

Public Hearing

**UPPER MORELAND TOWNSHIP
Public Hearing and Regular Meeting
August 1, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.**

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I. Call Meeting to Order

II. Moment of Silent Meditation/Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

IV. Presentations/Announcements:

- **Motion to Approve** the conditional appointment of Mark A. Woltemate as a Probationary Police Officer. Such appointment is conditional upon successful completion of medical and psychological examinations.
 - District Justice Paul Leo to conduct Oath of Office and swearing-in of Mark A. Woltemate as a Probationary Police Officer.
- **Motion to Approve** the promotion of Detective Sergeant James J. Kelly to Lieutenant of the Upper Moreland Township Police Department.
 - District Justice Paul Leo to conduct Oath of Office and swearing-in of Lieutenant James J. Kelly.

PUBLIC HEARING

PUBLIC HEARING #1958 – 7:00 P.M. – To receive public comments concerning the Comcast Franchise Agreement in keeping with the requirements of the Federal Cable Communications Act with respect to the renewal of their franchise agreement with Upper Moreland Township (attachments).

REGULAR MEETING

V. Public Comments – Non-Agenda Items Only

VI. Treasurer’s Activity Report – July 2022 (provided Monday evening due to month-end date)

VII. Approval of Minutes – July 11, 2022 (attachment)

VIII. Committee Recommendations

A. Finance & Administrative Committee – July 25, 2022 – The Committee recommends the Board of Commissioners take action on the following:

1. Appointments/Reappointments – **Motion to Approve** the following appointments and reappointments:

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- a. The reappointment of Lisa Marsteller as an At Large member on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Council to serve a new two-year term to expire on June 30, 2024.
- b. The appointment of Joseph Chrostowski as an Alternate member on the Police and Fire Civil Service Commission to fill the vacancy left by Jack Dunleavy, Sr. and complete the remainder of the current six-year term that will expire on August 7, 2023.
- c. **Motion to Approve Resolution R-2022-27**, the appointment of Raymond Fox, Jr. from an alternate member to a voting member on the Zoning Hearing Board, filling the vacancy left by Francis J. Calter and complete the remainder of the current term that will expire on December 31, 2026 (attachment).

2. List of Bills Payable (attachment) – The Committee recommends the approval of:

General Funds Checks: Beginning Check No.: 134854
Ending Check No.: 135130

General: \$ 1,020,637.25
Debt: \$ 2,648.33 (Check No.134911, 134976, 134977)
Capital: \$ -----
Total: \$ 1,023,285.58
Voids: =====

Escrow Fund Checks: Beginning Check No.: 9451
Ending Check No.: 9488

Total: \$ 6,590.72
Voids: =====

Liquid Fuel Fund Checks: Beginning Check No.: 3008
Ending Check No.: 3013

Total: \$ 186,105.46
Voids: -----

4. Other Items:

- a. **Motion to Approve** the Donation Agreement between Upper Moreland Township and the Willow Grove Community Development Corporation (attachment).

5. New Business

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B. Community Development Committee – July 18, 2022 – The Committee recommends the Board of Commissioners take action on the following:

1. Code Enforcement
2. Land Development/Subdivision Applications:
 - a. **Motion to Approve Resolution R-2022-28** – Granting a minor land development application by New Century Associates for the property located at 2010 County Line Road at the Marketplace at Huntingdon Valley, for the reuse of a former bank building conversion to Chipotle Restaurant (attachment).
3. List of Upcoming Zoning Hearing Board Applications – No hearings scheduled for the month of August, 2022.
4. Other Items:
 - a. **Motion to Approve Resolution R-2022-29** – Granting Walmart Corporation’s request to amend Resolution R-2022-20 for the placement of an additional six (6) portable storage units at the property located at 2101 Blair Mill Road, for the period of October 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022 (attachment).

C. Public Health & Safety Committee – July 25, 2022 – No items for the Board of Commissioners’ consideration.

D. Parks & Recreation Committee – July 25, 2022 – The Committee recommends the Board of Commissioners take action on the following:

1. **Motion to Approve** Gilmore & Associates, Inc.’s scope and engineering cost proposal for the Farmstead Park improvement project in the amount of \$38,950 (attachment).
2. **Motion to Approve** a permit for Calvary Christian Academy to use Masons Mill Park Tennis courts 5, 6 and 7, from August 15 to October 15, 3:15PM to 5:30PM, Monday through Friday (attachment).

IX. Commissioner Comments

X. Adjournment

**OPENING REMARKS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UPPER MORELAND [CHAIR]
FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING
ON COMCAST CABLE FRANCHISE RENEWAL**

August 1, 2022

Good evening. This is a public hearing of the Township Board of Commissioners regarding cable franchise renewal for the Township of Upper Moreland. This public hearing is held pursuant to Section 626 of the federal Cable Act, which sets forth the process for franchise renewal. The Township's current franchise with Comcast is within the normal industry renewal window, and the Township is beginning the process of renewing the franchise.

This public hearing is part of the preliminary portion of franchise renewal in which the Township reviews the cable operator's past performance and identifies the Township's future cable-related community needs. As such, as part of this public hearing, we invite comments from any citizens who wish to speak regarding either or both of the aforementioned subjects.

Franchise renewal is the best opportunity for municipalities to assert their rights with respect to their cable operator and to obtain important benefits in return for granting the cable operator the right to use their public rights-of-way. These benefits include:

1. A State-of-the-Art Cable System now and in the future;
2. Strong Customer Service Standards;
3. Free Services to Community Facilities;
4. Better Reporting Requirements from the Cable Operators;
5. Maximized Franchise Fees;
6. Public, Educational and Governmental (PEG) Channel(s) (if desired);
7. PEG Capital Support Funding (if desired);
8. Legal Protections of the Rights-of-Way; and
9. Better Mechanisms to Enforce the Franchise Agreement.

These are just some of the potential benefits available through franchise renewal.

Citizens may address these items or any other cable-related items that are important to them. We will now open the hearing up to citizen comments. Thank you.