

# Upper Pittsgrove Township

October 12, 2021

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	"
Jack Cimprich	"
Bruce Bishop	"
Susan DeFrancesco	CFO
Brian Duffield	Solicitor
& Township Visitors	

Bishop moved that the minutes of the September 14, 2021, regular meeting and the closed session minutes be approved as received which motion was seconded by Cimprich adopted unanimously.

The following monies were received from:

Susan DeFrancesco, Tax Collector – Taxes Collected	\$ 171,758.59
- Tax Collector Redemption Checks	3,470.65
Linda R. Stephens - Zoning Permits	40.00
- CO	250.00
- White Goods	169.00
- Convenience Center Stickers	15.00
- Marriage License	112.00
- Certified Copies	30.00
State of NJ – ERT #2	136,640.20
Salem County – Municipal Alliance	1,238.00
Borough of Elmer – Public Works Services	2,285.00
Pilesgrove Joint Court - Court Costs	1,212.44
Camden Iron – Recycling	1,084.60
Flett Exchange – Sale of sRECs	681.00
Garden State Homes – Pad Fees	1,600.00
First National Bank of Elmer - Int. on NOW	424.55
First National Bank of Elmer - Int. on MMA	<u>512.62</u>
TOTAL	\$ 318,335.65

The Treasurer's report showed the following balance as of September 30, 2021:

Current Fund - Checking Account	\$2,553,095.95
Current Fund - Money Market Account	608,282.86
Alt. Landfill Closure Escrow Fund	38,516.19
Capital Improvement Fund	988,846.26
COAH Developer's Fees Escrow Fund	95,456.79
COAH Twp. Contribution	325,182.22
Farmland Preservation Fund	102,660.62
Municipal Alliance Trust Fund	7,776.94
Veterans Memorial Fund	654.75
American Recovery Act	<u>175,581.50</u>
Total	\$4,896,054.08

Cimprich 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 – Absent      Zeck – Yes      Meschi – Yes

Meschi opened the public hearing for "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UPPER PITTSBORO, COUNTY OF SALEM, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING ORDINANCE 2021-3 ENTITLED 'ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES'" known as Ordinance 2021-6.

The Mayor read the Ordinance by title, stating that it had been published in *South Jersey Times* issue of September 20, 2021 as required.

The attorney for the Ackerman's, Matthew Ritter, spoke regarding the vagueness of the wording and disagreed with the ordinance limiting the BYOB (Bring your own Bottle) to restaurants. A Garden Party's (AGP) attorney Emily A. McDonough, stated that the way the ordinance is written, AGP would be at a disadvantage and limit their business. Brian Duffield, the Township Attorney reiterated that this ordinance either allows BYOB or not; whether AGP fits in the State's definition is not the Township Committee's place to decide.

After hearing no additional comments for or against this Ordinance, the Mayor declared the Public Hearing closed at 7:36PM.

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 October 16, 2021. This motion was seconded by Zeck and adopted upon a call of the roll.

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

Cimprich introduced "RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FINAL APPROVAL DAVID AND SHARON ZECK BLOCK 13 LOT 20" known as R-55-2021.

Bishop placed on the record that he had withdrawn his current application for Farmland Preservation. Cimprich moved that this Resolution be adopted, which motion was seconded by Meschi and adopted upon a call of the roll.

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

Meschi discussed the Halloween Trick-or-Treat hours and all agreed on following the Elmer Borough's time and date of October 30, 2021, 5pm – 8pm. This motion was seconded by Cimprich and adopted unanimously.

During the Committee report under Building and Grounds, Zeck made a motion to authorize Brian Coles to procure a lift as needed to work on the Old Mill. This motion was seconded by Cimprich and adopted unanimously.

The Mayor opened the meeting to the public for comment. Margaret Brovero discussed the intersection of Route 77 and Swedesboro Road as well as the intersection of Route 77 and Glassboro Road. She is aware that the Township has written letters to the NJDOT but more needs to be done. She would like the Township to make more noise. Brovero asked the Township Committee to write another letter to the State and Senator Sweeney's office, the Township Committee agreed.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Susan E. DeFrancesco, CFO