

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 legal matters.
- A. (1). **Motion to Approve** the appointment of Kevin J. Kramer as a probationary Police Officer. Such appointment was conditional upon successful completion of medical and psychological examinations and certification from the Municipal Police Officers Education and Training Commission:
 - Commissioner Spearing motioned, seconded by Commissioner McFatridge and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 7-0.
- (2). District Judge Paul Leo to conduct Oath of Office and swearing-in of Kevin J. Kramer as an Upper Moreland Township Police Officer:
 - Chief Andrew Block read a brief background of Officer Kramer's accomplishments and District Judge Leo conducted the Oath of Office and swearing-in.
- B. (1). **Motion to Approve** the appointment of Paige C. McDowell as a probationary Police Officer. Such appointment was conditional upon successful completion of medical and psychological examinations and certification from the Municipal Police Officers Education and Training Commission:
 - Commissioner Spearing motioned, seconded by Commissioner McFatridge and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 7-0.
- (2). District Judge Paul Leo to conduct Oath of Office and swearing-in of Paige C. McDowell as an Upper Moreland Township Police Officer:
 - Chief Andrew Block read a brief background of Officer McDowell's accomplishments and District Judge Leo conducted the Oath of Office and swearing-in.
- C. District Judge Paul Leo to conduct Oath of Office and swearing-in of William K. Nagy as an Upper Moreland Township Police Officer.
 - Chief Andrew Block read a brief background of Officer Nagy's accomplishments and District Judge Leo conducted the Oath of Office and swearing-in.
- D. Presentation of a Proclamation to John Schram in recognition of his honorable discharge from the Upper Moreland Township Police Department.

- Commissioner Spearing read and presented a Proclamation and Detective James Kelly gave a speech on Officer Schram's dedication, wished him success and presented him with a plaque.

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V. Public Comments:

- A resident inquired on plans to resolve stagnant water in the Fair Oaks Basin. The Board replied that the issue will be discussed with the Township Engineer at the June 14, 2021 Community Development Meeting.

VI. Treasurer's Activity Report – May 2021:

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

VII. Approval of Minutes - May 3, 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 reappointment of Tom Hassani as a Ward 3 Representative on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Council and complete a new two-year term that will expire on May 5, 2023.
 - Commissioner Valenza motioned, seconded by Commissioner McFatridge and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 7-0.
- b. The reappointment of Michael Davido on the Police Pension Fund Committee to serve a new three-year term that will expire on March 1, 2024.
 - Commissioner Valenza motioned, seconded by Commissioner McFatridge and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 7-0.
- c. The reappointment of Craig Bald as an Alternate Member on the Police Pension Fund Committee to serve a new three-year term that will expire on March 1, 2024.
 - Commissioner Spearing commented that he is not in favor.
 - Commissioner Valenza motioned, seconded by Commissioner McFatridge and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 5-2 (five (5) ayes: Commissioners Scull, McFatridge, Whiting, Valenza, Lockard; two (2) nays: Commissioners Spearing and Prousi).
- d. The appointment of Kenneth Hawthorn to fill the vacancy on the Police Pension Fund Committee left by Donald G. Warner and complete the remainder of the term that will expire on March 13, 2022.
 - Commissioner Valenza motioned, seconded by Commissioner McFatridge and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 7-0.

- Commissioner Valenza commented that there are vacancies on the Advisory Planning Agency in Wards 1 and 2 and three candidates are being reviewed for the positions.
- 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** a Tax Settlement between the Township, the School District of Upper Moreland and the tax payer, YMCA, 3300 Davisville Road.
 - b. **Motion to Approve** a Tax Settlement between the Township, the School District of Upper Moreland and the tax payer, Derr Flooring, 525 Davisville Road.
 - c. **Motion to Approve** a Tax Settlement between the Township, the School District of Upper Moreland and the tax payer, Byberry Realty, 3625 Davisville Road.
 - d. **Motion to Approve** a Tax Settlement between the Township, the School District of Upper Moreland and the tax payer, Kachel Associates LP, 601 Davisville Road.
 - e. **Motion to Approve** a Tax Settlement between the Township, the School District of Upper Moreland and the tax payer, Westway at Willow Grove LP, 315 N York Road.
 - Commissioner Valenza motioned, seconded by Commissioner McFatridge and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 7-0, the above tax settlements.
 - f. **Motion to Approve** the cost and demolition of 118 Center Avenue for \$19,300.00:
 - Commissioner Valenza motioned, seconded by Commissioner McFatridge and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 7-0.
 - g. **Motion to Approve** the cost and installation of fire alarms at the Township Administration Building, the Firehouse, the Library and the Public Works Building:
 - 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** - Nothing to report.
 - 3. **List of Upcoming Zoning Hearing Board Applications - June 10, 2021:**
 - Commissioner McFatridge announced that the meeting has been canceled.
 - 4. **Other Items:**
 - a. **Motion to Approve** agreements between Upper Moreland Township, Upper Moreland Hatboro Joint Sewer Authority and Justin Kenyon for placement of fence at 38 Norwyn Road
 - Commissioner Scull motioned, seconded by Commissioner Valenza and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 7-0.

b. **Motion to Approve Resolution R-2021-18** – Approving the request by the School District of Upper Moreland Township for a Waiver of Permit Fees for Parking Lot Improvements at the Primary School:

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

c. **Motion to Approve** the use of \$177,000 from the Traffic Impact Fee Fund to assist in the cost of the Blair Mill Road/Easton Road improvement project:

- 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** the cost and installation of a fence around the Springhouse at Farmstead Park for \$3,600:

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

2. **Motion to Approve** the McMahon Engineering Design Services for Power Line Trail Alignment

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

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

1. **Motion to Approve** the request from Iron Hill Construction Management Company, Inc. to temporarily waive the restrictions on hours of construction at 95 N. York Road, and permit work after 10:00 PM and before 7:00 AM:

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

2. **Motion to Approve** amending and advertising Upper Moreland Township's Solicitation and Peddling Ordinance:

- Commissioner Valenza directed residents to call 911 if anyone solicits at their door without a permit. Residents can register their house with the Police Department to prevent solicitations.

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

IX. **Commissioner Comments:**

- Commissioner Scull shared an incident involving a neighbor's loud, offensive party music and proposed a discussion be held to amend the decibel meter parameters in the ordinance at a future Public Health & Safety Committee Meeting.
 - Brian Shannon, a resident, suggested that anyone with an iPhone or iPad can measure the decibels.
- Commissioner Whiting congratulated the graduates of Upper Moreland High School.
- Commissioner Whiting wished Commissioner Scull a Happy Birthday.
- Commissioner Valenza commended the attendees of tonight's meeting, which makes him proud to serve the community.
- Commissioner Valenza requested to discuss termination of the Revitalization Task Force and the Transportation Impact Advisory Committee (Act 209 Committee) at the June 21, 2021 Finance & Administrative Committee Meeting.

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- Commissioner Spearing requested that the School District waive fees for use of their athletic fields in gratitude for permit fees waived by the Township.
- Commissioner Valenza requested that the School District waive fees for sports clubs that are tax payers in the Township.
- Commissioner Spearing announced that a Juneteenth event will be celebrated on June 19, 2021 on Cherry Street at 1:00 p.m.
- Commissioner Prousi commended the attendees of tonight's meeting, and encouraged everyone to continue practicing CDC safety protocols.

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

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

Respectfully submitted by Kathleen Kristire.