

UPPER GWYNEDD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BOC BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

May 24, 2021

This meeting was held virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The public was notified of the meeting via an ad in The Reporter as well as our website and other social media. The public was invited to participate by calling in or by submitting questions in advance.

1. Call to order

The May 24, 2021, Public Meeting of the Upper Gwynedd Township Board of Commissioners was called to order by President of the Board, Liz K. McNaney at 7:00 PM. This meeting was recorded and visually taped.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mrs. McNaney led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call

Roll call was taken by Deanna Logan, Administrative Assistant to the Township Manager. The individuals in attendance were:

Liz K. McNaney	President
Denise M. Hull	Vice-President
Martha A. Simelaro	Commissioner
Katherine D. Carter	Commissioner
Ruth S. Damsker	Commissioner
Sandra Brookley Zadell	Township Manager
Megan Weaver	Assistant Township Manager
Lauren Gallagher	Township Solicitor
Isaac Kessler	Township Engineer
David W. Duffy	Chief of Police
David Brill	Finance Director
E. Van Rieker	Zoning Officer

4. Announcement of Executive Sessions

Ms. Gallagher said the Board met in Executive Session on May 17, 2021, to discuss matters of potential litigation. No deliberation occurred and no official action was taken.

5. Public comments and concerns (limit of five minutes per individual)

There was no public comment

6. Recognition of Charles Staub for 25 years of service to the Township

Sgt. Staub was unable to attend due to a personal matter. Chief Duffy said he has served as a SWAT team member, was lead range manager and is currently our fleet manager and motorcycle unit supervisor. Sgt. Staub was promoted to sergeant in 2018 and is a member of the County Drug Task Force.

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7. Recognition of Charles 'Chuck' Testa for 40 years of volunteer service to the UGFD

President of the Fire Dept. Greg Rosato said that Mr. Testa joined the Fire Department in 1980 and has served in numerous positions at the FD and at the Township. Mr. Rosato recognized Mr. Testa for his dedicated service over the past 40 years to the Fire Department and the community.

Mr. Testa said it has been an honor to serve Upper Gwynedd Township all these years and greatly appreciates the recognition. He mentioned his daughter has expressed interest in joining the Fire Department.

Mrs. McNaney thanked Mr. Testa for his many years of service on behalf of the Board.

8. Motion to approve Consent Items A – L (via roll call vote)

- A. Staff Department Reports
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| Parks & Rec | Public Works | Police | Zoning | Code Report |
| Eng. – EEMA | Eng. – RVE | UGFD | NPFD | |
- B. Public Meeting Minutes of April 12, 2021
- C. Public Meeting Minutes of April 20, 2021
- D. Merck & Co. waiver request from Chapter 113-1 & 124-5 for extended work hours to perform crane lifts on WP50 Utility Rack and WP54 Chiller Addition. Sunday, June 6 – August 29, 2021
- E. Emergency Declarations dated April 26, May 3, May 10, May 17 and May 24, 2021
- F. Payment #18 to PACT One for the Pump Station & Force Main Project in the amount of \$290,015.03
- G. Authorization of Lauren Gallagher, Township Solicitor to sign on behalf of the Township, the assessment appeal stipulation agreement between North Penn School District and Gwynedd Reality, LLC.
- H. Authorization of Lauren Gallagher, Township Solicitor to sign on behalf of the Township, the assessment appeal stipulation agreement between North Penn School District and The Robert Nicoletti Family Trust.
- I. Authorization of Lauren Gallagher, Township Solicitor to sign on behalf of the Township, the assessment appeal stipulation agreement between North Penn School District and Landmark Professional Realty, LLC
- J. Stormwater Best Management Practices Operations & Maintenance Agreement
- 974 Crest Road
- K. Encroachment Agreement onto Sanitary Sewer Easement
- 754 Swedesford Road
- L. Encroachment Agreement on Stormwater Easement
- 168 Mendham Avenue
 - 608 Whittaker Place

Hearing no public questions or comments, upon motion by Mrs. Damsker, seconded by Mrs. Simelaro, the motion to approve the Consent Items was unanimously approved.

Roll call vote:	President McNaney	Aye
	Vice President Hull	Aye
	Commissioner Carter	Aye
	Commissioner Simelaro	Aye
	Commissioner Damsker	Aye

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Liz K. McNaney, PRESIDENT **Finance/Personnel/Administration**

9. Motion to ratify authorization for Township staff to purchase Audio/Visual Equipment from the Lerro Corporation in the amount of \$22,640.06

This purchase is important to the Board so we can continue to live stream our meetings if residents are unable to attend in person. Mrs. Zadell said this equipment is being purchased through COSTARS.

Hearing no public questions or comments, upon motion by Mrs. Simelaro, seconded by Mrs. Carter, the motion was unanimously approved.

Denise M. Hull, VICE PRESIDENT **Zoning/Planning/Code Enforcement**

10. Motion to approve Resolution 20-2021, extending outdoor dining

Mrs. Hull said we are supporting our small businesses by continuing to permit outdoor dining.

Hearing no public questions or comments, upon motion by Mrs. Hull, seconded by Mrs. Damsker, the motion was unanimously approved.

Katherine D. Carter **Public Safety**

11. Motion to approve the Proclamation recognizing May 30 – June 5, 2021 as Upper Gwynedd Township Police Week

Chief Duffy thanked the Board for the recognition. Mrs. McNaney thanked Chief Duffy and the Police Department for keeping the community safe.

Hearing no public questions or comments, upon motion by Mrs. Carter, seconded by Mrs. Simelaro, the motion was unanimously approved.

Ruth S. Damsker **Public Works/Parks/Recreation**

12. Motion to ratify the advertisement of the consortium bid for heating oil

Hearing no public questions or comments, upon motion by Mrs. Damsker, seconded by Mrs. Hull, the motion was unanimously approved.

13. Motion to approve the Golf Outing Contract with Cedarbrook Country Club for October 4, 2021

Hearing no public questions or comments, upon motion by Mrs. Damsker, seconded by Mrs. Carter, the motion was unanimously approved.

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14. Motion to approve the bid award for Equipment Rental & Labor for Stormwater Projects to Floyd G. Hersh, Inc.

Hearing no public questions or comments, upon motion by Mrs. Damsker, seconded by Mrs. Simelaro, the motion was unanimously approved.

15. Motion to approve the hiring of Michael Morini as Full Time Parks & Recreation Laborer

Hearing no public questions or comments, upon motion by Mrs. Damsker, seconded by Mrs. Simelaro, the motion was unanimously approved.

Martha A. Simelaro Wastewater Treatment

16. Motion to approve the purchase of Panel View Plus Performance Modules in the amount of \$35,000 (via roll call vote)

Hearing no public questions or comments, upon motion by Mrs. Simelaro, seconded by Mrs. Damsker, the motion was unanimously approved.

Roll call vote:	President McNaney	Aye
	Vice President Hull	Aye
	Commissioner Carter	Aye
	Commissioner Simelaro	Aye
	Commissioner Damsker	Aye

17. Motion to approve Resolution 23-2021, Haines Run Flood Mitigation Grant

Mr. Kessler said these two (2) grants will help with the Haines Run stormwater project at the WWTP

Hearing no public questions or comments, upon motion by Mrs. Simelaro, seconded by Mrs. Damsker, the motion was unanimously approved.

18. Motion to approve Resolution 24-2021, Haines Run Watershed Restoration Grant

Hearing no public questions or comments, upon motion by Mrs. Simelaro, seconded by Mrs. Carter, the motion was unanimously approved.

Other Business

19. Motion to approve the May 2021 Open Invoices (via roll call vote)

Hearing no public questions or comments, upon motion by Mrs. Damsker, seconded by Mrs. Carter, the motion to approve the Open Invoices was unanimously approved.

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Roll call vote:	President McNaney	Aye
	Vice President Hull	Aye
	Commissioner Carter	Aye
	Commissioner Simelaro	Aye
	Commissioner Damsker	Aye

20. Motion to approve the May 2021 Paid Invoices (via roll call vote)

Hearing no public questions or comments, upon motion by Mrs. Hull, seconded by Mrs. Carter, the motion to approve the Paid Invoices was unanimously approved.

Roll call vote:	President McNaney	Aye
	Vice President Hull	Aye
	Commissioner Carter	Aye
	Commissioner Simelaro	Aye
	Commissioner Damsker	Aye

21. Discussion regarding Pride Month

Mrs. McNaney said Pride Month runs the entire month of June. Many municipalities, schools and businesses will fly the pride flag for the month. Mrs. Damsker said the county flies the flag also and since we just formed the HRC and want to be inclusive, that we should support pride month. Mrs. Simelaro agreed with Mrs. Damsker. Mrs. Carter said this would show our respect for all cultures, people and diversity. Mrs. Hull said June has become the month to recognize our LGBTQ community. On June 26, 2015, the US Supreme Court struck down all state bans on same sex marriages and legalized same sex marriage in all 50 states and required states to honor out of state same sex marriage licenses. She said it is the perfect month to celebrate all of our residents who are LGBTQ and to let them know that Upper Gwynedd is a safe place for them to live, work and play. Mrs. McNaney agreed with the comments.

Richard Buttacavoli, 27 Lincoln Avenue, Lansdale, commended the Commissioners for discussing this subject this evening. He mentioned that many nearby communities will be flying the flag, and this shows that Upper Gwynedd is a welcoming community. It encourages businesses to move into UGT. Mr. Buttacavoli is the founding member of the Montgomery County LGBT business council.

Mrs. Zadell said we will fly the pride flag the whole month of June.

22. Call for Adjournment

Mrs. Hull said Lansdale Borough has officially opened Whites Road Park. She said UGT donated to the Parks renovation since many Upper Gwynedd residents use the park.

Mrs. McNaney adjourned the meeting at 7:35 pm.



Respectfully Submitted,

Sandra Brookley Zadell
Secretary

Approved June 15, 2021