

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

November 2, 2009

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on Monday, November 2, 2009, at the Upper Pottsgrove Administrative Offices, 1409 Farmington Avenue, with Commissioners Dolan, Miller, Noll, Spaide and Taylor present. Also present were Township Manager Jack P. Layne and Township Secretary Cynthia Saylor. Commissioner Taylor called the meeting to order at 7:02 P.M. There were 18 people and a Mercury reporter present in the audience.

MOMENT OF SILENCE - Mr. Taylor requested a moment of silence 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:

SCOTT WILSON - 875 North Hanover Street - Discussed his letter whereby he's requesting an amendment to the existing Ordinance concerning EDU allocations.

KEITH KEHL - 1941 Gilbertsville Road - Reported that there is a "Sprogel's Run" sign down. Mr. Kehl expressed concern regarding excessive trash throughout the Township. Commissioner Spaide suggested the Township Manager contact the prison to see if the prisoners can help in cleaning up the litter from the roads. Mr. Kehl reported that several bald eagles have been cited in the area.

JOHN YOUNG - 1508 Heather Place - Referenced the October 19th minutes pertaining to a possible tree ordinance and expressed his opposition to the members of the Board regarding the implementation of such an ordinance.

GILBERT DUNCAN - 72 Hanover Drive - Noted a safety issue in regards to the dead tree matter.

NEW BUSINESS:

PRESENTATION BY THE POTTSTOWN LIBRARY DIRECTOR - Mike Packard, Director of the Pottstown Public Library was present to discuss the activities and services provided by the library. Mr. Packard requested an increase of \$5,000 to the annual allocation to the library bringing the total for the 2010 calendar year to \$30,000.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE ZONING HEARING BOARD

#3-09 APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY HOPEWELL COMMUNITY CHURCH - Donald Taylor, Deacon of the Hopewell Community Church, was present to discuss their request for several variances. The property is situated in the LI zoning district and is located at 1130 Commerce Drive near the Route 100 and State Street intersection. The applicant wishes to allow the placement of three separate signs on the property - one freestanding digital sign, one freestanding illuminated sign and one illuminated parallel wall sign. The latter sign is proposed to be lit on the side wall of the church by use of an outdoor projector. A public hearing is scheduled before the Zoning Hearing Board on Thursday, November 12, 2009, at 8:00 P.M.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE ZONING HEARING BOARD #3-09 APPLICATION SUBMITTED BY HOPEWELL COMMUNITY CHURCH CONT'D -

Commissioner Miller stated he would like the Planning Commission to review the application submitted by the Hopewell Community Church. Commissioner Dolan expressed his concern regarding the projected sign and the possibility of setting a precedent. After a brief discussion, it was agreed that the Planning Commission would review the zoning application and look into these types of signs for future use.

OTHER PUBLIC COMMENT: None

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS: None

PAYMENT OF BILLS - November 2, 2009 - A motion by Noll, seconded by Dolan, to approve the Bill List dated November 2, 2009, for General Fund in the amount of \$17,422.13; Fire Fund - \$287.64; Sewer Fund - \$5,237.17; State Fund - \$2,292.56 and Capital Fund - \$235,067.85. Total Disbursements - \$260,307.35. All aye votes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - October 19, 2009 - A motion by Spaide, seconded by Dolan, to approve the minutes of the October 19, 2009, meeting as presented. All aye votes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Special Meeting October 26, 2009 - A motion by Spaide, seconded by Dolan, to approve the minutes of the October 26, 2009, Special meeting as presented. All aye votes.

BUDGET MEETING CANCELED - The Board of Commissioner agreed to cancel the November 9, 2009, budget meeting as originally advertised.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - At 7:40 P.M. Commissioner Taylor reported the Board would hold an Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter; however no decisions would be made. The meeting reconvened at 8:13 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT - There being no further business, a motion by Spaide, seconded by Dolan, to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 P.M. All aye votes.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia H. Saylor,
Township Secretary