

**Upper Moreland Township
Board of Commissioners - Regular Meeting
October 4, 2021, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

Board of Commissioners Members: Commissioner and President, Kevin C. Spearing; Commissioner and Vice President Charles M. Whiting; Commissioners Cheryl Lockard, Kip McFatrige, Anthony S. Prousi, 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, Scull and Valenza. Absent: Commissioner McFatrige. Also present: Randall K. Schaible, Assistant Township Manager & Director of Finance, in the absence of Matthew H. Candland, Township Manager, and Sean Kilkenny, Township Solicitor.

IV. **Presentations/Announcements:**

A. Recognizing personnel for their efforts due to the remnants of Hurricane Ida:

- Police Chief Andrew Block described details from several floodwater rescue operations that occurred on the evening of September 1, 2021 and presented the following:
 - Commendation for Heroism Awards for a rescue at Bonnet Lane to: Officer Layla Cruz, Officer Matthew Snyder and Detective Todd Smith.
 - Commendation for Heroism Awards for a rescue at Masons Mill Road to: Officer Preston Moyer, Sergeant James Robb, Officer Clarence Dickerson, Detective Mark Bouldin, and Lieutenant Goodson from the Philadelphia Police Department on behalf of Officer Sean O'Malley.
 - Commendation for Heroism Awards for a rescue at Mill Road near the railroad tracks to: Officer William Nagy, Officer Matt Snyder and also Officer Alex Bruckner of Hatboro Police Department.
 - A Citizen Commendation Award to Chuck Beaudet, who assisted officers with his front-end loader to rescue victims trapped at the In and Out Store and Mediterranean Delight Restaurant.
 - Unit Citation Awards for officers who answered over 61 calls during the evening's storm events to: Lieutenant Mark Drakeley, Lieutenant Kelly Ruddell, Sergeant Jim Robb, Sergeant Timothy Lynch, Detective Officer Mark Bouldin, Officer Layla Cruz, Officer Michael Davido, Officer Clarence Dickerson, Detective Francis Gallagher, Officer Christopher Hens, Officer Kevin Kramer, Officer John McCleary, Officer Scott Metheny, Officer Andrew Misner, Officer Preston Moyer, Officer William Nagy, Detective Todd Smith, Officer Matthew Snyder, Officer Thomas Sokolis, Clerk Tina McGuckin and Clerk Daniel Steely.
- Commissioner Spearing presented a Citation Award for outstanding leadership to Chief Andrew Block.
- Commissioner Spearing presented Unit Citation Awards to the following Second Alarmers Rescue Squad who responded to numerous serious situations and provided aid to the Community Ambulance Association of Ambler and the Upper Dublin

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community: EMT Kimberly Garrett, Paramedic Michael Smaltini, EMT Megan Todd, Paramedic John Hill, EMT Mickeem Watson, Paramedic Joseph Petty, EMT Darian Pearlmutter, Paramedic Todd Vreeland, EMT Ernest Brown, Paramedic Stephen Terrill, EMT Carl Perkins, Paramedic Eugene Dorotov, EMT Charlene Taylor, Paramedic Jeffrey Gunning, and EMT Emily Cordero.

- EMS Chief Ken Davidson gave recognition for exemplary service and presented Unit Citation Awards and bars for their uniforms to: EMT Emily Cordero, EMT Kimberly Garrett, Paramedic John Hill and Paramedic Tod Vreeland.
- Fire Chief Chuck Jones discussed floodwater rescue operations that occurred at various locations and presented Citation Awards to: Bud Tucker, Tim Focht, Dante Newman, John Juel, Jake Ross, Ed O'Neill, Dan Williams, Kate Valesky, Brian Drennen, Chuck Jones, Sr., Charles Jones, III, Chris Jones, Lauren Jones, Paul Nowell, Davin Rucker, Javier Rucker, and Captain John Fugelo.
- Commissioner Spearing presented a Citation Award to Fire Chief Chuck Jones, Jr.

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

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

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

VII. **Approval of Minutes - September 13, 2021 Regular Meeting and September 20, 2021 Special Meeting:**

- Commissioner Prousi amended the September 20, 2021 Special Meeting minutes to include his name on page one, first item, "Board of Commissioners Members" and section "IV. Roll Call".
- The Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 6-0 the minutes, as amended.

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 Annmarie Mangin on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Council as a representative of Ward 6, to serve a new two-year term that will expire on August 4, 2023.
 - b. The reappointment of David Cooper on the Uniform Construct Code (UCC) Local Appeals Board to serve a new five-year term that will expire on August 5, 2026.
 - c. The appointment of Gerry Foley as a representative of the Advisory Planning Agency on the Transportation Advisory Committee to fill the vacancy left by Dan Barber.
- Commissioner Valenza motioned, seconded by Commissioner Lockard and the Board of Commissioners approved the above reappointments/appointment by a vote of 6-0.

2. **List of Bills Payable:**
 - Commissioner Valenza motioned, seconded by Commissioner Lockard and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 6-0.
 3. **Aqua General Funds Bills:**
 - Commissioner Valenza motioned, seconded by Commissioner Lockard and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 5 (one (1) abstention: Commissioner Spearing, Aqua employee).
 4. **Other Items:**
 - a. **Motion to Approve** the Ratification of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between Upper Moreland Township and Teamsters Local 107 Blue Collar Employees:
 - Commissioner Valenza motioned, seconded by Commissioner Lockard and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 6-0.
 - b. **Motion to Approve** a Tax Settlement between the Township, the School District of Upper Moreland and the tax payer, Ernest and Gail Farabella, 2301 Computer Avenue:
 - Commissioner Valenza motioned, seconded by Commissioner Lockard and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 6-0.
 - c. **Motion to Approve** the Township's Solicitor, KILKENNY LAW, LLC, 2022 hourly rate of \$155.00:
 - Commissioner Valenza motioned, seconded by Commissioner Lockard and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 6-0.
 - d. **Motion to Approve** the purchase of three (3) Chevy Tahoe Police Vehicles.
 - Commissioner Valenza motioned, seconded by Commissioner Lockard and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 6-0.
 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-2021-32** – Approving the Fair Oaks Park Lot Line Adjustment Plan:
 - Commissioner Prousi motioned, seconded by Commissioner Spearing and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 6-0.
 3. **List of Upcoming Zoning Hearing Board Applications - October 2021:**
 - Commissioner Prousi read two applications to be presented at the meeting on October 14, 2021.
 4. **Other Items:**
 - a. **Motion to Approve Resolution R-2021-33** – Authorizing the submission of a Traffic Signal Maintenance Agreement, submission of any future modifications to the agreement and the submission of any future applications with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation:
 - Commissioner Prousi motioned, seconded by Commissioner Valenza and the

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Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 6-0.

- b. **Motion to Approve** the bid award to James D. Morrissey, Inc. for roadway improvements at Davisville and Byberry Roads as part of the Intersection Improvement Project:
 - Commissioner Valenza directed Mr. Schaible to post the start date on the Township website.
 - Commissioner Prousi motioned, seconded by Commissioner Valenza and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 6-0.
- c. **Motion to Approve** the proposal for engineering services during the construction of the traffic signal improvements associated with the Green Light Go Grant at the intersection of Davisville and Byberry Roads as part of the Intersection Improvement Project:
 - Commissioner Prousi motioned, seconded by Commissioner Valenza and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 6-0.
- d. **Motion to Approve** the proposal for engineering services during the construction of the road widening project associated with the Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant at the intersection of Davisville and Byberry Roads as part of the Intersection Improvement Project:
 - Commissioner Prousi motioned, seconded by Commissioner Valenza and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 6-0.
- e. **Motion to Approve** the Green Light Go Award Traffic Signal Design Proposal for signal upgrades along York Road from Terwood Road to Newington Road:
 - Commissioner Prousi motioned, seconded by Commissioner Valenza and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 6-0.
- f. **Motion to Approve** the Snow and Ice Removal Contract with Montgomery County:
 - The Committee recommends including additional roads and will continue a discussion at the October 11, 2021 Community Development Committee meeting.
 - Commissioner Prousi motioned, seconded by Commissioner Valenza and the Board of Commissioners approved on the condition of including other roads by a vote of 6-0.
- g. **Motion to Approve** the design and color of the Upper Moreland Township Flag:
 - The recommendation at the September 20, 2021 Community Development Committee meeting was the yellow/gold background for the flag.
 - Commissioner Prousi motioned, seconded by Commissioner Valenza and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 6-0.
- h. **Motion to Approve** a Waiver of Fees for the Upper Moreland School District:
 - Commissioner Spearing commented that discussions will continue with the School District about charging fees to residents for use of athletic fields.
 - Commissioner Prousi motioned, seconded by Commissioner Valenza and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 6-0.

C. **Parks and Recreation Committee - September 27, 2021** – The Committee recommends the Board of Commissioners take action on the following:

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1. **Motion to Approve Resolution R-2021-34** – Authorizing an application to the PECO Green Region Open Space Program for the Fair Oaks Park Basin Project:
 - Commissioner Scull explained that seeding and plant plugs will promote Best Management Practices for stormwater control measures at the basin's floor.
 - Commissioner Scull motioned, seconded by Commissioner Valenza and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 6-0.
2. **Motion to Approve** the request from the Upper Moreland Middle School Home School Association:
 - Commissioner Scull explained that a mini-photo shoot fundraiser will be held on Saturday, November 6-7, 2021, at Masons Mill Park.
 - Commissioner Scull motioned, seconded by Commissioner Valenza and the Board of Commissioners approved by a vote of 6-0.

D. **Public Health & Safety Committee** - Nothing to report.

IX. **Commissioner Comments:**

- Commissioner Valenza commented that Montgomery County Board of Elections is considering moving the polling location for residents of Ward 6 from the Upper Moreland High School to the YMCA.
- Commissioner Whiting commented that the Eastern Center for the Arts and Technology polling location is not conducive for Ward 3-1 and 3-2, which will be discussed at the County's meeting.
- Commissioner Spearing expressed appreciation to the Second Alarmers, Police and Volunteer Fire Company for their services and leadership in the community.
- Commissioner Whiting invited the public to attend the Fire Prevention Event, which will be held at the Fire House on Thursday, October 7, 2021.
- Commissioner Spearing announced that the Environmental Advisory Council in conjunction with the Audubon Society will hold an educational Bird Event at Fair Oaks Park on Saturday, October 16, 2021.
- Chief Block announced that "Faith & Blue", a national event, will be held on Saturday, October 9, 2021 at Hatboro Baptist Church.

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

XI. **Adjournment:** There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kathleen Kristire.