

Upper Pittsgrove Township

June 13, 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	“
Susan DeFrancesco	CFO
& Township Visitors	

Bishop moved that the minutes of the May 9, 2023 regular and Closed Session meeting be approved as received which motion was seconded by Zeck adopted unanimously.

The following monies were received from:

Susan DeFrancesco, Tax Collector – Taxes Collected	\$1,702,650.69
Linda R. Stephens - Zoning Permits	180.00
– CO	350.00
– White Goods	194.00
- Convenience Center Stickers	8.00
- Certified Copies	50.00
- Zoning Map	1.00
Michael Raio – 200’ Lists	10.00
Tim O’Donnell – Fire Inspection Fees	631.00
State of NJ – Clean Communities	16,970.80
County of Salem – Municipal Alliance	100.00
Pilesgrove Joint Court - Court Costs	1,424.70
Borough of Elmer – Shared Service	435.00
Garden State Homes – Pad Fees	1,600.00
Flett Exchange – SREC	1,728.00
TRICO JIF – Safety Reimbursement	3,000.00
First National Bank of Elmer - Int. on NOW	435.99
First National Bank of Elmer - Int. on MMA	<u>335.55</u>
TOTAL	\$1,730,104.73

The Treasurer's report showed the following balance as of May 31, 2023:

Current Fund - Checking Account	\$1,588,619.50
Current Fund - Money Market Account	1,284,828.71
Alt. Landfill Closure Escrow Fund	38,709.13
Capital Improvement Fund	805,576.61
COAH Developer's Fees Escrow Fund	105,821.34
COAH Twp. Contributions	324,773.38
Farmland Preservation Fund	122,736.75
Municipal Alliance Trust Fund	8,105.49
Veterans Memorial Fund	653.92
American Recovery Act	<u>351,163.00</u>
Total	\$4,630,987.83

Cimprich 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 – Absent 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 PITTSBURGH" known as Ordinance No. 2023-4 at 7:10PM as advertised.

The Mayor read the Ordinance by title, stating that it had been published in *South Jersey Times* issue of May 12, 2023 as required.

After hearing no comments for or against this Ordinance, the Mayor declared the Public Hearing closed at 7:12PM.

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

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

Cimprich introduced "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN EXPENDITURE OF MONIES FROM THE 2023 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR THE 2023 MAINTENANCE & REPAIR PROGRAM" known as Ordinance 2023-5.

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 June 16, 2023 together with a notice of its introduction and a public hearing to be held at the Township Hall on July 11, 2023 at 7:00PM.

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

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

Bishop introduced “RESOLUTION APPOINTING CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER” known as resolution R-31-2023.

Bishop 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 - Absent Zeck – Yes Cimprich -Yes

Cimprich introduced “RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES” R-32-2023

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 - Absent Zeck – Yes Meschi – Yes

Bishop introduced “RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 CLEAN COMMUNITIES PROGRAM” R-33-2023

Bishop 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 - Absent Zeck – Yes Cimprich – Yes

The Mayor read a Proclamation “Proclaiming the month of September 2023 as Prostate Cancer Awareness Month”

Cimprich made a motion to support the Mayor’s Proclamation. This motion was seconded by Bishop and adopted unanimously.

Zeck introduced “RESOLUTION SUPPORTING PARTICIPATION IN THE SUSTAINABLE JERSEY MUNICIPAL CERTIFICATION PROGRAM” R-34-2023

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 - Absent Zeck – Yes Cimprich -Yes

The Mayor opened the meeting up to the public for comment. Resident Betty Coombs had several comments and questions for the Township Committee. Her questions concerned whether farm preserved ground could be unpreserved, if the Township had any regulations regarding junk, if there was any update as to improved internet service within the Township, having the intersections of Burlington and Friendship Roads and Newkirk Station and Colson Roads trimmed back as warranted, and what were Meschi and Zeck’s want for the future of Upper Pittsgrove Township. She stated she was proud of the younger generation for running for office. Finally she asked if there could be more activities for the younger people. Resident Gunar Bergholz had a comment pertaining to the Land Use Board meeting held May 20, 2023.

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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