

Upper Pittsgrove Township

November 8, 2022

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
Jack Cimprich	“
David Zeck	“
Michael Seery	“
Bruce Bishop	“
Susan DeFrancesco	CFO
Brian Coles	Public Works Superintendent
& Township Visitors	

Cimprich moved that the minutes of the October 11, 2022 regular and Special meetings be approved as received which motion was seconded by Zeck adopted unanimously with Bishop abstaining.

The following monies were received from:

Susan DeFrancesco, Tax Collector – Taxes Collected	\$1,409,076.93
Linda R. Stephens - Zoning Permits	180.00
– CO/Reinspection	300.00
– White Goods	199.00
- Certified Copies	80.00
NJ State – MRF#3	3,480.17
-EFT #2	66,716.10
Borough of Elmer – Shared PW Services	1,430.00
Pilesgrove Joint Court – Fees	1,345.67
Garden Homes – Pad Fee	1,600.00
Camden Iron – Recycling	1,577.60
TRICO JIF – Cyber Risk	1,000.00
First National Bank of Elmer - Int. on NOW	347.91
First National Bank of Elmer - Int. on MMA	<u>540.14</u>
TOTAL	\$1,487,873.52

The Treasurer’s report showed the following balance as of October 31, 2022:

Current Fund - Checking Account	\$ 798,638.61
Current Fund - Money Market Account	2,580,204.62
Alt. Landfill Closure Escrow Fund	38,641.74
Capital Improvement Fund	631,120.18
COAH Developer’s Fees Escrow Fund	102,928.34
COAH Twp. Contribution	325,265.06
Farmland Preservation Fund	58,796.67
Municipal Alliance Trust Fund	8,117.60
Veterans Memorial Fund	654.92
American Recovery Act	<u>351,163.00</u>
TOTAL	\$4,895,530.74

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

Barbara Davis of The Land Conservancy of New Jersey gave a presentation on the draft of the Farm Plan update. A PDF copy of the presentation will be posted on the website.

Seery introduced “RESOLUTION AWARDING BID FOR THE LEASE OF THE PREMISES LOCATED AT BLOCK 38, LOT 8.01” R-57-2022

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

Cimprich introduced “RESOLUTION EXTENDING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWNSHIP OF PITTS GROVE TO PROVIDE CONSTRUCTION CODE ENFORCEMENT SERVICES” R-58-2022

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 - Yes Zeck – Yes Meschi - Yes

Seery introduced “RESOLUTION FOR APPLICATION TO THE GOVERNOR’S COUNCIL ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE FOR FUNDING FOR THE FISCAL GRANT CYCLE OCTOBER 2020-JUNE 2025 MUNICIPAL ALLIANCE THROUGH THE COUNTY OF SALEM” R-56-2021

Seery 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 - Yes Zeck – Yes Meschi – Yes

The CFO reviewed the results of the Best Practices Inventory with the Township Committee. Based on the results, the Township's State Aid should not be impacted by the responses.

The Township discussed possible dates for the Close Out and Reorganization meetings. It was decided the Close-Out meeting would be held on December 28, 2022 at 7PM. The Reorganization meeting would be combined with the regular January meeting and held on January 4, 2023 at 7PM.

The Mayor opened the meeting to the public for comment. Resident Betty Coombs expressed her appreciation for the Public Works Department maintenance at intersections within the Township. She requested that a 4-way stop be investigated for the corner of Newkirk Station and Jefferson Roads. Resident David Zeck, Jr. addressed the Township Committee regarding vehicular traffic along Elephant Swamp Trail which is prohibited. Both wheeled and on foot traffic has been trespassing on adjoining properties. The Public Works Superintendent would be going out to look at the entrance to the trail where it intersects Pinyard Road to see what additional deterrents could be installed. Resident Jessica Bishop advised the Township Committee that there could be funds available from the Sustainable Communities Grant Program for Trail improvements.

There was no one present that had any further comment. The Mayor closed the meeting to the public for comment.

Seery reported that the Eagle Scout Project located at the Veteran's Memorial had been removed. The project was located. Seery stated that he was offering a \$5,000 reward for any information that leads to the person/persons who had committed the vandalism.

Seery 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 Pending Litigation. 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.

Seery 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 - 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 8th day of November 2022.

Linda R. Stephens, Clerk

Seery moved that the next portion of the meeting be opened to the public. This motion was seconded by Zeck 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