

UWCHLAN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING
January 11, 2021

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, this meeting was held virtually. Questions and comments from the public were received through typed submission in chat format.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Bill Miller.

Mr. Miller made a statement regarding the events at the US Capitol on January 6, 2021.

Present: Supervisors: Bill Miller, Mayme Baumann and Kim Doan; Township Manager Scott Greenly; Assistant Township Manager/Secretary Katie Churchill; Building & Zoning Official Tara Giordano; Township Treasurer Sue Bernhard; Building Inspector Mike Holmes; Police Chief Scott Alexander; Township Engineer Dan Daley and Township Solicitor Mark Freed.

Minutes:

Mrs. Baumann made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2020 meeting and Dr. Doan seconded. Mr. Miller asked for public comment. There being none, the motion was carried unanimously.

Mrs. Baumann made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 4, 2020 meeting and Dr. Doan seconded. Mr. Miller asked for public comment. There being none, the motion was carried unanimously.

Reports:

Police: Chief Alexander reported for the month of December the department issued 81 traffic citations, had 21 traffic accidents, and made 10 arrests. There were 5 motor carrier traffic details resulting in 1091 trucks weighed, 2 of which were overweight, and conducted 15 federal motor carrier inspections. One additional inspection was conducted during normal work duties. Year to date 6988 vehicles have been weighed during motor carrier inspections. Of those, 44 were found to be overweight. 112 inspections were conducted at the weight station and 13 during daily activities.

2020: Chief Alexander explained that the numbers are reflective of the Covid-19 Pandemic and reflect the closure of the weight station and continued caution of the department for the safety of the officers. The department weighed 8,079, trucks down 25.5% from last year resulting in 46 overweight trucks a 37.8% decrease from 2019. 127 federal motor carrier inspections were conducted up 7.6% in 2019. 3 trucks were placed out of service, down 16.2%, 10 drivers were placed out of service, down 16.6%.

1,297 traffic citations were issued, down 36.8%, 270 written warnings, down 48%, 142 arrests down 34.2%. Total traffic accidents reported down 39.1% from 457 in 2019.

Treasurer: Mrs. Bernhard reported that end of year numbers are being finalized and will be reported once they are complete.

Public Works: Mr. Greenly reported that for the month of December the daily average flow was 1.6 million gallons per day. There were no new sewer connections made. The Township has received 5.2 inches of rain during the month of December, for a total of 64.25 inches of rain in 2020, 18 inches above the normal average.

The Public Works Department responded to 118 PA One Calls; conducted daily station checks, meter and sewer checks as well as right of way inspections. In anticipation of the storms the department was out to conduct inspections on catch basins and known problem areas.

The department repaired 4 sinkholes on Basset as well as 3 washouts on Lionville Station Rd. Salting occurred on December 16, 17, 18 and 23, with plowing occurring on the 16th.

In addition, the department has continued with normal winter maintenance and conducted a Christmas tree pickup on January 6th. Residents may leave their tree out as the one bulk item and the township will be around on February 3rd for another tree pickup.

Fire Marshal: Mr. Holmes reported that during the month of December the Building Department issued 65 permits for construction projects, had 79 inspections, 33 use and occupancy certificates, had 15 fire responses for the month, 1 burning complaint and numerous plan reviews for commercial and business plans. Assisted with plowing and snow removal.

Lionville Fire Company: Mr. Holmes reported that the Fire Company responded to 48 alarms during the month of November. Of those, 27 were in Uwchlan Township, 4 in Upper Uwchlan, 6 in West Pikeland, and 11 in other Townships.

2020 totals: Fire Company responded to 525 alarms during the year. Of those, 282 were in Uwchlan Township, 70 in Upper Uwchlan, 79 in West Pikeland, and 114 in other Townships.

Uwchlan Ambulance Corps: No report was given.

Dr. Doan made a motion to accept the reports as submitted and Mrs. Baumann seconded. Mr. Miller asked for public comment. There being none, the motion was carried unanimously.

BUSINESS:

1. Police Disciplinary Action

Mr. Miller explained the Board of Supervisors held an Executive Session Meeting on January 8, 2021 to discuss a personal issue within the Police Department.

Mrs. Baumann made a motion to move in accordance with the Police Tenure Act to file administrative charges against officer Michael Filozof. As set forth in the letter dated January 11, 2021 which follows the Township's internal affairs investigation into the officer's conduct. Mr. Miller seconded. Mr. Miller asked for public comment. There being none, the motion was carried unanimously.

2. Kate Hutelmyer, Partnership for the Delaware Estuary – Rain Garden at Rt. 100 & Rt. 113

Mrs. Hutelmyer the Collaborations Program Manager for PDE a regional environmental nonprofit presented the Rain Garden Project recently completed at the Exton Medical Arts Building at Rt. 100 and Rt. 113. She explained that this project as well as future projects are important in reducing the sediment load to the Pine Crest Watershed. She invited residents to reach out to learn more and help to identify sites for future projects.

3. Resolutions:

Resolution No. 2021-01 – Appointing Emergency Services: appointing representatives for emergency services:

Michael Holmes as Fire Marshall
Michael Holmes as Fire and Rescue Services
Wes Webber to Ambulance Services
PennStar Arial Ambulance Services
Scott Alexander to Police Services
Michael Holmes as Emergency Management Coordinator

Mrs. Baumann made a motion to adopt Resolution #2021-01 Appointing Emergency Services and Dr. Doan seconded. Mr. Miller asked for public comment. There being none, the motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2021-02 – Appointing Chief Administrative Officers for Pension Funds:

Appointing the Township Treasurer and Township Manager as the designated people to be the Chief Administrative Officers for the purpose of conducting daily business of the Police and non-uniform pension plans.

Mrs. Baumann made a motion to adopt Resolution #2021-02 Appointing Chief Administrative Officers for Pension Funds and Dr. Doan seconded. Mr. Miller asked for public comment. There being none, the motion was carried unanimously.

Resolution No. 2021-03 – Mileage Reimbursement: sets the millage reimbursement fee for the Township to \$.56 per mile reimbursement fee, as set by the IRS.

Dr. Doan made a motion to adopt Resolution #2021-03 Mileage Reimbursement and Mrs. Baumann seconded. Mr. Miller asked for public comment. There being none, the motion was carried unanimously.

4. Carefree Coach Rentals - 247-251 Welsh Pool Rd – Conditional Use Decision

Mr. Freed explained that after the hearing on December 14th 2020, a written decision was circulated approving the Conditional Use dated January 11, 2021.

Dr. Doan made a motion to approve the Conditional Use for Carefree Coach Rentals Mrs. Baumann seconded. Mr. Miller asked for public comment. There being none, the motion was carried unanimously.

5. Hankin Group – Eagleview Town Center II – Conditional Use Decision

Mr. Freed explained that the decision and further consideration will be held on a special meeting night on January 26th 2021 at 7:30 p.m.

Open to comment: No comments were presented.

6. Audubon Management Corp. – Turnpike Interchange – Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan Submission

Mrs. Giordano explained that the Audubon Land Development Group presented at both the September and October Conditional Use Hearings. The Township has received a land development plan submission which will be sent out for review. Audubon Land Development Group is planning on appearing at the February 3, 2021 Planning Commission meeting for discussion. The plans will be made available for all who are interested prior to the meeting.

Mrs. Baumann made a motion to accept the Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan submission Dr. Doan seconded. Mr. Miller asked for public comment. There being none, the motion was carried unanimously.

7. Worthington Partners – Gray Farm – Request for Extension

Mrs. Giordano explained that Alyson Zarro, Attorney for Worthington Partners, requested an extension until March 31, 2021 as they are planning to submit the environmental analysis to the Township for review.

Dr. Doan made a motion to grant the extension for Worthington Partners – Gray Farm extension to March 31, 2021 Mrs. Baumann seconded. Mr. Miller asked for public comment. There being none, the motion was carried unanimously.

8. Hankin Group – Severgn Apartments – Preliminary/Final Land Development Plan

Mrs. Giordano explained that there have been concerns surrounding the plans regarding the access road onto Whitford Rd. The Township has asked developer to address those concerns and in a received letter from Brian Nagel, requested an extension until February 9, 2021 for those concerns to be looked at and addressed before the Board to makes a determination on the plan.

Comments addressed:

Laura Obenski asked the Board to address the EAC review of the proposal. It was confirmed a survey was completed and determined that the 20-inch pipe is located on the opposite side than the building.

Henry Casey spoke with neighbors and conducted a survey to express residents' objection to the access onto Whitford Rd.

Neal Fischer, Hankin Group clarified that they have not agreed to change the plan though he is agreeing to look at the plan and evaluate it. No commitment by the Hankin Group has been made.

Mr. Freed confirmed that both the Fire Marshal, Township Engineer and Township Traffic Consultant confirmed that it is possible to remove the road but the plan will need to be reviewed.

Kerri Gross Introduced concerns on the inadvertent returns and asked for all parties to address the issue. Mr. Freed proposed that the conversation be brought offline and readdressed by all parties.

Mrs. Baumann made a motion to grant Hankin Group – Severgn Apartments request for and Extension until February 9, 2021 and Dr. Doan seconded. Mr. Miller asked for public comment. There being no further comment, the motion was carried unanimously.

The following Ordinances were recorded by Court Reporter:

9. Building Code Update - Ordinance No. 2021-01 – Hearing

10. Pipeline Setback – Ordinance No. 2021-02 – Hearing

SUNOCO UPDATE:

Mr. Daley and Mr. Freed summarized a conference call held on Dec 9th. The call was requested by the Township to discuss the need for casing at Site 360 Devon Dr. Currently the install calls for casing pipe, anticipated to take 1 week. The Township is inquiring about the need for and or alternative solutions as well as the pipe itself and the purpose at the site. The site is currently under review for reevaluation report by DEP. They are awaiting the approval of the DEP for approval to restart construction. No timeframe was given to the township is asking for the maximum notice as from Sunoco.

Mr. Miller gave a brief overview of Sunoco's construction within the township

- 1) Herman O West to Upper Uwchlan – 39% complete with the final ream 20-inch pipes, pullback is scheduled for March 2021.
- 2) Herman O West to Wharton Blvd. – The work is complete as is the restoration at Wharton Blvd apart from the tree planting.
- 3) Eagleview Blvd. to Dairy Queen – all pipework is complete; winter restoration is complete with further restoration to be complete when the weather changes.
- 4) N. Whitford Rd. to Devon Dr. – all pipework is complete; they are working on demobilization at N. Whitford Rd. Devon Drive to Shoen Road work is currently on hold.
- 5) Devon Dr. to W. Whiteland – On hold and currently waiting on PA DEP approval for start on the 20-inch pipeline.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, all Township Public Meetings are being held via Zoom – Links can be found on the Township website prior to the meeting.

1. 01/14 – Historical Commission – Reorganization and Meeting – 7:30pm
2. 01/14 – Municipal Authority – Reorganization and Meeting – 4:00 pm
3. 01/15 - Uwchlan Township Industrial Development Authority - Reorganization & Meeting 9:00 am.
4. 01/20 – Environmental Advisory Council – Reorganization & Meeting – 6:30 pm
5. 01/20 – Zoning Hearing Board – Reorganization & Decision
6. 01/26 – Board of Supervisors Special Meeting - Conditional Use Decision 7:30p.m.
7. 02/03 - Planning Commission – 7:00 pm.
8. 02/08 - Board of Supervisors Meeting – 7:30 pm.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

Valerie Bruno addressed Mr. Miller's opening comments on the Capitol and noted that she did not appreciate the comments.

Dr. Doan addressed that she was unaware of the statement beforehand and the presence of her and others does not imply that they agree with the statement.

Mr. Miller reiterated that the statement is solely his own.

Laura Obenski asked about the timeline for plans to be available on the website instead of having to make a written request each time. Mr. Greenly explained that it is a priority to make those available as quickly as possible.

Jasion Oliver inquired if the Township is looking into updating the website. Mr. Greenly explained that there is a plan to update the website in the works.

There being no other business Mrs. Baumann made a motion to adjourn at 9:28 p.m. Dr. Doan seconded and the motion was carried.

Respectively submitted,
Kate Gillen