

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

November 6, 2006

A meeting of the Board of Commissioners was held on Monday, November 6, 2006, at the Upper Pottsgrove Administrative Offices, 1409 Farmington Avenue, with Commissioners DeLena, Dolan, Iatesta, Noll and Taylor present. Also present were Solicitor Charles D. Garner, Jr., Township Manager Jack P. Layne and Township Secretary Cynthia Saylor. There were 15 people present in the audience. Mr. Taylor called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Mr. Sloss and Mr. Duncan both stated they were recording the meeting.

MOMENT OF SILENT PRAYER - 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:

ROBERT SLOSS - 2097 Needhammer Road - Expressed concern regarding inaccurate information contained in the Township Newsletter with regards to open space. Mr. Sloss stated the Township borrowed \$350,000 for the purchase of open space which would include the 20% match needed to off set the funds from Montgomery County.

HENRY BEALER - 1382 Farmington Avenue - Questioned Commissioner Dolan regarding the "open space" picture.

GILBERT DUNCAN - 72 Hanover Drive - Expressed his concern with regards to the open space signs and stated they are deceiving since there is no mention of a proposed tax increase.

STEVEN AILES - Provided a clarification with regards to the open space article in the Township Newsletter and noted that future open space purchase require a 20% match in funds. Mr. Ailes further noted that a web site address was listed on the open space signs for anyone interested in obtaining additional information with regards to the open space referendum.

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE #401 - An Ordinance of the Upper Pottsgrove Township amending Section 330-10, Maximum Speed Limits on certain streets, of Article II, Traffic Regulations, of Chapter 330, Vehicles and Traffic, of the Code of Ordinance of Upper Pottsgrove, as amended, to modify in part the maximum speed limit on Chestnut Grove Road. After a brief discussion, a motion by Noll, seconded by DeLena, to adopt Ordinance #401. All aye votes.

ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE #402 - An Ordinance of Upper Pottsgrove Township authorizing the execution of a Cable Franchise Agreement between the Township and Verizon of Pennsylvania, Inc. A motion by Iatesta, seconded by DeLena, to approve and authorize the execution of a Cable Franchise Agreement for a 12 year period. All aye votes.

ROBERT SLOSS - 2097 Needhammer Road - Requested clarification with regards to the timeframe of the Cable Franchise Agreement.

SUMMER GROVE SUBDIVISION ESCROW RELEASE #4 - A motion by Dolan, seconded by Noll, to authorize Escrow Release #4 for the Summer Grove Subdivision in the amount of \$56,700.00. All aye votes.

CODDINGTON VIEW PHASE I ESCROW RELEASE #3 - A motion by Noll, seconded by Iatesta, to authorize Escrow Release #3 for Coddington View Phase I in the amount of \$72,668.75 as recommended by the Township Engineer. All aye votes.

ROBERT SLOSS - 2097 Needhammer Road - Expressed his concern with regards to a rumor about TH Properties and their financial status.

RIGHT OF WAY ORDINANCE - An Ordinance amending the Code of Ordinances to provide for the regulation of communication systems within the Township right-of-ways. A motion by Dolan, seconded by Noll, to authorize the Solicitor to advertise the proposed ordinance. All aye votes.

ROBERT SLOSS - 2097 Needhammer Road - Expressed his concern regarding the number of lines allowed on poles and a possible "weight issue."

REG LEISTER - 1693 Farmington Avenue - Requested a definition of "right of way."

PUBLIC COMMENT:

ROBERT SLOSS - 2097 Needhammer Road - Expressed his thanks and appreciation to Mr. Layne for improving the condition of the parking lot. When Mr. Sloss questioned whether the tax anticipation note has been paid; Mr. Layne stated "no, however it will be repaid by December 1st."

STEVEN AILES - Expressed his thanks and appreciation to the Commissioners for their efforts regarding the Summer Grove Subdivision.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

COMMISSIONER DOLAN - Complimented the Police Department regarding the bike rodeo that was recently held as well as all the "positive changes" that have been made within the Department.

COMMISSIONER NOLL - Reiterated Mr. Dolan's comments with regards to the Police Department.

COMMISSIONER IATESTA - Advised the members of the Board that he would be unavailable to attend the November 20th meeting.

COMMISSIONER DELENA - Noted her appreciation to the Police Department with regards to the recent bike rodeo. Mrs. DeLena questioned whether any residents had any "old" pictures of the Township.

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COMMISSIONER TAYLOR - Expressed his appreciation to the Police Department regarding the recent bike rodeo and noted it was a "very positive event."

BUDGET MEETING SCHEDULE - The Board agreed to meet on the following dates regarding the preparation of the 2007 budget: November 8th, November 13th, November 15th, November 27th and November 29th, 2006.

SPECIAL MEETING - It was agreed that the Board would hold a special meeting on November 27, 2006, for the purpose of awarding the plumbers contract

APPROVAL OF BILL LIST - A motion by Noll, seconded by DeLena, to approve the Bill List dated November 6, 2006, for General Fund in the amount of \$74,534.67; for Park & Recreation Fund in the amount of \$6,007.00; for Sewer Fund in the amount of \$93,446.47 and State Fund in the amount of \$2,675.00. Total Disbursements - \$176,663.14. All aye votes.

ROBERT SLOSS - 2097 Needhammer Road - Questioned reimbursement to the Police Chief for a conference he attended.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - May 22, 2006 - A motion by Dolan, seconded by Russ, to approve the minutes of the May 22, 2006, meeting as presented. All aye votes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - October 9, 2006 - A motion by Noll, seconded by Iatesta, to approve the minutes of the October 9, 2006, meeting as presented. All aye votes.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - October 16, 2006 - A motion by DeLena, seconded by Iatesta, to approve the minutes of the October 16, 2006, meeting as presented. All aye votes.

ADJOURNMENT - There being no further business, a motion by Noll, seconded by DeLena, to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 P.M. All aye votes.

Respectfully submitted,



Cynthia H. Saylor
Township Secretary