

Board of Commissioners Members: Commissioner and President, Kevin C. Spearing; Commissioner and Vice President Charles M. Whiting; Commissioners Cheryl Lockard, Anthony S. Prousi, Kip McFatridge, Nicholas O. Scull 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 the President of the Board of Commissioners, Kevin C. Spearing.
- II. **Moment of Silent Meditation/Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Roll Call:** Commissioner and Board President Spearing, Commissioner and Vice President Whiting; Commissioners Lockard, Prousi, McFatridge, Scull and Valenza. Also present: Matthew H. Candland, Township Manager, Randall K. Schaible, Assistant Township Manager & Director of Finance, and Sean Kilkenny, Township Solicitor.
- IV. **Presentations/Announcements:**
 - Commissioner Spearing announced that the Board of Commissioners met prior to tonight's meeting in an Executive Session to discuss personnel and real estate matters.
 - A. District Justice Paul Leo to administer the Oath of Office and swearing-in of Megan L. Padua as a Police Officer with the Upper Moreland Township Police Department:
 - Chief Andrew Block provided a brief background of Officer Padua's qualifications and District Justice Leo administered the Oath of Office.
 - B. Presentation of a Proclamation to Lawrence J. Rubas, accepting and recognizing his retirement as a Police Sergeant with the Upper Moreland Township Police Department:
 - Commissioner Spearing read the Proclamation and presented a plaque to Sergeant Rubas.

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- V. **Public Comments:**
 - Frank Gallagher, President of the Upper Moreland Police Benevolent Association, announced that "Support The Police" signs have been replenished and are available for the public at the Police Station.
- VI. **Treasurer's Activity Report – March 2021:**
 - Commissioner Spearing read details of the report.
 - The Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the report as submitted.
- VII. **Approval of Minutes - February 22, 2021 Special Meeting and March 1, 2021 Regular Meeting:**
 - Commissioner Lockard reminded about a follow up on the Visitor Comment made by Miriam Watson, a resident, regarding the process to have a mural painted on a street or building in the Township.

- Commissioner Valenza motioned, seconded by Commissioner McFatridge and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 7-0, the minutes as submitted.

VIII. **Committee Recommendations:**

A. **Finance & Administrative Committee** – The Committee recommends the Board of Commissioners take action on the following:

1. **Appointments/Reappointments:**

- a. The reappointment of Mary Meister on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Council to serve a new two-year term that will expire on March 1, 2023.
 - Commissioner Valenza motioned, seconded by Commissioner McFatridge and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 7-0.
- b. **Motion to Approve Resolution R-2021-13** – Appointing the following members to the Upper Moreland Township Zoning Hearing Board:
 - Louise D’Alessandro, Member
Appointment: 4/5/2021
Term Expiration: December 31, 2023
 - Donald G. Warner, Alternate Member
Appointment: 4/5/2021
Term Expiration: December 31, 2023
 - Commissioner Prousi commented about time to review additional applications.
 - Commissioner Scull moved to table, seconded by Commissioner Whiting and the Board of Commissioners denied to table by a vote of 5-2 (five (5) nays: Commissioners Prousi, McFatridge, Spearing, Valenza and Lockard; two (2) ayes: Commissioners Whiting and Scull).
 - Commissioner Valenza motioned, seconded by Commissioner Spearing and the Board of Commissioners approved Resolution R-2021-13 by a vote of 5-2 (five (5) ayes: Commissioners Prousi, McFatridge, Spearing, Valenza and Lockard; two (2) nays: Commissioners Whiting and Scull).

2. **List of Bills Payable:**

- Commissioner Valenza made a motion, seconded by Commissioner McFatridge and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 7-0.

3. **Aqua General Funds Bills:**

- Commissioner Valenza motioned, seconded by Commissioner McFatridge and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 6-0 (one (1) abstention: Commissioner Spearing, Aqua employee).

4. **Other Items:**

- a. **Motion to Approve** the consulting services of the Rodgers Group, LLC for PLEAC Accreditation of the Upper Moreland Township Police Department:
 - Chief Block stated that the Rodgers Group's focus will be to ensure that Department policies and procedures are kept up-to-date with Best Practices.
 - Commissioner Valenza motioned, seconded by Commissioner McFatridge and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 7-0.
- b. **Motion to Approve Resolution R-2021-10** – Extending the filing of returns and payment deadline for the Upper Moreland Township 2020 final/2021 estimated mercantile and business privilege tax from May 1, 2021 to June 1, 2021, as a result

of COVID-19:

- Commissioner Valenza motioned, seconded by Commissioner McFatridge and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 7-0.
- c. **Motion to Approve** a Tax Settlement between the Township, the School District of Upper Moreland and the tax payer, Elkton Properties LTC:
 - Commissioner Spearing commented that several of these settlements are historic in nature and Montgomery County has encouraged settlement on these properties.
 - Commissioner Valenza motioned, seconded by Commissioner McFatridge and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 7-0.
- d. **Motion to Approve** a Tax Settlement between the Township, the School District of Upper Moreland and the tax payer, 501 York Partners:
 - Commissioner Valenza motioned, seconded by Commissioner McFatridge and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 7-0.
- e. **Motion to Approve** a Tax Settlement between the Township, the School District of Upper Moreland and the tax payer, Willow Grove Easton 2350, LP:
 - Commissioner Spearing explained that settlements achieved have a timeframe attached that cannot be reappealed.
 - Commissioner Valenza motioned, seconded by Commissioner McFatridge and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 7-0.
- f. **Motion to Approve Resolution R-2021-14** – Supporting House Bill 606 and Senate Bill 419, allowing local use of radar:
 - Commissioners Lockard, Spearing and Valenza commented that speeding is a top complaint and causes fatalities, Pennsylvania lags behind in the country using radar, and municipalities receive only a small portion of the base fines, which do not cover the personnel cost of using the devices.
 - Commissioner Valenza commented that as of January 2021, Pennsylvania Municipal League and Pennsylvania State Association of Township Commissioners learned that Congress is following up on outstanding legislative bills, which include the use of radar.
 - Commissioner McFatridge asked if traffic studies are necessary. Chief Block stated that they will be required.
 - Chief Block clarified that approximately \$25 from each fine goes to the municipality and the remainder goes to the State. Radar is a tool for promoting safe streets.
 - Commissioner Valenza motioned, seconded by Commissioner McFatridge and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 7-0.

5. New Business - Nothing to report.

B. Community Development Committee - The Committee recommends the Board of Commissioners take action on the following:

1. **Code Enforcement** - Nothing to report.
2. **Land Development/Subdivision Applications:**
 - a. **Motion to Approve Resolution R-2021-11** – Granting amended Preliminary/Final Land Development approval with conditions to College Town Communities, LLC c/o 230 Fairhill Associates, LLC for construction of three three-story midrise

apartment buildings and one four-story midrise apartment building at the consolidated property located at 230 Fairhill Street and 551 North York Road:

➤ Commissioner McFatridge discussed PennDOT's requirement to change the entrance way and also confirmed the Traffic Impact Fee.

• Commissioner McFatridge motioned, seconded by Commissioner Valenza and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 7-0.

3. **List of Upcoming Zoning Hearing Board Applications - April 8, 2021:**

➤ Commissioner McFatridge reviewed two applications.

4. **Other Items:**

a. **Motion to Approve** and award the 2021 Roadway Improvement Project for Highway Materials to Eureka Stony Quarry Inc.

• Commissioner McFatridge motioned, seconded by Commissioner Valenza and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 7-0.

b. **Motion to Approve** and award the 2021 Roadway Improvement Project for Street Milling to James D. Morrisey:

• Commissioner McFatridge motioned, seconded by Commissioner Valenza and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 7-0.

C. **Parks and Recreation Committee** – The Committee recommends the Board of Commissioners take action on the following:

1. **Motion to Approve** tree funding to be used for Fair Oaks Basin tree addition:

• Commissioner Scull motioned, seconded by Commissioner McFatridge and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 7-0.

2. **Motion to Approve Resolution R-2021-12** – Waiving certain requirements set-forth in section 231-2 of the Upper Moreland Township Parks and Recreation Ordinance, for the Environmental Advisory Council's proposed Earth Day Event at Masons Mill Park on April 24, 2021:

• Commissioner Scull motioned, seconded by Commissioner McFatridge and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 7-0.

D. **Public Health & Safety Committee** – The Committee recommends the Board of Commissioners take action on the following:

1. **Motion to Approve** the Emergency Operation Plan for Upper Moreland Township:

• Commissioner Whiting motioned, seconded by Commissioner McFatridge and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 7-0.

IX. **Commissioner Comments:**

➤ Commissioner Whiting reminded everyone to wear masks, a vaccine center is open on Easton Road in the Willow Grove area, and Sam's Club on Welsh Road is administering the vaccine.

➤ Commissioner Scull commented in support of the Police Department's accreditation in relation to the George Floyd trial and updating police policies and procedures.

➤ Commissioner Lockard stated that a bicycle lane on Davisville Road would be an amenity to the Downtown area and suggested conducting a survey with residents. Commissioner Whiting stated that Davisville Road is a dangerous stretch of road to have a bicycle lane. Commissioner Scull commented that a bicycle lane is a nice amenity, but residential

parking is essential.

- The Board of Commissioners recommends a discussion at the Community Development Committee with input from the Traffic Police.
- Commissioner Prousi stated that there are many opportunities for residents to become involved in the community and recommended that civic-minded residents apply to the vacancies on the Township's committees and associations.
- Commissioner Valenza stated that the Historical Commission will meet at 7 p.m. on April 6, 2021 and there are eight candidates applying for four vacancies.
- Commissioner Spearing stated there is an opening on the Advisory Planning Agency and encouraged residents to apply.
- Commissioner Spearing apologized to the Upper Moreland Equity Alliance for the confrontational exchange of ideas and stated that they are welcome to attend the Board meetings as an opportunity for inclusion.
- Commissioner Spearing stated that Federal infrastructure funding is anticipated, which is designed to upgrade and replace failing roads, bridges, sewers, etc., and not intended for new projects.

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

XI. **Adjournment:** There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kathleen Kristire.