

A Workshop Meeting of the Upper Pottsgrove Township Board of Commissioners was held on Monday, May 7, 2018, at the Upper Pottsgrove Township Administrative Office, 1409 Farmington Avenue, with Commissioners Trace Slinkerd, France Krazalkovich, Elwood Taylor, Martin Schreiber and Renee Spaide present. Also present were Township Solicitor Matt Hovey, Township Manager Carol R. Lewis, Public Works Director Justin Bean, Chief Francis Wheatley and Sewer and Water Chairman John Bealer.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Those present pledged allegiance to the flag.

POLICE CONTRACT – The first meeting with the Collective Bargaining Unit has been scheduled.

REPAIRS/BUILDING DISCUSSION –C. Lewis reviewed a list of repairs that are needed. Some are code violations and some were findings on our loss control safety audit. The most pressing need is the salt shed. Where to put the salt shed was discussed. C. Lewis will get proposals to assess the buildings.

DEVELOPMENT POLICY – The Board discussed growth in the township and economic development. They discussed the traffic impact and commercial development. E. Taylor presented a study showing the impact of new development on sewer fees and the ability to finish projects listed in the Act 537 Plan. J. Bealer advised that the Sewer and Water Committee have had residents coming in to ask when sewer would be coming to their area as they need to hook up. E. Taylor also presented a study showing the impact on tax revenue in adding new homes. When asked Chief Wheatley and Justin Bean responded that there would be minimal impact to services. Montgomery County Commerce Department will come out and help the township encourage business development.

TRAIL POLICY – The Board discussed how trails get approved in the township. They go to the Open Space and Recreation Board first and then to the Board of Commissioners for final approval. They talked about the regional trail study, grants and projects.

SECRETARY – T. Slinkerd would like to break out the Secretary position as the Manager has a lot on her plate.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT/REVENUE PROJECTIONS – C. Lewis is working on a long range financial analysis to give the Board an idea of where they are headed.

COMMENTS – M. Schreiber asked if the working session docket could be posted as the agenda online. It was agreed this would be done. F. Krazalkovich urged everyone to vote on Tuesday May 15th at the Middle School. C. Lewis advised the Board of deficiencies in the police fleet. We will be getting a used car from Lower Pottsgrove but two more are needed. J. Bean advised that Farmington Ave. is now open.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – The Board adjourned into executive session at 8:13 p.m. to discuss collective bargaining. They reconvened at 9:10 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT – The Board adjourned by the consent of those present at 9:10 p.m.

Submitted,

Carol R. Lewis, Manager/Secretary/Treasurer