

**Upper Moreland Township  
Board of Commissioners - Regular Meeting  
September 10, 2018 Meeting Minutes**

**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 7:03 p.m.
- II. **Moment of Silent Meditation/Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Roll Call:** Commissioner and President Spearing; Commissioners Lavalle, Lockard, McFatrige, Scull, 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 prior to tonight's Regular Meeting, the Board of Commissioners met in an Executive Session to discuss legal and personnel issues. He stated that following the adjournment of tonight's Regular Meeting, the Board of Commissioners will meet again in an Executive Session to discuss legal and personnel issues.
  - B. Commissioner Spearing, presented a plaque to James J. Moran in recognition of his 20 years of dedicated and distinguished service as the Children's Librarian at the Upper Moreland Free Public Library.
  - C. Commissioner Spearing announced the swearing in of R. Samuel Valenza as 3rd Vice President of the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Commissioners and Commissioner McFatrige provided introductory remarks along with congratulations. The ceremony concluded with District Justice Paul Leo administering the Oath of Office for R. Samuel Valenza as 3rd Vice President of the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Commissioners.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

- Sean P. Kilkenny, Esquire, Township Solicitor, made a motion, was seconded by Commissioner McFatrige, and the Board of Commissioners unanimously approved to open the Public Hearing.
- **PUBLIC HEARING #1940** was held and closed.

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- V. **Public Comments – Non-Agenda Items Only** - Nothing to report.
- VI. **Treasurer's Activity Report – August 2018:** The Treasurer's Activity Report was

unanimously approved as submitted.

VII. **Approval of Minutes - August 6, 2018:** The Regular Meeting minutes were unanimously approved as submitted.

VIII. **Committee Recommendations:**

A. **Finance & Administrative Committee:**

1. **Appointments/Reappointments** - Nothing to report.
2. **List of Bills Payable:**
  - The Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 7-0, the List of Bills as submitted.
3. **Aqua General Funds:**
  - 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** - Nothing to report.
5. **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 Lavalley read 22 applications scheduled for a Public Hearing on September 13, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. and stated that all applications are available for review at the Code Enforcement Office during the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
  - Commissioner McFatridge made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Lavalley and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 7-0, directing Sean Kilkenny, Esq., Township Solicitor, to appear in front of the Zoning Hearing Board on September 13, 2018 on behalf of the Township to oppose Crown Castle's validity challenges and requests for variances to the Upper Moreland Township Zoning Ordinance, relating to Distributed Antenna Systems.
  - The Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 7-0, the consulting services of Bruce A. Eisenstein, Ph.D., P.E. to appear on behalf of the Township at the September 13, 2018 meeting and future meetings of the Zoning Hearing Board concerning cellular and personal communications system (PCS) siting issues and telecommunications policy.
    - Commissioner Lavalley briefly stated the professional qualifications of Bruce A. Eisenstein, Ph.D., P.E.
  - The Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 7-0, David C. Babbitt & Associates, LLC to appear on behalf of the Township at the September 13, 2018 meeting and future meetings of the Zoning Hearing Board for planning services.
4. **Other Items:**
  - a. The Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 7-0, **Ordinance No. 1686** - amending Section 350-239 of the Zoning Ordinance, to clarify what actions

applicants must take during the 9-month effective period following a decision by the Zoning Hearing Board.

- b. The Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 7-0, **Resolution No. R-2018-27** – authorizing the submission of a grant application for the round of the 2018 County Transportation Program for the signal upgrades at Byberry and Davisville Roads.
  - c. The Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 7-0, **Resolution No. R-2018-28** – authorizing the submission of a grant application to the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation for funds to design or construct Flood Control Basin in Fair Oaks Park.
    - Mr. Dodies stated that two grants have already been received and this is an additional application that would fulfill the missing one-third of the estimated budget to construct the stormwater basin.
    - Commissioner Lavalley stated that the design was completed without utilizing taxpayer funds. If the Township receives this last grant, the entire project would not require taxpayer funds.
    - Commissioner Spearing commented that this particular grant was not discussed at a Committee Meeting, however, it was essential to meet the application deadline and ensure the critical benefits this basin provides to the Pennypack Creek.
5. **Commissioner Comments** - Nothing to report.

**C. Parks & Recreation Committee:**

- 1. **New Business** - Nothing to report.
- 2. **Commissioner Comments:**
  - Commissioner Scull stated that the Friends of Boileau's Tap & Table event on September 20-22, 2018 has been canceled.
  - Commissioner Scull stated that the Upper Moreland Historical Commission will sponsor a Trolley Tour on September 23, 2018 at Boileau Park.
  - Commissioner Spearing stated that there will be a meeting at Fair Oaks Park on the evening of September 11, 2018 to inform residents of the area on plans to construct the stormwater basin.

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

- 1. **New Business:**
  - a. The Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 7-0, **Resolution No. R-2018-29** – authorizing the submission of an application for modifications to the traffic signal at Blair Mill Road and County Line Road, as recommended by Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT).
    - Don Warner, a resident of 437 Tanner Road, commented concerns that plans were not included to widen Blair Mill Road at County Line Road and create a "Right Turn On Red" lane to mitigate traffic that backs up to Blair Mill Park. He asked that the Board of Commissioners submit a request to PennDOT.

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- Brian Shannon, a resident of Quigley Avenue, suggested that a request be submitted to PennDOT to elevate the classification of Blair Mill Road that would provide benefits for the maintenance and funding of the road.
- Mr. Dodies commented that plans will be presented at a future Community Development Committee meeting regarding Horsham Township's proposed improvements to Blair Mill Road that will occur over the next few years.

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

X. **Commissioner Comments:**

- Commissioner McFtridge stated that the helicopter was installed and completed at Veterans Memorial Park. A dedication ceremony is planned for October 13, 2018 at 10 a.m. with Captain David A. Christian, as the keynote speaker. Local television and news stations will be present at the event.
- The Board of Commissioners directed Mr. Dodies to ensure that Police are present for traffic control.
- Commissioner Spearing announced that an Executive Session will follow the adjournment of the Regular Meeting to discuss legal and personnel matters.

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

XII. **Adjournment:** There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kathleen Kristire.