

Upper Pittsgrove Township

June 14, 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
Jack Cimprich	“
David Zeck	“
Bruce Bishop	“
Michael J. Seery, Sr.	“
Brian Coles	Public Works Superintendent
Susan DeFrancesco	CFO
& Township Visitors	

Bishop moved that the minutes of the May 10, 2022 regular and special meetings be approved as received which motion was seconded by Zeck adopted unanimously.

The following monies were received from:

Susan DeFrancesco, Tax Collector – Taxes Collected	\$1,515,432.39
Linda R. Stephens - Zoning Permits	60.00
– CO	200 .00
– White Goods	194.00
- Certified Copies	40.00
- Land Rent	3,246.26
Michael Raio – 200’ List	30.00
NJ State – Homestead	151,357.97
-Homeowner Mail Reimbursement	160.80
Garden State Homes – Pad Fees	1,600.00
First National Bank of Elmer - Int. on NOW	483.32
First National Bank of Elmer - Int. on MMA	<u>278.94</u>
TOTAL	\$1,673,083.68

The Treasurer’s report showed the following balance as of May 31, 2022:

Current Fund - Checking Account	\$2,358,832.02
Current Fund - Money Market Account	366,787.17
Alt. Landfill Closure Escrow Fund	38,593.18
Capital Improvement Fund	818,731.49
COAH Developer’s Fees Escrow Fund	101,858.11
COAH Twp. Contribution	324,856.35
Farmland Preservation Fund	107,327.00
Municipal Alliance Trust Fund	8,107.39
Veterans Memorial Fund	654.09
American Recovery Act	<u>175,581.50</u>
TOTAL	\$4,301,328.30

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

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

Boy Scout Luke Reed informed the Township Committee that his Eagle Scout project was now complete. He installed a concrete and wood picnic table by the Old Mill and a 30’ flag pole. Both were landscaped accordingly.

The Mayor opened the Public Hearing for “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN EXPENDITURE OF MONIES FROM THE 2022 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR THE 2021 MAINTENANCE & REPAIR PROGRAM” known as Ordinance 2022-4 at 7:00PM as advertised.

The Mayor read the Ordinance by title, stating that it had been published in *South Jersey Times* issue of May 13, 2022 as required.

After hearing no comments for or against this Ordinance, the Mayor declared the Public Hearing closed at 7:05PM.

Seery moved that this ordinance be finally adopted on second reading and that a notice of its adoption be published in the *South Jersey Times* issue of June 17, 2021. This 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 AUTHORIZING MEMBERSHIP IN A MUTUAL AID AND ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT WITH PARTICIPATING UNITS.” R-33-2022

Cimprich 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

Seery introduced "RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE FITCHHORN ROAD, SECTION II RESURFACING" R-34-2022

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

Seery introduced "RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE TAYLOR ROAD RESURFACING" R-35-2022

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

Seery introduced "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR FEES AND IDENTIFICATION STICKERS AND DISPOSAL FEES FOR WHITE GOODS AND OTHER MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS" known as Ordinance 2022-5

Seery 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 June 17, 2022 together with a notice of its introduction and a public hearing to be held at the Township Hall on July 12, 2022 at 7:00PM.

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

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

Cimprich introduced "RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FRALINGER ENGINEERING, PA TO PERFORM ENGINEERING, SURVEYING AND INSPECTION/CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION SERVICES FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF RETAINING WALL AT THE CONVENIENCE CENTER" R-36-2022

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

Seery 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-37-2022

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 TO CORRECT AN OVERSIGHT OMITTING THE KESSEL FARMS FROM THE DECEMBER PIG APPLICATION" R-38-2022

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 – Abstain Meschi – Yes

Cimprich introduced "RESOLUTION AWARDING QUOTES FOR APPRAISAL WORK AS REQUIRED FOR THE PLANNING INCENTIVE GRANT" R-39-2022

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

Seery introduced "RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES" R-40-2022

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

The Mayor opened the meeting to the public for comment. Resident Jessica Bishop questioned the status of a community solar project. The Mayor replied that it was still in the fact finding phase.

Seery 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 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 Bishop 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 14th day of June 2022.

Linda R. Stephens, Clerk

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

Seery made a motion to authorize the Clerk to contact the Township Solicitor to review the Tattleaux Letter of Intent again and ask if the Township must go out for bid to be able to lease the ground. Zeck seconded this motion which was adopted unanimously.

Seery made a motion to approve the Bill from C& H for \$2,900. This motion was seconded by Cimprich and adopted upon a call of the roll.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Linda R. Stephens, Clerk