

TOWNSHIP OF UPPER CHICHESTER

March 13, 2014

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order by Michael Gaudio, President, at 7:30 P.M., 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 called as follows: Mr. Baiocco, Mrs. Devlin, Mr. Viscuso, P.E., Mr. Gaudio, Mr. Catania, Esq., Mr. Raikowski, Mr. Neary. Ms. Whitaker was not in attendance due to a business trip.

III. MEETING MINUTES

Moved by Mr. Baiocco, seconded by Mr. Raikowski that the Board approve the minutes from the February 27, 2014 Board of Commissioners Meeting. Question? Motion carried without dissent.

Mr. Gaudio noted the Commissioners met on March 5th and March 13th in Executive Session to discuss personnel and litigation matters.

IV. COMMENTS OF CITIZENS

Howard Moseley, Bethel Ave. asked if there was any update on the water runoff issue that he had brought up last week and expressed concerns about the occupancy permits with the group house in his neighborhood.

Mr. Viscuso explained that they had a meeting scheduled with PENNDOT to discuss the runoff issue.

Mr. Catania explained that the Township was aware of the issue and the house was in line with the Fair Housing Act and all Township ordinances.

Art Sciocchetti, Wharton Ave., expressed concerns with the transit traffic through Linwood Park and motorists not paying attention to stop signs or speed limits.

Ron Navin, Dana Court, expressed concerns with the use of ATVs on public property, hunting on private property and paintball gun use on private property.

Robert Smith, Bethel Rd., asked if the Commissioners would be voting on the McGinley property tonight and said that his family was opposed to the construction.

Michelle Fanelli, Bethel Rd., said that she felt the entire process for the McGinley property had been flawed. She asked if the Township was going to define a "flag lot" going forward.

Mr. Viscuso noted that the Township had to go by the ordinances on the books from the filing point.

V. ENGINEER'S REPORT

1. Mr. Viscuso presented the Engineer's report.
2. Mr. Viscuso noted that work on the ball field would start moving next week. The lighting contract is ready to be signed and the lights will arrive next week.
3. Moved by Mr. Neary; seconded by Mr. Raikowski, that the Board move forward with the energy spending audit with Johnson Controls. Question? Motion carried without dissent.
4. Mr. Viscuso noted that progress was made on the bus shelter issue at their meeting with Clear Channel last week.
5. Mr. Viscuso said that the clock would start on Monroe Energy at the 1st official Township meeting after the date of the submission, which in this case would be January 6th.

VI. SOLICITOR'S REPORT

1. Mr. Catania presented the Solicitor's report.
2. Mr. Catania said that they would address 3 zoning changes; edits to the flag lots, Galbraith Ave changing some from R2 to R3; and Zoning to restrict the retail sale of fireworks.
3. They have received the signed agreement from Boothwyn Fire Company. The cell tower owners are required to allow the Township to install the additional antennas on the tower.
4. Moved by Mr. Neary, seconded by Mr. Baiocco, that the Board adopt Resolution No. 14-14, to appoint John McMullan as the Township Manager. Question? Motion carried without dissent. (Mr. Raikowski noted that Ms. Whitaker supports Mr. McMullan.)

5. Moved by Mr. Neary, seconded by Mr. Raikowski, that the Board authorize the Civil Service Commission to present the rankings of officers. Question? Motion carried without dissent.

VII. ENGINEER'S REPORT

1. Mr. Viscuso said that they needed to vote on the McGinley property.
2. Moved by Mr. Neary, seconded by Mr. Baiocco to approve the final subdivision plans for the McGinley property as outlined. Question? Motion carried 3-1. Mr. Raikowski opposed the motion.
3. Mr. Neary said that he is aware of the issues that have been brought up with respect to the McGinley property, but he believes that this plan was in line with their current ordinances.

VIII. ENGINEER'S REPORT

1. Mrs. Devlin said that the Liquid Fuels information will be complete the next day.

IX. REPORT OF COMMISSIONERS

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

1. Mr. Baiocco said that he was hopeful that they were on the other side of the bad weather at this point.
2. Mr. Baiocco noted that the Library had a book signing with a local author last night and the Neumann College had donated desks and shelves to the Library after their recent renovations.

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

1. Mr. Raikowski presented the Recreation report on behalf of Ms. Whitaker.
2. He noted a March 15th seminar on the heroin epidemic, a March 26th seminar on bullying, a March 28th light bulb giveaway sponsored by PECO, and the continued fundraising efforts for Community Day, which would be taking place on August 31, 2014.

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

1. Mr. Raikowski
2. Mr. Raikowski noted that they were working on solutions for boats and RVs.

3. Mr. Raikowski noted that the agreement had been signed with Boothwyn Fire Co for the ALS but that the commencement might be delayed until April 24th.

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

1. Mr. Neary noted that the financial reports were on file at the office for review.

2. Moved by Mr. Neary, seconded by Mr. Raikowski, that the Board approve the List of Bills for the General Fund, in the amount of \$362,396.66. Question? Motion carried without dissent.

3. Moved by Mr. Neary, seconded by Mr. Raikowski, that the Board approve the 5 trash refunds as outlined. Question? Motion carried without dissent.

4. Mr. Neary noted that the Township would be adding WiFi as of March 18, 2014 at a cost of an additional \$20 to the Township, only to increase the speed of the connection.

5. Mr. Neary noted that he would be working on a few upcoming projects – a possible shredding event, continued employee recognitions, items due on recently received municipal pension calendar, pipeline issues from the info that they received.

6. Mr. Baiocco asked the Board if they would consider recognizing Township resident Karen Phillips, who was part of the Peace Corps and was murdered while serving in Africa, at next month's meeting.

7. Mr. Neary noted that Ms. Whitaker had volunteered to be the voting delegate for the 89 banquet.

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

1. Mr. Gaudio said that the Economic Development Committee would be working on developing a website.

2. Mr. Gaudio noted that they would be having the Civil Service Board certify the test from last year so that the Police Department could move forward with hiring two more part-time officers.

3. *Mr. Gaudiuso noted some arrests made by the Police Department, one for multiple burglaries and one for a weapons charge.*

4. *Moved by Mr. Neary, seconded by Mr. Baiocco, to appoint Art Gorga of the Reliance Fire Company as the Fire Chief. Question? Motion carried without dissent.*

5. *Mr. Gaudiuso asked for Planning Board nominees for next month because they would have a position becoming vacant.*

6. *Mr. Gaudiuso said that he would like all of the Commissioners to review the fee agreement outline so that they could move on that next month.*

7. *Mr. Gaudiuso said that the Historical Society had a new Collection Management Policy to track items that are loaned to them. They also are working on a GIS Mapping Program to identify historical sites throughout the Township.*

X. **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Mr. Neary, seconded by Mr. Raikowski, that the Board adjourn at 8:21PM. Question? Motion carried without dissent.

Respectfully submitted,