

Board of Commissioners Members: Commissioner and President, Clifton "Kip" McFatridge; 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 Board President McFatridge.
- II. **Moment of Silent Meditation/Pledge of Allegiance**
- III. **Roll Call:** Commissioner and Board President McFatridge, Commissioner and Board Vice President Lockard, Commissioners Spearing, Valenza, Scull, Prousi and Whiting. Also present: Matthew H. Candland, Township Manager, Randy Schaible, Assistant Township Manager/Director of Finance, and Sean Kilkenny, Township Solicitor.
- IV. **Presentations/Announcements:**
 - A. Commissioner McFatridge announced that the Board of Commissioners held an Executive Session prior to tonight's meeting to discuss legal matters.
 - B. **Retirement Proclamation** to Firefighter Andrew Gerth:
 - Fire Chief Ed Glassman read and presented a Proclamation.
 - C. Present a **Citation of Merit** to the following Public Worker Employees:
 - a. Robert Legard
 - b. Doug Sampson
 - c. Michael Watson
 - Dave Elsier, Director of Public Works, read and presented Citations.
 - D. **Motion to Approve** the promotion of Detective Todd C. Smith to Police Sergeant and District Justice Paul Leo to conduct the Oath of Office and swearing-in:
 - Police Chief Andy Block provided a summary of Detective Smith's professional background.
 - Commissioner Valenza motioned, seconded by Commissioner Spearing and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 7-0.
 - District Justice Leo conducted the Oath of Office and swearing-in.
 - E. **Motion to Approve** the conditional appointment of Paul M. Narrigan as a Probationary Police Officer and District Justice Paul Leo to conduct the Oath of Office and swearing-in. Such appointment is conditional upon successful completion of medical and psychological examinations.
 - Police Chief Andy Block provided a summary of Officer Narrigan's professional background.
 - Commissioner Valenza motioned, seconded by Commissioner Spearing and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 7-0.
 - District Justice Leo conducted the Oath of Office and swearing-in.
 - F. Present a **Commendation of Merit** to following Police Department employees:
 - a. Sergeant Todd Smith
 - b. Detective Mark Bouldin
 - c. Officer James Nuskey
 - d. Officer Matt Snyder
 - Police Chief Andy Block read and presented Commendations to Officers who responded on February 27th to a road rage with a violent robbery in which the suspect was apprehended at a nearby gas station.

- G. Present a **Commendation of Merit** to Officer James D. Baldwin:
- Police Chief Andy Block read and presented a Commendation for meticulous work on January 22nd that led to an arrest in connection with the serial commercial burglaries that have been plaguing the region.
- H. **Motion to Approve** a conditional appointment of John Townsend as a Firefighter/EMT. Such appointment is conditional upon successful completion of a medical and psychological examination:
- Commissioner Valenza motioned, seconded by Commissioner Prousi and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 7-0.
- Police Chief Block thanked Nancy Williams, a resident, for her participation in the oral interview process during the entry level police officers' last two hiring periods.
- Commissioner McFatridge, on behalf of the Board of Commissioners, thanked the Firefighters and Police Officers for their dedicated service.

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- V. **Public Comments:**
- Sue Worth-LaManna, Chair of the Historical Commission, shared concerns from a resident, in light of recent freight train incidents throughout the Country and inquired if the Board of Commissioners' have had a response to safety and legislative bills with State representatives.
- Commissioner McFatridge replied that a discussion will be held at a future Public Health & Safety Committee Meeting.
- VI. **Treasurer's Activity Report – March 2023:**
- Commissioner Valenza motioned, seconded by Commissioner Spearing and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 7-0, the report as submitted.
- VII. **Approval of Minutes – March 6, 2023 - Regular Meetings:**
- Commissioner Valenza motioned, seconded by Commissioner Spearing and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 7-0, the minutes as submitted.
- VIII. **Committee Recommendations:**
- A. **Finance & Administrative Committee – March 20, 2023** – The Committee recommends the Board of Commissioners approve the following items:
1. Appointments/Reappointments:
 - a. **Motion to Approve** the appointment of Jillian Cindi Lockton on the **Parks and Recreation Advisory Council** to fill the At-Large vacancy left by Ronald Sanceciz and complete the remainder of the current term that will expire on May 5, 2024.
 - b. **Motion to Approve** the appointment of Akeelah Sides on the **Human Relations Commission** to fill the vacation left by Andrew Harbaugh and serve a new three (3) year term that will expire on December 31, 2025.
 - Commissioner Valenza motioned, seconded by Commissioner Lockard and the Board of Commissioners approved by vote of 7-0 the above appointments.
 2. List of Bills Payable:
 - Commissioner Valenza motioned, seconded by Commissioner Lockard and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 7-0.

3. Other Items:
 - a. **Motion to Approve** flying the Pride Flag in June in recognition of Pride Month at the Township Administration Building:
 - Commissioner Valenza motioned, seconded by Commissioner Spearing and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 6-1 (six (6) aye: Commissioners Scull, Prousi, Spearing, Lockard, Valenza, Whiting; one (1) nay: Commissioner McFatridge).
 - b. **Motion to Approve** flying the National Law Enforcement Memorial Flag from May 14-20, 2023 at the Township Administration Building:
Commissioner Valenza motioned, seconded by Commissioner Spearing and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 7-0.
 - c. **Motion to Approve** the purchase of trash containers for the automated trash collection process:
 - Commissioner Valenza motioned, seconded by Commissioner Lockard and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 5-2 (five (5) aye: Commissioners Scull, Prousi, Spearing, Lockard, Whiting; two (2) nay: Commissioners McFatridge, Valenza).
 - d. **Motion to Approve** Tax Assessment Appeal between the Township, the School District of Upper Moreland and the tax payer, Abington Memorial Hospital/Thomas Jefferson University Hospitals, Inc./Thomas Jefferson University, for the property located at 3941 Commerce Avenue:
 - Commissioner Valenza motioned, seconded by Commissioner Spearing and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 7-0.
4. New Business – Nothing to report.

- B. **Community Development Committee – March 13, 2023** – The Committee recommends the Board of Commissioners approve the following items:
 1. Code Enforcement – Nothing to report.
 2. Land Development/Subdivision Applications – Nothing to report.
 3. List of Upcoming Zoning Hearing Board Applications – April 13, 2023.
 - Commissioner Spearing read two applications to be heard by the Zoning Hearing Board on April 13, 2023.
 4. Other Items:
 - a. **Motion to approve Resolution R-2023-10**, granting an Amusement Device waiver request from H&V Willow Grove LLC, located at 1056 Easton Road, to install amusement devices within 300 feet of residential property:
 - Commissioner Prousi confirmed with the applicant that the devices are not visible from the exterior and from the intersection.
 - Mr. Baumler explained two devices are being approved and the six-month probationary period is a condition to obtain a third amusement device.
 - Commissioner Spearing motioned, seconded by Commissioner Prousi and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 7-0.
 - b. **Motion to Approve** McMahon’s proposal to design and seek funding opportunities for the Maryland Road Culvert Project:
 - Commissioner Spearing motioned, seconded by Commissioner Prousi and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 7-0.
 - c. **Motion to Approve** Gilmore & Associates’ proposal for site design services for the proposed Township Building Renovation and Police Station construction project:

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- Commissioner Spearing motioned, seconded by Commissioner Prousi and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 7-0.
- d. **Motion to Approve** and award the 2023 Roadway Improvement Project for Highway Materials to Eureka Stone Quarry Inc.:
 - Commissioner Spearing motioned, seconded by Commissioner Prousi and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 7-0.
- e. **Motion to Approve** and award the 2023 Roadway Improvement Project for Street Milling to James D. Morrissey:
 - Commissioner Spearing motioned, seconded by Commissioner Prousi and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 7-0.

C. Public Health & Safety Committee – March 20, 2023:

- Commissioner Whiting commended the leadership of Fire Chief Glassman and Police Chief Block as well as the Firefighters and Police Officers for their dedication and service.
- Commissioner Whiting stated that there are no items for discussion by the Public Health & Safety Committee Meeting.

D. Parks & Recreation Committee – March 20, 2023:

1. **Motion to Approve** rejecting the bids for the Farmstead Park Roofing Project:
 - Commissioner Scull motioned, seconded by Commissioner Prousi and the Board of Commissioners approved to reject the bids by a vote of 7-0.

IX. Commissioner Comments:

Date	Subject	Location	Time
April 4	Historical Commission	Library Community RM	7:00 PM
April 5	Environmental Advisory Council	Zoom	7:00 PM
April 7	Township Building Closed – Good Friday Observance		
April 10	Community Development Committee	Township Building – Council RM	7:00 PM
April 13	Zoning Hearing Board	Township Building – Council RM	7:30 PM
April 17	Traffic Safety Meeting with Residents	Township Building – Finance RM	6:00 PM
April 17	Committee Meetings of: Finance & Admin Public Health & Safety Parks & Recreation	Township Building – Council RM	7:00 PM
April 19	Republican Committee Meeting	Library Community Room	7:00 PM
April 20	APA Meeting	Township Building – Council RM	5:00 PM
April 26	Democratic Committee	Township Building – Council RM	7:00 PM
April 27	Zoning Hearing Board	Township Building – Council RM	7:00 PM
May 1	Regular Meeting	Township Building – Council RM	7:00 PM
May 2	Historical Commission	Township Building – Council RM	7:00 PM
May 3	Environmental Advisory Council	Township Building – Council RM	7:00 PM
May 8	Community Development Committee	Township Building – Council RM	7:00 PM
May 9	Parks & Recreation Advisory Council	Township Building – Council RM	7:00 PM
May 11	Zoning Hearing Board	Township Building – Council RM	7:00 PM

- Commissioner Prousi commented the following:
 1. Warminster Road improvements have started today, and the detour will impact traffic patterns into the Fall.
 2. Support for flying flags at the Township building that represent key individuals within the Township.
- Commissioner Spearing stated support for the Firefighters and Police services.
- Commissioner McFatridge stated that the Police are monitoring traffic throughout the Warminster Road project.

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.