

MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING

January 25, 2016

KENNETH E. KROBERGER, PRESIDENT
Finance/Personnel/Administration**1. CALL TO ORDER.**

The January 25, 2016, 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
M. Clare Edelmayer	Vice President
James A. Santi	Commissioner
Eugene P. Ziemba	Commissioner
Thomas A. Duffy	Commissioner
Leonard T. Perrone	Township Manager
Michael J. Lapinski	Assistant Township Manager
David Brill	Finance Director
David W. Duffy	Police Chief
David C. Onorato	Township Solicitor
Russ Benner	Township Engineer

2. MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 15, 2015.

Mr. Kroberger noted that the Workshop 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 December 15, 2015, Workshop Meeting were approved as presented.

3. MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 21, 2015.

Mr. Kroberger noted that the Minutes of the Public Meeting were received with the Agenda packet. Hearing no questions or comments, upon motion of Mr. Ziemba, seconded by Mrs. Edelmayer, the Minutes of December 21, 2015, Public Meeting were unanimously approved.

4. MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE RE-ORGANIZATION PUBLIC MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 4, 2016.

Mr. Kroberger noted that the Minutes of the Re-Organization Public Meeting were received with the Agenda packet. Hearing no questions or comments, upon motion of Mr. Duffy, seconded by Mr. Ziemba, the Minutes of January 4, 2016, Public Meeting were unanimously approved.

5. MOTION TO APPROVE THE DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS FILED BY TOWNSHIP STAFF.

Mr. Kroberger noted that the Departmental Reports were sent with the Agenda and asked for comments or questions. Hearing none, upon motion of Mr. Santi, seconded by Mr. Duffy, the Departmental Reports were approved as submitted.

6. PRESENTATION OF PUBLIC COMMENTS AND CONCERNS (LIMIT OF FIVE MINUTES PER INDIVIDUAL).

Mr. Kroberger asked if there was anyone in the audience who wanted to make any public comments.

Mr. David Walsh identified himself and stated that he resides at 163 Dawn Drive. He thanked everyone for their assistance in the past. He noted that this past storm was a monster, and he is not criticizing the Township's snow removal efforts on the blizzard. He made comment that he feels Upper Gwynedd has been falling a bit behind Towamencin and other municipalities on snow removal efforts in the last two years on the main roads. Mr. Kroberger stated that he does not believe the Township is behind, and he noted that Mr. Troxel built an additional salt barn in order to store more salt than he has in the past. He reported that the Public Works Department spent over 780 hours taking care of the roads during the blizzard. Mr. Kroberger noted there were some complaints, but the employees worked very hard for the benefit of the residents of the Township. He also noted that the Township alternates the sequence in which developments are plowed in order to be fair to the residents. Mr. Kroberger reported that the Township also uses subcontractors to assist the Public Works Department in plowing and salting. Mr. Perrone noted that snow removal begins with a telephone call from the Police Department that the roads are getting slick/icy, and this has always been the Township's Policy. He reported that in the past couple of years there has been a problem with the salt supply and delivery across the board not just with Upper Gwynedd which is why Mr. Troxel built an additional salt barn for storage. Mr. Kroberger noted the Township also purchased and now uses a brine machine. Mrs. Edelmayer reported the state and county roads are always done first because they are main arteries within the Township. The Board thanked Mr. Walsh for his comments and stated that they would further investigate his concerns.

Mr. Ed Svetanoff introduced himself and stated that he resides at 1935 Armstrong Drive. He noted that the storm was much bigger than anyone anticipated. He further requested that the Township communicate with residents either by website or Facebook about what is happening during the storm. He stated that not knowing what was going on was his biggest frustration, and the plows did not come through his neighborhood until this morning. Mr. Svetanoff also noted that using social media would be his best suggestion, and he requested that this information be presented in a positive manner by Township officials.

Mr. Perrone noted that he did post information on the website on Friday but once the plowing begins, it does not stop. He reported that the Township does let the plow drivers go home to rest after they have been out driving for many hours, but the plowing remains continuous with other drivers until the job is done. It was noted that the Township is looking in to ways to communicate better with the public during these types of events. Mr. Kroberger stated that he is very proud of the work the employees did whether it was perfect or not (the Police Department, the Public Works Department, and Administration) spent an exorbitant amount of time trying to take care of this situation for the benefit of the residents.

Mr. Derek Fickert introduced himself and stated that he resides at 771 Hartley Drive. He reported that he agrees with everything that was discussed, and he agrees that the employees should be applauded for the hours that they spent out in this big storm. He raised concern about the planning that goes into the plowing, and he noted that he was not plowed until 10:15 PM last night. He stated that he understands that the main roads need to be done first. He noted it would be easier to plow a few inches a few times rather than trying to plow 24" all at once. Mr. Kroberger explained that due to the nature of this particular storm, the amount of snow and the heavy winds, the plows had to redo the main roads over and over again which detained them from getting to the developments in a timely manner. Mrs. Edelmayer reminded that the Township is looking into ways to better communicate with the residents.

Mr. Perrone stated that the Township uses a One-Punch System when the snow fall reaches 10". This is when the plow goes down the center of the street one time just to open it up. Then they come back later and open the streets curb to curb. He noted that during the blizzard, residents did not even know the plow had been down the road because of all the drifting that occurred. Mr. Fickert raised concern about emergency 911 calls. Mr. Perrone stated the Township has plows in various quadrants of the Township. If there is a 911 call, the closest truck will immediately reroute to the street of the emergency and open it up for the emergency vehicle. This Policy has been in effect for a long time, and it has always worked. Mr. Flickert thanked the Board for their time.

Mr. Walsh stated that he would like to thank Police Chief Duffy and noted by the time he got home from work on Friday every car was off the street which had been a problem in the past. Chief Duffy noted they did put in extra effort to get the cars off the streets, and he did receive a few calls from medical staff that needed assistance in order to get out. He stated they just did the best they could during such a tremendous storm.

7. RECOGNITION OF ALICE M. PIEKIELSKI FOR TEN (10) YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE TOWNSHIP.

Mr. Kroberger reminded that the Board recognizes employees as they reach five year increments of employment with the Township. He stated that this month the Board would like to recognize Alice M. Piekieski for 10 years of service to the Finance Department. Mr. Perrone reported that she would have been in attendance tonight, but she was concerned about the weather.

8. RECOGNITION OF EDWARD W. TARTAR FOR FIFTEEN (15) YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE TOWNSHIP.

Mr. Kroberger stated Edward T. Tartar is being recognized for 15 years of service to the Police Department. Police Chief Duffy reported that Officer Tartar was called out on the street. He noted that Officer Tartar does an excellent job for the Police Department. He is a member of the SWAT Team, and he is also an instructor.

9. RECOGNITION OF LINDA REBER FOR TWENTY (20) YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE TOWNSHIP.

Mr. Kroberger stated Linda Reber is being recognized for 20 years of service to the Police Department. Police Chief Duffy noted that Mrs. Reber could not be here tonight, but she is an integral part of the office staff, and she does really good work.

10. MOTION TO REAPPOINT DAVID BRILL AS TOWNSHIP TREASURER FOR A TWO-YEAR TERM. (NEW TERM EXPIRES 12/31/17.)

Mr. Kroberger reported that previously the Treasurer's position was held by the Tax Collector and Mr. Brill's reappointment was accidentally missed last month at the Re-Organization Meeting. He noted the Treasurer's term is now a two-year term as opposed to the Tax Collector's four-year term. Mr. Brill's new term will expire in 2017.

Mr. Santi motioned to reappoint David Brill as Township Treasurer for a two-year term. Seconded by Mrs. Edelmayer, this reappointment was approved.

11. MOTION TO APPOINT ROBERT V. COLEMAN TO THE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION FOR A SIX-YEAR TERM. (TERM EXPIRES 12/31/21.)

Mr. Kroberger read Item No. 11 above and asked Mr. Coleman to stand. He reported that the Township has about 55 to 60 residents who volunteer on the Boards and Commissions. He stated that Mr. Coleman has worked for PepsiCo since 2000 as Prestige Key Account Manager. He has held various positions with the company over the years such as AT&T Open-Aronimink CC, US Open 2013-Merion CC, and the Superbowl XLVIII-MetLife Stadium. He also serves on the National PepsiCo organization with the goal to leverage the knowledge and creativity of the African American Community to accelerate growth opportunities and provide a competitive advantage for PepsiCo in an increasingly diverse marketplace. Mr. Kroberger noted that in 2008 and 2010 Mr. Coleman received the Presidents Circle of Excellence Award and in 2015 he received the Rules of the Road Award. He graduated from Howard University with a degree in Communications. He has been a resident of the Township for many years, and he has been helpful to the Township for many years. Mr. Ziemba noted that Mr. Coleman assisted in getting the Pepsi Trailer that is used at the carnival donated to the Township. Mr. Coleman introduced his wife Dana and the rest of his family who were in attendance to the Board. Mr. Kroberger thanked Mr. Coleman for volunteering for this position.

Mr. Santi motioned to appoint Robert V. Coleman to the Civil Service Commission for a six-year term. Seconded by Mr. Ziemba, this appointment was approved.

12. MOTION TO APPOINT NOR-GWYN POOL COMMISSION MEMBERS SUBSEQUENT TO THE REVISED NOR-GWYN POOL AGREEMENT BETWEEN UPPER GWYNEDD TOWNSHIP AND THE BOROUGH OF NORTH WALES AS FOLLOWS:

- A. Eric L. Hansen for two-year term. (Term expires 12/31/2017)
- B. Melissa M. Krise for three-year term. (Term expires 12/31/2018)
- C. Virginia Oldt affirmation of an existing term that will expire 12/31/2019.
- D. Harry Singer affirmation of a five-year term expiring 12/31/2020.

Mrs. Edelmayer noted that Item No. 19 Ordinance 2016-001 was just adopted so now the number of members has been increased accordingly, and she can now appoint the members of the Pool Commission. She noted that the terms will be staggered for now, but in three years everyone will be on a five-year term.

Mrs. Edelmayer motioned to appoint Eric L. Hansen to a two-year term to expire 2017 and Melissa M. Krise for a three-year term to expire 2018. She motioned to reappoint Virginia Oldt to her existing term that will expire in 2019 and Harry Singer to his existing term to expire 2020. Seconded by Mr. Duffy these appointments were approved.

Mrs. Edelmayer noted the pool has come a long way over the past couple of years thanks to the Pool Commission members, and she thanked Eric and Missy for volunteering to be part of the team.

M. CLARE EDELMAYER, VICE PRESIDENT

Public Works/Parks/Recreation

13. REPORT ON THE STATUS OF THE WEST POINT STREETScape PROJECT BY MIKE LAPINSKI ASSISTANT TOWNSHIP MANAGER.

Mr. Lapinski reported that in regard to the West Point Streetscape Project, the only item left is the repair to a light pole which was struck by a vehicle. Carr & Duff the subcontractor filed an insurance claim and ordered a new pole and fixture and it should be installed either later this week or early next week depending on snow fall. He stated once this is done, the project is complete. He reported that the Township has gone through the close out procedure with PennDOT. Final inspection is complete, and the Township submitted for the Grant reimbursement.

Mr. Hansen (the new Pool Commission member) stated that he lives at 652 Jones Avenue. He reported that he would like to applaud Mr. Perrone and the Township staff on this project. He noted that he only moved to the area three years ago, and he and his wife thought the closures would be unbearable and it was not. He stated that he knows that Mr. Perrone and Township staff took a lot of heat from the residents and businesses along West Point Pike that he believes was unworthy. He stated that he also thought the new inlays would be torn up by the snow plows, and they were not. He questioned when the improvements to what was The Shabby Attic might be started. Mr. Kroberger reported that The Shabby Attic building and the Post Office are under new ownership and the new owner is planning to improve the properties.

14. MOTION TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF BERNADETTE FLANIGAN FROM THE PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD (TERM EXPIRED 2015).

Mrs. Edelmayer reported that after serving on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board for 8 to 10 years, Bernadette Flanigan has turned in her resignation. She stated if anyone is interested in serving in this position, they should submit their Resume to the Township because it does need to be filled.

Mrs. Edelmayer motioned to accept the resignation of Bernadette Flanigan from the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. Seconded by Mr. Santi, this resignation was accepted.

- 15. MOTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A 6 WHEEL DUMP TRUCK IN THE AMOUNT OF \$150,000 VIA THE COSTARS PROGRAM. THIS IS TO REPLACE A 1999 VEHICLE WITH A BAD ENGINE AND IS WITHIN THE 2016 BUDGET.**

Mrs. Edelmayer read Item No. 15 above and noted that this vehicle will be used for plowing. She reported that the COSTARS Program is a state purchasing program for vehicles such as Police Cars and Public Works Trucks. She reminded that this truck will replace a 1999 vehicle with a bad engine, and it is within the 2016 Budget.

Mrs. Edelmayer motioned to approve the purchase of a 6 Wheel Dump Truck in the amount of \$150,000 via the COSTARS Program. Seconded by Mr. Duffy, this purchase was approved.

- 16. MOTION TO APPROVE AN AGREEMENT WITH CEDARBROOK COUNTRY CLUB IN THE AMOUNT OF \$125 PER PERSON FOR THE TOWNSHIP'S ANNUAL GOLF OUTING TO BE HELD ON JUNE 6, 2016. (SAME PRICE)**

Mrs. Edelmayer read Item No. 16 above and noted that the Agreement is the same price as last year at \$125 per person. Mr. Perrone noted that this is a public event and enrollment forms will be available at the Township Building in the beginning of March.

Mrs. Edelmayer motioned to approve an Agreement with Cedarbrook Country Club in the amount of \$125 per person for the Township's Annual Golf Outing to be held on June 6, 2016. Seconded by Mr. Ziembra, this Agreement was approved.

- 17. MOTION TO APPROVE SKELLY'S AMUSEMENTS, INC. TWO-YEAR CARNIVAL CONTRACT FOR SEPTEMBER 8 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 11, 2016, AND SEPTEMBER 7 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 10, 2017. (SAME PRICE)**

Mrs. Edelmayer stated the Skelly's Amusement, Inc. Carnival Contract needs to be approved for two years. She noted that it is the same price as last year. She reported that it is a detailed Contract for the cost of tickets, hours of operation, and proceeds back to the Township from ticket sales.

Mrs. Edelmayer motioned to approve Skelly's Amusements, Inc. two-year Carnival Contract for September 8 through September 11, 2016, and September 7 through September 10, 2017. Seconded by Mr. Duffy, this Contract was approved.

- 18. MOTION TO APPROVE INTERNATIONAL FIREWORKS AGREEMENT FOR SEPTEMBER 9 AND 10, 2016, IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,750. (IMPROVED SHOWS BOTH NIGHTS – SAME PRICE)**

Mrs. Edelmayer stated the International Fireworks Agreement is for the fireworks presentation at the Township's Carnival. She noted that it is the same price as last year and includes improved shows on both Friday and Saturday nights.

Mrs. Edelmayer motioned to approve International Fireworks Agreement for September 9 and 10, 2016, in the amount of \$10,750. Seconded by Mr. Santi, this Agreement was approved.

- 19. MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 2016-001 ADOPTING A CERTAIN INTERMUNICIPAL AGREEMENT REGARDING THE OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE NOR-GWYN POOL BETWEEN UPPER GWYNEDD TOWNSHIP AND NORTH WALES BOROUGH AND ADOPTING A CERTAIN TERMINATION AGREEMENT REGARDING THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE LIONS CLUB OF NORTH WALES FROM THE NOR-GWYN POOL COMMISSION, AMONG UPPER GWYNEDD TOWNSHIP, NORTH WALES BOROUGH, AND THE LIONS CLUB OF NORTH WALES.**

Mrs. Edelmayer reported that the North Wales Lions Club has decided not to participate in the Nor-Gwyn Pool Commission, and they officially withdrew in December of 2015. This withdrawal caused Upper Gwynedd and North Wales Borough to come together and draw up a new Intermunicipal Agreement so that the Pool Commission as well as the Nor-Gwyn Pool can continue. She clarified that now only representatives from Upper Gwynedd and North Wales Borough will make up the Pool Commission. She

noted the Commission will consist of seven members (four from Upper Gwynedd and three from North Wales Borough). Mrs. Edelmayer reported that in a couple months, the Lions Club will be acknowledged for all the work they have done over the years.

Mrs. Edelmayer motioned to approve Ordinance No. 2016-001 adopting a certain Intermunicipal Agreement regarding the Operation and Maintenance of the Nor-Gwyn Pool between Upper Gwynedd Township and North Wales Borough and adopting a certain Termination Agreement regarding the withdrawal of the Lions Club of North Wales from the Nor-Gwyn Pool Commission, among Upper Gwynedd Township, North Wales Borough, and the Lions Club of North Wales. Seconded by Mr. Duffy this Ordinance was approved.

20. MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE PREPARATION AND ADVERTISING OF THE WISSAHICKON ACT 167 ORDINANCE IMPLEMENTING THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE WISSAHICKON CREEK WATERSHED STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN.

Mrs. Edelmayer asked the Township Engineer Russ Benner to explain the stormwater Ordinances. Mr. Benner explained that Act 167 is the statewide Stormwater Management Program which has been in affect for a number of years. Act 167 encourages communities on a watershed wide basis to look at stormwater on a watershed wide basis as opposed to an individual community basis now. The Wissahickon Creek has been identified to become part of an Act 167 Plan. The County brought together 16 municipalities that are part of the Watershed and Watershed groups, DEP, and they all participated in a multi-year program that essentially developed the Stormwater Management Plan and developed a set of Ordinances that go along with that Plan. He stated that each one of the municipalities within the Watershed will adopt this Ordinance. He stated that through the process DEP has reviewed and approved the Act 167 Plan which created the need for each of the municipalities to adopt the Ordinance. It will provide for a uniform set of requirements throughout the Watershed, and it also recognizes that communities within the upper reach, middle reach, and lower reach each have a unique contribution and need unique stormwater management improvements. The communities like Upper Gwynedd that lie in the upper part of the Watershed will have a little different Ordinance requirement as opposed to those communities that lie closer to Philadelphia. It also breaks up the Plan and the Ordinance for the communities that are outside of Philadelphia and in the community of Philadelphia itself. It is a standalone Ordinance that addresses land development, new subdivision, but also recognizes that smaller projects whether they are residential, commercial, disturbed areas or create impervious coverage will have to meet certain stormwater management requirements that are stated. It correlates with the MS4 Program, and it provides for a uniform approach.

Mrs. Edelmayer summarized the Township has to protect the creeks and water and it goes back to the Clean Water Act. Attorney Onorato noted this regulates private land development. Stormwater will be created by impervious surfaces being created on private property. MS4 is a regulation of the Township's impervious surfaces. Mr. Kroberger noted in the past the objective was to get the rainwater into the drains to the streams as quickly as possible. Today the objective is to get it to percolate so that it does not bring in sediment which affects the streams. Mr. Benner reminded it is watershed wide planning of stormwater management not individual communities. Mr. Kroberger stated because if Upper Gwynedd does something and someone else downstream does not do what they are supposed to, then it defeats the purpose. Mr. Benner concurred.

Mrs. Edelmayer motioned to authorize the preparation and advertisement of the Wissahickon Act 167 Ordinance implementing the requirements of the Wissahickon Creek Watershed Stormwater Management Plan. Seconded by Mr. Ziembra, this motion was approved.

JAMES A. SANTI

Zoning/Planning

Mr. Santi called attention to a member of the audience and asked him to introduce himself to the Board. Brandon Spencer introduced himself and stated that he is a member of Boy Scout Troup 61, and he is attending the meeting tonight as part of the requirement to earn his Communication Merit Badge. He noted that he resides at 229 Grannery Lane. Mr. Santi stated that this will be made a part of the Minutes, and the Township will mail him a copy of them when they become available.

21. MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE PREPARATION AND ADVERTISEMENT AMENDING CHAPTER 109 OF THE GRADING ORDINANCE.

Mr. Benner stated the Township's Chapter 109 Grading Ordinance will need to be amended as a result of adopting the Wissahickon Act 167 Ordinance. He noted this Ordinance will address some smaller projects. Mr. Benner stated that this amendment coordinates with the Act 167 Ordinance to make sure they are both uniform.

Mr. Santi motioned to authorize the preparation and advertisement amending Chapter 109 of the Grading Ordinance. Seconded by Mr. Ziemba, this motion was approved.

22. MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE PREPARATION AND ADVERTISEMENT AMENDING CHAPTER 162 OF THE STORMWATER MANAGEMENT ORDINANCE.

Mr. Benner stated the Township's Chapter 162 Stormwater Management Ordinance will need to be amended as a result of adopting the Wissahickon Act 167 Ordinance. He noted this will be amended so that it is only applicable to the Skippack Watershed. He reminded that previously the Township adopted an Ordinance for the Neshaminy Watershed and now the Township is adopting one for the Wissahickon. He stated that he expects that one will come through in the next year or so for the Skippack Watershed, and then the Township will have one individual Ordinance for each Watershed.

Mr. Santi motioned to authorize the preparation and advertisement amending Chapter 162 of the Stormwater Management Ordinance. Seconded by Mrs. Edelmayer, this motion was approved.

23. MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE PREPARATION AND ADVERTISEMENT OF AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE NEW FEMA FLOODPLAIN MAP FOR UPPER GWYNEDD TOWNSHIP.

Mr. Santi read Item no. 23 above. Mr. Rieker reported that this has been pending since 2010, and it was authorized 60 days ago to make it official. Mr. Santi reported that it is more restricted and not as large as it was in the past. Mrs. Edelmayer noted that this is being done nationwide. Mr. Rieker noted that if the Township wants to maintain its flood insurance representation with FEMA, it is mandatory that it have these maps.

Mr. Santi motioned to authorize the preparation and advertisement of an Ordinance adopting the new FEMA Floodplain Map for Upper Gwynedd Township. Seconded by Mr. Duffy, this motion was approved.

24. MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 01-2016 A RESOLUTION FOR PLAN REVISION FOR NEW LAND DEVELOPMENT RELATING TO THE PA DEP SEWER CONNECTION PLANNING APPROVAL FOR NORTH PENN ART LOCATED AT 720 SOUTH BROAD STREET.

Mr. Santi read Item No. 24 above and noted that North Penn Art is subdividing a lot and adding an additional building at 720 South Broad Street. He noted that this Resolution is for a sewer connection module. Mr. Duffy noted that this flow goes to the Towamencin Municipal Authority plant.

Mr. Santi motioned to approve Resolution No. 01-2016 a Resolution for Plan Revision for New Land Development relating to the PA DEP Sewer Connection Planning Approval for North Penn Art located at 720 South Broad Street. Seconded by Mrs. Edelmayer, this motion was approved.

- 25. MOTION TO APPROVE MERCK & CO., INC.'S REQUEST FOR AN EXTENSION TO A WAIVER FROM CHAPTER 113-1 WHICH WAS APPROVED AT THE SEPTEMBER 28, 2015, PUBLIC MEETING FOR A STEAM LINE UPGRADE THAT WILL REQUIRE INSTALLATION OF PIPING AND SUPPORTS OVER B12. THIS REQUEST IS FOR BACKUP SUNDAY CRANE WORK THROUGH MARCH 2016 DUE TO PRODUCTION RELATED DELAYS. CURRENTLY WORK IS SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 29 AND 30, 2016, OR FEBRUARY 5 AND 6, 2016. THERE WILL BE A FEW MORE LIFTS AFTER THAT TO INSTALL PIPING GOING UP THE EAST AND WEST SIDE OF B12 WHICH IS LOCATED IN THE NW QUADRANT OF THE WEST POINT SITE.**

Mr. Santi read Item No. 25 above. Mr. Landis from Merck noted it is important to do the crane lifts when the buildings are unoccupied. He noted the cranes are very quiet, and they have never had any problems in the past.

Mr. Santi motioned to approve Merck's request as stated above. Seconded by Mr. Ziemba, the Waiver from Chapter 113-1 was approved.

EUGENE P. ZIEMBA

Public Safety

- 26. MOTION TO APPROVE SPIRIT GYMNASTICS ON-STREET (DICKERSON ROAD) PARKING REQUEST FOR THE ANNUAL DALMATIAN CLASSIC MEET ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12 FROM 11:30 AM TO APPROXIMATELY 9:00 PM. THE EVENT RUNS FROM FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12 THROUGH SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2016. 500 GYMNASTS ARE EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE.**

Mr. Ziemba reported that Spirit Gymnastics has requested on-street parking for a special event they are having on February 12, 2016. He reported that Police Chief Duffy gave his approval on it. Mr. Ziemba motioned to approve Spirit Gymnastics on-street (Dickerson Road) parking request for the Annual Dalmatian Classic Meet on Friday, February 12 from 11:30 AM to approximately 9:00 PM. Seconded by Mrs. Edelmayer, this request was approved.

- 27. MOTION TO APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 02-2016 ACCEPTING DAVID M. POIRIER INTO THE UPPER GWYNEDD TOWNSHIP DEFERRED RETIREMENT OPTION PROGRAM ("DROP") AND APPOINTING A THIRD PARTY CUSTODIAN FOR THE INDIVIDUAL DROP INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS AND APPOINTING A THIRD PARTY INVESTMENT ADVISOR.**

Mr. Santi read Item No. 27 above. He explained the Deferred Retirement Option Program was negotiated about 10 years ago with the Bargaining Unit and it is a method by which an Officer who anticipates retiring can put his money in and get a lump sum out when he leaves. Mr. Santi noted it is a commitment from the Deputy Chief that he will retire in four years or less. Mr. Ziemba noted it is a benefit to the Township because it gives lead time to hire someone else.

Mr. Ziemba motioned to approve Resolution No. 02-2016 accepting David M. Poirier into the Upper Gwynedd Township Deferred Retirement Option Program ("DROP") and appointing a third party custodian for the individual DROP Investment Accounts and appointing a third party Investment Advisor. Seconded by Mr. Santi, this Resolution was approved.

28. MOTION TO APPROVE ORDINANCE NO. 2016-002 ADOPTING THE POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR PAYMENT OF DELINQUENT TAXES AND REIMBURSEMENT FOR COST TO THE TOWNSHIP OF REMOVING, REPAIRING OR SECURING A BUILDING DAMAGED BY FIRE UNDER THE TERMS OF THE FIRE INSURANCE ESCROW ACT.

Mr. Ziemba read Item No. 28 above. He noted that this Ordinance allows the Township to collect owed taxes and costs from the insurance company prior to the homeowner collecting his insurance money.

Mr. Ziemba motioned to approve Ordinance No. 2016-002 adopting the policies and procedures for payment of delinquent taxes and reimbursement for cost to the Township of removing, repairing or securing a building damaged by fire under the terms of the Fire Insurance Escrow Act. Seconded by Mrs. Edelmayer, this Ordinance was approved.

THOMAS A. DUFFY

Wastewater Treatment

There are no items to discuss.

OTHER BUSINESS

29. APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY, 2016, 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 Mr. Duffy, the General Fund bills for January were approved. The Commissioners announced a potential conflict on salaries which are set by statute, and Mr. Santi reported that the Commissioners annual salary is \$3,250. Mrs. Edelmayer abstained from approving the Zoning Solicitor's bill.

Mr. Kroberger advised that the Board had also received a copy of the bills from the Sewer Fund and asked for questions or comments. Hearing none, upon motion by Mr. Duffy, seconded by Mrs. Edelmayer, 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. Upon motion by Mrs. Edelmayer, seconded by Mr. Santi, the Board unanimously approved these invoices as well.

Mr. Kroberger advised that there were a number of invoices that had been prepaid. Upon motion by Mr. Ziemba, seconded by Mrs. Edelmayer, the Board unanimously approved the pre-paid invoices.

30. CALL FOR ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION.

There being no further business, upon motion by Mr. Duffy, seconded by Mr. Santi, the meeting was adjourned to Executive Session at 8:36 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Leonard T. Perrone
Secretary

/kmc

Approved February 22, 2016

