

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 on April 28, 2021 and prior to tonight's meeting in an Executive Session to discuss personnel and real estate matters.
 - Commissioner Spearing announced that the Finance & Administration, Parks and Recreation and Public Health & Safety Committees Meeting will be held on May 24, 2021.
- A. (1). **Motion to Approve** the promotion of Sergeant Kelly Ruddell to Lieutenant of the Upper Moreland Police Department:
- Commissioner Spearing motioned, seconded by Commissioner McFatridge and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 7-0.
- (2). District Justice Paul Leo to conduct **Oath of Office and swearing-in** of Lieutenant Kelly Ruddell.
- Chief Andrew Block read a brief overview of Lieutenant Ruddell's accomplishments and District Justice Leo conducted the Oath of Office and swearing-in.
- B. (1). **Motion to Approve** the promotion of Officer Andrew Clauhs to Sergeant of the Upper Moreland Police Department:
- Commissioner Spearing motioned, seconded by Commissioner McFatridge and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 7-0.
- (2). District Justice Paul Leo to conduct **Oath of Office and swearing-in** of Sergeant Andrew Clauhs.
- Chief Andrew Block read a brief overview of Sergeant Clauhs' accomplishments and District Justice Leo conducted the Oath of Office and swearing-in.

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V. **Public Comments** - Nothing to report.

VI. **Treasurer's Activity Report – April 2021:**

- Commissioner Spearing read details of the report.
- The Board of Commissioners unanimously approved the report as submitted.

VII. **Approval of Minutes - April 19, 2021 Regular Meeting:**

- 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 conditional appointment of William Nagy as a probationary Police Officer. Such appointment is conditional upon successful completion of medical and psychological examinations and certification from the Municipal Police Officers Education and Training Commission.
 - Commissioner Valenza motioned, seconded by Commissioner McFatridge and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 7-0.
- b. The appointment of John J. Behan on the Historical Commission to fill the vacancy left by Kazim Ali and complete a new three-year term that will expire on December 31, 2023.
- c. The appointment of Jacqueline Cherepinsky on the Historical Commission to fill the vacancy left by Henry Hedrick and complete the remainder of the current term that will expire on December 31, 2022.
- d. The appointment of Heather Flaherty on the Historical Commission to fill the vacancy left by Paul Tkacs and complete the remainder of the current term that will expire on December 31, 2022.
- e. The appointment of Peter J. Freudenberger on the Historical Commission to fill the vacancy left by Heather Greenleaf and complete the remainder of the current term that will expire on December 31, 2022.
 - Commissioner Valenza motioned, seconded by Commissioner McFatridge and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 7-0, the above-referenced four appointments to the Historical Commission.

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 Resolution R-2021-15** – Granting an honorable discharge from the Upper Moreland Township Police Department to John Schramm, pursuant to the provisions of the Civil Service for Police and Fireman Act:
 - 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-2021-16** – Purchasing the property located at 118 Center Avenue, Willow Grove, by the Township:
 - Commissioner Valenza motioned, seconded by Commissioner McFatridge and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 7-0.

- c. **Motion to Approve** advertising an ordinance amending Part II: General Legislation, Chapter 350 (Zoning), Article XXV (Historic Preservation Overlay District), Section 350-190, to provide the appointment of two alternate Historical Commission members, and to proceed with the process of making the necessary changes to hold a public hearing at a future date:
 - Commissioner Valenza motioned, seconded by Commissioner McFatridge and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 7-0.
 - d. **Motion to Approve** purchasing three additional flag poles at the Township Building that would include the United States flag, the Pennsylvania flag and the Township flag:
 - The Commissioners discussed size, cost, design, installation and an ADA walkway.
 - Commissioner Valenza motioned, seconded by Commissioner McFatridge and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 7-0, the purchase of flagpoles not to exceed \$12,000.
 - e. **Motion to Approve** flying the Pride Flag in recognition of Pride Month in June 2021, in place of the Township flag:
 - Commissioner Scull suggested having an alternative plan in case there are delays with materials and installation.
 - Commissioner Valenza motioned, seconded by Commissioner McFatridge and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 7-0.
 - f. **Motion to Approve** a Tax Settlement between the Township, the School District of Upper Moreland and the tax payer, Grand Prix Willow Grove LLC, 1500 Easton Road:
 - Commissioner Valenza motioned, seconded by Commissioner McFatridge and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 7-0.
 - g. **Motion to Approve** a Tax Settlement between the Township, the School District of Upper Moreland and the tax payer, Rushland Limited, 3701 Welsh Road:
 - 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-2021-17** – Granting approval to Aqua Pennsylvania Inc. for a parking lot addition to the facility located on 2290 Computer Avenue.
 - Commissioner McFatridge motioned and the Board of Commissioners voted 6-0 (one (1) abstention: Commissioner Spearing), to grant waivers A, C, D and denied waiver B.
 - Commissioner McFatridge motioned and the Board of Commissioners voted 4-2 (four (4) nays: Commissioners Prousi, McFatridge, Valenza and Lockard; two (2) ayes: Commissioners Scull, Whiting; one (1) abstention: Commissioner Spearing), to deny Waiver E.

- Commissioner Valenza motioned, seconded by Commissioner McFatridge and the Board of Commissioners voted of 6-0 (one (1) abstention: Commissioner Spearing), to approve Resolution R-2021-17.
3. **List of Upcoming Zoning Hearing Board Applications - May 13, 2021:**
 - Commissioner McFatridge reviewed three applications.
 4. **Other Items - Nothing to report.**

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

1. **Motion to Approve** the recommendations for the Library Accessibility Improvement Plan following the discussion at the April 19th Committee meetings. The final design will be to remove the proposed railing and install a planter box directly adjacent to the ADA walking surface. This will provide a visual barrier as well as comply with all applicable ADA and building codes:
 - Commissioner Scull motioned, seconded by Commissioner McFatridge and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 7-0.

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

- Commissioner Whiting announced that Primary Election Day is May 18, 2021 and the new polling location for Ward 3-1 and 3-2 is the Eastern Center for the Arts & Technology, 3075 Terwood Road, Willow Grove, PA.

IX. **Commissioner Comments:**

- Commissioner Valenza commented that Montgomery County reported a decrease in the number of COVID-19 cases, which is a positive sign.
- Commissioner Whiting encouraged all residents to wear masks, especially in crowded situations.
- Commissioner Spearing applauded the Police Department appointments approved at tonight's meeting.

X. **Visitor Comments:**

- Sue Worth La-Manna, a resident, thanked the Board of Commissioners for agreeing to fly the Pride Flag during the month of June 2021, which is a welcoming sign for all residents.

XI. **Adjournment:** There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kathleen Kristire.