

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

**November 1, 2010**

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on Monday, November 1, 2010, at the Upper Pottsgrove Township Administrative Office, 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 7:00 P.M. There were 6 people 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:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE PROPOSED ADDENDUM TO THE POLICE CONTRACT**

- Attorney Garner stated that the proposed addendum extends the terms and conditions of the existing police contract for one (1) year. Mr. Garner provided a brief summary with regards to the proposed addendum which reflects a 1% increase in salaries. Mr. Garner explained that there has been some minor modification with regards to the health insurance and noted that the Township will provide a two-hundred dollar (\$200.00) payment to each Police Officer to offset any required co-pay for the Officer or any dependents. He further explained that there was a minor change in the language regarding fitness center reimbursement. A motion by Spaide, seconded by Noll, to approve the Proposed Addendum to the Police Contract. All aye votes.

**COMMISSIONER NOLL** requested clarification with regards to the fitness center reimbursement.

**COMMISSIONER SPAIDE** expressed her thanks and appreciation to Attorney Garner and Mr. Layne for all their efforts pertaining to the Addendum to the Police Contract.

**COMMISSIONER TAYLOR** expressed his thanks and appreciation to the Police Officers.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE UPCOMING PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSED SUPERIOR WATER RATE INCREASE**

- Commissioner Taylor reported the Township received notification of a public hearing with Superior Water Company regarding a proposed rate increase. He further reported the Township will have an opportunity to present input at the hearing which is scheduled for Wednesday, November 10, 2010 at the Gilbertsville Fire Company. Commissioner Spaide suggested notification of the public hearing regarding Superior's proposed increase be placed on the Township's web site. Commissioner Taylor noted that most of the proposed increase is due to the cost involved with all the work Superior Water recently did within the Township.

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE UPCOMING PUBLIC HEARING ON A PROPOSED SUPERIOR WATER RATE INCREASE CONT'D.** -

Commissioner Miller expressed his concern that Superior's proposal amounts to a 20% increase and reiterated the Township's opposition. After further discussion, a motion by Noll, seconded by Miller, to authorize the Manager to address a letter stating the Township's opposition to the proposed rate increase. All aye votes.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING THE PROPOSED 2011 ANNUAL BUDGET** - Matt Dallas, Financial Consultant Dallas Data Systems, provided copies of the proposed 2011 Annual Budget to the members of the Board. Mr. Layne noted there will be no tax increase and no increase in sewer rates under the proposed budget. Mr. Dallas outlined the minor changes to the proposed budget since the last meeting and noted a projected surplus of approximately \$34,598. Mr. Dallas noted a savings of approximately \$15,000 within the police budget and an increase in the township's healthcare costs by only 5.2% rather than the projected 10% - 15% originally budgeted. Mr. Layne reported the Township received an increase in the projections from earned income tax revenues by approximately \$10,000 as well as an additional \$8,000 from the cable franchise fees. The members of the Board briefly reviewed the expense line item entitled "Dues and Meeting Conferences." After discussion, a motion by Noll, seconded by Miller, to authorize the advertisement of the proposed 2011 Annual Budget. All aye votes. The Commissioners expressed their thanks and appreciation to Mr. Dallas for all of his efforts with regards to the proposed 2011 budget.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

**COMMISSIONER NOLL** - Referenced House Bill #1231 with regards to a firefighter cancer presumption bill and noted that if enacted this bill would result in a very expensive unfunded mandate and will possibly affect the Township's Workers' Compensation coverage. After discussion, a motion by Noll, seconded by Spaide, to authorize the Manager to address a letter to Senator Rafferty stating the Township's opposition to the proposed Bill. All aye votes.

**COMMISSIONER MILLER** - Encouraged the members of the Board as well as the residents to visit Sunset Park and noted that the old building has been demolished. Commissioner Spaide addressed Commissioner Miller and advised him that the Public Works Director stated he was not able to locate a used pipe as previously requested. There was a brief discussion with regards to the placement of a pavilion on the property. Commissioner Taylor stated he would like further discussion regarding the management of the park system throughout the Township. There was a brief discussion regarding the use of open space funding for maintenance purposes.

**TOWNSHIP MANAGER** - Mr. Layne reported that he along with Attorney Chuck Garner, Commissioner Miller and representatives from LTL Consultants have met to discuss the changes to the sign ordinance. Mr. Layne asked the members of the Board to authorize the Solicitor to draft a yard sale ordinance.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS - November 1, 2010** - A motion by Spaide, seconded by Miller, to approve the amended Bill List dated November 1, 2010, for General Fund in the amount of \$26,201.57; Fire Fund in the amount of \$85.84; Sewer Fund in the amount of \$11,014.99; Capital Fund in the amount of \$1,500.00; Open Space Fund in the amount of \$9,123.45 and State Fund in the amount of \$80.00. Total Disbursements - \$48,005.85. All aye votes.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES - October 18, 2010** - A motion by Spaide, seconded by Noll, to approve the minutes of the October 18, 2010, meeting as presented. All aye votes.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** - At 7:52 P.M. Commissioner Taylor reported the Board would hold an Executive Session to discuss pending and potential litigation; however no decisions would be made. The meeting reconvened at 8:58 P.M.

**ADJOURNMENT** - There being no further business, a motion by Spaide, seconded by Dolan, to adjourn the meeting at 8:59 P.M. All aye votes.

Respectfully submitted,

Cynthia H. Saylor,  
Township Secretary