

**Upper Moreland Township
Board of Commissioners - Regular Meeting
May 1, 2023 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 Board President McFatrige.

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

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

REGULAR MEETING

IV. **Presentations/Announcements:**

a. **District Justice Paul Leo to conduct the Oath of Office and swearing-in of John Townsend as a Firefighter/EMT**

- Fire Chief Ed Glassman provided background experience and Judge Leo conducted the Oath of Office and swearing-in of Firefighter/EMT Townsend.

b. **Presentation of Commendation of Merit:**

- Detective/Sergeant Todd Smith
- Officer Craig Bald
 - Chief Andrew Block read details of the incident and presented commendations to Detective/Sergeant Smith and Officer Bald.

c. **Presentation of Life Saving Proclamation:**

- Civilian Kathleen Holzerman
- Firefighter Michael Cox
- Firefighter John Townsend
- Firefighter Joe Dougherty
- Police Lieutenant James Kelly
- Police Officer Thomas Leahy
- Second Alarmers Supervisor, Assistant Chief Rich Garrett
- Paramedic Ron Wilson
- Paramedic Robert Hence
- EMT Jeff Tarman
- EMT Russ Bogoly
 - Chief Glassman, Chief Block and Assistant Chief Ken Davidson read details of the incident and presented proclamations to the above referenced civilian, firefighters, police, and emergency personnel.

d. Commissioner Spearing motioned, seconded by Commissioner Prousi and the Board of Commissioners voted 6-0 **to open Public Hearing #1962.**

PUBLIC HEARING

PUBLIC HEARING #1962 – To receive comments and recommendations of interested individuals residing within the Township concerning the intent of Olive Garden Holdings, LLC, to transfer Restaurant Liquor License No. R-1480 to the premises located at 2402 Easton Road, Willow Grove, PA 19090. The Board of Commissioners may, if appropriate, approve the request by adopting an appropriate resolution:

- Public Hearing #1962 was heard.
- Commissioner Spearing motioned, seconded by Commissioner Prousi and the Board of Commissioners voted 6-0 to close Public Hearing #1962.

IV. Presentations/Announcements:

A. Single Use Plastic Ban presentation by Suzette Munley of Beyond Plastics:

- Ms. Munley discussed a presentation with recommendations to reduce plastic pollution within the Township.
- Commissioner Spearing commented concerns about the draft ordinance, many products that contain plastics, PFAS in drinking water, litter and recommended that the State level is best equipped to enforce a single use plastic bag ban.
- Commissioners Prousi, Lockard and Whiting commented support for the ordinance and progressing change in the community.
- A resident described multiple uses for plastic bags and questioned alternatives.
- Commissioner Spearing commented a need for biodegradable bags.
- A small business owner commented support for the ban.
- A resident commented that it is important to consider the opinions of small business owners.
- Sue Worth-LaManna commented that the Township passed its own human relations ordinance without involvement at the State level.
- Commissioner McFtridge commented disfavor, the need to hire a Code Enforcement person to monitor ban issues, education of the public, and shared an observation of trash at a shopping center.
- The Board of Commissioners recommends a discussion continue on the ordinance at a future Committee Meeting.

V. Public Comments – Nothing to report.

VI. Treasurer’s Activity Report – April 2023:

- Commissioner Lockard 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 3, 2023 - Regular Meetings:

- Commissioner Lockard 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 17, 2023** – The Committee recommends the Board of Commissioners approve the following items:
1. Appointments/Reappointment:

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- a. **Motion to Approve** the reappointment of Mary Meister on the **Parks and Recreation Advisory Council** as a Ward 1 representative, and serve a new two-year term that will expire on March 1, 2025.
 - Commissioner Lockard motioned, seconded by Commissioner Spearing and the Board of Commissioners approved by vote of 6-0 the above appointment.
 2. List of Bills Payable:
 - Commissioner Lockard motioned, seconded by Commissioner McFatridge and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 6-0.
 3. Other Items:
 - a. **Motion to Approve Resolution R-2023-11** – Approve the Comcast Cable Franchise Agreement and authorize execution of agreement:
 - Commissioner Lockard motioned, seconded by Commissioner Spearing and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 6-0.
 - b. **Motion to Approve** authorizing the Township Solicitor’s office to advertise a draft ordinance amending Ordinance No. 1715 related to the Volunteer Service Tax Credit Program, that will be considered by the Board of Commissioners at the June 5, 2023 Regular Meeting:
 - Commissioner Lockard motioned, seconded by Commissioner Spearing and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 6-0.
 - c. **Motion to Approve and Ratify** the Opioid Settlement:
 - Commissioner Lockard motioned, seconded by Commissioner Spearing and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 6-0.
 - d. **Motion to Approve** the bid results for the surplus vehicles:
 - Commissioner Lockard motioned, seconded by Commissioner Spearing and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 6-0.
 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 – May 11, 2023:
 - Commissioner Prousi read three applications to be heard by the Zoning Hearing Board on May 11, 2023.
 - a. **Motion to Authorize** the Solicitor to attend the May 11, 2023 Zoning Hearing Board regarding Public Hearing #23-14(7), Darden Restaurants:
 - Commissioner McFatridge motioned seconded by Commissioner Spearing and the Board of Commissioners voted 6-0 to authorize the Township Solicitor to attend the May 11, 2023 Zoning Hearing Board Meeting regarding the restaurant’s sign.
 4. Other Items:
 - a. **Motion to Approve Resolution R-2023-12 – Approving or Denying** the request of Olive Garden Holdings, LLC, to transfer Restaurant Liquor License No. R-1480 to the premises located at 2402 Easton Road, Willow Grove, PA 19090:
 - Commissioner Spearing motioned seconded by Commissioner Prousi and the Board of Commissioners voted 6-0 to approve transfer of Restaurant Liquor License No. R-1480.

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- b. **Motion to Approve Resolution R-2023-13** – Authorizing a third amusement device at 714 Easton Road:
 - Commissioner Spearing motioned seconded by Commissioner Prousi and the Board of Commissioners voted 6-0 to approve a third amusement device.
 - c. **Motion to Approve Resolution R-2023-14** – Granting a waiver of permit fees to the Upper Moreland Township School District for upcoming projects at the middle school and high school:
 - Commissioner Spearing motioned seconded by Commissioner Prousi and the Board of Commissioners voted 6-0 to approve a waiver of permit fees.
 - d. **Motion to Approve** authorizing the Solicitor’s office to advertise a public hearing to be scheduled on June 5, 2023 to consider the zoning change request submitted by BT Blair, LLC for the redevelopment of the property located at 2309 and 2317 Blair Mill Road (Executive Mews):
 - Commissioner Spearing motioned seconded by Commissioner Prousi and the Board of Commissioners voted 6-0 to approve advertise a public hearing.
 - e. **Motion to Approve** authorizing the Solicitor’s office to advertise a public hearing to be scheduled on June 5, 2023 to consider the zoning change request for the Township’s municipal complex:
 - Commissioner Spearing motioned seconded by Commissioner Prousi and the Board of Commissioners voted 6-0 to approve to advertise a public hearing.
 - f. **Motion to Approve** the bid results and recommendations for the Carson Simpson Farm Streambank Restoration Project:
 - Commissioner Spearing motioned seconded by Commissioner Prousi and the Board of Commissioners voted 6-0 to approve the bid results and recommendations.
- C. Public Health & Safety Committee – April 17, 2023:**
- a. **Motion to Approve** authorizing the Township Solicitor’s office to advertise a draft ordinance restricting parking on Barrett and Easton Roads, that will be considered by the Board of Commissioners at the June 5, 2023 Regular Meeting:
 - Commissioner Whiting motioned seconded by Commissioner Prousi and the Board of Commissioners voted 6-0 to approve advertisement of a draft ordinance.
- D. Parks & Recreation Committee – April 17, 2023:**
- a. **Motion to Approve Resolution R-2023-15** – Granting authority to submit a grant application with the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) for Woodlawn Park:
 - Commissioner Scull motioned seconded by Commissioner Prousi and the Board of Commissioners voted 6-0 to approve authorizing the submission of a grant application.

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IX. Commissioner Comments:

Date	Subject	Location	Time
May 2	Historical Commission	Library Community RM	7:00 PM
May 3	Environmental Advisory Council	Zoom	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	7:30 PM
May 11	Zoning Hearing Board	Township Building – Council RM	7:00 PM
May 15	NO MONDAY EVENING MEETING – Election Preparations		
May 16	PRIMARY Election		
May 17	Republican Committee Meeting	Library Community Room	7:00 PM
May 18	Advisory Planning Agency (APA)	Township Building – Council RM	5:00 PM
May 22	Committee Meetings of: Finance & Admin Public Health & Safety Parks & Recreation	Township Building – Council RM	7:00 PM
May 23	Historical Association	Township Building – Council RM	7:00 PM
May 24	Democratic Committee	Township Building – Council RM	7:00 PM
May 23	Zoning Hearing Board	Township Building – Council RM	7:00 PM
May 29	Township Building Closed in Observance of Memorial Day Holiday		
June 5	Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners	Township Building – Council RM	7:00 PM
June 6	Historical Commission	Township Building – Council RM	7:00 PM
June 7	Environmental Advisory Council	Township Building – Council RM	7:00 PM
June 8	Zoning Hearing Board	Township Building – Council RM	7:00 PM
June 12	Community Development Committee	Township Building – Council RM	7:00 PM
June 15	Advisory Planning Agency (APA)	Township Building – Council RM	5:00 PM

- Commissioner Whiting thanked the firefighters, emergency medical technicians, paramedics and police officers, along with Chief Block, Chief Glassman and Assistant Chief Davidson for their diligent work. The commendations and proclamations can be viewed during tonight’s 11 o’clock Action News program.
- Commissioner Spearing shared information regarding a request that was denied by Aqua to test water at a cul-de-sac in the Township. He suggests that Aqua follow the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection’s recommendation to flush dead-end water mains once a year and to report the water quality.
 - The Board of Commissioners directed Mr. Candland to forward a letter to Aqua to request water testing and be provided a report on the water quality.

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

XI. **Adjournment:** There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kathleen Kristire.