

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

August 22, 2005

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on Monday, August 22, 2005, at the Upper Pottsgrove Township Administrative Offices, 1409 Farmington Avenue, with Commissioners Gallisdorfer, Noll, Reeves, Schaeffer and Taylor present. Also present were Solicitor Charles D. Garner Jr., Township Manager Michael Cotter and Township Secretary Cynthia Saylor. There were 15 people in the audience. Mrs. Reeves called the meeting to order at 7:04 P.M.

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

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER - Mrs. Reeves requested a moment of silence in honor of the men and women who have served and are currently serving out country in the armed forces.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

HENRY BEALER - 1382 Farmington Avenue - Questioned whether background checks would be performed by an outside agency on the two Police Chief candidates. Attorney Garner responded "yes."

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT - Mrs. Reeves stated the Public Works Report would be posted on the bulletin board.

BUILDING INSPECTION AND CODE ENFORCEMENT - Mrs. Reeves stated a copy of the monthly report would be posted on the bulletin board.

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE - Mrs. Reeves reported the Open Space Committee did not meet; however they held an informal meeting due to lack of a quorum.

SEWER COMMITTEE - Mrs. Reeves reported the Sewer Committee met and discussed items regarding the Rouse Chamberlin project.

ENGINEER'S REPORT - Mrs. Reeves stated a copy of the Engineer's Report would be posted on the bulletin board.

PARK & RECREATION COMMITTEE - Mrs. Reeves reported the Park and Recreation Committee did not meet this month.

PLANNING COMMITTEE - Mrs. Reeves reported the Planning Committee met and discussed the Bachman property.

TOWNSHIP SOLICITOR - Attorney Garner reported on the following activities for the month: the reinstatement of the Fire Company, collective bargaining with the police officers, issues regarding the hiring of the Police Chief and numerous water and sewer issues.

TOWNSHIP MANAGER - Mr. Cotter reported he along with Commissioner Noll met with the Fire Company and noted it was a very positive meeting.

CONFERENCE REPORT - Commissioner Noll provided a brief presentation on the Eastern Conference he attended in April and the annual Pennsylvania State Association for Township Commissioners conference which was held in June. Mr. Noll noted all of the sessions he attended related to on going issues within the Township. Mr. Noll provided literature from the conferences for anyone interested in the audience.

ORDINANCE #385 - An Ordinance of Upper Pottsgrove Township, Authorizing the Installation and Use of Sewage Holding Tanks under the Control and Regulation of the Township, Authorizing the Charging of Fees Relating to Holding Tanks, and Establishing Penalties for Violation of the Provision of this Ordinance. A motion by Taylor, seconded by Schaeffer, to adopt Ordinance #385. All aye votes.

When **ROBERT SLOSS, 2097 Needhammer Road**, questioned whether a bond will be required in the event of spillage; Attorney Garner responded "yes bonding and the appropriate insurances will be required."

ROBERT BEALER - 1406 Farmington Avenue - Requested a clarification with regards to installation standards in the proposed ordinance.

ACTION ON THE APPROVAL OF THE ROUSE CHAMBERLIN SUMMER GROVE FINAL LAND DEVELOPMENT PLAN - This matter was tabled until the September 14, 2005 meeting.

REQUEST FOR THE POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE TO PERMIT THE COMMENCEMENT OF SITE IMPROVEMENTS IN ADVANCE OF EXECUTION OF A DEVELOPERS AGREEMENT - Judge John Durkin, representing the Police Athletic League, was present to request permission to begin construction of the proposed football fields and soccer fields along Chestnut Grove Road. After a brief discussion, the Board agreed to authorize the Police Athletic League to begin site improvements pending resolution of a developers agreement.

INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION ON PROPOSED HARTZ AND HALLER DEVELOPMENT - Attorney Marc Jonas and Land Planner Kenneth Amey representing Hartz and Haller Custom Homes were present to provide a brief presentation regarding their concept plan for townhomes on a property located on Farmington Avenue adjacent to the Heritage Development.

2006 BUDGET PROCESS - Township Manager Michael Cotter provided a brief outline with regards to the 2006 budget process and noted at the September 14 meeting the Board will discuss the key budget goals.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

COMMISSIONER GALLISDORFER - Requested clarification that the Wolf Run Project include residents on Willow Street and Chestnut Grove Road.

BOARD PRESIDENT REEVES - Reported that the Board will extend an invitation to newly elected Commissioners Pete Dolan and Megan DeLena to attend future meetings in order for them to get involved with the 2006 budget process.

PAYMENT OF BILLS - Mrs. Reeves noted the Bill List dated August 22, 2005 was amended to reflect a payment to Fulton Bank for the Firehouse renovations and payment to Robert Schurr for professional services in conducting the oral examinations. A motion by Schaeffer, seconded by Taylor, to approve the Bill List dated August 22, 2005, as amended for General Fund in the amount of \$47,599.95; for Fire Fund in the amount of \$5,180.51; for Park and Recreation Fund in the amount of \$85.00; for Sewer Fund in the amount of \$1,887.26 and State Fund in the amount of \$16,450.99. Total Expenditures - \$71,203.71. All aye votes.

ROBERT SLOSS - 2097 Needhammer Road - Questioned an invoice from Reed Smith as noted on the Bill List.

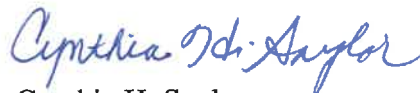
APPROVAL OF MINUTES - July 27, 2005 - A motion by Taylor, seconded by Schaeffer, to approve the minutes of the July 27, 2005, meeting as presented. Aye votes: Noll, Reeves, Schaeffer and Taylor. Abstain: Gallisdorfer. Commissioner Gallisdorfer explained that she was not in attendance at the July 27 meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - August 10, 2005 - A motion by Noll, seconded by Taylor, to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2005, meeting as presented. All aye votes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - At 8:12 P.M. Mrs. Reeves announced there would be an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. The meeting reconvened at 9:15 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT - There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:17 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Cynthia H. Saylor
Township Secretary