

Upper Pittsgrove Township

March 9, 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	"
Bruce Bishop	"
Jack Cimprich	"
Michael J. Seery, Sr.	"
Susan DeFrancesco	CFO
Barry Foote	Public Works Superintendent
Brian Coles	Public Works Foreman
& Township Visitors	

Cimprich moved that the minutes of the February 9, 2021 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	\$1,643,063.62
Linda R. Stephens - Zoning Permits	80.00
– CO	150.00
– White Goods	143.00
- Convenience Center Stickers	10.00
- Certified Copies	10.00
Timothy O'Donnell – Fire Inspection Fees	225.00
Pilesgrove Joint Court - Court Costs	1,323.53
Borough of Elmer – Shared Services	892.00
Garden State Homes – Pad Fees	1,600.00
Eastern Metal – Recycling	1,221.43
Giordano – Recycling	2,881.52
Cumberland – Recycling	84.73
Comcast Cable – Franchise Fees	6,900.25
First National Bank of Elmer - Int. on NOW	321.24
First National Bank of Elmer - Int. on MMA	<u>328.05</u>
TOTAL	\$1,659,234.87

The Treasurer’s report showed the following balance as of February 28, 2021:

Current Fund - Checking Account	\$ 1,613,193.86
Current Fund - Money Market Account	643,676.04
Alt. Landfill Closure Escrow Fund	1,913.76
Capital Improvement Fund	896,750.79
COAH Developer’s Fees Escrow Fund	91,856.10
COAH Twp. Contribution	324,610.84
Farmland Preservation Fund	68,546.03
Municipal Alliance Trust Fund	7,755.31
Veterans Memorial Fund	653.59
Total	<u>\$3,648,956.32</u>

Zeck 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 – Yes      Zeck – Yes      Meschi - Yes

Boy Scout Lucas Reed gave a presentation to the Township Committee regarding his proposal for an Eagle Scout project. He was proposing the placement of two-eight foot picnic tables, with concrete legs and wooden tops, at the Daretown Lake by the Ramp off Fox’s Mill Road. He was also proposing the placement of a 30 foot flag pole near the Old Mill. He explained that the pole would be brown In keeping with the aesthetics of the Old Mill. When it was time to install the flag pole, Committeeman Seery told Lucas to contact him to determine the location of the underground pipe that feeds the water wheel, Lucas went on to state that he already had the flag pole and would be accepting donation for the two picnic tables. The Committee thanked Lucas for presenting his project and looked forward to working with him in the future.

Bishop introduced “ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)” known as Ordinance 2021-1.

Bishop 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 April 2, 2021 together with a notice of its introduction and a public hearing to be held at the Township Hall on April 13, 2021 at 7:00PM. This motion was seconded by Cimprich and adopted upon a call of the roll.

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

Seery introduced “RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE TAX RATE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UPPER PITTSBORO, COUNTY OF SALEM OPEN SPACE, RECREATION, FARMLAND AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION TRUST FOR THE BUDGET YEAR 2021” known as R-13-2021.

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

The 2021 Budget was presented by Susan DeFrancesco, CFO as per attached copy. After review, discussion, and comments from the Committee members the following Resolution was introduced by Cimprich.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2021 Municipal Budget be published in the *South Jersey Times* issue of April 2, 2021 together with a notice of its introduction and public hearing to be held on April 13, 2021 at 7:00PM, at the Township Hall.

Cimprich 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 - No      Zeck - Yes      Cimprich -Yes

Seery introduced “AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AN ORDINANCE FIXING THE COMPENSATION TO BE PAID TO THE ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UPPER PITTSBORO” known as Ordinance 2021-2 as per attached copy.

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 March 13, 2021 together with a notice of its introduction and a public hearing to be held at the Township Hall on April 13, 2021 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

The Tax Collector, Susan DeFrancesco, presented the Township Committee with her annual report for their review. Ms. DeFrancesco reported that the collection rate for 2020 was 97%. The Committee thanked Ms. DeFrancesco for her due diligence with tax collection.

Seery moved that the Tax Collector’s Report pursuant to N.J.S.A. 54:4-91 as per attached copy be accepted as filed. This motion was seconded by Bishop and adopted unanimously.

Cimprich introduced “RESOLUTION AWARDING QUOTES FOR APPRAISAL WORK AS REQUIRED FOR THE PLANNING INCENTIVE GRANT” R-14-2021.

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

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

Cimprich introduced “RESOLUTION APPROVING A DEED OF EASEMENT TO AND FOR THE BENEFIT OF BLOCK 13 LOT 20” R-15-2021.

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

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

Seery introduced “RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING LETTER IN SUPPORT OF PSEG NUCLEAR” R-16-2021

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

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

The Mayor opened the meeting to the public for comment. Resident and local business owner Mary Coombs introduced herself to the Township Committee and explained the nature of her business, A Garden Party in Upper Pittsgrove and her future goals for growing that business. Dawn Clark, Co-owner expanded on the development of the site and offering activities their customers would like to have.

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 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.

Cimprich moved that this resolution be adopted which motion was seconded by Seery 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 9<sup>th</sup> day of March 2021.

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Linda R. Stephens, Clerk

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

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

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 March 13, 2021 together with a notice of its introduction and a public hearing to be held at the Township Hall on April 13, 2021 at 7:00PM.

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

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

Cimprich made a motion to authorize the Clerk to send a letter to the State of New Jersey Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control stating that the Township Committee objects to any samples being offered, and to onsite consumption of the Frightened Turtle Winery be limited to retail sales of his products in original packages at retail only. This motion was seconded by Zeck and adopted upon a call of the roll.

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Linda R. Stephens, Clerk