 - Commissioner Lockard motioned, seconded by Commissioner Spearing and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 6-0.
 - b. **Motion to Approve** purchase of a new Fire Chief vehicle:
 - Commissioner Lockard motioned, seconded by Commissioner Spearing and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 6-0.
 - c. **Motion to Approve Ordinance No. 1729** - Amending Chapter 203 of the Upper Moreland Township Code of Ordinances entitled “Littering” to Prohibit the Placement of Certain Signs on Public and Private Property and, Amending Chapter 263 Entitled “Signs,”
 - Commissioner Lockard motioned, seconded by Commissioner Spearing and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 6-0.
 - d. **Motion to Approve** American Recovery Act – Proposed Funding Allocation:
 - Commissioner Lockard read the distribution list of items that include:
 - \$125,000 to purchase flood gates;
 - \$100,000 to perform catchup and maintenance at the Township's parks;
 - \$50,000 to perform catchup and maintenance in the Downtown area;
 - \$30,000 to replace the Downtown fountain;
 - \$100,000 to the Second Alarmers Rescue Service (SARS);
 - \$320,000 to affordable housing assistance specific to the Willow Grove Community Development Corporation;
 - \$50,000 to grants for other non-profits, which entities need to be determined;
 - \$20,000 to a tutoring program at the school for students who encountered learning challenges during COVID over the past two years.
 - \$463,000 to Matching Funds for Grants to perform stormwater improvement projects.
 - Commissioner McFatrige explained that funds were provided to the Township following the COVID pandemic to replace lost funds and care for items in the community that have fallen behind.

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- Commissioner Prousi commented that if some of the work comes in under budget, the remaining money will be moved to the Matching Funds for Grants and vice versa.
 - Commissioner Lockard motioned, seconded by Commissioner Spearing and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 6-0.
4. **New Business** - Nothing to report.

B. Community Development Committee - March 14, 2022:

1. **Code Enforcement** - Nothing to report.
2. **Land Development/Subdivision Applications** - Nothing to report.
3. **List of Upcoming Zoning Hearing Board Applications:**
 - Commissioner Spearing read three applications to be heard at the next meeting scheduled on April 14, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.
 - Commissioner Spearing motioned, seconded by Commissioner Prousi and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 6-0 to direct Kilkenny Law, LLC to represent the Board of Commissioners at the upcoming Zoning Hearing Board meeting regarding Public Hearing #22-6(4) on L&A Forever LLC for the property located at 1740 County Line Road.
4. **Other Items:**
 - a. **Motion to Approve Consent to Use Right-Of-Way Area Agreement** - Daniel B. Weismuller, Sharon M. Depaul and Bernadette M. Weismuller (“Owner”), owners of the property located at 220 Newington Drive, Hatboro, PA:
 - Commissioner Spearing motioned, seconded by Commissioner Prousi and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 6-0.
 - b. **Motion to Approve** proposal by McMahan & Associates to design Willow Grove Interchange Improvements:
 - Commissioner Spearing motioned, seconded by Commissioner Prousi and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 6-0.
 - c. **Motion to Approve** Maryland Road Culvert Project
 - Commissioner Spearing motioned, seconded by Commissioner Prousi and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 6-0.
 - d. **Motion to Approve** Library Restroom Restorations:
 - Commissioner Prousi commented support for the improvements.
 - Commissioner Spearing motioned, seconded by Commissioner Prousi and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 6-0.
 - e. **Motion to Approve** and award the 2022 Roadway Improvement Project for Highway Materials to Eureka Stony Quarry Inc.:
 - Commissioner Spearing motioned, seconded by Commissioner Prousi and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 6-0.
 - f. **Motion to Approve** and award the 2022 Roadway Improvement Project for Street Milling to A. Giuliani & Co.
 - Commissioner Spearing motioned, seconded by Commissioner Prousi and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 6-0.

- C. **Public Health & Safety Committee – March 21, 2022** – The Committee recommends the Board of Commissioners take action on the following:
1. **Motion to Approve** Fire Station Renovation Design Proposal:
 - Commissioner McFatridge explained that housing accommodations are being made for overnight fire fighters.
 - Commissioner Prousi commented support for the project and recognizing the needs of the firefighters.
 - Commissioner Scull commented support for an elevator to the second-floor multi-purpose room.
 - Commissioner Whiting motioned, seconded by Commissioner Spearing and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 6-0.
 2. **Motion to Approve** Relocation of Davisville Road Flood Gate:
 - Commissioner Whiting motioned, seconded by Commissioner Lockard and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 6-0.
 3. **Motion to Approve Resolution R-2022-16** - Accepting and Ratifying the Amendments made to the Upper Moreland Township Civil Service Rules by the Upper Moreland Township Police and Fire Civil Service Commission:
 - Commissioner Whiting motioned, seconded by Commissioner Lockard and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 6-0.
- D. **Parks and Recreation Committee - March 21, 2022** – The Committee recommends the Board of Commissioners take action on the following:
1. **Motion to Approve Ordinance No. 1730** - Amending Part II: General Legislation, to Create a New Chapter 258 “Shade Trees” to the Upper Moreland Township Code of Ordinances to Establish Regulations for Shade Trees and to Delegate Powers and Duties to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Council to Administer the Same:
 - Commissioner Scull commented that responsibility is with the Parks and Recreation Department, and residents can receive assistance with tree matters.
 - Commissioner Spearing commented that extensive discussions were held about trees.
 - Commissioner Scull motioned, seconded by Commissioner Spearing and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 6-0.
 2. **Motion to Approve Resolution No. R-2022-15** - Authorizing the Submission of a Grant Application to The Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) for the purchase and environmental remediation of the property located at 301 Woodlawn Avenue:
 - Commissioner Scull motioned, seconded by Commissioner Spearing and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 6-0.
 3. **Motion to approve** increase in the Use of Tree Funds:
 - Commissioner McFatridge explained that the fund is being increased from \$8,000 to \$16,000 in 2022, which is held in escrow.
 - Commissioner Scull motioned, seconded by Commissioner Spearing and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 6-0.

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4. **Motion to approve** Easter event request at Mill Creek Park:
- Commissioner Prousi stated that the event is an Easter egg hunt for children followed by an adult Easter egg hunt to be held on April 9, 2022, starting at 12:00 p.m. Registration is required and can be found on Egg-extravaganza.
 - Commissioner Scull motioned, seconded by Commissioner Spearing and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 6-0.

IX. Commissioner Comments:

- Commissioner Lockard inquired about the status of applying to the County's American Rescue Plan funds. Mr. Candland replied that applications are due by the end of April 2022 and the Township will be submitting a request for improvements to the Fire Station.
- Commissioner McFtridge announced that the Board of Commissioners met in an Executive Session prior to tonight's meeting to discuss legal matters.
- Commissioner Whiting congratulated the South Carolina Gamecocks for winning the 2022 Division I Women's Basketball National Championship with Coach Dawn Staley, who was a graduate of Dobbins High School and Temple University.
- Commissioner McFtridge commended the Upper Moreland detectives for their outstanding work on a significant case, and for making the Township a safer place.
- Commissioner Prousi extended wishes to everyone celebrating the holidays of Ramadan, Easter and Passover.

X. Visitor Comments - Nothing to report.

XI. Adjournment: There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kathleen Kristire.