

Upper Pittsgrove Township

September 12, 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	“
Jack Cimprich	“
Michael Seery	“
Susan DeFrancesco	CFO
Brian Coles	Public Works Superintendent
& Township Visitors	

Bishop moved that the minutes of the August 8, 2023 regular meeting be approved as received which motion was seconded by Cimprich adopted unanimously.

The following monies were received from:

Susan DeFrancesco, Tax Collector – Taxes Collected	\$2,038,395.81
Linda R. Stephens - Zoning Permits	220.00
– CO	50.00
– White Goods	144.00
- Marriage Licenses	56.00
- Certified Copies	40.00
- Zoning Map	2.00
- Land Use Ordinance	100.00
Michael Raio – Certified Tax List	20.00
State of New Jersey - ERT #1	201,531.80
MRF #1	20,880.90
NJ Lead Program	3,200.00
Pilesgrove Joint Court - Court Costs	1,188.19
Borough of Elmer – Shared Service	1,465.00
Garden State Homes – Pad Fees	1,600.00
Camden Iron – Recycling	602.50
First National Bank of Elmer - Int. on NOW	535.14
First National Bank of Elmer - Int. on MMA	<u>572.17</u>
TOTAL	\$2,270,603.51

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

Current Fund - Checking Account	\$2,164,565.71
Current Fund - Money Market Account	2,415,755.66
Alt. Landfill Closure Escrow Fund	38,738.41
Capital Improvement Fund	804,084.58
COAH Developer’s Fees Escrow Fund	110,622.49
COAH Twp. Contributions	325,019.02
Farmland Preservation Fund	62,501.72
Municipal Alliance Trust Fund	8,097.83
Veterans Memorial Fund	654.42
American Recovery Act	<u>82,160.72</u>
Total	<u>\$6,012,200.56</u>

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

The Clerk presented the Township Committee with a proposal from Shropshire Associates LLC for a traffic study on the intersection of Taylor and Three Bridge Roads for \$5,200.00

Seery introduced “RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES” known as R-45-2023.

Seery moved that this Resolution be adopted, which motion was not seconded and therefor fell. Seery noted that there had been a serious accident at that intersection involving a school bus and motor vehicle ten years prior. Subsequently a young child died as a result of his injuries. He felt that necessitated further investigation as to whether a 4-way stop would be warranted.

Bishop introduced “RESOLUTION TO APPOINT A SUBSTITUTE PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEE” R-46-2023

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

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

Cimprich introduced “RESOLUTION APPOINTING LAND USE BOARD CLASS IV MEMBER AND ALTERNATE #1” R-47-2023.

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 – Zeck Meschi - Yes

Zeck introduced “RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE REVISED PERSONNEL POLICY AND PROCEDURES MANUAL” R-48-2023.

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

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

The Mayor opened the meeting up to the public for comment. Resident Betty Coombs expressed her disappointment that a traffic study would not be done at the intersection of Taylor and Three Bridge Roads stating that a life was worth any price paid. Mrs. Coombs second issue was regarding appointments to the Land Use Board and wanting more of the younger generations placed on Township Boards. The Mayor responded that five of the thirteen member Board were of the younger generation. In her final statement, she informed the Township Committee that the Elmer Times news reporter, Miranda, had been involved in a serious auto accident and was in critical condition in Christiana Hospital.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Linda R. Stephens, Clerk