

Upper Pittsgrove Township

May 11, 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	“
Michael J. Seery, Sr.	“
Bruce Bishop	“
Susan DeFrancesco	CFO
Brian Coles	Public Works Superintendent
& Township Visitors	

Cimprich moved that the minutes of the April 13, 2021 regular and closed session meetings be approved as received which motion was seconded by Seery adopted unanimously.

The following monies were received from:

Susan DeFrancesco, Tax Collector – Taxes Collected	\$525,859.13
- Tax Sale Liens Redeemed	10,349.17
Linda R. Stephens - Zoning Permits	160.00
– CO	200 .00
– White Goods	223.00
Michael Raio – 200’ List	10.00
Timothy O’Donnell – Fire Inspection Fees	481.00
State of New Jersey – Fire Safety 2 nd Quarter	1,493.05
Pilesgrove Joint Court - Court Costs	2,677.93
Garden State Homes – Pad Fees	1,600.00
Giordano – Recycling	511.25
SIMS – Recycling	667.00
Camden Iron – Recycling	1,145.63
Flett Exchange – sRECs	1,600.00
First National Bank of Elmer - Int. on NOW	313.33
First National Bank of Elmer - Int. on MMA	<u>131.72</u>
TOTAL	\$ 547,422.21

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

Current Fund - Checking Account	\$ 1,226,231.45
Current Fund - Money Market Account	913,625.25
Alt. Landfill Closure Escrow Fund	1,914.72
Capital Improvement Fund	887,642.78
COAH Developer's Fees Escrow Fund	94,527.18
COAH Twp. Contribution	324,773.61
Farmland Preservation Fund	68,580.41
Municipal Alliance Trust Fund	7,909.24
Veterans Memorial Fund	653.92
Total	<u>\$2,984,329.50</u>

Zeck moved that the approved bills listed on the "BILL PAYING LIST" as presented to the Committee be paid which motion was seconded by Seery and adopted upon a call of the roll.

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

The Mayor opened the Public Hearing for "AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UPPER PITTSBURGH, COUNTY OF SALEM, STATE OF NEW JERSEY PROHIBITING THE OPERATION OF CLASS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, AND 6 LICENSED CANNABIS BUSINESSES WITHIN THE GEOGRAPHICAL BOUNDARIES OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UPPER PITTSBURGH" known as Ordinance 2021-4 at 7:00PM as advertised.

The Mayor read the Ordinance by title, stating that it had been published in *South Jersey Times* issue of April 29, 2021 as required.

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

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 May 14, 2021. This motion was seconded by Seery and adopted upon a call of the roll.

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

Chris Perez from Rutgers and Cheryl Riordan, ANJEC Project Director gave a brief follow-up presentation before the Township Committee on Green Infrastructure they planned for the Municipal Garage. This project was to help preserve the Delaware River Water Shed and would be totally funded by outside sources. The plans were the same as previously submitted at the September 8, 2020 meeting. Public Works Superintendent, Brian Coles stated that he saw no issue with where the garden was to be located. Cimprich made a motion to approve the Rain Water Garden project. This motion was seconded by Seery and adopted unanimously.

Cimprich introduced "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN EXPENDITURE OF MONIES FROM THE 2021 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR THE 2021 MAINTENANCE & REPAIR PROGRAM" known as Ordinance 2021-5.

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 May 14, 2021 together with a notice of its introduction and a public hearing to be held at the Township Hall on May 11, 2021 at 7:00PM.

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

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

Bishop introduced “RESOLUTION APPOINTING A PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT AND PUBLIC WORKS FOREMAN” R-21-2021.

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

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

Seery introduced “RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES” R-22-2021.

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

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

Cimprich introduced “RESOLUTION AWARDING QUOTE FOR CERTIFIED OUTBOUNDS SURVEY AS REQUIRED FOR THE PLANNING INCENTIVE GRANT” R-23-2021

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

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

Cimprich introduced “RESOLUTION AWARDING QUOTE FOR TITLE/SETTLEMENT WORK AS REQUIRED FOR THE PLANNING INCENTIVE GRANT” R-24-2021.

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

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

his carry over vacation time from 2020 granted to him in pay. He had been unable to use it in early 2021 due to ongoing public works projects. Cimprich made a motion to grant Mr. Foote's request and payout all his unused vacation from 2020 and 2021. This motion was seconded by Seery and adopted upon a call of the roll.

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

The Mayor opened the meeting to the public for comment and asked for any other comment from the public. There being none and no further business, the meeting was adjourned to meet at the call of the Mayor.

Respectfully submitted,

Linda R. Stephens, Clerk