

Upper Pittsgrove Township

February 8, 2022

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	“
Jack Cimprich	“
Michael J. Seery, Sr.	“
Susan DeFrancesco	CFO
Brian Coles	Public Works Superintendent
& Township Visitors	

Bishop moved that the minutes of the January 4, 2022 Reorganization and regular meeting be approved as received which motion was seconded by Seery adopted unanimously.

The following monies were received from:

Susan DeFrancesco, Tax Collector – Taxes Collected	\$ 670,327.65
Linda R. Stephens - Zoning Permits	200.00
– CO	100.00
– White Goods	61.00
- Convenience Center Stickers	44.00
- Certified Copies	70.00
- Land Use Ordinance	50.00
- Zoning Map	1.00
Michael Raio – 200’ List	20.00
Timothy O’Donnell – Fire Inspection Fees	25.00
State of New Jersey – Pension Reimbursement	1000.05
- FEMA Island Road	145,479.71
Pilesgrove Joint Court - Court Costs	1,765.15
Borough of Elmer – Shared Services	1,939.20
Comcast Franchise Fees	7,633.36
Garden State Homes – Pad Fees	3,200.00
- Yearly License Fee	200.00
First National Bank of Elmer - Int. on NOW	382.94
First National Bank of Elmer - Int. on MMA	294.37
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TOTAL	\$ 832,793.49

The Treasurer's report showed the following balance as of January 31, 2022:

Current Fund - Checking Account	\$ 111,829.83
Current Fund - Money Market Account	1,900,343.10
Alt. Landfill Closure Escrow Fund	38,555.14
Capital Improvement Fund	854,315.81
COAH Developer's Fees Escrow Fund	95,271.84
COAH Twp. Contribution	324,536.14
Farmland Preservation Fund	107,221.20
Municipal Alliance Trust Fund	7,899.46
Veterans Memorial Fund	653.44
American Recovery Act	<u>175,581.50</u>
Total	\$3,616,207.46

Cimprich 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

The Clerk informed that Township Committee that a SADC Grant had been obtained to cover one-half the cost of the re-examination of the Farmland Preservation Element to the Master Plan.

The Clerk read a letter dated February 4<sup>th</sup> from Township Engineer, Stephen Nardelli. He had received communication from NJDEP regarding quarterly inspections that should be conducted as part of the landfill closure plan. After a brief discussion, the Township Committee asked the Clerk to obtain more definitive information on exactly what was to be inspected and who could perform these inspections.

The Chief Financial Officer presented a letter to the Township Committee from the State of New Jersey regarding overpayment of funds that Township had received as part of Hurricane Sandy Public Assistance Disaster 4012. The State was requesting repayment of the funds as follows: Project #1334-\$47,212.50 and Project #2772-\$5,035.65 for a total of \$52,248.15.

Zeck made a motion to release those funds back to the State of New Jersey; Project #1334-\$47,212.50 and Project #2772-\$5,035.65 for a total of \$52,248.15. This motion was seconded by Bishop and adopted upon a call of the roll.

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

Seery introduced "RESOLUTION OF UPPER PITTSBORO TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE ENDORSING SUBMISSION OF RECYCLING TONNAGE GRANT APPLICATION TO NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FOR RECYCLING YEAR 2021" known as R-11-2022.

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

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

Cimprich introduced “RESOLUTION AWARDDING QUOTES FOR APPRAISAL WORK AS REQUIRED FOR THE PLANNING INCENTIVE GRANT” R-12-2022

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 – Abstain      Meschi - Yes

Cimprich introduced “RESOLUTION AWARDDING QUOTES FOR APPRAISAL WORK AS REQUIRED FOR THE PLANNING INCENTIVE GRANT” R-13-2022

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 – Abstain      Meschi – Yes

Cimprich introduced “RESOLUTION AWARDDING QUOTES FOR APPRAISAL WORK AS REQUIRED FOR THE PLANNING INCENTIVE GRANT” R-14-2022

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 – Abstain      Meschi – Yes

Bishop introduced “RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE FEASIBILITY STUDY ON THE CREATION OF A COUNTYWIDE REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT IN SALEM COUNTY, NEW JERSEY” R-15-2022

Bishop 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

The Mayor opened the meeting to the public for comment. Resident Justin Rosenbaum commented about the proposed work to the Old Mill. He stated that he preferred that the historical character of the Old Mill be maintained if at all possible.

Cimprich 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 Contract Negotiations. It is estimated that the time when, and the circumstances under which, the

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discussion conducted in closed session can be disclosed to the public is at the conclusion of the issue.

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

Bishop - Yes      Meschi - Yes      Seery - Yes      Zeck – Yes      Cimprich – 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 8<sup>th</sup> day of February 2022.

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Linda R. Stephens, Clerk

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

The Township Committee authorized the Clerk to solicit quotes or sealed bid for the rental of 25 acres of land the Township owned, known as Block 38 Lot 8.01. The bid will be awarded at the March 8, 2022 Township Committee meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned to meet at the call of the Mayor and to conduct a budget workshop.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda R. Stephens, Clerk