

UPLAND BOROUGH COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 9, 2010

The regular scheduled meeting of the Upland Borough Council was called to order at 7:03 pm by President Edward M. Mitchell. The meeting was held in the Upland Municipal Building.

Present were President Edward M. Mitchell and Vice President Christine Peterson. Present were Council members Mr. Leland Hunter, Mrs. Sandra Miazza, Mrs. Georgianna Hicks, Ms. Moira Crawford, Mayor Michael Ciach, Mr. Charles Catania, Sr., P.E., Mr. Robert O'Connor, Esq. and Mrs. Shirley Purcival, Borough Manager/Treasurer/Secretary was present. Mr. Dennis Walls was absent due to illness.

Mr. Ken Stark from the Daily Times and Reverend William Rocky Brown from the Law Enforcement Chaplains of Delaware County and approximately 5 residents were also present.

President Mitchell led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and a moment of silence followed by a roll call.

At this time, out of the normal order of business, President Mitchell directed everyone's attention to item 12:

12. Ordinances & Resolutions Report – Georgianna Cassidy-Hicks

A-1 Motion to approve Resolution No. 3 – Promotion of Daniel G. DiNardo to the Rank of Corporal

Mrs. Hicks made a motion to approve Resolution No. 3 authorizing the promotion of Officer Daniel G. DiNardo to the rank of Corporal to the Upland Borough Police Department. Ms. Crawford seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved the motion.

A-2 Motion to approve Resolution No. 4 – Hiring of Part-Time Officer Anthony P. DeLuise, Jr. to position of Full-Time

Mrs. Hicks made a motion to approve Resolution No. 4 approving the hiring of part-time Officer Anthony P. DeLuise, Jr. to full-time in the Upland Borough Police Department. Ms. Crawford seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved the motion.

At this time President Mitchell turned the meeting over to Mayor Ciach who introduced Chief John Easton for his comments before the swearing in.

Chief Easton explained the steps involved in the consideration of the promotion of Daniel DiNardo and Anthony DeLuise and how they were heavily scrutinized over the last couple of months regarding their appearance and their leadership qualities.

Chief Easton explained how being a graduate of the FBI Academy; he reached out to colleagues around the Country to assemble tests for both Officers. Both Officers took the Civil Service tests; they were interviewed by the Civil Service Board and were obviously victorious. Chief Easton wanted to congratulate both members of the Police Department. Corporal DiNardo and Officer both took the loyalty Oath of Office and were congratulated by everyone in attendance.

At this time President Mitchell returned to the normal order of business.

5. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

A-1 Bid Opening Minutes – February 9, 2010

A-2 Council Meeting Minutes – February 9, 2010

Mrs. Peterson made a motion to approve 5 A-1 and 5 A-2. Mrs. Miazza seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved the motion.

6. Treasurer/Manager Report – Shirley Purcival

Ms. Crawford made a motion to approve 6 A-1 through 6 A-4. Mrs. Miazza seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved the motion.

7. Auburn Village Report – Christine Peterson

Mrs. Peterson reported several homes are being worked on so new tenants can move in and the contracts for the roof are finished and we should be starting them within the next month.

8. Code Official Report – Leland Hunter

A-1 Fire Marshall's Report – Dave Favinger

A-2 Fire Chief's Report – Dan Smith

Mr. Hunter made a motion to accept 8 A-1 and 8 A-2 and Mrs. Hicks seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved the motion.

9. Public Safety Report – Leland Hunter

A-1 Motion to approve pay increase for Dan DiNardo to \$21.08 per hour effective 3/15/10

Mrs. Peterson made a motion to approve the pay increase for Corporal Daniel DiNardo to \$ 21.08 per hour effective 3/15/10. Mrs. Miazza seconded the motion Council unanimously approved the motion.

A-2 Motion to approve pay increase for Anthony DeLuise to \$18.60 per hour effective 3/15/10.

Mr. Hunter made a motion to approve the pay increase for Anthony DeLuise to \$ 18.60 per hour effective 3/15/10. Ms. Crawford seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved the motion.

At this time Mr. Hunter made a motion to purchase a new police vehicle which would be a 2010 Dodge Charger Police Sedan with equipment. The total cost of this vehicle is \$ 29,805.19.

President Mitchell asked if this was in the budget and if the vehicle was “fully dressed” and Ms. Crawford noted the amount budgeted was \$ 30,000.00 and the vehicle would be “fully dressed”.

Ms. Crawford seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved the motion.

10. Building & Grounds Report – Sandy Miazza

Mrs. Miazza reported the new flag pole has been erected and the heating upgrade for the Borough Offices has been completed.

The foyer has been painted and the vestibule will be painted shortly.

Mrs. Miazza stated the dug out in the ball park is in dire need of repair and notified the Borough Manager the beam across the top is rotted.

11. Finance & Insurance Report – Moira Crawford

A-1 Approval of General Fund Bills - \$ 163,084.02

Ms. Crawford made a motion to approve the February 2010 General Fund Bills in the amount of \$ 163,084.02. Mrs. Peterson seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved the motion.

A-2 Approval of Auburn Village Bills - \$ 10,914.06

Ms. Crawford made a motion to approve the February 2010 Auburn Village Bills in the amount of \$ 10,914.06. Mrs. Hicks seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved the motion.

13. Research & Development – Moira Crawford

Our web site has had the most hits in the month of February that we have ever had on our web site, 1,055 hits. Approximately 38 hits per day. At this time Ms. Crawford gave a brief synopsis of the visits to our web site.

Ms. Crawford also has reported she has added a link to the Megan's Law Website.

Ms. Crawford also reported she has added new sections to the web site, one being a Flood Plain Management section. Also, there has been a Manager's Corner section for Mrs. Purcival to report on areas of interest in the Borough.

Ms. Crawford also reported she is working on getting the photos downloaded for the Soup and Salad Dinner. There was nothing further to report at this time.

14. Streets & Equipment Report – Christine Peterson

Mrs. Peterson again wanted to commend our Highway Department on the exceptional job they did during our recent winter snow storms.

15. Community Affairs – Sandy Miazza

Mrs. Miazza reported on March 20th there is a movie night and the movie is Monsters vs. Aliens. Saturday, April 3rd is the annual Easter Egg Hunt and following that will be the Breakfast with the Easter Bunny.

Mrs. Miazza reported she was disappointed with the turn out for the Soup and Salad Dinner. Mrs. Miazza also expressed frustration that the parents don't come out and patronize us to help fund our free programs for the children of the Borough.

16. Use & Occupancy Report – Shirley Purcival

Mrs. Purcival reported that for the month of February, eight units received certificates and none failed their inspection. One unit received a temporary Use & Occupancy and \$ 725.00 was deposited into the General Fund for the inspections.

17 Mayor's Report – Michael Ciach

Mayor Ciach reported for the month of February the total citations issued were 42. The amount in fines \$ 5,153.50 half of which is the Borough's share. So far this year the citation count is 3,778. There were 14 parking tickets issued. There were 8 motor vehicle accidents. The amount received from the DJ court from the month before was \$ 1,872.24. There were 216 total calls answered and 19 assists.

Mayor Ciach also wanted to thank the Civil Service Board and Borough Council for providing us with a strong Police Department.

18. Solicitor's Report – Robert O'Connor

Mr. O'Connor reported on the contract he prepared for Ellis Construction and had nothing else to report.

19. Engineer's Report – Charles Catania

Mr. Catania reported the trusses for the Auburn Village Roofs will be shipped next week and Ellis Construction will begin working on Elm Lane on the 22nd of March.

Mr. Catania reported he has received only 1 quotation on the "U" drains we wanted to put in the park and when the other quotations are received he will report the figures.

There will be a site pre-construction meeting on the Pavilion addition with Mark Stein from Land Tech next Tuesday at 9:00 am.

Ms. Crawford asked Mr. Catania how long the project will take and Mr. Catania stated we gave them 60 days to complete the project and he will talk to them to see if they can move their schedule up to start sooner.

20. Old Business

There was nothing at this time.

21. New Business

A-1 Cancel Second Meeting of the Month

Mrs. Peterson made a motion to cancel the second meeting of the month and Mr. Hunter seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved the motion

A-2 Motion to hire Highway Department Personnel

A-3 Motion to set wages for new Highway Personnel

Mr. Hunter made a motion to hire Patrick White as Highway Department Personnel at a starting salary of \$ 14.00 per hour. Upon completing his probation he will receive an additional 75 cents an hour and after receiving his CDL he will receive an additional \$1.00 per hour. Mrs. Miazza seconded the motion. Council approved the motion with Ms. Crawford and Mrs. Peterson abstaining and Mrs. Hicks voting nay.

22. Floor Open to the Public

The Reverend Dr. William Rocky Brown took the floor, introduced himself and stated he is with the Law Enforcement Chaplains of Delaware County. Reverend Brown stated he has met with Chief John Easton regarding having a volunteer to assist the Police Department in death notifications and providing for the well being of our Police Officers in difficult situations. Reverend Brown also gave a brief summary of the services he is willing to provide free of charge and will provide Chief Easton with the information

Shannon Strigle of 412 Juniper Lane wanted to address Council about our web site. She would like to see a link to a web site which provides counseling and/or suicide prevention information to young people who are having problems. President Mitchell stated he would look into it..

President Mitchell reminded everyone we are still actively looking for someone in the third precinct for the Planning Board.

Mr. Ray Peden commended the Borough Manager and Council on the newsletter and stated he has received many compliments.

23. Adjournment

There being no further business, Mrs. Peterson made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Hunter seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Purcival,
Borough Manager

Linda Saylor,
Recording Secretary