

**Upper Moreland Township  
Board of Commissioners - Regular Meeting  
August 1, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

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

IV. **Presentations/Announcements:**

A. **Motion to Approve** the conditional appointment of Mark A. Woltemate as a Probationary Police Officer. Such appointment is conditional upon successful completion of medical and psychological examinations:

- Commissioner McFatridge motioned, seconded by Commissioner Lockard and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 6-0.
- Chief Block provided the background of Officer Woltemate's education and professional experience.
- District Justice Paul Leo conducted the Oath of Office and swearing-in of Mark A. Woltemate as a Probationary Police Officer.

B. **Motion to Approve** the promotion of Detective Sergeant James J. Kelly to Lieutenant of the Upper Moreland Township Police Department:

- Commissioner McFatridge motioned, seconded by Commissioner Lockard and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 6-0.
- Chief Block provided the background of Lieutenant Kelly's education and professional experience.
- District Justice Paul Leo to conducted Oath of Office and swearing-in of Lieutenant James J. Kelly.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**PUBLIC HEARING #1958 – 7:00 P.M.** – To receive public comments concerning the Comcast Franchise Agreement in keeping with the requirements of the Federal Cable Communications Act with respect to the renewal of their franchise agreement with Upper Moreland Township:

- Commissioner McFatridge motioned to open Public Hearing #1958, seconded by Commissioner Lockard and Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 7-0.
- Mr. Schaible read a brief summary of the Franchise Agreement renewal.
- Commissioner Spearing commented concerns about Comcast and other utilities to improve their response time on the removal of stranded cables and replacement of poll sets.
- Commissioner Lockard commented that there are addresses that do not have access to high-speed internet, inquired about provisions for and communication of low-income assistance, and whether free services and wi-fi hotspots exist in community facilities.

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- Commissioner Scull inquired about alternative resources that the public can use without cable that can access the Township's meetings.
- Commissioner Prousi suggested providing internet service at the Township campuses or community parks or if Comcast can provide discount programs for individuals and families in need of access from home for remote school education.
- Mr. Candland will send all comments to the Cohen Law Group representing the renewal negotiations with Comcast.
- Commissioner McFatridge motioned to close Public Hearing #1958, seconded by Commissioner Lockard and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 6-0.

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

VI. **Treasurer's Activity Report – July 2022:**

- Commissioner Spearing motioned, seconded by Commissioner Lockard and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 6-0, the report as submitted.

VII. **Approval of Minutes – July 11, 2022 - Regular Meetings:**

- Commissioner Spearing motioned, seconded by Commissioner Prousi and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 6-0, the minutes as submitted.

VIII. **Committee Recommendations:**

A. **Finance & Administrative Committee – July 25, 2022** – The Committee recommends the Board of Commissioners take action on the following:

1. **Appointments/Reappointments:**

- a. **Motion to Approve** the reappointment of Lisa Marsteller as an At Large member on the **Parks and Recreation Advisory Council** to serve a new two-year term to expire on June 30, 2024.
- b. **Motion to Approve** the appointment of Joseph Chrostowski as an Alternate member on the **Police and Fire Civil Service Commission** to fill the vacancy left by Jack Dunleavy, Sr. and complete the remainder of the current six-year term that will expire on August 7, 2023.
- c. **Motion to Approve Resolution R-2022-27**, the appointment of Raymond Fox, Jr. from an alternate member to a voting member on the **Zoning Hearing Board**, filling the vacancy left by Francis J. Calter and complete the remainder of the current term that will expire on December 31, 2026

- Commissioner Lockard motioned, seconded by Commissioner Spearing and the Board of Commissioners approved the above appointments and reappointment by a vote of 6-0.

2. List of Bills Payable:

- Commissioner Lockard motioned, seconded by Commissioner Spearing and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 6-0.

3. Other Items:

- a. **Motion to Approve** the Donation Agreement between Upper Moreland Township and the Willow Grove Community Development Corporation:

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- 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 – July 18, 2022:**

1. **Code Enforcement** - Nothing to report.
2. **Land Development/Subdivision Applications:**
  - a. **Motion to Approve Resolution R-2022-28** – Granting a minor land development application by New Century Associates for the property located at 2010 County Line Road at the Marketplace at Huntingdon Valley, for the reuse of a former bank building conversion to Chipotle Restaurant:
    - Commissioner Spearing motioned, seconded by Commissioner Prousi and the Board of Commissioners approved the Resolution and all waivers by a vote of 6-0.
3. **List of Upcoming Zoning Hearing Board Applications:**
  - No hearings scheduled for the month of August, 2022.
4. **Other Items:**
  - a. **Motion to Approve Resolution R-2022-29** – Granting Walmart Corporation’s request to amend Resolution R-2022-20 for the placement of an additional six (6) portable storage units at the property located at 2101 Blair Mill Road, for the period of October 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022:
    - Commissioner Spearing motioned, seconded by Commissioner Prousi and the Board of Commissioners approved Resolution by a vote of 6-0.

**C. Public Health & Safety Committee – July 25, 2022:**

- No items for the Board of Commissioners’ consideration.

**D. Parks and Recreation Committee – July 25, 2022 – The Committee recommends the Board of Commissioners take action on the following:**

1. **Motion to Approve** Gilmore & Associates, Inc.’s scope and engineering cost proposal for the Farmstead Park improvement project in the amount of \$38,950:
  - Commissioner Scull motioned, seconded by Commissioner Prousi and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 6-0.
2. **Motion to Approve** a permit for Calvary Christian Academy to use Masons Mill Park Tennis courts 5, 6 and 7, from August 15 to October 15, 3:15PM to 5-:30PM, Monday through Friday:
  - Commissioner Spearing motioned, seconded by Commissioner Prousi and the Board of Commissioners approved Resolution by a vote of 6-0.

**IX. Commissioner Comments:**

- Commissioner McFatrige announced that the August 8, 2022 Community Development Meeting and the August 15, 2022 Committees Meetings are canceled.
- Commissioner Spearing encouraged the public to attend School Board Meetings and show their support to reinstate school bus driver, Mark Zingle, who is also a veteran.

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- Commissioner McFtridge commended the Police and Fire Departments on the successful “Touch A Truck” event, which was held on Friday, July 29, 2022.
- Commissioner Prousi announced that a “Paint The Town” family event will be held at Pennypack Ecological Restoration Trust on August 28, 2022, 12-4 p.m.
- Commissioner Spearing congratulated Hatboro on its 29th Annual Moonlight Memories Car Show, which he attended on Friday night, July 29, 2022.

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

XI. **Adjournment:** There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kathleen Kristire.