

Minutes
Council Meeting
July 14, 2009

The regular scheduled meeting of the Upland Borough Council was called to order at 7:04 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. Also present were Council members Mr. Leland Hunter, Mrs. Georgiana 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 were present.

Mrs. Sandy Miazza and Mr. Dennis Walls were on vacation.

Approximately 8 residents were also present.

President Mitchell led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and asked for a roll call.

President Mitchell suspended the normal order of business and gave Mayor Michael Ciach the floor.

Mayor Ciach read aloud a Proclamation honoring Chief Easton and his service to the community. Detective Michael Curran made a presentation to Chief John Easton speaking of the favorable changes in the Borough and awarding him a plaque to show appreciation for all his hard work and positive results during this past year.

Mayor Ciach also read a Proclamation crediting Mrs. Peterson for all her hard work as the Police Secretary.

President Mitchell announced the following changes in the Agenda: number 10 is stricken, number 11 A-1 is changed to \$295,070.25, item 12 A-3, item 15 is stricken, under item 21, A-2 has been added.

5. Approval of Previous Minutes – A-1 through A-4

President Mitchell asked for a motion to approve 5 A-1 through A-4. Mrs. Peterson made a motion to accept 5 A-1 through A-4 and Ms. Crawford seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved the motion.

6. Treasurer/Manager's Report – Shirley Purcival – A1 through A7

Mrs. Georgiana Hicks made a motion to accept A1 through A7 and Ms. Moira Crawford seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved the motion.

7. Auburn Village Report – Christine Peterson

- A-1 Mrs. Peterson made a motion to accept the bids from Ellis Construction for the Auburn Village windows for a total of \$109,200.00 when funds become available. Ms. Crawford seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved the motion.

8. Code Official Report – Leland Hunter

Mr. Leland Hunter reported on a court hearing involving a property owner who was fined \$300.00 by the judge and given 30 days to clean up his property or he will be given a citation every day, after the 30 day period, until the property is cleaned up.

- A-1 Fire Marshall's Report – Dave Favinger

Mr. Leland Hunter reported the Fire Marshall conducted numerous rental inspections as well as 3 investigations and he attended several meetings.

Mr. Hunter made a motion to accept the Fire Marshall's Report and Christine Peterson seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved the motion.

- A-2 Fire Chief's Report – Dan Smith

One fire incident, 15 non-fire incidents, 21 mutual aid, total incidents 37, and two drills for a total activity of 39. There were 19 assist for fire, two cover assignments, one ambulance assist, 1 fuel spill, 1 gas leak, 1 wire call, 1 electric fixture in a house, 4 good intent and 1 outdoor. At 24.2 hours in service for the month, 16 daytime, 23 night time average for the runners were 7.

President Mitchell asked about membership and Chief Smith reported membership is strong.

11. Finance & Insurance Report – Moira Crawford

- A-1 Approval of General Fund Bills - \$295,070.45

Ms. Crawford made a motion to accept the General Fund bills for the month of June and Mrs. Peterson seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved the motion.

A-2 Approval of Auburn Village Bills - \$55,234.02

Ms. Crawford made a motion to accept the Auburn Village Bills for the month of June. Georgiana Hicks seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved the motion.

12. Ordinances & Resolutions Report – Georgianna Cassidy-Hicks

A-1 – Resolution No. 9

A-2 – Resolution No. 10

A-3 – Resolution No. 11

Mrs. Georgianna Hicks made a motion to accept Resolutions 9, 10 and 11. Ms. Moira Crawford seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved the motion.

13. Research & Development – Moira Crawford

Ms. Crawford reported that she has added a new slide show of the July 4th festivities to the Borough's website.

She has also added a date and time stamp on the website so that when you log in, the exact date and time you were on the website will be recorded.

Also, she has added some photos of the Police Department, but they are still waiting for Officers Mike Roberts and Dean Kemp so they can be added.

Ms. Crawford also reported that the Photobucket account has reported we had 33,632.00 files used for the month of June.

14. Streets & Equipment – Christine Peterson

Mrs. Peterson reported that the 6th Street parking lot is done as well as Arbor Lane, Front Street, Golden Lane and Upland Avenue from 6th to 4th and Main from Front to Race. Mrs. Peterson reported that Upland has very few streets left to pave and the entire project should be completed some time next year.

Mrs. Peterson made a motion to reject a bid on the H2O grant and return the bid bond to the bidder as we did not receive the grant at this time. Ms. Crawford seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved the motion.

16. Use & Occupancy Report – Shirley Purcival

Ms. Moira Crawford made a motion to accept the Use and Occupancy Report and Mrs. Christine Peterson seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved the motion.

17. Mayor's Report – Michael Ciach

Mayor Ciach gave the Police report for the month of June. There were 187 citations issued. Total amount in fines was \$ 17,766.00, half of which is the Borough's share \$ 8,883.00. To date the total citations written have been 2,765, 7 parking tickets were issued. There were 6 motor vehicle accidents, 2 reports copied and the amount from the DJ's court for last month was \$1,194.82 and there were 249 calls and 33 assists.

Mayor Ciach also reported that there will be a Town Watch meeting on Wednesday, August 26, 2009 at 6:00 pm.

18. Solicitor's Report – Robert O'Connor

Mr. O'Connor asked Council to direct their attention to the confidential section of his report and stated if there were no questions that would conclude his report.

Mr. O'Connor wanted Council to know what an excellent job Borough Manager, Shirley Purcival did in court this morning and he thanked her for her assistance.

President Mitchell asked if a Resolution was needed to forgive the taxes on the condemned parking garage at Crozer. Mrs. Purcival stated we need a motion to accept the Solicitor's recommendation on the Crozer settlement.

President Mitchell asked for a motion to exonerate the property tax on the condemned parking garage at Crozer. Mrs. Christine Peterson made a motion to accept the Solicitor's recommendation to exonerate the parking garage at Crozer and Mr. Leland Hunter seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved the motion at this time as another building may be going there which will produce the EIT tax.

19. Engineer's Report – Charles Catania, Sr.

Mr. Catania reported that the H2O grant application is not funded by the Commonwealth. However, during the second round of the stimulus funding, we are hoping to reapply.

20. Old Business

A-1 – Cancel the 2nd Council Meeting of the Month

Mrs. Peterson made a motion to cancel the 2nd Council Meeting of the Month. Mr. Leland Hunter seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved the motion.

21. New Business

A-1 – New Hire – Cynthia Romeo – part-time clerk

Christine Peterson made a motion to hire Cynthia Romeo as part time clerk and Mr. Leland Hunter seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved the motion.

A-2 – Dr. Kwoun – Brookhaven Veterinary Clinic

Mrs. Peterson reported there will be a rabies clinic for residents at McQueen Hall on Saturday July 25, 2009 from 3:00 – 5:00 pm for dogs and 5:00 – 7:00 pm for cats at a cost of \$10.00. Dr. Kwoun will be joined by 4 interns from the University of Pennsylvania Animal Hospital.

At this time President Mitchell made mention that under the direction of Janet Russello, Principal of the Main Street School, test scores have greatly improved. However, Ms. Russello, has been moved to Central Administration because her expertise was needed in that department. Mr. Mitchell wants to go on record as protesting this move because he feels Ms. Russello is needed at the Main Street School. President Mitchell asked for a motion to have our Solicitor send a letter of protest to the Secretary of Education for the State of Pennsylvania.

Mrs. Peterson made a motion to have the Solicitor draft a letter to the Secretary of Education, Dr. Dworczyk indicating our dissatisfaction with the change of administration at the Main Street School. Ms. Crawford seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved the motion.

22. Floor Open to the Public

Judge Kenneth Miller took the floor to commend the Council, Solicitor, Engineer and Mayor for the positive changes taking place in the community. Judge Miller commented on the Memorial Day festivities, and particular the flags on the poles throughout the community, as well as the July 4th celebration, and stated he has

never seen so many positive changes and such a feeling of community as with this administration.

Judge Miller then spoke of the excellent job Chief John Easton is doing and the professionalism he has brought to the Upland Police Department. Judge Miller also made note of the fine job the Upland Police Officers are doing to keep our Borough safe.

Chief John Easton reported that he, along with Detective Curran were solicited by the U.S. Marshall Service and were sworn in as U. S. Deputy Marshalls and assigned to Operation Falcon. Operation Falcon is a system where the U.S. Marshalls compile all the arrest warrants and fugitive warrants, then break them up in teams and send them out between Delaware County, Wilmington, Philadelphia and New Jersey. Our team netted 320 felony fugitives. Chief Easton hopes to fine tune our part in the operation as this was the first time the Borough of Upland experienced Operation Falcon. Chief Easton reported that this was an excellent opportunity and looks forward to participating next near.

23. Adjournment

Christine Peterson made a motion to adjourn and Moira Crawford seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shirley Purcival
Borough Manager/Secretary/Treasurer

Linda Saylor
Recording Secretary