

Board of Commissioners Members: Commissioner and President, Kevin C. Spearing; Commissioner and Vice President Charles M. Whiting; Commissioners R. Samuel Valenza, Joseph A. Lavalle, Kip McFatrige, Nicholas O. Scull and Cheryl Lockard

- I. **Call to Order:** The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Upper Moreland Township was called to order via audio conference call by the President of the Board of Commissioners, Kevin C. Spearing at 7:00 p.m.
- II. **Moment of Silent Meditation/Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Roll Call:** Commissioner and Board President Spearing, Commissioners Scull, Lavalle, McFatrige, Whiting, Valenza and Lockard. Also present were Matthew H. Candland, Township Manager, and Sean Kilkenny, Township Solicitor.
- IV. **Presentations/Announcements:**
 - A. Commissioner Spearing announced that on April 21, 2020, April 23, 2020, April 30, 2020 and prior to tonight's meeting, the Board of Commissioners held an Executive Sessions via audio conference call to discuss legal and personnel matters.

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- V. **Public Comments:**
 - Frank and Cathleen Carver, residents of 3045 Davisville Road, commented on the Draft Master Trail Plan and an estimated target date for sidewalks on the west side of Davisville Road between Terwood Road and the YMCA. Additionally, they encouraged all residents to review and submit comments on the Plan to Pat Stasio, Director of Parks and Recreation, by May 22, 2020.
- VI. **Treasurer's Activity Report – April 2020:**
 - Commissioner Valenza motioned, seconded by Commissioner McFatrige and the Board of Commissioners voted 7-0 to approve the Treasurer's Activity Report as submitted.
- VII. **Approval of Minutes - April 6, 2020**
 - Commissioner Valenza motioned, seconded by Commissioner McFatrige and the Board of Commissioners voted 7-0 to approve the minutes as submitted.
- VIII. **Committee Recommendations:**
 - A. **Finance & Administrative Committee** - Commissioner Valenza discussed the following:
 1. **Appointments/Reappointments:**
 - a. The appointment of David J. Kistner on the Upper Moreland-Hatboro Joint Sewer Authority as a representative of Upper Moreland Township to fill the vacancy left by Kent Nelson who resigned on March 13, 2020, and serve the remainder of a five-year term that will expire on December 31, 2022.
 - Commissioner Valenza motioned, seconded by Commissioner McFatrige and the Board of Commissioners voted 7-0 to approve the appointment of David J. Kistner on the Upper Moreland-Hatboro Joint Sewer Authority as a representative of Upper Moreland Township.

2. List of Bills Payable:

- Commissioner Valenza corrected the Agenda under Escrow Fund Checks Total to be \$9,838.00 and reviewed the List of Bills Payable. Commissioner Valenza motioned, seconded by Commissioner McFatridge and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 7-0, the List of Bills Payable, as amended.

3. Aqua General Funds Bills - Commissioner Valenza motioned, seconded by Commissioner McFatridge and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 6-0 in favor; and one (1) abstention (abstention by Commissioner Spearing, Aqua employee).

4. Other Items:

a. Motion to ratify Resolution R-2020-23 – Extending Real Estate Face Payment Deadline from June 2, 2020 to August 2, 2020.

- Commissioner Valenza motioned, seconded by Commissioner McFatridge and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote 7-0 to ratify Resolution R-2020-23.

b. Motion to approve the proposed settlement stipulation in Montgomery County Case # 2020-05285 regarding the land use appeal filed by George Downs.

- Mr. Kilkenny provided background information and an explanation of the settlement stipulation.
- Sue Worth-LaManna, a resident, inquired on the plan for a hydrant or sewer in the June Fete neighborhood. Commissioner Spearing stated that other alternatives will be established to provide water into that area prior to obtaining an easement before December 2024 as stated in the settlement.
- Commissioner Valenza motioned, seconded by Commissioner McFatridge and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote 6-1 (six (6) approved: Commissioners Spearing, McFatridge, Valenza, Whiting, Lockard and Scull; one (1) abstention: Commissioner Lavelle) the proposed settlement stipulation in Montgomery County Case # 2020-05285.

5. New Business - nothing to report.

B. Community Development Committee - Commissioner Lavelle discussed the following:

1. Code Enforcement - nothing to report.

2. Land Development/Subdivision Applications - nothing to report.

3. List of Upcoming Zoning Hearing Board Applications - nothing to report.

4. Other Items:

a. Motion to approve a list of Grant Application Project Priorities:

- Commissioner Lavelle read the list of grant application project priorities and reviewed two additional projects that will be considered for future development.
- Commissioner Lavelle motioned, seconded by Commissioner McFatridge and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 7-0 the list of Grant Application Project Priorities.

b. Motion to approve the request to partner with Upper Dublin, Horsham and Abington Townships in the Welsh Road Green Light-Go project for upgrades to the signal traffic adaptive system and commit to a local match, not to exceed \$25,000.

- Commissioner Lavelle read two brief explanations from the request letter by Upper Dublin's Engineer, Boles, Smyth Associates.
- Commissioner Lavelle motioned, seconded by Commissioner McFatridge and

the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 7-0 the request to partner with Upper Dublin, Horsham and Abington Townships in the Welsh Road Green Light-Go project.

C. **Parks and Recreation Committee** - Commissioner Scull discussed the following:

- Reminded the public to review and provide comments on the Draft Master Trail Plan to Pat Stasio, Director of Parks and Recreation, by May 22, 2020.
- Reminded that all Township parks are currently closed following the directives from Governor Wolf's advisory on the COVID-19 crisis.
- Commissioner Spearing commented that Township parks are closed except for trails and reminded the public to practice social distancing and to wear masks.

D. **Public Health & Safety Committee:**

- Commissioner Whiting reminded all residents to adhere to Governor Wolf's emergency procedures, remain indoors and wear masks for their health and safety.
- Commissioner Whiting thanked all Township workers, first responders and all healthcare providers for their work and dedication to their jobs.

IX. **Commissioner Comments:**

- Commissioner Spearing thanked residents for being cooperative with social distancing and regulations from Governor Wolf's office. He stated that the Township is considering rules to reopen parks, which residents will need to abide by and be considerate of their neighbors.
- Commissioner Spearing commented on a property he recently visited that was receiving a new sewer lateral to the curb where unacceptable material was found in the the right-of-way, which is not the responsibility of the homeowner. He stated that the Committee will follow up.
- Commissioner McFtridge announced that residents need to visit the Montgomery County website (www.montcopa.org) for Voters Services polling location information and obtain an absentee mail-in ballot, by the deadline of May 26, 2020. Commissioner Valenza stated that the polling locations will also be posted on the Township website.
- Commissioner Whiting reminded residents of Ward 3-1 and Ward 3-2 to check for new polling locations and utilize the mail-in ballot.
- Commissioner Spearing stated that residents can register to vote until May 18, 2020.
- Commissioner Scull stated that residents can obtain absentee ballots for the June 2, 2020 Primary Election and for the Fall Election as well.
- Commissioner Lavalley stated that the Ward 4-1 polling location will be located at Willow Hill Elementary School in Abington, PA and Ward 4-2 will be located at the Pennypack Elementary School in Hatboro, PA. He also encouraged residents to file an absentee ballot.
- Commissioner Lockard stated that there are no changes to the polling locations for Ward 7-1 and 7-2.

X. **Visitor Comments** - nothing to report.

XI. **Adjournment:** There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kathleen Kristire.