

**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 7:00 p.m.
- II. **Moment of Silent Meditation/Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Roll Call:** Commissioner and President Spearing; Commissioners Lavalle, Lockard, McFatrige, Scull, Spearing, Whiting, and Valenza. Also present: David A. Dodies, Township Manager and Sean P. Kilkenny, Esquire, Township Solicitor.
- IV. **Presentations/Announcements:**
  - A. Commissioner Spearing announced that the Board of Commissioners held an Executive Session prior to tonight's meeting to discuss real estate and legal matters.

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- V. **Public Comments – Non-Agenda Items Only:**
  - Susan Worth LaManna, a resident, commented on proper lighting for the flags located at the Township and County buildings and Veterans Memorial. The flag in Veterans Memorial Park should also be replaced with one using permanent outdoor material.
- VI. **Treasurer’s Activity Report – April 2018:** The Treasurer's Activity Report was unanimously approved as submitted.
- VII. **Approval of Minutes:** The Regular Meeting Minutes of April 2, 2018 were unanimously approved as submitted.
- VIII. **Committee Recommendations:**
  - A. **Finance & Administrative Committee:**
    1. **Appointments/Reappointments:**
      - a. The Board of Commissioners unanimously approved by a vote of 7-0, the appointment of Bryant Powell to fill Jonathan de Jonge’s vacancy on the Upper Moreland Historical Commission and serve the remaining term to expire on December 31, 2018.
    2. **List of Bills Payable:**
      - a. The Board of Commissioners unanimously approved by a vote of 7-0, the List of Bills as submitted in the new format.
      - b. The Aqua General Funds Checks, separated from the List of Bills Payable, were approved by a vote of 6-0, with one (1) abstention (Abstained by Commissioner Spearing, Aqua employee).
    3. **Other Items:**

- a. The Board of Commissioners unanimously approved by a vote of 7-0, changes to the **July 2018 Meeting schedule** as follows:
    - July 9, 2018 – Regular Meeting
    - July 16, 2018 – Community Development Committee Meeting
    - July 23, 2018 – Committees Meeting
  
  - b. The Board of Commissioners unanimously approved by a vote of 7-0, ratification of the **Collective Bargaining Agreement** by and between the Township of Upper Moreland and the Upper Moreland Township Police Benevolent Association, effective January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2020.
  
  - c. The Board of Commissioners unanimously approved by a vote of 7-0, **Resolution No. R-2018-09**, opposing PECO Energy Company's proposed rate increase for delivery of electricity by the Public Utilities Commission.
    - Commissioner Spearing commented on the right-to-know regarding PECO's infrastructure and engineering upgrades, solutions to better supply energy and prevent outages, and the importance of communication.
    - Commissioner Valenza commented that numerous poles need replacement and commended Abington Township for initiating a resolution process that is being supported by multiple townships.
    - Commissioner Scull commented that communication is an ongoing issue with PECO.
    - Richard Booth, a resident, commented on the rate increase being related to PECO's closing of numerous nuclear power plants in Pennsylvania. Commissioner Spearing stated that he is not specifically aware that the rate increase is related.
    - Mr. McLaughlin, a resident of Mill Road, commented on an old pole that has been in need of removal for five years.
    - Brian Shannon, a resident, commented on PECO's presentation from ten years ago and suggested that PECO be invited to a future Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners and provide an updated master plan presentation.
  
  - d. The Board of Commissioners unanimously approved by a vote of 7-0, **Resolution No. R-2018-10**, designating signatories on Township bank accounts at KeyBank.
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 Lavelle read three applications scheduled for a Public Hearing on Thursday, May 10, 2018 at 7:30 pm in the Upper Moreland Township Building.
4. **Other Items** - Nothing to report.

**5. Commissioner Comments:**

- Commissioner Lavalley stated the following:
  - He intends to participate on a special ad hoc committee created on April 14, 2018 by the International Code Council that will work on issues of safety and security in schools and public structures.
  - A report was issued by the Review & Advisory Council at the Commonwealth to Governor Wolf's office that as of October 1, 2018, the State of Pennsylvania will have an updated statewide building code, based on the 2015 ICC Codes, with some minor amendments.
  - Groundbreaking for "The Station At Willow Grove" was held on April 19, 2018 and the completion of the project is anticipated in late 2019.
- Commissioner Spearing stated that there is a committee of parents who are encouraging more parents and community members to attend public meetings with the School Board and the administration at the high school, involving school safety issues.

**C. Parks & Recreation Committee:**

1. New Business:

- a. The Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 7-0, authorization to construct an expanded parking lot at Masons Mill Park (per Gilmore & Associates conceptual sketch dated December 19, 2017).
- b. The Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 7-0, **Resolution No. R-2018-11** authorizing an application for a 2019 Transportation and Community Development Initiative (TCDI) Grant in the amount of \$60,000 (20% local match of \$12,000) to the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission (DVRPC) to fund the preparation of a Master Trails Plan for the Township.

**D. Public Health & Safety Committee - Nothing to report.**

**IX. New Business** - Nothing to report.

**X. Commissioner Comments:**

- The Board of Commissioners authorized Mr. Dodies to advise Montgomery County that the Township no longer needs the 2016 Montgomery County 2040 Initiative Grant for \$93,000 to fund improvements at Davisville and York Roads, because the "Station At Willow Grove" land development plans include the improvements which the Grant was going to fund. In addition, Mr. Dodies further advised the Board of Commissioners of the County's initial review of the Township's 2018 application to the same grant program for up to \$200,000, to help pay for construction of stormwater management basin at Fair Oaks Park, which received favorable response from County Review Committee.

**XI. Adjournment:** There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kathleen Kristire.