

TOWNSHIP OF UPPER CHICHESTER

February 5, 2015

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Caucus meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by Mr. Michael Gaudio, President, in the Meeting Room of the Municipal Building, Furey Road, Delaware County, Pennsylvania. Mr. Gaudio conducted the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. ROLL CALL

Roll was conducted by Township Manager Mr. McMullan. Mr. Gaudio, Mr. Raikowski, Ms. Whitaker, Mr. Baiocco - absent, Mr. Neary, Mr. Mr. Viscuso and Mr. Catania. All present unless otherwise noted.

Mr. Gaudio noted tonight's Caucus meeting has been advertised as a voting meeting and the Commissioners will be taking action on an ordinance.

III. COMMENTS OF CITIZENS

Ms. Sue Aymen, 799 Capri Circle. Ms. Aymen spoke in favor of keeping the barricades at the intersection of Flora Lane and Conchester Highway. Ms. Aymen has noticed a drastic decrease in traffic and feels the neighborhood is safer for the children.

Ms. Laura Devitis, 1131 Flora Lane. Ms. Devitis spoke in favor of keeping the intersection at Flora Lane and Conchester Highway closed.

Ms. Karry Kiker, 918 Flora Lane. Ms. Kiker spoke in favor of keeping the intersection at Flora Lane and Conchester Highway closed. Ms. Kiker feels, there is now a decrease in traffic and the neighborhood is safe. Also, has noticed a decrease in garbage.

Mr. John Horner, 3992 Riviera Road. Mr. Horner spoke in favor of keeping the intersection at Flora Lane and Conchester Highway closed. Mr. Horner no longer observes vehicles with NJ license plates in the neighborhood.

Mr. Alfred Riberio, 1141 Flora Lane. Mr. Riberio spoke in favor of keeping the intersection at Flora Lane and Conchester Highway closed.

Mr. Jim Hagans, 795 Capri Circle. Mr. Hagans is not in favor of keeping the intersection at Flora Lane and Conchester Highway closed. Mr. Hagan said the closure negatively impacts his commute to work.

Ms. Laura Musika, 797 Capri Circle. Ms. Musika wants to know about traffic that will now be redirected to other areas. Ms. Musika is concerned about the traffic leaving CBL fields.

Mr. Robert Harvey, 906 Flora Lane. Ms. Harvey circulated a petition in favor of keeping the intersection at Flora Lane at Conchester Highway closed. Mr. Harvey said he obtained 90+ signatures in favor of the closure.

Mr. Matthew Kator, 905 Flora Lane. Mr. Kator spoke in favor of keeping the intersection at Flora Lane and Conchester Highway closed.

Mr. Nick Giambri, 913 Flora Lane. Mr. Giambri spoke in favor of keeping the intersection at Flora Lane and Conchester Highway closed. Mr. Giambri is a long-time resident of Flora Lane and stated the closure has made Flora Lane a safer street. He supports giving access to emergency responders in emergency situations.

Mr. Dennis Ware, 916 Flora Lane. Mr. Ware spoke in favor of keeping the intersection at Flora Lane and Conchester Highway closed. Mr. Ware noted he is a 40 year resident of Flora Lane and has replaced several mailboxes destroyed by pass through traffic. He commented his street is much safer and the closure is better for the neighborhood.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph and Sharon Mea, 796 Capri Circle. Mr. and Mrs. Mea are not in favor of keeping the intersection at Flora Lane and Conchester Highway closed. Mr. Mea asked about using alternatives traffic calming measures to slow traffic using Flora Lane. Mr. Mea would like to see more of a police presence in the neighborhood rather than closing the intersection.

IV. ENGINEER'S REPORT

1. *Mr. Viscuso noted the bids for remedial work of Furey Fields 1&2 are due next Wednesday.*
2. *Mr. Viscuso commented Musco has completed final testing of lights on the ballfields.*

3. *Mr. Viscuso talked about the stormwater agreement regarding the Butler Tract. Mr. Catania commented he has the signed agreement and will provide to Mr. Viscuso.*
4. *Mr. Viscuso noted County provided environmental clearance for Galbraith Ave project, still waiting on clearance for Arlington and Oxford.*
5. *Mr. Viscuso noted the Bodo Group has bonds posted with the Township for improvements at Kate's Glenn. The Bodo group wants to remove the bond and post cash escrow with the Township. Mr. Viscuso recommendation is to accept the cash escrow.*
6. *Mr. Viscuso commented he will be applying for the Green Light Go Grant from PennDot. This is a matching grant that will pay for traffic maintenance.*
7. *Mr. Viscuso noted the concern of boulders shifting that was reported by Code Enforcement behind a home on Victory Way. Mr. Viscuso said they examined the concern and did not identify an imminent danger.*
8. *Mr. Viscuso commented on the McGinley Holdings and the final plans are ready to be recorded. Mr. Viscuso is waiting on opinion of cost from the developer's engineer to determine escrow for the project.*
9. *Mr. Viscuso noted himself, Mr. Gaudiuso, Mr. Putman and Mr. McMullan met at 3105 Rodney Ave to discuss extending the outfall pipe and installing a headwall. Mr. Putman will look into getting a price for the work.*

V. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

1. *Mr. Catania commented several items on his agenda were covered during executive session.*
2. *Moved by Mr. Neary and seconded by Mr. Raikowski, Ordinance 697, reapportionment of election district (Wards). Mr. Catania noted the PA Constitution requires municipalities to redistrict following a ten year census. Mr. Catania noted the ordinance verbally sets the boundary lines for the Wards and is accompanied by a Map. Questions? Moved without dissent.*

Ms. Whitaker commented her yes vote was contingent on the following: the populations stipulated in ordinance 697 are correct

and also the Ward lines the Board has agreed to are set, and includes entire Willers Road, are correct.

Mr. Neary also commented his concern between the 4th Ward and the 1st Ward, the boundaries lines are correct.

Mr. Catania clarified the BOC is voting on the five pages that make up ordinance 697 and three maps. The three maps include the large map (3x4) and two smaller maps (8.5x11) Exhibits 1&2.

Mr. Catania confirmed he will receive a signed copy of ordinance 697 and the three maps from Mr. McMullan tonight and will communicate that to Judge Proud tomorrow morning and he will provide the ordinance and maps to the Bureau of Elections tomorrow morning.

3. Moved by Ms. Whitaker and seconded by Mr. Neary, Resolution 15-5, amending Resolution 14-59, fee schedule, too include fees for street opening permits and bond or cash escrow for street openings. Questions? Motion passed without dissent.

4. Mr. Catania noted no tax assessment appeals for this meeting.

5. Moved by Mr. Raikowski and seconded by Mr. Neary, authorizing the solicitor to advertise selling lot 137 on Garnet Mine Road. Questions? Motion carried without dissent.

6. Mr. Catania commented he returned to the Township recorded deeds for Riders Lane and Rankin Avenue.

VI. MANAGER'S REPORT

1. Moved by Mr. Neary and seconded by Mr. Raikowski to transfer \$27,789.19 from Liquid Fuels account to the general fund to reconcile the liquid fuels accounts. Questions? Motion passed without dissent.

2. Mr. McMullan discussed two agreements with Excel Business Solutions for troubleshooting services and backing up the Township's data to a Cloud supported system.

3. Mr. McMullan discussed reaching out to PennDot via a letter with cooperation from the Township Engineer to formulate a letter highlighting State roads in need of repair.

4. Mr. McMullan commented on the 2015 Road Program. More

information on the road program will be under the Engineer's report.

5. Mr. McMullan reminded the Commissioners about the vacancies on the Property Maintenance Appeals Board and the Civil Service Commission. Mr. McMullan received a resignation letter from Mr. Donald Knudson resigning from the Civil Service Commission.

VII. REPORTS OF COMMISSIONERS

A. Highway & Sanitation, Library, Street Lighting & Traffic Signals – Mr. Baiocco, Chairman

1. Mr. Baiocco was absent due to a family event. Mr. Gaudiuso noted a front desk was donated to the library.

B. License & Inspections, Recreation, Sewer & Water – Ms. Whitaker, Chairman

1. Ms. Whitaker noted she will comment on her reports at next week's regular BOC meeting.

2. Ms. Whitaker announced the Recreation board is scheduling a pocketbook bingo fundraiser with proceeds to benefit UCT Community Day. The Rec Board is seeking basket and pocketbook donations.

C. Fire & Safety, Zoning & Planning – Mr. Raikowski, Chairman

1. Mr. Raikowski noted that the reports are on file in the office for review.

2. Mr. Raikowski would like for the solicitor to review resolution 6-27, a resolution permitting fire companies to seek reimbursement from insurance companies for responding to accidents. The resolution sets a reimbursement fee scheduled.

3. Mr. Raikowski commented on the Reliance Fire Company installing a sign promoting their catering company. The question is ownership of the land.

D. Administration/Finance, Grants, Open Space/Shade Tree – Mr. Neary, Chairman

1. Mr. Neary commented the list of bills and the trash refunds will be available for voting next week.

2. Mr. Neary noted other items were discussed in executive session and voting redistricting will be covered under the solicitor's report.

E. Public Safety & Historical Society – Mr. Gaudio, Chairman

1. Mr. Gaudio commented about the earlier discussion at tonight's meeting about Flora Lane.

2. Mr. Gaudio talked about Economic Development Committee and working with Marcom to produce a video highlighting the township's business community.

3. Mr. Gaudio noted Rodney Ave will be covered under the engineer's report.

New Business

None Reported.

OLD BUSINESS

No discussion.

4. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Raikowski and seconded by Mr. Neary that the Board adjourns. Questions? Motion carried without dissent.

Respectfully submitted,


John McMullan

Township Manager/Secretary