

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

November 19, 2018

KENNETH E. KROBERGER, PRESIDENT
Finance/Personnel/Administration

1. Call to order.

The November 19, 2018, Public Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order at 7:30 PM by President of the Board, Kenneth E. Kroberger. The following individuals were in attendance.

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| Kenneth E. Kroberger | President |
| James A. Santi | Vice President |
| Thomas A. Duffy | Commissioner |
| Denise M. Hull | Commissioner |
| Liz K. McNaney | Commissioner |
| Alex J. Kaker | Assistant Township Manager |
| David W. Duffy | Police Chief |
| Russ Benner | Township Engineer |
| David Onorato | Township Solicitor |

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Motion to approve the Minutes of the Workshop Meeting held October 16, 2018

Mr. Kroberger noted that everyone received copies of the Workshop Meeting Minutes with the Agenda packet. Hearing no questions or comments, upon motion of Mr. Santi, seconded by Mr. Duffy, the Minutes of the October 16, 2018 Workshop Meeting were approved as presented.

4. Motion to approve the Minutes of the Public Meeting held October 22, 2018

Mr. Kroberger also noted that the Public Meeting Minutes were received with the Agenda packet. Hearing no questions or comments, upon motion of Mrs. Hull seconded by Mr. Santi, the Minutes of the October 22, 2018 Public Meeting were approved as presented.

5. Motion to approve the Department Reports filed by Township Staff.

Mr. Kroberger asked for comments or questions. Hearing none, upon motion of Mr. Duffy, seconded by Mrs. McNaney, the Departmental Reports were approved as submitted.

6. Presentation of public comments and concerns (limit of five minutes per individual).

There were none

7. Recognition of John Chabala for 35 years of service to the Township

Mr. Kroberger said it is always a pleasure to recognize employees each month that have reached certain milestones with employment in the Township. He added, tonight we are happy to recognize John Chabala in our Parks and Recreation Department for 35 years of service. Mr. Chabala was unable to attend.

8. Recognition of Mike Morabito for 10 years of service to the Township

Mr. Kroberger said Mr. Morabito is a member of our Wastewater Treatment Plant staff. Mr. Kroberger thanked Mr. Morabito for his 10 years of service and invited him to shake hands with the Board.

9. Recognition of Dave Richard for 45 years of service to the Township (will attend)

Mr. Kroberger said we are acknowledging Dave Richard for 45 years of service with the Public Works Department. Mr. Kroberger added that Mr. Richard is a great part of the Township. The Board of Commissioners offered their congratulations to Mr. Richard.

10. Recognition of Corpus Christi

Mr. Santi said the school children at Corpus Christi recognized our Police Department in their school and offered their daily prayers to St. Michael, the patron saint of police. Mr. Santi thanked the children. Chief Duffy presented a commendation to Corpus Christi Principal, Maureen Lafferty and the students. Corpus Christi also donated \$750.00 for the DARE program. The principal and children shook hands with the Board as they offered their thanks.

Mr. Kroberger suspended the public meeting and opened the public hearing.

11. Public Hearing

The purpose of this hearing is to hear comment pursuant to the consideration of Ordinance 2018-012, an Ordinance amending Section 195-10.2 of the Upper Gwynedd Township Code for the purposes of adding a new district titled Sumneytown Pike In-Fill and Traffic Management Overlay District and repealing any inconsistent provisions therewith.

Mrs. Hull read the above purpose before turning it over to Mr. Onorato. **See attached Court Report for complete hearing testimony.**

Brief explanation by David Onorato, Township Solicitor

Exhibits:

T1: Ordinance 2018-012

T2: Proof of Publication of Legal Advertisement – October 30 and November 7, 2018

T3: Montgomery County Planning Commission Review Letter

T4: UGT Planning Commission Review Letter (Not yet received)

12. Request for public comment

Mr. Kroberger asked if anyone had comments in favor or against this ordinance. There were none.

13. Motion to close the Public Hearing and open the Public Meeting

Mr. Kroberger asked for a motion to close the hearing which was made by Mr. Duffy and seconded by Mr. Santi. The motion to close the Public Hearing and open the Public Meeting was unanimously approved.

We will add the Upper Gwynedd Township Planning Commission review letter to the exhibits once it is received.

14. Motion to authorize the advertisement of the 2019 Holiday & Meeting Schedule

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

15. Motion to approve Resolution No. 29-2018: Authorizing the auditors to conduct an audit

Mr. Kroberger announced that Maillie Falconiero will conduct the audit.

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

16. Motion to approve Resolution No. 30-2018: Homestead exemption for 2019

Mr. Kroberger said the Homestead Exemption allows for any residential owner to reduce their tax assessment by \$30,000.00. Upper Gwynedd residents have over 90% participation in the exemption.

Hearing no questions or comments, upon motion by Mrs. McNaney, seconded by Mr. Duffy, the motion was unanimously approved.

JAMES A. SANTI, VICE PRESIDENT
Public Safety

THOMAS A. DUFFY
Public Works/Parks/Recreation

17. Motion to approve payment #3 to Harris Blacktopping in the amount of \$93,248.76

Mr. Duffy said this includes the price adjustment for bituminous materials for an additional \$55,836.32.

Hearing no questions or comments, upon motion by Mr. Duffy, seconded by Mr. Santi, the motion was unanimously approved.

DENISE M. HULL**Zoning/Planning/Code Enforcement**

18. Motion to approve/deny Hartford Properties Conditional Use Application

Mrs. Hull turned it over to Scott Denlinger, of Wisler Pearlstein, Special Counsel for Upper Gwynedd Township. Mr. Denlinger said the Board of Commissioners held three (3) hearings on the Hartford Properties Conditional Use Application and held executive sessions to discuss those hearings. Mr. Denlinger said the public was invited to make comments during the hearings.

Mrs. Hull made a motion to approve the Conditional Use under certain conditions. She then read the complete conditions (10) of the order. **(See attached Order)**

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

Mr. Santi thanked Mr. Denlinger and the firm of Wisler Pearlstein for their efforts.

19. Motion to approve Resolution No. 31-2018, Newbury II Subdivision Final Plan Approval

Mr. Onorato said Newbury II received Preliminary Plan approval several months ago (Resolution 03-2018). This resolution provides certain conditions that must be met. Mrs. Hull read the conditions (11) of the plan. Ms. Kearney asked about the amount of the open space which was estimated at \$49,200. Mr. Onorato said it is calculated based on the price per dwelling unit which is currently \$1680.

Anthony Maras of PRDC said he doesn't have the authority to contract with BSI for the lights at Nor-Gwyn Baseball. He said he wants to make sure any agreement doesn't conflict with the current lease agreement and any requirements of said agreement. Mr. Maras asked to work with Mr. Onorato and the Township on this in getting the baseball lights installed at Nor-Gwyn.

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

LIZ K. MCNANEY**Wastewater Treatment**

20. Motion to approve the 2019 DelPAC Aluminum Chloride Basic Bid Award to USALCO in the amount of \$.17 per lb.

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

21. Motion to approve the 2019 Dense Soda Ash Bid Award to Brenntag Northeast Inc. in the amount of \$12.50 per 50 lb. bag

Mrs. McNaney announced that six (6) bids were received.

Hearing no questions or comments, upon motion by Mrs. McNaney, seconded by Mr. Duffy, the motion was unanimously approved.

22. Motion to approve the 2019 Magnetite Bid Award to Evoqua Water Technologies in the amount of \$628.00 per ton

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

OTHER BUSINESS

23. Approval of the November 2018 bills.

Mr. Kroberger noted that the Board had received a copy of the General fund bills. Hearing no questions, upon motion by Mr. Santi, seconded by Mrs. McNaney, the General Fund bills were approved.

Mr. Kroberger said the next item is the Wastewater Bills and asked for questions or comments. Hearing none, upon motion by Mrs. Hull, seconded by Mr. Duffy, the Board unanimously approved the Sewer Fund bills.

Mr. Kroberger advised that the Board was also being asked to approve invoices from all other funds which include the Uniformed Police Pension Fund and VEBA. Hearing no questions or comments, upon motion by Mr. Duffy, seconded by Mr. Santi, the Board unanimously approved these invoices as well.

Mr. Kroberger said that there were several invoices that had been prepaid due to timing. Hearing no questions or comments, upon motion by Mrs. Hull seconded by Mrs. McNaney, the Board unanimously approved the pre-paid invoices.

24. Call for Adjournment.

Mrs. McNaney asked the Department Heads for any updates.

Chief Duffy said we hired Evan Meoli in August and he is now working on his own patrol and is doing well. He added we are getting faster with the new County records management system. Chief Duffy also announced that we've had some auto break-ins and reminded residents to please lock your cars.

Mr. Kaker thanked Mr. Troxel and Chief Duffy for their efforts with last week's snow storm. He added that he went to an informational session on the Spotted lanternfly and invited residents to the next informational session. He also invited our residents to the Holiday Lighting event on December 7 at 6 pm.

Mr. Kroberger announced the Board will be going into Executive Session for personnel issues.

Mr. Kroberger offered our residents a Happy Thanksgiving.

There being no further business, upon motion by Mr. Santi, seconded by Mr. Duffy the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alex J. Kaker
Assistant Secretary