

Upper Pittsgrove Township

April 11, 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	

Cimprich moved that the minutes of the March 14, 2023 regular meeting be approved as received which motion was seconded by Bishop adopted unanimously.

The following monies were received from:

Susan DeFrancesco, Tax Collector – Taxes Collected	\$ 147649.08
Linda R. Stephens - Zoning Permits	100.00
– CO	250.00
– White Goods	227.00
- Convenience Center Stickers	25.00
- Certified Copies	30.00
Michael Raio – 200’ Lists	10.00
State of NJ – Uniform Safety 2023-2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter	2,572.06
Pilesgrove Joint Court - Court Costs	1,419.92
Garden State Homes – Pad Fees	1,600.00
First National Bank of Elmer - Int. on NOW	362.24
First National Bank of Elmer - Int. on MMA	250.35
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TOTAL	\$ 156,095.65

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

Current Fund - Checking Account	\$ 870,413.85
Current Fund - Money Market Account	1,036,551.13
Alt. Landfill Closure Escrow Fund	38,689.73
Capital Improvement Fund	817,901.94
COAH Developer’s Fees Escrow Fund	103,673.65
COAH Twp. Contributions	324,610.61
Farmland Preservation Fund	126,966.90
Municipal Alliance Trust Fund	8,101.43
Veterans Memorial Fund	653.59
American Recovery Act	<u>351,163.00</u>
Total	\$3,678,725.83

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 Mayor opened the Public Hearing for “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 2022-3 at 7:05PM as advertised.

The Mayor read the Ordinance by title, stating that it had been published in *South Jersey Times* issue of March 17, 2023 as required.

After hearing no comments for or against this Ordinance, the Mayor declared the Public Hearing closed at 7:08PM.

Bishop 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 April 14, 2023. This motion was seconded by Cimprich and adopted upon a call of the roll.

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

Cimprich introduced “RESOLUTION CONFIRMING COMPLIANCE WITH NJAC 5:30-7; CONDUCTING LOCAL EXAMINATION OF 2023 ANNUAL MUNICIPAL BUDGET” known as resolution R-26-2023.

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

The Public Hearing on the 2023 Budget was opened at 7:11PM by Mayor Edward Meschi. The CFO, Susan DeFrancesco was present to answer any questions regarding the 2023 budget. There being no questions from the members of the public, the Mayor declared the Public Hearing closed at 7:13PM.

Zeck introduced Resolution R-27-2023:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Township Committee of the Township of Upper Pittsgrove, County of Salem, that the budget herein and before set forth be hereby adopted and shall constitute an appropriation for the purposes stated of the sum set forth as appropriations and authorizations as per attached copy.

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 - No      Zeck – Yes      Meschi - Yes

The Mayor opened the Public Hearing for “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 No. 2023-3 at 7:15PM as advertised.

The Mayor read the Ordinance by title, stating that it had been published in *South Jersey Times* issue of March 17, 2023 as required.

After hearing no comments for or against this Ordinance, the Mayor declared the Public Hearing closed at 7:17PM.

Cimprich 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 April 14, 2023. This 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. There being no one present that wished to comment, the Mayor closed the meeting to the public for comment.

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 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.

Cimprich 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

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 11<sup>th</sup> day of April 2023.

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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 Bishop and adopted unanimously.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Linda R. Stephens, Clerk