

Upper Pittsgrove Township

April 9, 2024

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
& Township Visitors	

Cimprich moved that the minutes of the March 12, 2024 regular and March 18, 2024 Special meetings minutes be approved as received which motion was seconded by Bishop adopted unanimously.

The following monies were received from:

Susan DeFrancesco, Tax Collector – Taxes Collected	\$ 128,021.37
Linda Stephens – Zoning Permit	140.00
– COs	100.00
- White Goods	95.00
- Convenience Center Stickers	19.00
- Certified Copies	40.00
Jack Justice – Fire Inspections	54.00
Michael Raio – 200’ Lists	30.00
State of NJ – 2021 Recycling Grant	3,210.62
- PERS – Double Payment	1,689.25
Borough of Elmer – PW Shared Services	2,560.00
Pilesgrove Joint Court - Court Costs	381.47
Comcast – Franchise fees	7,878.71
Garden Homes Management – Pad Fees	1,600.00
Camden Iron - Recyclables	673.00
Giordanos – Recycling	459.20
First National Bank of Elmer - Int. on NOW	499.69
First National Bank of Elmer - Int. on MMA	169.03
TOTAL	<u>\$ 147,620.34</u>

The Treasurer's report showed the following balance as of March 31, 2024:

Current Fund - Checking Account	\$1,824,441.63
Current Fund - Money Market Account	386,296.55
Alt. Landfill Closure Escrow Fund	38,806.20
Capital Improvement Fund	993,220.56
COAH Developer's Fees Escrow Fund	112,979.35
COAH Twp. Contributions	324,695.53
Farmland Preservation Fund	108,318.34
Municipal Alliance Trust Fund	8,089.75
Veterans Memorial Fund	653.77
American Recovery Act	<u>82,160.00</u>
Total	\$3,879,661.68

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 ""AN ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4045.14" known as Ordinance 2024-2 at 7:02PM as advertised.

The Mayor read the Ordinance by title, stating that it had been published in *South Jersey Times* issue of March 15, 2024 as required.

After hearing no comments for or against this Ordinance, the Mayor declared the Public Hearing closed at 7:03PM.

Seery 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 12, 2024. 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 Public Hearing on the 2024 Budget was opened at 7:07PM by Mayor Edward Meschi. The CFO, Susan DeFrancesco was present to answer any questions regarding the 2024 budget. There being no questions from the members of the public, the Mayor declared the Public Hearing closed at 7:09PM.

Bishop introduced Resolution R-26-2024:

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.

Bishop moved that this Resolution be adopted, which motion was seconded by Cimprich 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 PITTSBGROVE” known as Ordinance No. 2024-3 at 7:13PM as advertised.

The Mayor read the Ordinance by title, stating that it had been published in *South Jersey Times* issue of March 15, 2024 as required.

After hearing no comments for or against this Ordinance, the Mayor declared the Public Hearing closed at 7:15PM.

Zeck 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 12, 2024. This motion was seconded by Seery 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 “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN EXPENDITURE OF MONIES FROM THE 2024 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR THE PURCHASE OF A BACKHOE” known as Ordinance 2024-4 at 7:18 as advertised.

The Mayor read the Ordinance by title, stating that it had been published in the *South Jersey Times* issue of March 15, 2024 as required.

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 12, 2024. This motion was seconded by Cimprich and adopted upon a call of the roll.

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

Seery introduced “RESOLUTION TO REFUND MONEY TO DSHC ENTERPRISES, LLC DUE TO AN OVERPAYMENT ON BLOCK 67 LOT 13” R-24-2024

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

Zeck introduced “AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PROPER HANDLING OF YARD WASTE IN THE TOWNSHIP OF UPPER PITTSBGROVE” known as Ordinance 2024-5.

Zeck 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 9, 2024 together with a notice of its introduction and a public hearing to be held at the Township Hall on May 14, 2024 at 7:00PM.

This 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 “AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS TO CONTROL LITTERING IN THE TOWNSHIP OF UPPER PITTSBGROVE” known as Ordinance 2024-6.

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 April 9, 2024 together with a notice of its introduction and a public hearing to be held at the Township Hall on May 14, 2024 at 7:00PM.

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

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

Cimprich introduced “AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PROPER DISPOSAL OF PET SOLID WASTE IN THE TOWNSHIP OF UPPER PITTSBGROVE” known as Ordinance 2024-7.

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 April 9, 2024 together with a notice of its introduction and a public hearing to be held at the Township Hall on May 14, 2024 at 7:00PM.

This 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 “AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING THE RETROFITTING OF EXISTING STORM DRAIN INLETS IN THE TOWNSHIP OF UPPER PITTSBGROVE” known as Ordinance 2024-8.

Zeck 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 9, 2024 together with a notice of its introduction and a public hearing to be held at the Township Hall on May 14, 2024 at 7:00PM.

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

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

Zeck introduced “AN ORDINANCE TO PROHIBIT THE FEEDING OF UNCONFINED WILDLIFE IN THE TOWNSHIP OF UPPER PITTSBGROVE” known as Ordinance 2024-9.

Zeck 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 9, 2024 together with a notice of its introduction and a public hearing to be held at the Township Hall on May 14, 2024 at 7:00PM.

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

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

Cimprich introduced “AN ORDINANCE TO PROHIBIT ILLICIT CONNECTION TO THE MUNICIPAL STORM SEWER SYSTEM (S) OPERATED BY THE TOWNSHIP OF UPPER PITTSRGROVE” known as Ordinance 2024-10.

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 April 9, 2024 together with a notice of its introduction and a public hearing to be held at the Township Hall on May 14, 2024 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

Zeck introduced “AN ORDINANCE TO PROHIBIT THE SPILLING, DUMPING, OR DISPOSAL OF MATERIALS OTHER THAN STORMWATER TO THE MUNICIPAL STORM SEWER SYSTEM (MS4) OPERATED BY THE TOWNSHIP OF UPPER PITTSRGROVE” known as Ordinance 2024-11.

Zeck 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 9, 2024 together with a notice of its introduction and a public hearing to be held at the Township Hall on May 14, 2024 at 7:00PM.

This 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 “AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR PRIVATELY-OWNED SALT STORAGE IN THE TOWNSHIP OF UPPER PITTSRGROVE” known as Ordinance 2024-12.

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 April 9, 2024 together with a notice of its introduction and a public hearing to be held at the Township Hall on May 14, 2024 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

Cimprich introduced “AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH REQUIREMENTS FOR TREE REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT IN THE TOWNSHIP OF UPPER PITTSRGROVE” known as Ordinance 2024-13.

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 April 9, 2024 together with a notice of its introduction and a public hearing to be held at the Township Hall on May 14, 2024 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

Seery introduced “RESOLUTION AWARDING ONLINE AUCTION BID FOR 1949 ROAD GRADER” R-25-2024.

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 THE EXPENDITURE OF MONIES FROM THE 2024 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR FIRE EQUIPMENT AND REFURBISHING OF A FIRE TRUCK” known as Ordinance 2024-14.

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 April 9, 2024 together with a notice of its introduction and a public hearing to be held at the Township Hall on May 14, 2024 at 7:00PM.

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

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

Resident Michelle Hendrickson addressed the Township Committee asking how the process or the septic installation on her property could be expedited. After a brief discussion, it was explained that the process was now out of Township hands. Once NJDEP approves the septic design, the Township would move as quickly as was statutorily possible to complete the rest of the project.

The Mayor opened the meeting to the public for comment. Resident Betty Coombs questioned if the introduced Ordinances 2024-5, or 2024-6 addressed hoarding situations in the Township. The Mayor stated they did not. They were required Ordinances for Stormwater Management. Resident Mark Traum questioned drainage on New Freedom and Glassboro Roads. The Public Works Superintendent would visit the site and determine what could be done to alleviate the drainage issues.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Linda R. Stephens, Clerk