

**Upper Moreland Township  
Board of Commissioners - Regular Meeting  
August 7, 2023 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 Clifton "Kip" 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, Scull, Prousi, Whiting. Absent: Commissioner Valenza. Also present: Matthew H. Candland, Township Manager and Sean Kilkenny, Township Solicitor.

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- IV. **Presentations/Announcements:**
  - A. Presentation from the Pennsylvania Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission to the Upper Moreland Township Police Department for receiving their accreditation:
    - Police Chief Andrew Block stated that the process started in 2000 by retired Officer Rich Gump. Thanked the Board of Commissioners, Mr. Candland, Lieutenant Kelly Ruddell (Accreditation Manager), Spirit Consulting, Chief John String of Narberth Borough and Sergeant Maddie Lewis of Lower Merion for their expertise and support on the initiative.
    - Retired Chief Jim Adams, Accreditation Coordinator at the Pennsylvania Police Chiefs Association, briefly summarized the process, which involves an audit, editing policies and proving compliance. Accreditation is a benefit to the Department's insurance and provides continuous updates of standards. Upper Moreland Police Department is now 1 of 160 accredited agencies in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Assessments will occur once every three years requiring a review of standards and a minimum of two proofs of compliance for each best practice.
    - The Board of Commissioners thanked the Pennsylvania Police Chiefs Association for their support.
  - B. Presentation of Service Award Certificates for the following Township employees and their years of service:
    - Michele Dougherty, Code Enforcement - 20 Years
    - Matthew Hocker, Information Systems & Facilities – 20 Years
    - Nickolas Martocello, Police Department – 10 Years
    - The Board of Commissioners congratulated and presented Matt Hocker with a certificate. Michele Dougherty and Nickolas Martocello were unavailable to attend.
- V. **Public Comments** – Non-Agenda Items Only – Nothing to report.
- VI. **Treasurer's Activity Report – July 2023:**
  - Commissioner Lockard motioned, seconded by Commissioner Spearing and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 6-0.

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- VII. **Approval of Minutes – July 10, 2023 - Regular Meeting and July 17, 2023 Special Meeting:**
- Commissioner Spearing motioned, seconded by Commissioner Lockard and the minutes were approved by a vote of 6-0.

VIII. **Committee Recommendations:**

- A. **Finance & Administrative Committee – July 24, 2023** – The Committee recommends the Board of Commissioners approve the following items:

1. Appointments/Reappointment:

- a. **Motion to Approve** the reappointment of Christopher Cattie as an At-Large member on the **Parks and Recreation Advisory Council**, to serve a new two-year term to expire on May 5, 2025.
- b. **Motion to Approve** the reappointment of George Hartman as a Ward 5 Representative on the **Advisory Planning Agency**, to serve a new two-year term to expire on June 1, 2025.
- c. **Motion to Approve** the reappointment of Brian Shannon as a Ward 1 Representative on the **Advisory Planning Agency**, to serve a new two-year term to expire on June 1, 2025.
- d. **Motion to Approve** the reappointment of Arlene Rubin as a Ward 7 Representative on the **Advisory Planning Agency**, to serve a new two-year term to expire on June 1, 2025.

- Commissioner Lockard motioned, seconded by Commissioner Spearing and the Board of Commissioners approved the above reappointments by 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 Service Agreement to assist with implementing the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant:

➤ Mr. Candland explained that a consultant will focus on preparation of title work and conduct settlements.

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

- b. **Motion to Approve** a Tax Assessment Appeal between the Township, the School District of Upper Moreland and the tax payer, Jamestown Village Apartments, for the property located at 2501 Maryland Avenue:

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

- c. The cancellation of the August 21, 2023 Finance & Administrative Committee meeting:

- The Board of Commissioners canceled the August 21, 2023 Finance & Administrative Committee meeting.

4. New Business - Nothing to report.

- B. **Community Development Committee – July 17, 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.

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3. List of Upcoming Zoning Hearing Board Applications – August, 2023:
    - Commissioner Spearing stated that there are no applications scheduled.
  4. Other Items:
    - a. **Motion to Approve Resolution R-2023-18** – Granting an Amusement Device waiver request from BHRAMANI LLC (All Night Deli), located at 811 Easton Road, to install amusement devices within 300 feet of residential property:
      - Commissioner Spearing motioned, seconded by Commissioner Prousi and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 5-1 (five (5) aye: Commissioners Scull, Prousi, Spearing, Lockard, White; and one (1) nay: Commissioner McFatrige).
    - b. **Motion to Approve Resolution R-2023-19** – Approving and ratifying the submission of a DCED MTF Grant Application for the Maryland Road Culvert project:
      - Commissioner Spearing motioned, seconded by Commissioner Prousi and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 6-0.
    - c. **Motion to Approve** the request by Federal Realty Investment Trust to obtain a 90-Day Temporary Certificate of Occupancy for 102-114 Park Avenue prior to the completion of the required street scaping improvements along the Easton Road frontage:
      - Commissioner Spearing commented that the Township will continue to monitor the complete streetscaping.
      - Commissioner Spearing motioned, seconded by Commissioner Prousi and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 6-0.
    - d. **Motion to Approve** setting a Public Hearing date of September 11, 2023 for the Conditional Use Application submitted by BT Blair, LLC for the property located at 2300 Computer Avenue, 2309 and 2317 Blair Mill Road (Executive Mews):
      - Commissioner Spearing motioned, seconded by Commissioner Prousi and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 6-0.
    - e. The cancellation of the August 14, 2023 Community Development Committee:
      - The Board of Commissioners canceled the August 14, 2023 Community Development Committee meeting.
- C. **Public Health & Safety Committee – July 24, 2023:**
- a. **Motion to Approve Resolution R-2023-20** – Adopting the Montgomery County Hazard Mitigation Plan:
    - Fire Chief Ed Glassman reiterated that the Mitigation Plan will make the Township eligible for FEMA funding to implement projects that are included in the Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP), and to receive disaster mitigation funding should a disaster declaration be issued.
    - Commissioner Whiting motioned, seconded by Commissioner Lockard and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 6-0.
  - b. The cancellation of the August 21, 2023 Public Health & Safety Committee meeting:
    - The Board of Commissioners canceled the August 21, 2023 Public Health & Safety Committee meeting.

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**D. Parks & Recreation Committee – July 24, 2023:**

- a. **Motion to Approve** and award bid to Donald E. Reisinger, Inc. in the amount of \$242,100.00 for the Farmstead Park Carriage House Renovations and all other Farmstead Alliance Improvements requested in 2022/2023:
  - Commissioner Scull motioned, seconded by Commissioner Prousi and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 6-0.
- b. The cancellation of the August 21, 2023 Parks & Recreation Committee meeting:
  - The Board of Commissioners canceled the August 21, 2023 Parks and Recreation Committee meeting.

**IX. Commissioner Comments:**

**A. Upcoming Township Meetings (based on Township calendar):**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Time</b>
Aug 10	<b>CANCELLED - Zoning Hearing Board</b>		
Aug 14	<b>CANCELLED - Community Development Committee</b>		
Aug 16	Republican Committee	Library Community Room	7:00 PM
Aug 17	Advisory Planning Agency (APA)	Township Building – Council RM	5:00 PM
Aug 21	<b>CANCELLED - Committee Meetings of the following Committees:</b> Finance & Admin Public Health & Safety Parks & Recreation		
Aug 23	Democratic Committee	Township Building – Council RM	7:00 PM
Aug 24	<b>CANCELLED - Zoning Hearing Board</b>		
Aug 29	American Red Cross Blood Drive	Township Building – Council RM	12:30-5:30 PM
Sept 4	<b>Township Building Closed – in Observance of the Labor Day Holiday</b>		
Sept 5	Historical Commission	Library Community Room	7:00 PM
Sept 6	Environmental Advisory Council	Township Building – Council RM	7:00 PM
Sept 11	Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners	Township Building – Council RM	7:00 PM
Sept 12	Parks & Recreation Advisory Council	Township Building – Council RM	7:30 PM
Sept 14	Zoning Hearing Board	Township Building – Council RM	7:00 PM
Sept 18	Community Development Committee	Township Building – Council RM	7:00 PM
Sept 20	Republican Committee	Library Community Room	7:00 PM
Sept 21	Advisory Planning Agency (APA)	Township Building – Council RM	5:00 PM

- Commissioner Whiting congratulated Police Chief Andrew Block and the Upper Moreland Township Police Department for receiving their accreditation.

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

**XI. Adjournment:** There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kathleen Kristire.