

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

July 22, 2019

KENNETH E. KROBERGER, PRESIDENT
Finance/Personnel/Administration

1. Call to order.

The July 22, 2019, 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.

Kenneth E. Kroberger	President
James A. Santi	Vice-President
Thomas A. Duffy	Commissioner
Denise M. Hull	Commissioner
Liz K. McNaney	Commissioner
Sandra Brookley Zadell	Township Manager
Megan Weaver	Asst. Township Manager
David W. Duffy	Police Chief
Russ Benner	Township Engineer
David Onorato	Township Solicitor

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Kroberger suspended the Public Meeting and opened the Public Hearing.

3. TMDL Presentation and Hearing

The purpose of this hearing is to hear comment pursuant to the consideration of a Combined Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) and Pollutant Reduction Plan (PRP) as required by the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Individual Permit for Stormwater Discharges from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS-4).

Mr. Kroberger read the above purpose of the hearing before turning it over to Sandra Zadell.

Mrs. Zadell said Upper Gwynedd Township goes above and beyond what is required for MS-4 permitting. She presented a list of the (five) 5 stormwater projects to date which have totaled \$1,737,633. 63% of the projects were funded through grants and project partners. Mrs. Zadell stated how impressed she is that UGT was able to secure all of the funding and said the Township is giving great value to their residents. She added the Board and staff should be proud that they took the bull by the horns in starting and completing these projects as many municipalities have not done any work yet. She introduced David Petrik from T&M Associates.

Mr. Kroberger said we have partnered with Merck on many MS-4 projects. He added that some Merck projects on their property will go towards the TMDL reduction plan requirements. Mr. Kroberger thanked Merck on behalf of the Board for their participation with Upper Gwynedd Township in making these improvements to the quality of the water and environment for the residents. Mr. Kroberger noted that we are at the headwaters of the Wissahickon, so anything that we do in the Township, will benefit other municipalities downstream from us.

Presentation by David Petrik, T&M Associates

Mr. Petrik presented the TMDL and PRP plans and explained there was an original TMDL plan in 2012 that was just recently updated. This new update includes a new Planning Area and guidelines. Based on certain criteria, the planning area that was defined is approximately 68% of the Township discharges through the storm sewer systems. The creeks are impaired as a result of TSS (total suspended solids - aka sediment). A water quality model was used to determine the land cover. The sediment load of 2.8 million pounds of sediment is created each year from the Skippack and Wissahickon Creeks. There are sixty-eight (68) existing basins in the Planning Areas which accounts for 2.4 million pounds of sediment that is reduced. The Township is required to reduce this sediment load by 10% over the next 5-year permit term (2019 – 2024) or 240,464 lbs. per year. Several projects have been identified to reduce this sediment load. Potential funding for the projects can come from Partnerships, grants and looking at ordinance requirements which could encourage land developers to help. Mr. Petrik noted the public comment period is open until July 25, 2019.

Mr. Kroberger entered the following exhibits

Exhibits:

T1: Combined Total Maximum Daily Load & Pollutant Reduction Plan

T2: Proof of Publication of Legal Advertisement – June 24, 2019

4. Request for public comment

Mr. Kroberger asked if anyone had any comments in opposition of the plan – there were none, he then asked if anyone had any comments in favor of the plan to which there were none.

5. Motion to close the Public Hearing and resume the Public Meeting

Hearing no questions or comments, upon motion by Mr. Kroberger, seconded by Mr. Duffy, the motion to close the Public Hearing and resume the Public Meeting was unanimously approved.

6. Motion to approve the Minutes of the Workshop Meeting held June 18, 2019

Mr. Kroberger noted that everyone received copies of the Workshop Meeting Minutes with the Agenda packet. Hearing no questions or comments, upon motion of Mrs. Hull, seconded by Mr. Santi the Minutes of the June 18, 2019 Workshop Meeting were approved as presented.

7. Motion to approve the Minutes of the Public Meeting held June 24, 2019

Mr. Kroberger also noted that the Public Meeting Minutes were received with the Agenda packet. Hearing no questions or comments, upon motion of Mr. Santi seconded by Mr. Duffy the Minutes of the June 24, 2019 Public Meeting were approved as presented.

8. 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.

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

There were none

10. Announcement of Assistant Township Manager, Megan Weaver

Mr. Kroberger announced there was a meeting at Pennbrook Middle School to swear in Ryan Sloan, promote Ray Royds to Sergeant and for the promotion of Ted Caiola to Deputy Chief of Police. Chief Duffy thanked everyone for attending the ceremony.

Mr. Kroberger turned it over to Sandra Zadell to introduce Megan Weaver as Assistant Township Manager. Mrs. Zadell said Ms. Weaver comes to us from Warminster Township and is a great addition to our team. Mr. Kroberger and the Board warmly welcomed her to the Township.

11. Authorization to advertise the hearing for the Verizon Franchise Agreement (to be held on August 26, 2019)

Mr. Kroberger said we are in the process of negotiating our franchise agreement with Verizon.

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

12. Motion to authorize the Township Solicitor to attend the ZHB meeting on July 23, 2019 to hear 925 Lexington Avenue on behalf of the Township

Mr. Kroberger stated this has to do with an additional property that was purchased by the applicant. The applicant originally received zoning relief to build on a single lot and was approved by the ZHB. The applicant has since purchased an adjacent lot but still requires some zoning relief. Mr. Onorato will make sure certain conditions are brought before the ZHB.

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

JAMES A. SANTI, VICE PRESIDENT

Public Safety

13. Motion to approve the Laurel House 20th Annual 5K Dash against Domestic Violence on Sunday, October 20, 2019 at 8:30 am

Mr. Santi said this was vetted by Sgt. Brinkmann and recommended for approval.

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

14. Motion to approve the Wish them Well Walk on Sunday, September 22, 2019 at 9:00 am

Mr. Santi said this is held within the grounds of Parkside Place. This is the second year for this event.

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

15. Motion to approve the Detour/Closure on Hancock Road

Mr. Santi said this has to do with the Newbury II development. The developer was looking to close the road and T&M had some concerns regarding the road closures and the detour has to be approved by PennDOT. The developer has now said he is looking for flaggers and a widening of the road (stone shoulder), but T&M has some concerns for the new plan. T&M said one of the things the Board should consider is the detour conditioned upon the developer notifying the Borough and PennDOT to get the proper approvals and revision of some of the signage.

Mr. Santi said the closure will occur over a period of 1 week between the hours of 7 am and 3 pm. Mr. Santi said the developer included a map of the detour/closure plan. Mr. Santi said this approval will be conditioned on the following; the developer will notify PennDOT and North Wales Borough to get approval of the closure/detour, will provide the proper signage. T&M will provide an approval letter based on these conditions.

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

15A. Flagging on Hancock Road. A discussion continued regarding the possibility of flagging on Hancock Road. Mr. Benner said the developer wants to close the road Wednesday and this will push them back a week, but they have to get permission from PennDOT and the Borough of North Wales.

Mr. Santi made a motion to support our Township Engineer's decision not to allow flagging on Hancock Road. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Hull and was unanimously approved.

THOMAS A. DUFFY

Public Works/Parks/Recreation

16. Motion to approve the updated Skelly's Carnival contract

Mr. Duffy noted two (2) updates to the contract. The Mega Pass will now cost \$45 and 24 tickets will be sold for \$20

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

17. Motion to approve the Carnival Parking Contract with Merck

This contract is the same as last year.

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

18. Motion to approve Payment #1 to Floyd Hersh for Stormwater Projects in the amount of \$59,820

Mr. Duffy said this is for work at the Sweetbriar Basin.

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

19. Motion to approve the purchase of a Street Sweeper from Upper Dublin Township in the amount of \$90,000 (80,450 miles and 5,500 hours on vehicle)

Mr. Duffy said we currently contract out our street sweeping two (2) times a year. This street sweeper will help with MS-4 sediment. Upper Dublin has a machine for sale that will give us the opportunity to do this work in house. It also gives us the ability to clean out our catch basins.

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

DENISE M. HULL

Zoning/Planning/Code Enforcement

20. Motion to approve Merck & Co. waiver request from Chapter 113-1 & 124-5 for afterhours crane work on Building 60 Duct Repair Project. (Sundays in August & September 2019)

Mrs. Hull said both are for Building 60 but for different projects. The first one is for 9 consecutive Sundays in August and September.

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

21. Motion to approve Merck & Co. waiver request from Chapter 113-1 & 124-5 for afterhours crane work on Building 60 Generator Replacement Project. (Sundays in August 2019)

This is for 4 consecutive Sundays in August.

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

22. Motion to approve the advertisement for Ordinance 2019-11, Short-term Rentals (hearing on August 26, 2019)

Mrs. Hull said the State Supreme Court recently made a decision regarding short term rentals. Mr. Onorato said this ordinance will define what a short-term rental is and what districts they can be permitted in. He recommends that the Township be prepared for short-term rentals.

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

LIZ K. MCNANEY

Wastewater Treatment

23. Motion to approve Payment #6 to Blooming Glen Contractors for WWTP Hydraulic Expansion Project in the amount of \$994,843.40

Mrs. McNaney said the first two (2) payments have to do with the WWTP Hydraulic Expansion Project

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

24. Motion to approve Payment #3 to BSI Electrical Contractors for WWTP Hydraulic Expansion Project in the amount of \$20,443

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

25. Motion to approve the Agreement through COSTARS with Advanced Rehabilitation Technology (ART) in the amount of \$42,630 (Manhole Chimney Seals) and \$22,770 (Manhole Rehabilitation)

Mrs. McNaney stated there are eighty-seven (87) Manhole Chimney Seals and ninety-two (92) vertical feet of manhole rehabilitation

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

26. Motion to authorize the engineering for the removal of a manhole on Sumneytown Pike

Mrs. McNaney said this manhole was planned for next year, but it is rapidly deteriorating and needs to be done now. We have switched two projects, so this doesn't affect the budget.

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

27. Approval of the July 2019 bills.

Mr. Kroberger noted that the Board had received a copy of the General fund bills. Hearing no questions, upon motion by Mr. Duffy 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. McNaney, seconded by Mrs. Hull, 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 Collection System, VEBA and the Pensions. Hearing no questions or comments, upon motion by Mr. Kroberger seconded by Mr. Duffy 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 Mr. Duffy seconded by Mrs. Hull, the Board unanimously approved the pre-paid invoices.

28. Call for Adjournment.

Mr. Kroberger said there will be an Executive Session this evening to discuss personnel.

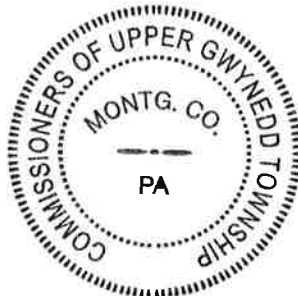
There being no further business, upon motion by Mrs. Hull, seconded by Mr. Duffy, the meeting was adjourned at 8:27 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Sandra Brookley Zadell
Township Manager

Approved August 26, 2019



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