

Upper Pittsgrove Township

February 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	“
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, 2023 reorganization and regular meetings minutes be approved as received which motion was seconded by Cimprich adopted unanimously.

The following monies were received from:

Susan DeFrancesco, Tax Collector – Taxes Collected	\$ 592,824.31
Linda Stephens – Zoning Permit	80.00
– White Goods	157.00
- Certified Copies	50.00
Michael Raio – 2 Certified Tax Lists 200’	20.00
State of NJ – Uniform Safety 1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter 2023	3,661.79
Pilesgrove Joint Court - Court Costs	686.58
Garden Homes - 2023 License Renewal (2)	200.00
<b>NSF – Returned Check</b>	<b>(200.00)</b>
Garden Homes Management – Pad Fees	3,200.00
Comcast - Franchise Fees	7,970.86
First National Bank of Elmer - Int. on NOW	157.38
First National Bank of Elmer - Int. on MMA	420.56
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TOTAL	\$ 609,228.48

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

Current Fund - Checking Account	\$ 800,256.13
Current Fund - Money Market Account	1,347,656.78
Alt. Landfill Closure Escrow Fund	38,670.97
Capital Improvement Fund	820,554.81
COAH Developer’s Fees Escrow Fund	103,623.39
COAH Twp. Contributions	324,453.25
Farmland Preservation Fund	126,905.35
Municipal Alliance Trust Fund	8,097.51
Veterans Memorial Fund	653.27
American Recovery Act	<u>351,163.00</u>
Total	\$3,922,034.46

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 read correspondence from the State Agriculture Development Committee that stated that two applications, previously submitted, were not approved for preservation.

The Clerk reviewed a flyer left by the Salem County Sheriff’s Department. They were asking approval to place a Clothing Recycling/Donation bin at the Municipal Building. The Clothing Recycling/Donation Program benefits would benefit Law Enforcement Against Drugs (L.E.A.D.). Zeck made a motion to approve the placement of the collection bin for a term of six-months. This motion was seconded by Bishop and adopted unanimously.

The Clerk read a letter from Paul Harding inquiring if the Township would assign a Tax Lien to him for a property that adjoins his. After a brief discussion the Clerk was asked to send Mr. Harding a response stating the Township plans to hold a Tax Lien Sale later in the year.

Cimprich introduced “RESOLUTION OF UPPER PITTSBORO TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE ENDORSING SUBMISSION OF RECYCLING TONNAGE GRANT APPLICATION TO NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION FOR RECYCLING YEAR 2022” R-11-2023

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

Zeck introduced “RESOLUTION APPOINTING PERSONNEL TO THE PILESBOURNE JOINT MUNICIPAL COURT” R-12-2023

Zeck 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

Cimprich introduced “RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FINAL APPROVAL JAMES AND DIANNE VALENTINE BLOCK 13 LOTS 21.01 AND 21.02” R-13-2023

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 – Abstain      Meschi -Yes

Cimprich introduced “RESOLUTION APPOINTING LAND USE BOARD CLASS IV MEMBER ” R-14-2023

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

Zeck introduced “RESOLUTION AWARDING SHELTER SERVICES” R-15-2023

Zeck 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

Seery introduced “RESOLUTION APPOINTING DEPUTY CLERK, DEPUTY REGISTRAR OF VITAL STATISTICS, RECYCLING COORDINATOR, AND SAFETY AND CLAIMS COORDINATOR” R-16-2023

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

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

Seery introduced “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN EXPENDITURE OF MONIES FROM THE AMERICAN RECOVERY ACT FUND FOR THE REPAIR OF THE CONVENIENCE CENTER RETAINING WALL” known as Ordinance 2023-1

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 February 17, 2023 together with a notice of its introduction and a public hearing to be held at the Township Hall on March 14, 2023 at 7:00PM.

This motion was seconded by Zeck 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. There was no one present that had any comment. Resident Christine Digneo wanted to commend the Monroeville Fire Company as “Unsung” heroes of the municipality. Her family recently had a chimney fire and she felt very comforted with the response time and consideration the Fire Company gave them.

Resident Betty Coombs wanted to know if the Township held any type of event to recognize the Volunteer Foreman of Monroeville and Daretown Fire Companies. She was also inquiring as to the status of the 4-Way stop on Jefferson Road and expanded internet service throughout Salem County.

The Mayor closed the meeting to the public for comment.

There being no comments from the public and no further business the meeting was adjourned to meet at the call of the Mayor and to hold a Budget Workshop.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda R. Stephens, Clerk