

# UWCHLAN TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

**MARCH 9, 2009**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Joseph E. Toner and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: Supervisors: Joseph E. Toner, Frederick W. Gaines and Milton H. Bozarth; Township Manager Doug Hanley; Building/Zoning Officer Tom Cooke; Township Secretary Lynda Phiel; Township Treasurer Sue Bernhard; Fire Marshal Mike Holmes; Township Solicitor Guy Donatelli and Chief Pontarelli.

Minutes: Mr. Gaines made a motion to approve the minutes of February 9, 2009 and Mr. Bozarth seconded the motion. Mr. Toner asked for public comment. There being none, the motion was carried.

Prior to hearing the business for the evening, Mr. Toner asked to have a moment of silence to commemorate former Township Employee David Good's sudden death 11 years ago today while he was involved in handling an accident on the Turnpike.

## BUSINESS:

### REPORTS:

Police: Chief Pontarelli reported that there were 260 traffic citations, 24 criminal arrests and 34 traffic accidents during the month of February.

Treasurer: Ms. Bernhard has submitted her report for the month of February. The following is a list of revenues and expenses:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
General	\$673,059.47	\$477,121.52
Hydrant	-0-	7,974.00
State Liquid Fuel	6.59	68,246.42
Sewer	230,832.03	152,915.03

Ms. Bernhard reported that the Township has collected approximately 14% of its budgeted revenues and spent about 12% of its budgeted expenditures.

Road Department: Mr. Hanley reported that for the month of February the Road Department repaired and replaced signs; repaired mailboxes damaged during plowing; performed State inspections; salted roadways three times; and performed equipment maintenance.

Mr. Toner noted that he received several phone calls commending the Road Department for their efficient snow removal.

Sanitation Department: Mr. Hanley reported that for the month of February:

Daily Average Flow	
Downingtown	1.42 million gpd

There were no sewer connections at either plant.

The Township has received .5 inches of precipitation during the month of February. Year-to-date, there is a 3.5 inch deficit.

Fire Marshal: Mr. Holmes reported that he answered 18 fire calls during the month of February, 7 of which were during work hours; spent 2 hours of work time handling Fire Department activity; assisted the Road Department with salting; conducted fire inspections of commercial buildings totaling 505,000 s.f.; and reviewed plans for commercial buildings and inspected those under construction.

Lionville Fire Co.: Mr. Holmes reported that the Fire Company answered 36 alarms during the month of February, 24 of which were in Uwchlan Township.

Uwchlan Ambulance Corps: Mr. Toolan reported the Ambulance Corps responded to 190 calls during the month of February, 66 of which were in Uwchlan Township.

*Mr. Gaines made a motion to accept the Reports as submitted and Mr. Bozarth seconded the motion. Mr. Toner asked for public comment. There being none, the motion was carried.*

Announcement of Road Materials Bids:

Mr. Hanley reported that the original road materials bids received prior to last month's meeting were rejected and advertised for rebid. The following bids were received and opened:

	9.5mm Wearing	19mm Binder	25 mm Base	9.5mm Fine
Highway Materials	\$45.00/\$50.55	\$39.00/\$44.55	\$37.00/\$42.55	\$45.00/\$50.55
Independence	\$43.10/\$47.41	\$38.50/\$42.81	\$36.90/\$41.21	\$44.25/\$48.56
Glasgow	\$44.20/\$50.95	\$39.90/\$46.65	\$36.70/\$43.45	\$46.20/\$52.95

Mr. Hanley noted that the asphalt index that Independence based their price on has gone down so technically the price of blacktop should go down. The Township does not begin their paving program until April so there is the possibility that the asphalt index will go down further. If this is the case, the Township will then immediately proceed with the program in order to take advantage of the lower price.

*Mr. Gaines made a motion to accept Independence as the low bidder and Mr. Bozarth seconded. Mr. Toner asked for public comment. There being none, the motion was carried.*

Resolutions:

1. No. 2009-13: Transmitting the Tax Duplicate to the Tax Collector
2. No. 2009-14: Authorizes the Use of Electronic Bidding

Mr. Hanley explained that the electronic bidding process will be used to sell two police vehicles as well as an old Fire Marshal's vehicle.

*Mr. Gaines made a motion to adopt Resolution Nos. 2009-13 and 2009-14 and Mr. Bozarth seconded the motion. Mr. Toner asked for public comment. There being none, the motion was carried.*

Mr. Toner welcomed Boy Scout Troops #216 and #220, who were in attendance to fulfill requirements for their Citizenship and Communications Badge.

Requests:

1. Boy Scout Troop 482: Requests for Flower Sale with Tent April 9-12

This is the third year for this request and there have been no problems in the past.

*Mr. Gaines made a motion to approve the flower sale and Mr. Bozarth seconded. Mr. Toner asked for public comment. There being none, the motion was carried.*

2. Spring Dance: Request for Tent Sales April 17-25, June 4-8 and August 28-31

When this request was received last week, Mr. Cooke asked for additional information, i.e. a diagram of where everything will be located and written permission from the shopping center landlord. To date, these have not been provided. It was also mentioned that Spring Dance has conducted unauthorized tent sales in the recent past.

This item was tabled until the next meeting.

3. Downingtown East Class of 2011: Request for 5K Run on May 9 @ 8:30 a.m.

The Police Department and Fire Police have been contacted regarding this event and neither expect any problems.

*Mr. Gaines made a motion to approve the 5K Run and Mr. Bozarth seconded. Mr. Toner asked for public comment. There being none, the motion was carried.*

4. YMCA: Triathlon in Eagleview on May 16<sup>th</sup>

Again, the Police Department and Fire Police have been contacted regarding this event and neither foresee any problems.

*Mr. Gaines made a motion to approve the event and Mr. Bozarth seconded. Mr. Toner asked for public comment. There being none, the motion was carried.*

5. Hankin Concerts: Town Center

The Hankin Group will be holding their summer concerts every Tuesday from June 2nd through August 25<sup>th</sup> as well as a Fall Festival on September 29<sup>th</sup>.

Chief Pontarelli noted that there have been only minor incidents that have occurred in the past.

*Mr. Gaines made a motion to approve the events subject to the same arrangements with the Police Department in regard to coverage and payment for same and Mr. Bozarth seconded. Mr. Toner asked for public comment. There being none, the motion was carried.*

Authorize PUC Actions:

Mr. Donatelli briefly explained that the Township authorized that some action be taken in response to an opinion that was issued by the Public Utility Commission approximately 3 weeks ago. The authorization will permit or already ratify certain filings that have been made to appeal these decisions as well as begin the process to transfer certain interests located in Upper Uwchlan Township from the Township to the Municipal Authority.

*Mr. Bozarth made a motion to approve the actions as summarized above by Mr. Donatelli and Mr. Gaines seconded the motion. Mr. Toner asked for public comment. There being none, the motion was carried.*

Vanguard: Time Extension

Mr. Hanley announced that the Township has received a letter from Ms. Yarnoff, Vanguard's Attorney, granting an extension until April 15, 2009 in order to finalize the Restrictive Covenants for this property.

*The Board members gave their "OK".*

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. 03/12 - Historical Commission @ Cadwalader House - 7:30 p.m.
2. 03/23 - Board of Supervisors - 7:30 p.m. - Cancelled
3. 04/01 - Planning Commission - 7:30 p.m.
4. 04/06 - Park & Recreation - 7:30 p.m.
5. 04/13 - Board of Supervisors - 7:30 p.m.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS

A Boy Scout asked if the Township had decided to purchase the vehicle they were considering at their last meeting. After determining that the question was generated by a Board meeting in Upper Uwchlan Township, Mr. Donatelli, who is a Board member in Upper Uwchlan, proceeded to answer the question.

Mr. Toner further explained that townships buy items at the lowest prices usually through State Contracts. Mr. Gaines added that Uwchlan is very fiscally responsible and has not raised taxes in 24 years.

Another Scout asked if the Township is considering any large purchases. Mr. Hanley stated that other than the asphalt that was discussed earlier, the Township does not anticipate any large purchases this year. There will be improvements done later this year to the Rt. 113/Eagleview Blvd./Crump Rd. intersection, but these have been "in the works" for years.

One of the Scout leaders asked how the Township finds out about special programs for purchases. The Supervisors told him that programs are announced through the State and County levels.

Also asked was whether or not the Township tax base will level out. Mr. Bozarth explained that the Township's tax base is through income tax not just real estate so the Township will be most affected if people start losing their jobs. Mr. Toner further stated that the Township plans for the future by retaining healthy fund balances.

Finally, one of the Scout leaders asked if there will be any large acquisitions of park land in the near future. Mr. Toner explained that park land is negotiated each time a new development or project is brought to the Township. Mr. Toner added that Uwchlan has an extensive trail system, twelve parks and when fully built out, will have 25% of the Township land in open space.

*There being no other business, Mr. Gaines made a motion to adjourn at 8:06 p.m. Mr. Bozarth seconded and the motion was carried.*

Respectfully submitted,

Lynda Phiel  
Township Secretary