

Upper Pittsgrove Township

April 12, 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
David Zeck	“
Bruce Bishop	“
Michael J. Seery, Sr.	“
Susan DeFrancesco	CFO
Brian Coles	Public Works Superintendent
& Township Visitors	

Bishop moved that the minutes of the March 8, 2022 regular and special meetings be approved as received which motion was seconded by Zeck adopted unanimously.

The following monies were received from:

Susan DeFrancesco, Tax Collector – Taxes Collected	\$ 141,660.74
Linda R. Stephens - Zoning Permits	140.00
– CO	50.00
– White Goods	299.00
- Convenience Center Stickers	71.00
- Certified Copies	80.00
- Marriage License	28.00
- Land Ordinance	50.00
Michael Raio – 200’ List	10.00
State of New Jersey – Uniform Safety	1,713.73
- 2019 Tonnage Grant	6,492.73
Borough of Elmer – Shared Services	3,827.50
Pilesgrove Joint Court – Court Costs	732.00
JIF Safety Program – Wellness	425.00
- Cyber	974.51
- Optional Safety	326.51
- Safety Incentive	1,532.96
- Workers Comp/Roger Yale	568.00
Camden Iron - Recycling	1,101.56
Garden State Homes – Pad Fees	1,600.00
First National Bank of Elmer - Int. on NOW	116.40
First National Bank of Elmer - Int. on MMA	<u>365.58</u>
TOTAL	\$ 162,165.22

The Treasurer's report showed the following balance as of March 31, 2022:

Current Fund - Checking Account	\$ 598,054.08
Current Fund - Money Market Account	1,240,486.37
Alt. Landfill Closure Escrow Fund	38,573.84
Capital Improvement Fund	854,573.84
COAH Developer's Fees Escrow Fund	95,318.05
COAH Twp. Contribution	324,693.54
Farmland Preservation Fund	107,273.21
Municipal Alliance Trust Fund	8,053.33
Veterans Memorial Fund	653.76
American Recovery Act	<u>175,581.50</u>
TOTAL	\$3,443,417.83

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 – Absent Seery – Yes Zeck – Yes Meschi – Yes

The Clerk read an email from A Garden Party, LLC requesting a letter of approval from the Township Committee for Frightened Turtle Winery to locate a winery sales/outlet in the retail floral shop. The Township Committee asked the Clerk to have the Township Solicitor compose and send the letter.

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. 2022-1 at 7:15PM as advertised.

The Mayor read the Ordinance by title, stating that it had been published in *South Jersey Times* issue of March 11, 2022 as required.

After hearing no comments for or against this Ordinance, the Mayor declared the Public Hearing closed at 7:05PM.

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 15, 2022. This motion was seconded by Seery and adopted upon a call of the roll.

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

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The Mayor opened the Public Hearing for "AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR FEES AND IDENTIFICATION STICKERS AND DISPOSAL FEES FOR

WHITE GOODS AND OTHER MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS” known as Ordinance No. 2022-2 at 7:15PM as advertised.

The Mayor read the Ordinance by title, stating that it had been published in *South Jersey Times* issue of March 11, 2022 as required.

After hearing no comments for or against this Ordinance, the Mayor declared the Public Hearing closed at 7:10PM.

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 15, 2022. This motion was seconded by Seery and adopted upon a call of the roll.

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

Zeck introduced “ORDINANCE TO EXCEED THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET APPROPRIATION LIMITS AND TO ESTABLISH A CAP BANK (N.J.S.A. 40A:4-45.14)” known as Ordinance 2022-3.

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 29, 2022 together with a notice of its introduction and a public hearing to be held at the Township Hall on May 10, 2022 at 7:00PM. This motion was seconded by Bishop and adopted upon a call of the roll.

Bishop - Yes Cimprich – Absent Seery - No Zeck – Yes Meschi – Yes

Bishop introduced “RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE TAX RATE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UPPER PITTSBORO, COUNTY OF SALEM OPEN SPACE, RECREATION, FARMLAND AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION TRUST FOR THE BUDGET YEAR 2022” known as R-24-2022.

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

Bishop - Yes Cimprich – Absent Seery - No Zeck – Yes Meschi – Yes

The 2022 Budget was presented by Susan DeFrancesco, CFO as per attached copy. After review, discussion, and comments from the Committee members the following Resolution was introduced by Zeck.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2022 Municipal Budget be published in the *South Jersey Times* issue of April 29, 2022 together with a notice of its introduction and public hearing to be held on May 10, 2022 at 7:00PM, at the Township Hall.

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

Bishop - Yes Cimprich – Absent Seery - No Zeck – Yes Meschi – Yes

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Joseph Cortes of Tatleaux Solar Group, LLC expanded on his previous presentation before the Township Committee. He explained further how a Community Solar would work. He had previously emailed an agreement to the Township Committee and he was requesting that the

execute the agreement which would enable his company to gather more information and move forward with the project. Seery made a motion for the Mayor to sign the agreement upon Township Solicitor review. Zeck seconded the motion which was adopted unanimously.

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

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

Seery introduced “RESOLUTION TO REFUND TO CARL MURPHY; HOMESTEAD REBATE” R-25-2022.

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

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

Seery introduced “RESOLUTION TO REFUND TO EDWARD AND LYNN SUESS; HOMESTEAD REBATE” R-17-2021.

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

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

Seery introduced “RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UPPER PITTSBURGH AUTHORIZING RELEASE OF MAINTENANCE BOND FOR THREE BRIDGE ROAD ASSOCIATES FOR SITE IMPROVEMENTS ON BLOCK 7 LOT 11” R-27-2022

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

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

The Mayor opened the meeting to the public for comment. No one present spoke.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Linda R. Stephens, Clerk