

**Upper Moreland Township
Board of Commissioners - Regular Meeting
May 2, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

Board of Commissioners Members: Commissioner and President, Clifton "Kip" McFatrige; Commissioner and Vice President Cheryl Lockard; Commissioners Nicholas O. Scull, Kevin C. Spearing, Charles M. Whiting, Anthony S. Prousi, and R. Samuel Valenza.

I. **Call to Order:** The Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of Upper Moreland Township was called to order by Vice President Lockard.

II. **Moment of Silent Meditation/Pledge of Allegiance**

III. **Roll Call:** Commissioner and Board President McFatrige, Commissioner and Vice President Lockard; Commissioners Valenza, Spearing, Whiting, Scull, Prousi (virtual). Also present: Matthew H. Candland, Township Manager, Randall K. Schaible, Assistant Township Manager/Director of Finance, Sean Kilkenny, Township Solicitor.

IV. **Presentations/Announcements:**

A. District Justice Paul Leo to conduct Oath of Office and swearing-in of Michael Cox as a Firefighter/Emergency Medical Technician (EMT):

- Fire Chief Ed Glassman introduced Michael Cox and District Justice Paul Leo.
- District Justice Paul Leo conducted the Oath of Office and swearing in of Michael Cox.

B. Presentation of Proclamations in recognition of their retirement:

- Fire Chief Ed Glassman thanked the Commissioners for their support and introduced Fire Chief Chuck Jones, Jr.
- Firefighter James Hotchkiss, Jr.:
 - Chief Jones, Jr. presented a Proclamation to James Hotchkiss, Jr. in recognition of his retirement and thanked him for 46 years of dedication and service as a Firefighter in the community.
- Firefighter Charles Jones, Sr.:
 - Chief Jones, Jr. presented a Proclamation to Charles Jones, Sr. in recognition of his retirement and thanked him for 43 years of dedication and service as a Firefighter in the community.

C. Presentation of Police Unit Citations:

- Chief Andrew Block presented Citations to Sergeants James Robb, Tim Lynch, Detective Vince Small, Officers Jason Dickerson, Matt Snyder and K9 Maximus, Craig Bald, James Nuskey, and Warminster Police Sergeant John McKenna for their outstanding police work and investigation on an incident that began on March 30, 2022 at the Woodlawn School.
- Commissioner and Board President McFatrige left the meeting upon completion of the presentations.
- Commissioner and Vice President Lockard announced that the Board of Commissioners met in an Executive Session prior to tonight's meeting to discuss personnel and legal matters.

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V. **Public Comments** - Nothing to report.

VI. **Treasurer's Activity Report – April 2022:**

- Commissioner Valenza motioned, seconded by Commissioner Spearing and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 6-0, the report as submitted.

VII. **Approval of Minutes - April 4, 2022 - Regular Meetings:**

- Commissioner Valenza motioned, seconded by Commissioner Spearing and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 6-0, the minutes as submitted.

VIII. **Committee Recommendations:**

A. **Finance & Administrative Committee - April 18, 2022** – The Committee recommends the Board of Commissioners take action on the following:

1. **Appointments/Reappointments– Motion to Approve** the following appointments and reappointments:

- a. The reappointment of Ken Hawthorn as a member on the **Police Pension Fund Committee** to serve a new three-year term to expire on March 13, 2025.
- b. The reappointment of McMahan Associates, Inc. as the Township's Traffic Engineer.

- Commissioner Valenza motioned, seconded by Commissioner Spearing and the Board of Commissioners approved the reappointments by a vote of 6-0.

2. List of Bills Payable:

- Commissioner Valenza motioned, seconded by Commissioner Spearing and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 6-0.

3. Other Items:

- a. **Motion to Approve** a Tax Assessment Appeal between the Township, the School District of Upper Moreland and the tax payer, Robert White and Carol White:

- Commissioner Valenza motioned, seconded by Commissioner Spearing and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 6-0.

- b. **Motion to Approve** the purchase of laptops and software in the amount of \$26,500 for digitizing of the Board of Commissioners meeting books:

➤ Commissioner Prousi commented that the change will save paper, increase productivity, and alleviate time spent by police officers to deliver the Commissioners' meeting materials.

- Commissioner Valenza motioned, seconded by Commissioner Spearing and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 6-0.

- c. **Motion to Approve** and direct staff to fly the Pride Flag for the month of June 2022 in recognition of Pride Month:

- Commissioner Valenza motioned, seconded by Commissioner Spearing and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 5-1 (five (5) aye: Commissioners Scull, Spearing, Lockard, Whiting, Prousi; and one (1) nay: Commissioner Valenza).

- d. **Motion to Approve** and direct staff to fly the National Law Enforcement Memorial Flag, May 15-21, 2022:

➤ The Board directed Mr. Candland and Chief Block to follow the directive to fly the American Flag at half-staff during the observance.

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- Commissioner Valenza motioned, seconded by Commissioner Spearing and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 5-1 (five (5) aye: Commissioners Scull, Spearing, Lockard, Whiting, Prousi; and one (1) nay: Commissioner Valenza).

4. New Business:

a. **Motion to Approve Resolution R-2022-17** – Defining the Board of Commissioners’ remote participation for public meetings:

- Commissioner Valenza motioned, seconded by Commissioner Spearing and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 6-0.

B. **Community Development Committee - April 11, 2022:**

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 Resolution R-2022-18** – Interpreting the Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for the Marketplace at Huntingdon Valley Shopping center located at County Line Road:

- Commissioner Spearing motioned, seconded by Commissioner Valenza and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 6-0.

b. **Motion to Approve** a commitment letter for the Fulmor Heights Stormwater Management Project of \$50,000 if the National Fish and Wildlife grant is received:

- Commissioner Lockard noted that the total cost is \$260,000 with a \$50,000 match from the Township and a \$50,000 match from Fulmor Heights. The Township is required to do the project, which benefits the environment and the Pennypack Creek.
- Commissioner Prousi commented on the importance of the partnership for area residents and the Township, because the zone connects with many waterways around the community; and, secondly this adds to the trail and park systems.
- Commissioner Spearing motioned, seconded by Commissioner Valenza and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 6-0.

C. **Public Health & Safety Committee – April 18, 2022** – The Committee does not have any recommendations for the Board of Commissioners’ consideration.

D. **Parks and Recreation Committee - April 18, 2022** – The Committee does not have any recommendations for the Board of Commissioners’ consideration.

IX. **Commissioner Comments:**

- Commissioner Spearing wished Happy Mother's Day to everyone.

- Commissioner Lockard announced:

- The first public meeting for Woodlawn Park will be held on May 25, 2022 from 7-9 p.m. in the Council Room.

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- Montgomery County will host a chemical waste collection by appointment in Abington on Saturday, June 25, 2022. More information is available at: www.MontcoPARecycles.org.

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

XI. **Adjournment:** There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kathleen Kristire.