

Upper Pittsgrove Township

August 10, 2021

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 Edward Meschi 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:

Edward Meschi	Committeeman
David Zeck	“
Jack Cimprich	“
Michael J. Seery, Sr.	“
Bruce Bishop	“
& Township Visitors	

Seery moved that the minutes of the July 13, 2021 regular meeting be approved as received which motion was seconded by Bishop adopted unanimously.

The following monies were received from:

Susan DeFrancesco, Tax Collector – Taxes Collected	\$ 76,008.32
Linda R. Stephens - Zoning Permits	100.00
– CO	250.00
– White Goods	362.00
- Convenience Center Stickers	10.00
- Marriage License	28.00
- Certified Copies	50.00
- Zoning Map	1.00
- Land Use Ordinance	50.00
- Reimbursement	25.00
Timothy O’Donnell – Fire Safety Fees	55.00
State of New Jersey – Uniform Safety	1,425.46
County of Salem – Election	1,600.00
- Election	2,250.00
Pilesgrove Joint Court - Court Costs	1,683.44
Borough of Elmer – PW Services	3,461.65
Giordano – Recycling	114.00
Camden Iron – Recycling	1,358.04
Garden State Homes – Pad Fees	1,600.00
Flett Exchange – sRecs	675.00
First National Bank of Elmer - Int. on NOW	413.06
First National Bank of Elmer - Int. on MMA	<u>162.41</u>
TOTAL	\$ 91,682.38

The Treasurer's report showed the following balance as of July 31, 2021:

Current Fund - Checking Account	\$1,546,823.96
Current Fund - Money Market Account	689,789.21
Alt. Landfill Closure Escrow Fund	38,496.89
Capital Improvement Fund	998,298.31
COAH Developer's Fees Escrow Fund	95,408.95
COAH Twp. Contribution	325,019.25
Farmland Preservation Fund	102,609.17
Municipal Alliance Trust Fund	7,098.10
Veterans Memorial Fund	<u>654.42</u>
Total	\$3,804,198.26

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

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

Seery introduced "RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UPPER PITTSBORO GRANTING DISABLED VETERAN STATUS TO CARL MURPHY" known as R-40-2021.

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

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

Cimprich introduced "RESOLUTION TO REFUND MONEY TO CARL MURPHY; HOMESTEAD REBATE" known as R-41-2021.

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

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

Zeck introduced "RESOLUTION EXTENDING DUE DATE FOR THIRD QUARTER 2021 TAXES" R-42-2021

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

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

Cimprich introduced "RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 CLEAN COMMUNITIES PROGRAM" R-43-2021

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

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

Cimprich introduced “AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UPPER PITTSBORO, COUNTY OF SALEM, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING ORDINANCE 2021-3 ENTITLED ‘ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES’” known as Ordinance 2021-6.

Cimprich moved that this ordinance be approved on first reading and that a copy of this ordinance be published in the *South Jersey Times* issue of August 13, 2021 together with a notice of its introduction and a public hearing to be held at the Township Hall on September 14, 2021 at 7:00PM.

This motion was seconded by Bishop and adopted upon a call of the roll.

Bishop - Yes      Cimprich – Yes      Seery - No      Zeck – Yes      Meschi - Yes

Seery made a motion to create the following Sub-Committee: American Legion Ambulance Chair – Meschi Vice-Chair – Cimprich

This motion was seconded by Zeck and adopted upon a call of the roll.

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

Seery introduced “RESOLUTION AWARDING QUOTES FOR APPRAISAL WORK AS REQUIRED FOR THE PLANNING INCENTIVE GRANT” R-44-2021

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

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

Seery introduced “RESOLUTION AWARDING QUOTES FOR APPRAISAL WORK AS REQUIRED FOR THE PLANNING INCENTIVE GRANT” R-45-2021

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

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

Seery introduced “RESOLUTION AWARDING QUOTES FOR APPRAISAL WORK AS REQUIRED FOR THE PLANNING INCENTIVE GRANT” R-46-2021

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

Bishop - Abstain      Cimprich – Yes Seery - Yes      Zeck – Abstain      Meschi – Yes  
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The Mayor opened the meeting to the public for comment. Matthew Ritter, Esquire addressed the Township Committee stating that limiting event facilities to only 25 events per year through

catering/social affairs permits handicaps these types of businesses. Business owners, Mary Coombs and Dawn Clark asked the Township Committee to consider amending Ordinance 2021-6 "Alcoholic Beverages" stating that without the capabilities of alcohol being permitted, clients will not be willing to book their event at A Garden Party, and having these types of events is critical to their business viability. Mary also stated that Mullica Hill had a food truck, "Bubbles & Brew" at their community events, and Exley's in Monroeville held events where alcohol was present. Resident Betty Coombs felt that the alcohol issue placed all parties between a "rock and a hard place." She inquired as to who the new MAPSA Chairperson was for Upper Pittsgrove. She wondered if some of the Federal Funds could be used for Broadband within the Township.

Seery updated the Township Committee regarding the completion of the Rain Garden behind the Municipal Garage, as well as the progress in the ongoing effort, through Senator Booker's office, to acquire funding to replace air packs for the fire companies.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned to meet at the call of the Mayor.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda R. Stephens, Clerk