

Upper Pittsgrove Township

November 14, 2023

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	“
Bruce Bishop	“
Michael Seery	“
Susan DeFrancesco	CFO
Brian Coles	Public Works Superintendent
& Township Visitors	

Bishop moved that the minutes of the October 10, 2023 regular meeting be approved as received which motion was seconded by Zeck adopted unanimously.

The following monies were received from:

Susan DeFrancesco, Tax Collector – Taxes Collected	\$ 524,666.93
Linda R. Stephens - Zoning Permits	120.00
- Certificate of Occupancy	50.00
- White Goods	210.00
- Marriage Licenses	84.00
- Certified Copies	60.00
- Land Use Ordinance	50.00
Michael Raio – Certified Tax List	20.00
State of New Jersey - ERT #3	67,177.27
MRF #3	6,950.46
Pilesgrove Joint Court - Court Costs	682.95
Borough of Elmer – Shared Service	1,895.00
Garden State Homes – Pad Fees	1,600.00
Camden Iron – Recycling	431.40
Giordano – Recycling	3,976.60
First National Bank of Elmer - Int. on NOW	624.47
First National Bank of Elmer - Int. on MMA	<u>420.13</u>
TOTAL	\$ 609,019.21

The Treasurer’s report showed the following balance as of October 31, 2023:

Current Fund - Checking Account	\$2,203,049.77
Current Fund - Money Market Account	1,351,907.71
Alt. Landfill Closure Escrow Fund	38,757.83
Capital Improvement Fund	793,160.48
COAH Developer’s Fees Escrow Fund	110,677.96
COAH Twp. Contributions	325,181.99
Farmland Preservation Fund	39,556.36
Municipal Alliance Trust Fund	8,101.89
Veterans Memorial Fund	654.75
American Recovery Act	<u>82,160.72</u>
Total	\$4,953,208.74

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 – Absent Seery – Yes Zeck – Yes Meschi – Yes

The Chief Financial Officer reviewed the 2023 Best Practice Inventory with the Township Committee. She stated that based on the responses the Township would still be eligible for one hundred percent (100%) of State Aid Funding.

Zeck introduced “RESOLUTION APPOINTING A DEPUTY CLERK, DEPUTY REGISTRAR, RECYCLING COORDINATOR, SAFETY AND CLAIMS COORDINATOR” R-51-2023.

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

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

Seery introduced “RESOLUTION FOR MONROEVILLE FIRE COMPANY TO MAKE APPLICATION AND OBTAIN A GRANT FROM THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AFFAIRS” R-52-2023.

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

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

Seery introduced “RESOLUTION TO ALLOW THE TAX COLLECTOR TO DUPLICATE A TAX SALE CERTIFICATE” R-53-2023.

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

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

After a brief discussion the Township Committee decided to hold their Close-Out meeting on December 27, 2023 at 7PM and the Reorganization meeting on January 3, 2024 at 7PM.

The Mayor opened the meeting to the public for comment. Residents David Garrison and Norma Jean Miller spoke regarding issues they were experiencing with an adjoining neighbor whose cattle and dogs were continuously out and disrupting the neighborhood. This has been an ongoing matter and will be handled by the Court System. The Zoning Officer will be sent to reinspect the fencing. Resident Lisa Bishop lodged a complaint against Committeeman Seery with what she felt was harassment against her family. Carley Melchert asked the Township Committee to put more pressure on the County of Salem regarding the Route 77/Glassboro Road (CR619) intersection. Several other residents concurred and asked if the State Police could place some kind of flashing sign to alert drivers to the intersection.

Zeck introduced the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Upper Pittsgrove that the public shall be excluded from the following portion of this meeting during which time the Township Committee will discuss a subject for which the general nature is Attorney-Client Privilege. It is estimated that the time when, and the circumstances under which, the discussion conducted in closed session can be disclosed to the public is at the conclusion of the issue.

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

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

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Upper Pittsgrove at a meeting held on the 14th day of November 2023.

Linda R. Stephens, Clerk

Zeck moved that the next portion of the meeting be opened to the public. This motion was seconded by Bishop and adopted unanimously.

Bishop introduced “RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR IMPROVEMENTS AT THE INTERSECTION OF NEW JERSEY STATE ROUT #77 AND GLASSBORO ROAD, COUNTY ROAD #619 IN UPPER PITTSBORO TOWNSHIP” R-54-2023.

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Linda R. Stephens, Clerk