

**Minutes of the Board of Commissioners
Upper Pottsgrove Township**

March 19, 2007

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on Monday, March 19, 2007, at the Upper Pottsgrove Township Administrative Office, 1409 Farmington Avenue, with Commissioners DeLena, Iatesta, Noll and Taylor present. Also present were Solicitor Charles D. Garner, Jr., Township Manager Jack P. Layne and Township Secretary Cynthia Saylor. Mr. Taylor called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. There were 12 people present in the audience. Mr. Sloss advised he was taping the meeting.

MOMENT OF SILENCE - Mr. Taylor requested a moment of silent prayer in honor of the men and women who have served and are currently serving our country in the armed forces.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Those assembled pledged allegiance to the flag.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

DARLENE WEBBER - 1409 North State Street - Stated she does not want to hook up to the public water system and questioned whether it would be required if she sells her home to a family member.

HENRY BEALER - 1382 Farmington Avenue - Stated he would connect to the public water system if he ever developed his property.

EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORT - Commissioner Noll noted copies of the monthly reports would be posted on the bulletin board. Mr. Noll reported the Police Department will be conducting children's fingerprinting on April 7, 2007. Mr. Noll extended his thanks and appreciation to Jack Layne for his recent attendance at a Homeland Security Workshop with regards to grant writing. Police Chief Bryan Ross reported the Police Department received a grant in the amount of \$8,000 from the Department of Transportation to conduct speed enforcement along the Route 100 corridor.

PLANNING & ZONING REPORT - Commissioner Taylor reported the Planning Commission discussed the proposed Age Restricted Ordinance and the revised preliminary plans for 409 Evans Road.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT - Commissioner Iatesta reported the Highway Department continued providing inspections for the installation of water mains and residential plumbing connections. To date 27 residents have been connected to public water along Farmington Avenue. The Willow Street public water extension started on March 12, 2007, installation of mains and house connections is being done by All Types of Construction. Mr. Iatesta reported street sweeping is scheduled for April 23rd thru April 27th and the first spraying for vegetation control is scheduled for mid May. He further reported the Highway Department performed routine maintenance to the police vehicles and wastewater collection. Mr. Iatesta expressed his thanks to Mr. Garner for checking into a concern from a resident on Highview Lane.

ROBERT SLOSS - 2097 Needhammer Road - Expressed his concern that the Highway Department got a late start with regards to snow removal during a recent storm. Commissioner Iatesta agreed that the snow removal was not up to the Highway Department's usual standards and apologized for any inconvenience.

COMMISSIONER DELENA - Stated a notice with regards to the street sweeping would be placed in the next Newsletter in an effort to get resident's vehicles off the road.

ENGINEER'S REPORT - Township Engineer John Theisen reported he reviewed the proposed Crossroad Subdivision.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT - Attorney Garner reported he reviewed the proposed plans for the Crossroad Subdivision. Mr. Garner reported "good progress" with regards to the Wolf Run Water Project and noted that out of 270 residents approximately 10 - 14 have declined connection to the public water system.

MANAGER'S REPORT - Mr. Layne reported a representative from Dallas Data Systems will be providing training on the new financial software. Mr. Layne expressed his thanks and appreciation to the volunteers who participated in the "weather alert" exercise. Mr. Layne reported we are currently looking into obtaining a credit card through Fulton Bank to be used by staff for emergency use only. He further reported we will have a credit card for each Department Head with a cap of \$2500. Mr. Layne reported the next Township meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 3, 2007 at 7:30 P.M.

FINANCIAL REPORT - Mr. Layne provided the members of the Board with the monthly cash flow reports for the various accounts. Mr. Layne advised that once the new financial software is in place the monthly reports will be more detailed and easier to read.

NEW BUSINESS:

AGE RESTRICTED ORDINANCE - An Ordinance amending the code of Ordinances of Upper Pottsgrove Township and the Zoning Ordinance to establish an "AQ – Age-Qualified Overlay District. Commissioner Taylor provided a brief summary regarding the proposed Age Restricted Ordinance and noted the maximum overall density for single-family and townhouse units shall be three (3) dwelling units per gross acre. Mr. Taylor noted the proposed Age Restricted Ordinance mirrors the current R-2 Ordinance. After a brief discussion, a motion by DeLena, seconded by Iatesta, to advertise a public hearing date of May 7, 2007, for the proposed Age Restricted Ordinance. All aye votes.

RENEE SPAIDE - 1979 Yarnall Road - Questioned whether there is a projected age restricted development coming into the Township. Mr. Taylor stated the Ordinance would allow an age restricted development to be built within the Township.

ROBERT SLOSS - 2097 Needhammer Road - Requested clarification with regards to lot area and the proximity to Route 100.

RESOLUTION # 509 - APPROVING REVISED PRELIMINARY PLANS FOR 409 EVANS ROAD SUBDIVISION - A motion by Noll, seconded by DeLena, to approve revised preliminary plans for 409 Evans Road based on the conditions outlined in the Resolution. All aye votes.

COMMISSIONER DELENA - Expressed concern regarding prohibiting the use of fertilizers on the lots and questioned how that would be monitored. Attorney Garner suggested the requirement be incorporated as a noted restriction on the deed to the property; however, enforcement will be difficult.

When **ROBERT SLOSS, 2097 Needhammer Road**, questioned whether the properties would be serviced by public water and sewer Mr. Taylor said “yes”.

DIANA UPDEGROVE - 1404 Farmington Avenue - Requested clarification with regards to prohibiting the use of fertilizers and the requirement that there be no out-building attachments to the proposed housing units.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

COMMISSIONER IATESTA - Reported he along with the Township Manager and Solicitor are investigating the Faggioli property located on Commerce Drive. Mr. Iatesta stated he will keep the members of the Board updated.

COMMISSIONER NOLL - Stated he will post a copy of the “2007 Legislative Priorities” as discussed by the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Commissioners.

PAYMENT OF BILLS - A motion by DeLena, seconded by Iatesta, to approve the Bill List dated March 19, 2007 for General Fund in the amount of \$37,192.78; Fire Fund in the amount of \$3,697.85; Park & Recreation Fund in the amount of \$3,298.75; Sewer Fund in the amount of \$10,619.32; State Fund in the amount of \$290.64 and Capital Fund in the amount of \$32,184.94. Total Disbursements - \$87,284.28. All aye votes.

ROBERT SLOSS - 2097 Needhammer Road - Questioned the following invoices as depicted on the Bill List: Dallas Data Systems, First Mobile Technology, Indian Valley Appraisals and Lancaster Host Resort.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - At 8:02 P.M. Mr. Taylor announced the Board would be meeting in Executive Session with no decisions being made. The meeting reconvened at 8:43 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT - There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia H. Saylor
Township Secretary