

Upper Pittsgrove Township

June 8, 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	

Seery moved that the minutes of the May 11, 2021 regular and closed session meetings be approved as received which motion was seconded by Cimprich adopted unanimously.

The following monies were received from:

Susan DeFrancesco, Tax Collector – Taxes Collected	\$1,401,970.87
Linda R. Stephens - Zoning Permits	80.00
– CO	50.00
– White Goods	91.00
- Convenience Center Stickers	20.00
- Certified Copies	160.00
- Marriage Licenses	140.00
State of New Jersey – Homestead Rebate Reimbursement	118,328.73
Pilesgrove Joint Court - Court Costs	1,720.18
Borough of Elmer – Shared Services	4,027.50
Garden State Homes – Pad Fees	1,600.00
Giordano – Recycling	1,746.08
Camden Iron – Recycling	1,254.38
First National Bank of Elmer - Int. on NOW	436.77
First National Bank of Elmer - Int. on MMA	296.78
TOTAL	<u>\$1,531,922.29</u>

The Treasurer's report showed the following balance as of May 31, 2021:

Current Fund - Checking Account	\$2,093,877.12
Current Fund - Money Market Account	445,110.77
Alt. Landfill Closure Escrow Fund	1,915.21
Capital Improvement Fund	872,636.27
COAH Developer's Fees Escrow Fund	94,551.27
COAH Twp. Contribution	324,856.36
Farmland Preservation Fund	68,597.88
Municipal Alliance Trust Fund	7,911.26
Veterans Memorial Fund	<u>654.09</u>
Total	\$3,910,110.23

Cimprich moved that the approved bills listed on the "BILL PAYING LIST" as presented to the Committee be paid 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 Mayor opened the Public Hearing for "AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AN EXPENDITURE OF MONIES FROM THE 2021 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND FOR THE 2021 MAINTENANCE & REPAIR PROGRAM" known as Ordinance 2021-5 at 7:00PM as advertised.

The Mayor read the Ordinance by title, stating that it had been published in *South Jersey Times* issue of May 14, 2021 as required.

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

Seery 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 June 11, 2021. This motion was seconded by Zeck and adopted upon a call of the roll.

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

Nick Petroni, Petroni & Associates was present to address the Township Committee. He would be retiring soon and wanted to thank the Township Committee personally for the pleasure of working with the Township the past 30 years.

Paul Forlenza, Deputy Executive Director of the Tri-County Municipal Joint Insurance Fund gave a brief presentation to the Township Committee and to advise them of the renewal process that must be started by August 15, 2021 for the January 1, 2022 renewal date.

Seery introduced "RESOLUTION AWARDING BID FOR 2021 MAINTENANCE & REPAIR PROGRAM" R-25-2021.

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  
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Cimprich introduced “RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FINAL APPROVAL MICHAEL AND JANET SPOKONY BLOCK 30 LOT 6.01” R-26-2021

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 AUTHORIZING FINAL APPROVAL ROBERT & JOYCE WRIGHT BLOCK 21 LOT 6.01” R-27-2021

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 CERTIFIED OUTBOUNDS SURVEY AS REQUIRED FOR THE PLANNING INCENTIVE GRANT” R-28-2021

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-29-2021

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

Zeck introduced “RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 CLEAN COMMUNITIES PROGRAM” R-30-2021

Zeck 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

Zeck introduced “RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR THE INSERTION OF A SPECIAL ITEM OF REVENUE IN THE BUDGET PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 40A:4-87 2018 RECYCLING TONNAGE GRANT” R-31-2021

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Zeck 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

Joseph Valentine from the American Legion Ambulance Association was present to discuss current services provided to the Township, the cost of providing those services, and their future needs with continuing their operations. He had previously supplied the Township Committee a draft version of an Organizational Assessment done by an outside firm, dated May 28, 2021. The Township Committee would be supplied with the final copy once completed. A lengthy discussion was held regarding how the costs per municipality were calculated and those municipalities who did not currently fund the Association but received services.

The CFO, Susan DeFrancesco, explained to the Township Committee that William Morris, Custodian for the Town Hall would be retiring as of June 30, 2021. She provided a proposal from McGee's Cleaning to perform the required service on a weekly basis. This proposal outlined the scope of the work to be done at a cost of \$75.00 per week. No quotes were required as the aggregate cost was under the quote threshold.

Cimprich made a motion to approve the proposal as presented. 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 CFO, Susan DeFrancesco informed the Township Committee that she had received a written resignation from Susan Boeckle resigning from her position as Municipal Alliance Coordinator. The letter stated that the Upper Pittsgrove School Administration would like to turn the Program over to the Township. Seery stated he had spoken with the County MAPSA Coordinator, and the program was best directed from within the school.

A lengthy discussion was held regarding Executive Order 242 that no longer required masks indoors. This bill did leave the discretion up to local municipalities as to whether or not to still require them. On June 1<sup>st</sup>, the building was reopened with the requirement that all those entering wear masks, vaccinated/non-vaccinated alike. Cimprich made a motion to table the mask discussion until the July 13, 2021 meeting. This motion was seconded by Meschi. The motion fell without the majority vote. After some additional discussion, Zeck stated he would be willing to compromise to allow the mask requirement to remain in place only until July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Cimprich amended the motion to allow the mask requirement to remain in place until June 30<sup>th</sup>. On July 1, 2021 the residents would no longer be required to wear masks when entering the building and all signage would be removed. Meschi seconded this motion. Since it appeared there was a majority in favor of the continued mask requirement until June 30<sup>th</sup>. On July 1<sup>st</sup>, all signage would be removed and those entering the building would no longer be required to mask.

The Mayor opened the meeting to the public for comment. Resident Betty Coombs said she was there to meet the new Mayor. She inquired as to who the new Public Works employee was. The Mayor 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