

UPPER GWYNEDD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

BOC BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

June 15, 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 June 15, 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
Nicole Feight	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. Feight said the Board met in Executive Session before this meeting on June 15, 2021 to discuss matters of personnel.

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

There was no public comment

6. Commendation of Ashley Hughes for saving a choking victim on April 27th.

Chief Duffy said this commendation is for life saving actions on April 27, 2021. An 89-year-old female was eating cereal when she began to choke. Ms. Hughes, the victim's caregiver quickly jumped into action and performed the Heimlich maneuver on the victim which successfully cleared her airway. Upper Gwynedd Police and the Fire Department's quick response service responded to the call. Ms. Hughes was commended for her quick-thinking actions which prevented the situation from worsening.

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7. MS-4 Presentation by Isaac Kessler, Township Engineer

Mr. Kessler presented an overview of the Township's Stormwater Management Plan (MS-4). The MS-4 or Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System plan keeps separate the water that flows to our creeks and streams from the water that flows to our Sewer Treatment Plant. Our NPDES permit controls how stormwater is managed prior to it flowing to a waterway.

The permit requires a series of six (6) minimum control measures.

- Public Education and Outreach which includes pamphlet, website and presentations
- Public Involvement and Participation may consist of volunteer groups that help care for the health of the streams or participate in Earth Day, Arbor Day and Tree Planting events
- Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination measures how the bad stuff is kept out of the streams with basin inspections, outfall inspections and upgrading the storm sewer map in GIS
- Construction Site Runoff Control focuses on routine construction inspections and notice of Erosion & Sediment (E&S) violation issuance
- Post Construction Stormwater Management includes long term operation and maintenance plans for stormwater features and elements throughout the Township
- Pollution Prevention and Good Housekeeping include procedures for managing Township owned stormwater facilities

Other elements to the plan include Pollution Reduction Plan and Total Maximum Daily Load. This focuses on identifying impaired watersheds, mapping the storm sewer within the impaired area and developing a plan to reduce the pollutants (sediment, total phosphorus, and total nitrogen). We partner with Merck to plan out projects to address the issues of impaired waterways.

The last cycle was submitted to the DEP in 2019. At that time, several creeks were identified as being impaired. The Township has an approved plan to meet the reduction goal with streambank restorations and basin retrofits. We continue to update mapping to include new development. We also identified sources of sediment and continually work on ways to improve it.

Mrs. Zadell said RVE has instituted a useful spreadsheet that is a quarterly timeline of what needs to be done and when it needs to be completed.

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

- A. Staff Department Reports
- B. Public Meeting Minutes of May 10, 2021
- C. Public Meeting Minutes of May 24, 2021
- D. Merck & Co. waiver request from Chapter 113-1 & 124-5 for afterhours work to perform crane lifts on Building 2J Roof Replacement Project. Sundays in July, August and September
- E. Shoppes at Upper Gwynedd Escrow Release #6 in the amount of \$63,683.02
- F. Emergency Declaration dated May 31, 2021
- G. Payment #19 to PACT One for the Pump Station & Force Main Project in the amount of \$128,045.48
- H. Payment #1 to Blooming Glen Contractors for the Chemical Feed Replacement in the amount of \$68,692.95
- I. Payment #1 to Allan Myers LP for the 2021 Roads Program in the amount of \$100,519.86

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

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

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Commissioner Simelaro
Commissioner Damsker

Aye
Aye

Liz K. McNaney, PRESIDENT
Finance/Personnel/Administration

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

9. Motion to approve/deny the Hartford Conditional Use Application for the operation of a day care use

Mrs. Hull announced that the applicant filed an extension so this will be continued in July.

Mrs. Hull mentioned that the summer concert series begins this week.

Katherine D. Carter
Public Safety

10. Motion to approve the advertisement of Ordinance 2021 – 02, amending the Code at Chapter 174 – Taxation, at Article VI – Volunteer Service Tax Credit, at Section 43 – Earned Income Tax, Section 44, Real Estate Tax Credit and Section 46 – Certification of Qualifying Volunteers

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

11. Motion to approve the hiring Conor McCann as PT Deputy Fire Marshal/EMC

Mrs. Zadell said Mr. McCann has a big job ahead of him with Fire Marshal Jeff Tomczak leaving for military duty. He has been busy training with Mr. Tomczak.

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

12. Motion to approve the purchase of a replacement Township vehicle because of damage

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

Mrs. Zadell said we are replacing the vehicle with a hybrid vehicle which is the third hybrid for the Police Department.

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Ruth S. Damsker

Public Works/Parks/Recreation

13. Motion to approve the Lansdale Family YMCA 5K run on Saturday, September 18, 2021

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

14. Motion to approve the Concession Stand Lease with Boston Style Pizza

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

Martha A. Simelaro

Wastewater Treatment

Mrs. Simelaro gave a shout out to the Environment Advisory Council (EAC) for sponsoring a rain barrel workshop. Residents made 55-gallon rain barrels to help their properties and the environment by conserving water.

Other Business

15. Motion to approve the June 2021 Open Invoices (via roll call vote)

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

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

16. Motion to approve the June 2021 Paid Invoices (via roll call vote)

Hearing no public questions or comments, upon motion by Mrs. Simelaro, seconded by Mrs. Damsker, 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

17. Call for Adjournment

Mrs. McNaney said our Fire Department is hosting their first golf outing on Monday, September 13th at the Mainland Golf Course. Additional information can be found on the UGFD Facebook page.

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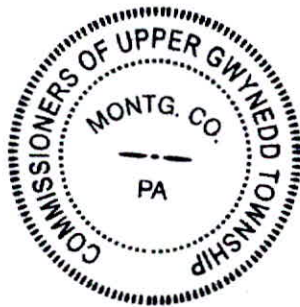
She added, we started an Upper Gwynedd Township Recognition Program which recognizes residents for their achievements and asked residents to send information to Township Manager Sandra Zadell.

Mrs. McNaney added two Upper Gwynedd residents were inducted to the Nor Gwyn Baseball Hall of Fame; Steve Cameron and Bob Hamelin for going above and beyond for many years by serving Nor Gwyn Baseball.

Mrs. McNaney said there is a lot going on the at Township this summer. Please look at our marquee, Facebook pages, social media and website. We look forward to seeing our residents at the events.

Mrs. Carter said the Park Sci 25+1 Birthday Party was a great event with many activities. She thanked Sarah Prebis for all her work on the event.

Mrs. McNaney adjourned the meeting at 7:40 pm



Respectfully Submitted,

Sandra Brookley Zadell
Secretary

Approved July 20, 2021

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