

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 by the President of the Board of Commissioners, Kevin C. Spearing at 7:15 p.m.
- II. **Moment of Silent Meditation/Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Roll Call:** Commissioners Scull, McFatrige, Spearing, Whiting, Valenza, and Lockard. Absent: Commissioner Lavalle. Also present: David A. Dodies, Township Manager and Sean P. Kilkenny, Esquire, Township Solicitor.
- IV. **Presentations/Announcements:**
 - Layla Cruz was sworn in to her new position of Police Officer by District Justice Patricia Zaffarano.

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- V. **Public Comments – Non-Agenda Items Only** - Nothing to report.
- VI. **Treasurer’s Activity Report** – February 2018: The Treasurer's Activity Report was unanimously approved as submitted.
- VII. **Approval of Minutes:** The Regular Meeting Minutes of February 5, 2018 were unanimously approved as submitted.
- VIII. **Committee Recommendations:**
 - A. **Finance & Administrative Committee:**
 1. **Appointments/Reappointments:**
 - a. Appointments – The Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 6-0, **Resolution No. R-2018-02** to appoint all current members to the Zoning Hearing Board.
 2. **List of Bills Payable:** The Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the List of Bills as submitted by a vote of 5 in favor and one abstention (Abstained: Commissioner Spearing, Aqua employee).
 3. **Other Items:**
 - a. The Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 6-0, **Resolution No. R-2018-03** of the Proposed Reforms to the Decennial Legislative and Congressional Redistricting Process in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
 - b. The Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 6-0, the appointment of The Law Offices of Sean Kilkenny, LLC to serve as counsel for all Business Tax matters for Upper Moreland Township at the rate of \$145.00 per hour.
 4. New Business - Nothing to report.

B. Community Development Committee:

1. **Code Enforcement** – Nothing to report.
2. **Land Development/Subdivision Applications** - Nothing to report.
3. **List of Upcoming Zoning Hearing Board Applications:**
Commissioner McFatridge read the application scheduled for a Public Hearing on Thursday, March 8, 2018.
4. **Other Items:**
 - a. The Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 6-0, the Right of Way Use Agreement (and proposed fee) between Upper Moreland Township and Crown Castle NG East LLC.
 - b. The Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 6-0, to award the Street Milling contract for the 2018 Roadway Improvement Project to James D. Morrissey, Inc.
 - c. The Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 6-0, to award the Highway Materials contract for the 2018 Roadway Improvement Project to James D. Morrissey, Inc. (Eureka Stone Quarry, Inc.).
 - d. The Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 6-0, authorizing James Hersh, Gilmore & Associates, Inc. to advertise the Huntingdon Road Repair project.
 - e. The Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 6-0, authorizing Richard Nalbandian, MRNenvironmental, Inc. and Derron LaBrake, Wetlands & Ecology, Inc. as the preparers, and Gilmore & Associates, Inc. as the Project Engineer, to submit a grant application to the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation for stormwater management improvements at Boileau Farmstead.

C. Parks & Recreation Committee - Nothing to report.

E. Public Health & Safety Committee - Nothing to report.

IX. New Business - Nothing to report.

X. Commissioner Comments:

- Commissioner McFatridge commented that some residents remain without power from the recent storm on Friday, March 2, 2018 and that PECO is working to return service.
- Mr. Dodies stated that he has been in contact twice daily with PECO. He thanked everyone involved in the Township starting with Sergeant Newhall, Public Works, Police, Parks & Recreation and the Volunteer Fire Company. At the peak of the storm, close to 50% of the Township had lost power. PECO stipulates that 100,000 outages must be reached before out of state crews are called in for relief, which takes 24-36 hours to arrive after damage has occurred. Critical facilities are serviced first, then second, are buildings and residential buildings powered by one line or split lines which are dense and most time consuming. It was a challenge for PECO to get up to speed and many repairs are temporary patches that require follow up work. A new storm is anticipated for Wednesday; however, utility crews are already in the area which should alleviate delays with additional outages. If anyone has questions on restoration services, they should contact the Township.
- Commissioner Spearing requested a storm update at the Public Health & Safety Committee Meeting later this month.

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- Mr. Dodies stated that the School District will hold a meeting on Saturday, March 17, 2018, at 1 p.m. regarding safety in our schools where Chief Michael Murphy will be one of the presenters. It will be an open forum with a question and answer session. Additional information can be found on the School District's website at: www.umtsd.org.
- Commissioner Spearing stated that Attorney General Josh Shapiro will make a presentation on Saturday, March 17, 2018, in Montgomery Township, addressing the State's direction on the opioid crises.
- Commissioner Spearing stated that Commissioner Lavallo is absent due to a meeting he is attending in Harrisburg regarding building code.

XI. **Adjournment:** There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kathleen Kristire.