

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

January 28, 2019

JAMES A. SANTI, VICE PRESIDENT

1. Call to order.

The January 28, 2019, Public Meeting of the Board of Commissioners was called to order at 7:31 PM by Vice President of the Board, James A. Santi. The following individuals were in attendance.

James A. Santi	Vice President
Thomas A. Duffy	Commissioner
Denise M. Hull	Commissioner
Liz K. McNaney	Commissioner
Larry M. Comunale	Assistant to the Township Manager
David W. Duffy	Police Chief
Russ Benner	Township Engineer
David Onorato	Township Solicitor

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Recognition of John Klein for his years of volunteer service to the Township (1988) (will attend)

Mrs. Hull said Mr. Klein spent thirty (30) years volunteering on the Planning Commission and recognized all the time he spent in preparation for the meetings. She said the Board is appreciative of his long-term commitment to the Township. John Lancaster made heartfelt comments regarding how grateful he is for John Klein and the thirty (30) years he spent with his good friend and colleague on the Planning Commission. Mr. Klein said he is thankful to be a member of the Planning Commission and is appreciative of local government and encouraged residents to volunteer with the Township. He was given a Certificate of Appreciation by the Board.

4. Recognition of Erik Bones for his years of volunteer service to the Township (2002) (will attend)

Mrs. Hull recognized Mr. Bones for his sixteen (16) years of service volunteering on the Zoning Hearing Board. She recognized the time and hours that were spent to prepare for the hearings and thanked him for his service. He was given a Certificate of Appreciation by the Board.

5. Recognition of Danielle Dvorchak for her years of volunteer service to the Township (2013) (will attend)

Mr. Duffy thanked Ms. Dvorchak for her five (5) years of service volunteering on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. She was given a Certificate of Appreciation by the Board.

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

There were none

Mr. Santi suspended the Public Meeting and opened the first public hearing

7. Public Hearing

The purpose of this hearing is to hear comment pursuant to the consideration of Ordinance 2019-01, an Ordinance amending Chapter 137 of the Upper Gwynedd Township Code of Ordinances providing for a Do Not Knock List and Regulations

Mr. Santi read the above purpose before turning it over to Mr. Onorato.

Brief explanation by David Onorato, Township Solicitor

Mr. Onorato entered the exhibits. He said the ordinance is to help control the number of unwanted solicitations in the Township. Solicitors need a permit and will be given the list with those residents that requested to be on the list. Violators will be cited by the Police Department

Exhibits:

T1: Ordinance 2019-01

T2: Proof of Publication of Legal Advertisement – January 4 and January 11, 2019

8. Request for public comment

Mr. Santi asked if anyone had comments in opposition of the ordinance or in favor of the ordinance. There were none.

9. Motion to close the Public Hearing and open the next Public Hearing

Hearing no questions or comments, upon motion by Mr. Duffy, and seconded by Mrs. McNaney the motion to close the first public hearing and open the second public hearing was unanimously approved.

10. Motion to approve Ordinance No. 2019-01: Do Not Knock List

Hearing no questions or comments, upon motion by Mrs. Hull, and seconded by Mr. Duffy the motion to approve Ordinance 2019-01 was unanimously approved.

11. Public Hearing

The purpose of this hearing is to hear comment pursuant to the consideration of Ordinance 2019-02, an Ordinance to amend Chapter 185 of the Upper Gwynedd Township Code to prohibit the use of Engine Brake Retarders on Sumneytown Pike between Prospect Avenue and Swedesford Road

Mr. Santi read the above purpose and entered the two exhibits before turning it over to Mr. Onorato

Brief explanation by David Onorato, Township Solicitor

Mr. Onorato said the Township currently prohibits brake retarders in certain locations and this ordinance will expand the areas where they are prohibited.

Exhibits:

T1: Ordinance 2019-02

T2: Proof of Publication of Legal Advertisement – January 4 and January 11, 2019

12. Request for public comment

Mr. Santi asked if anyone had comments in opposition of the ordinance or in favor of the ordinance. There were none.

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

Hearing no questions or comments, upon motion by Mrs. Hull, and seconded by Mr. Duffy the motion to close the second public hearing and open the third public hearing was unanimously approved.

14. Motion to approve Ordinance No. 2019-02: Prohibiting the use of Brake Retarders

Hearing no questions or comments, upon motion by Mr. Duffy, and seconded by Mrs. Hull the motion to approve Ordinance 2019-02 was unanimously approved.

15. Public Hearing

The purpose of this hearing is to hear comment pursuant to the consideration of Ordinance 2019-03, an Ordinance amending Chapter 127 of the Upper Gwynedd Township Code by creating Article IV – Bamboo and establishing regulations for the planting, cultivating, growing, control and/or removal of bamboo, and penalties for violations of the same, and repealing all inconsistent ordinances or sections of Township Code Ordinances

Mr. Duffy read the above purpose and entered the exhibits before turning it over to Mr. Onorato.

Brief explanation by David Onorato, Township Solicitor

Mr. Onorato said bamboo is an invasive species and the ordinance is a result of numerous complaints the Township received from residents. He added that information on violations and enforcement is included in the ordinance.

Exhibits:

T1: Ordinance 2019-03

T2: Proof of Publication of Legal Advertisement – January 4 and January 11, 2019

16. Request for public comment

Mr. Duffy asked if anyone had comments in opposition of the ordinance or in favor of the ordinance. There were none.

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

Hearing no questions or comments, upon motion by Mr. Duffy, and seconded by Mrs. McNaney the motion to close the third public hearing and resume the public meeting was unanimously approved.

18. Motion to approve Ordinance No. 2019-03: Bamboo Regulations

Hearing no questions or comments, upon motion by Mr. Duffy, and seconded by Mrs. McNaney the motion to approve Ordinance 2019-03 was unanimously approved.

19. Motion to approve the Minutes of the Workshop Meeting held December 11, 2018

Mr. Santi 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. Duffy, the Minutes of the December 11, 2018 Workshop Meeting were approved as presented.

20. Motion to approve the Minutes of the Public Meeting held December 17, 2018

Mr. Santi also noted that the Public Meeting Minutes were received with the Agenda packet. Hearing no questions or comments, upon motion of Mr. Duffy seconded by Mrs. McNaney the Minutes of the December 17, 2018 Public Meeting were approved as presented.

- ~~21. Motion to approve the Minutes of the Special Budget Meeting held November 5, 2018~~

This item has been deferred until February.

- ~~22. Motion to approve the Minutes of the Special Budget Meeting held November 13, 2018~~

This item has been deferred until February.

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

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

24. Motion to approve Resolution 01-2019 – Disposition of Township Records: Exhibits 1 and 2

Mr. Santi noted there is an administration list and police list of old records that we are no longer required to retain.

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

JAMES A. SANTI, VICE PRESIDENT
Public Safety

25. Motion to approve the 2nd Annual Ainsley's Angels 6K & 12K Run on May 11, 2019 at 9:00 am

Mr. Santi said the Police and Public Works Departments will be helping with this race. It was recommended for approval by the Police Department.

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

THOMAS A. DUFFY
Public Works/Parks/Recreation

26. Motion to approve the 2019 Concession Stand Agreement with Boston Style Pizza

Mr. Duffy said we have had a contract with Boston Style Pizza for the last 4 years and they do a nice job.

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

27. Motion to authorize the advertisement of the bid for the 2019 Equipment Rental and Labor for various stormwater projects.

Mr. Duffy said the Public Works Department does a lot of stormwater work and this bid is for additional equipment and labor required to complete the projects.

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

LIZ K. MCNANEY
Wastewater Treatment

28. Motion to approve Resolution 02-2019, Act 537 Sewage Facilities Planning Module for 719 S. Broad St.

Mrs. McNaney said 719 S. Broad St. is currently a vacant lot and they are going through the sewer planning process.

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

29. Motion to approve Payment #1 to Blooming Glen Contractors for the WWTP Hydraulic Expansion Project in the amount of \$197,992.80

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

30. Motion to authorize the advertisement of the bid for 2019-2021 Sludge Hauling

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

DENISE M. HULL
Zoning/Planning/Code Enforcement

31. Motion to approve Resolution 03-2019, the updated Fee Schedule

Mrs. Hull noted that only two (2) changes were made to the Fee Schedule to cover our costs.

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

32. Motion to approve Merck & Co. waiver request from Chapter 113-1 & 124-5 for afterhours crane work on B46 Demolition Projects. (Sundays in February and March 2019)

Mrs. Hull noted the work is for Saturdays and Sundays in February and March.

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

OTHER BUSINESS

33. Approval of the January 2019 bills.

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

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

Mr. Santi said the Board was also being asked to approve invoices from all other funds. Hearing no questions or comments, upon motion by Mr. Duffy, seconded by Mrs. Hull, the Board unanimously approved these invoices.

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

34. Call for Adjournment.

There being no further business, upon motion by Mrs. Hull, seconded by Mrs. McNaney the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alex J. Kaker
Interim Secretary

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Approved February 25, 2019