

Upper Pittsgrove Township

March 10, 2020

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 Jack Cimprich 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:

Jack Cimprich	Committeeman
Edward Meschi	"
David Zeck	"
Bruce Bishop	"
Michael J. Seery, Sr.	"
Susan DeFrancesco	CFO
Barry Foote	Public Works Superintendent
& Township Visitors	

Bishop moved that the minutes of the February 11, 2020 regular and closed session 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	\$1,406,430.82
Linda R. Stephens - Zoning Permits	60.00
– CO	300.00
– White Goods	137.00
- Marriage License	112.00
- Certified Copies	20.00
- Land Use Ordinance	50.00
Timothy O'Donnell – Fire Inspections	75.00
State of NJ – 2 nd Quarter Fire Safety Fees	3,538.93
Pilesgrove Joint Court - Court Costs	3,002.34
Borough of Elmer – Shared Services	1,915.00
Garden State Homes – Pad Fees-Mar	800.00
Camden Iron – Recyclables	1,550.62
Flett Exchange – sRecs	1,540.00
First National Bank of Elmer - Int. on NOW	284.89
First National Bank of Elmer - Int. on MMA	<u>342.69</u>
TOTAL	\$1,419,075.29

The Treasurer's report showed the following balance as of February 29, 2020:

Current Fund - Checking Account	\$ 639,216.02
Current Fund - Money Market Account	1,420,582.83
Alt. Landfill Closure Escrow Fund	1,908.02
Capital Improvement Fund	617,348.23
COAH Developer's Fees Escrow Fund	89,676.34
COAH Twp. Contribution	325,589.54
Farmland Preservation Fund	64,888.13
Municipal Alliance Trust Fund	7,316.92
Veterans Memorial Fund	<u>653.60</u>
Total	\$ 3,167,179.63

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

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

Jack Robinson distributed Daretown Fire Company's Expense Report for 2019 and their budget proposal for the year 2020. The Mayor thanked the Fire Company for their dedication to the Township.

Dan Hagerty, from First Citizens Bank owners of eleven lots at the White Tail Commons development, came before the Township Committee requesting that they pass a Resolution to call the Performance Bond. Mr. Hagerty reported on the status of the project and the need to call the Performance Bond and what that would mean to the Township. This was an informational visit only and he would be working with the Township Solicitor with the Resolution preparation.

Meschi 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 2020-1.

Meschi 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, 2020 together with a notice of its introduction and a public hearing to be held at the Township Hall on April 14, 2020 at 7:00PM. This motion was seconded by Bishop 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 2020" known as R-12-2020.

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

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

The 2020 Budget was presented by Susan DeFrancesco as per attached copy. After review, discussion, and comments from the Committee members the following Resolution was introduced by Zeck.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2020 Municipal Budget be published in the *South Jersey Times* issue of April 3, 2020 together with a notice of its introduction and public hearing to be held on April 14, 2020 at 7:00PM, at the Township Hall.

Zeck 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

Bishop 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 #2020-3 as per attached copy.

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 March 13, 2020 together with a notice of its introduction and a public hearing to be held at the Township Hall on April 14, 2020 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 2019 was 96%. 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.

Meschi introduced “AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED ‘AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE TRAILERS AND TO LICENSE TRAILER CAMPS IN THE TOWNSHIP OF UPPER PITTSBORO, COUNTY OF SALEM AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND TO PROVIDE PENALTIES FOR THE VIOLATION THEREOF’” 2020-3

Meschi 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, 2020 together with a notice of its introduction and a public hearing to be held at the Township Hall on April 14, 2020 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 Mayor opened the meeting to the public for comment. There being no one from the public present and no further business, the meeting was adjourned to meet at the call of the Mayor.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda R. Stephens, Clerk