

Upper Pittsgrove Township

July 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	“
Brian Coles	Public Works Superintendent
Susan DeFrancesco	CFO
& Township Visitors	

Cimprich moved that the minutes of the June 14, 2023 regular and Closed Session meeting be approved as received which motion was seconded by Zeck adopted unanimously with Seery abstaining.

The following monies were received from:

Susan DeFrancesco, Tax Collector – Taxes Collected	\$ 111,981.65
Linda R. Stephens - Zoning Permits	80.00
– CO	250.00
– White Goods	374.00
- Certified Copies	90.00
Michael Raio – 200’ Lists	20.00
Tim O’Donnell – Fire Inspection Fees	162.50
State of NJ – Stormwater Grant	25,000.00
County of Salem – Early Election/Polling Place	6,159.44
Pilesgrove Joint Court - Court Costs	1,615.87
Borough of Elmer – Shared Service	5,175.00
Garden State Homes – Pad Fees	1,600.00
Giordano – Recycling	666.25
Camden Iron – Recycling	496.00
First National Bank of Elmer - Int. on NOW	380.42
First National Bank of Elmer - Int. on MMA	<u>333.95</u>
TOTAL	\$ 154,286.08

The Treasurer's report showed the following balance as of June 30, 2023:

Current Fund - Checking Account	\$1,485,947.37
Current Fund - Money Market Account	1,438,838.37
Alt. Landfill Closure Escrow Fund	38,718.67
Capital Improvement Fund	803,574.99
COAH Developer's Fees Escrow Fund	105,847.43
COAH Twp. Contributions	324,853.46
Farmland Preservation Fund	58,972.17
Municipal Alliance Trust Fund	8,107.49
Veterans Memorial Fund	654.08
American Recovery Act	<u>82,160.72</u>
Total	\$4,347,674.72

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 AUTHORIZING AN EXPENDITURE OF MONIES FROM THE 2023 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR THE 2023 MAINTENANCE & REPAIR PROGRAM" known as Ordinance No. 2023-5 at 7:10PM as advertised.

The Mayor read the Ordinance by title, stating that it had been published in *South Jersey Times* issue of June 16, 2023 as required.

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

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 July 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

Seery introduced "RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 NJDEP MUNICIPAL ASSISTANCE GRANT" R-36-2023

Seery 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

Cimprich introduced “RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION AND EXECUTE A GRANT CONTRACT WITH THE NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR THE TAYLOR ROAD RESURFACING” R-37-2023

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 - Abstain Zeck – Yes Meschi - Yes

Bishop introduced “RESOLUTION APPOINTING A CLEAN COMMUNITIES COORDINATOR” known as resolution R-38-2023.

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

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

Zeck introduced “AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN EXPENDITURE OF MONIES FROM THE 2023 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR THE 2023 BUILDING MAINTENANCE & REPAIR PROGRAM” known as Ordinance 2023-6.

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 July 14, 2023 together with a notice of its introduction and a public hearing to be held at the Township Hall on August 8, 2023 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 “RESOLUTION TO EXTEND THIRD QUARTER TAX DUE DATE” R-39-2023

Cimprich 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 “RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE PLACEMENT OF ENGINE BRAKE PROHIBITED SIGNS AT THE APPROACH TO THE INTERSECTION OF SWEDSBORO ROAD (CR666) AND ROUTE 77” R-40-2023

Seery 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

John Heritage, Emergency Management Coordinator for Upper Pittsgrove, reported to the Township Committee regarding the Hazard Mitigation Plan. In order to be eligible for FEMA funds after an event, the Township must update its plan every five years. He stated that the draft plan would be completed in August.

The Mayor opened the meeting up to the public for comment. Resident Betty Coombs had a question concerning Farmland Preservation and requirements for farming the ground for Farmland Assessment. Mrs. Coombs was referred to the Tax Assessor regarding Farmland

Assessment qualifications and Township Committeeman Cimprich explained the Farmland Preservation process.

Bishop 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 Attorney-Client Privilege. 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.

Bishop moved that this resolution be adopted which motion was seconded by Cimprich 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 11th day of July 2023.

Linda R. Stephens, Clerk

Cimprich moved that the next portion of the meeting be opened to the public. This motion was seconded by Zeck and adopted unanimously.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Linda R. Stephens, Clerk