UPLAND BOROUGH COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 10, 2013

The meeting of the Upland Borough Council was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by President Edward Mitchell. The meeting was held in the Upland Municipal Building.

Present were President Edward Mitchell and Vice President Christine Peterson. Council members present were Mr. Leland Hunter, Mr. Daniel Smith, Mr. Charles Catania, Sr., P.E., Mr. Robert O'Connor, Esq., Borough Solicitor, and Mrs. Shirley Purcival, Borough Manager/Treasurer/Secretary. President Edward Mitchell announced that Councilwoman Moira Crawford was excused due to illness and Harold R. Peden would be late due to a family emergency.

Mr. Ken Stark, Reporter, Ms. Leslie Krowchenko, Reporter from the Delaware County Times, and approximately ten residents/guests were also in attendance.

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

Mr. Mitchell turned the meeting over to Mayor Ciach.
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Out of Normal Order of Business - Mayor Ciach
Police Awards
- presented by Deputy Chief Nelson Ocasio

Mayor Ciach introduced Deputy Chief Nelson Ocasio. Deputy Chief Ocasio greeted Council and all attendees. He stated he wanted to recognize three of the police officers. Officer Meyer was recognized for his aggressive patrol and enforcement of traffic laws and was the recipient of the Traffic Award. Officer Maraini was recognized for his dedicated result of ridding the streets of Upland of one hundred and fifty-four bags of heroin, therefore he was the recipient of Narcotics Citation Award, and Officer Jay Rattman was recognized for his multiple arrests, which resulted in two handguns, dangerous drugs and also, money forfeited over to the Borough, and received the Unit Citation Award.

After much-deserved applause and kudos from Council and the audience, Mr. Ken Stark took photographs of the officers.

Mr. Mitchell stated that since we were out of the normal order of business, he wanted to call out to the public if they wished to address Council with comments and to please provide us with your name and address. Mr. George Oronzio, resident of Woodside Avenue, wanted to thank Mrs. Purcival and Mr. Kennedy for helping with his permit issue and they educated the

contractors that are installing his heater. He should have it in by Friday. It took a little longer than expected but he appreciated their effort.

Mr. Oronzio addressed Mr. Hunter, indicating he had problems with two neighbors that had allowed their growth to overgrow his property for the last six years. Mr. Hunter was kind enough to come up for a visit, take a first-hand view. And amazingly, over the weekend, Mr. Oronzio noticed one neighbor weed-whacking and the other neighbor was working with a chainsaw. Mr. Oronzio wanted to say thank you.

Ms. Jill Lardon, resident of Eighth Street, approached Council. She stated that her and her neighbors have had problems with skunks and rodents in their yards and in the area. She stated they were concerned with public safety. They wondered if there was anything the borough can do about it. Mr. Mitchell asked Mr. Hunter if this was something he was familiar with. Mr. Hunter said no. Ms. Lardon asked "If even though it may be a safety issue, is anything the borough can do? Is there anything the Borough can do, as far as setting traps or whatever?" Even if you protect your own property, it will just move the rodents to the next property. Mr. Mitchell stated rodent problems as well as others, such as ants, bees or anything else on your property, is the responsibility of the property owner. Ms. Lardon asked if this pertained to them carrying rabies. Mr. Mitchell stated that the traps are made to catch them. You have to remember we are surrounded by water; our water table is very shallow here; animals, especially if you have a neighbor that keeps trash out there and they get into it, it is a natural. After further discussion, Mr. Mitchell stated that he is sorry but this is the homeowner's responsibility.

Mr. and Mrs. John Weare, 11th Street residents, stated their concerns regarding the chaos of parking for the residents and the bus routes for the Upland Charter School. Mr. Mitchell wanted to update everyone on a contract made with Chester Community Charter School. "There will be an assigned uniformed police officer every morning and every afternoon. This should alleviate some of the problems with traffic. Chester Upland School District has a bus running from Toby Farms and that is where some of the traffic is coming from, up to your area. Chester Upland School District will not bus the children from Toby Farms to the new school; which thusly, making the parents drive their cars there." Regarding the Septa bus route coming down Main Street, Mr. Mitchell advised that there are two things we will try to work out. We want to make the school work with the transportation and the pick-up/delivery of the children. "We don't want to have the Engineer go back and widen Main Street. We don't want to go through with that at this point."

Mr. Mitchell continued "Currently, we have some progress and the contract. Let's see what that does." Mr. and Mrs. Weare replied that "when the officer showed up, it helped." Mr. Mitchell asked the residents to "please give us a couple of weeks to get this under control or we will need to go to Plan B and we don't want to do that."

Councilman Peden arrived and Mr. Mitchell asked how his wife was; as he was referring to an emergency with his wife at the hospital. Mr. Peden indicated that all is well.

A resident from Ninth Street approached Council regarding concerns regarding Septa's 117 buses. The bus travels up and down Main Street and it is slender. There is no extra room there for the bus and she does not know how Septa made the decision for this bus to travel a little street such as Main Street. She also stated that the bus is not traveling the 25 miles per hour as posted.

Mr. Mitchell asked what is Septa doing up here. Mrs. Peterson stated that there is a stop in front of the school. The resident stated that Septa is up and down the street every 15 minutes, every single day for the last two weeks. Mr. Mitchell asked if this was something new. Mrs. Miazza stated that she is glad as they passed her house every day for seventeen years. The resident stated that the parents are taking Septa, dropping off the kids and getting back on Septa to go home. But her concern is, the 117 Bus is traveling on a very little street. It has to go over the double line to even give it a little bit of room on the sidewalk. People fly up and down that road anyway and there is no buffer zone and a huge Septa bus now traveling. She doesn't understand how Septa decided it was okay to just start to come through a community that they were never coming through before. The resident asked did they have to get our okay or can they just make their own decision? She stated she does not know how it works. Mr. Mitchell replied "Our transportation department... (Mr. Mitchell was interrupted by the resident with an inaudible remark) "...that bus is too big. However we do not say too much to them."

Mr. Peden stated that Septa can run on State roads. His understanding was because we closed the bottom end of Sixth Street from time to time due to flooding, they opted, and it causes them a lot of trouble as they end up having to run all around to get where they are going, What Mr. Peden understood was they were just making a change to the 117 bus only so that they would not need to go down to that end of town. The resident wondered if they needed to ask Upland Borough for permission to do the change in route. Mr. Peden stated "No, they do not have to come to us to ask permission." Mrs. Miazza empathized with the resident. The resident stated that she wanted to give kudos to our Police Officers that have been out in front of the school that have done a fantastic job; there is a difference between forty-five minutes of chaos down to twenty-five minutes of control.

Mr. Mitchell returned to normal order of business at 7:21 p.m.

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5. Public Comments on Agenda Items Only

Mr. Mitchell asked if anyone wanted to address Council regarding agenda items only. There was no audience participation.

6. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

A-1 Council Meeting Minutes - August 27, 2013

Mrs. Peterson made a motion to accept the Council Meeting Minutes of August 27, 2013 as presented and Mrs. Miazza seconded the motion. Council unanimously voted Aye on the motion.

7. Treasurer's Report

A-1 Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Peterson made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented and Mrs. Miazza seconded the motion. Council unanimously voted Aye on the motion.

A-2 Income Statement

Mrs. Peterson made a motion to accept the Income Statement as presented and Mrs. Miazza seconded the motion. Council unanimously voted Aye on the motion.

8. Auburn Village Report - Christine Peterson

Mrs. Peterson reported that we have had a couple of houses open up and they are already filled. We are at full capacity again.

9. Public Safety Report - Harold R. Peden

A -1 Fire Marshall's Report

Mr. Peden read the Fire Marshall's August 2013 Report into record.

Mr. O'Connor wanted to know how Mrs. Peden is doing; we hope she is doing better. Mr. Peden stated she is doing fine; she went to the Emergency Room and got all her treatments and shots; so she is fine. Now all we have to do is worry about keeping the cat for the next ten days and find out whether or not she has rabies.

A-2 Fire Chief's Report

Mr. Peden requested that Dan Smith present the Fire Chief's Report. Mr. Smith presented the report for the month of August 2013. There were 0 fire incidents, 15 non-fire incidents, 12 mutual aids; for total incidents of 27 and 3 drills for a total activity of 30. There were 10 assists for fire, 2 cover assignments, 3 ambulances assists, 1 wire's called, 1 appliance in a residence, 7 fire alarms, 2 good intent, and 1 assists to citizen. We had 31 hours in service for the month; 16 daytime and 14 night time with average

runners of 8. Mr. Peden thanked Dan, as it was appreciated, and stated that was all he had. Mr. Mitchell thanked him.

10. Code Official Report - Leland Hunter

A-1 Code Officer's Report

Mr. Hunter read his August 2013 report into record. He also reported that since the report was printed, he had three liens hanging and he has one court case coming up.

11. Building & Grounds Report - Sandra Miazza

Mrs. Miazza

12. Finance & Insurance Report - Mr. Dan Smith for Moira Crawford

A-1 Approval of General Fund Bills

Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the General Fund bills for approval for the month of August 2013 in the amount of $ 193,898.59. Mrs. Miazza seconded the motion. Mrs. Peterson abstained from check numbers 30028, 30029, 30030, and 30056 and Aye on the rest. Mr. Mitchell stated Aye on everything except check number 30054. All other Council voted Aye on the motion.

A-2 Approval of Auburn Village Bills

Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the Auburn Village bills for the month of August 2013 in the amount of $ 17,751.57. Mrs. Miazza seconded the motion. Mr. Mitchell stated Aye on everything except check number 5774. All other Council voted Aye on the motion.

13. Ordinances and Resolutions Report - Harold R. Peden

A-1 Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 19 of 2013
- Authorize the Treasurer to Transfer Monies for Reese Center's Garage Bathroom Plumbing and Mechanical Needs

Mr. Peden made a motion that Resolution No. 19 of 2013 be passed and adopted as presented. Mrs. Peterson seconded the motion. Council unanimously voted Aye on the motion.

14. Research & Development - Christine Peterson for Moira Crawford

Mrs. Peterson read Ms. Crawford report for the month of August 2013. As of August 2013, the website had 2843 page views and 1182 visitors, approximately 38 visitors per day. The Photo Bucket Account now has 100 albums in it. She offered special thanks to Ken Stark and George Patterson, as always, for taking our pictures for the Labor Day Fireworks.

15. Street & Equipment - Christine Peterson

Mrs. Peterson reported that hopefully soon, we will be finishing up grass. We have been working on street signs. We are going through and finding some old ones and replacing some. Officer Dougherty and our highway foreman are working together, to perhaps, get some red reflective tape on some of the stop signs in the major areas; to hopefully bring it to people's attention. Everyone is saying some are speeding here and running stop signs there, it's the entire Borough, so we are working on it. We will keep tweaking it until it gets better. Also, we are getting ready for the fall season and our leaves. Mrs. Peterson stated that was all she had today. Mr. Mitchell thanked Mrs. Peterson.

16. Community Affairs - Sandra Miazza

Mrs. Miazza reported that we just had the Fireworks last week, which she thought, were great. On September 28, 2013 we have our Spaghetti Dinner which is a fundraiser. October 12, 2013 is the parade and housing for the new fire truck. October 26, 2013 is the kids Halloween party; upstairs and that is free. November 16, 2013 is the Holiday Dinner for all the seniors in Upland, and that is free. November 29, 2013 is the Tree Lightening and Santa Visit for the kids, which that is all free.

17. Use & Occupancy Report - Shirley Purcival

Mrs. Purcival read into the record the Use and Occupancy Report for the month of August 2013.

18. Mayor's Report - Mayor Ciach

Mayor Ciach reported for the month of August 2013. A total of 93 citations were issued; for a total amount of $ 14,958.00; with amount received from the District Justice Court of $ 3,457.99; bringing the year-to-date citations to 969. There were 16 parking tickets

issued, 8 motor vehicle accidents with 4 reports copied, and the total of 229 calls and 12 assists.

Mayor Ciach stated that the only thing he wanted to announce was he will be meeting with both principals of Main Street School and the Chester Community Charter School as a community outreach. Mr. Mitchell stated very good and asked if this was in conjunction with the DARE program. Mayor Ciach stated No, this was not. He has Officer Rattman pursuing that. Mr. Mitchell stated that was very good.

19. Solicitor's Report - Robert O'Connor

Mr. O'Connor read into record his August 2013 report.

Mr. O'Connor wanted to state that he and his family had a great time at the fireworks; he mentioned that the residents of Upland are fortunate to have Borough Council do this for them.

20. Engineer's Report - Charles Catania, Sr., P.E.

Mr. Catania reported on the fire house improvements. He stated that we scheduled a pre-construction meeting for September 30, 2013 at 9 a.m. with the contractors to schedule the work; hopefully to begin on or about October 15, 2013.

Mr. Catania also mentioned that the other contracts we have with Ellis Construction, who suffered a loss in their family, they will have their crews back into Auburn Village on Monday of next week to resume the work they were doing.

21. Old Business

Mr. Mitchell asked Mr. Smith to give a report on what he knows about the ambulance. Mr. Smith stated that he is also the Fire Chief, in the Borough of Upland. He reported that he knows there has been some concern for residents on the safety of the ambulance being shut-down from Crozer Hospital in the City of Chester. He stated that they are dropping down to one ambulance. There is no interruption, at all, in the Borough of Upland for our ambulance service. The way we have it set up here in the Borough is that we pull a medic from Parkside, not Crozer hospital first. If they are tied up somewhere, we do pull one from the hospital even if we are pulling that one that is still available, we will bring in a secondary in from a local community. So, for the residents to understand more we will have no interruption from what we had here; it will still continue here. It is the City of Chester that will be affected by the change in ambulance service.

Mr. Mitchell asked if there were any questions of Dan on this topic. No one approached Council.

22. New Business

A-1 Discussion on the Clayton Towing Contract

Mrs. Peterson made a motion to pass the Towing Contract for Clayton Towing subsequent to the Solicitor speaking with Mr. Florio about the gross vehicle weight over 75, 000 pounds. Mrs. Miazza seconded the motion.

Mr. Mitchell asked if anyone had a question. Mr. Peden asked if he was referring to the contract model on hand. Mr. Mitchell affirmed it was. Mr. O'Connor provided an update for Mr. Peden stating that any most recent changes were highlighted and he thanked Shirley for printing it out for everyone.

Mr. Mitchell continued with the motion. Council unanimously voted Aye on the motion.

A-2 Permission for the Fire Company to Use the Reese Center

Mr. Smith made a motion to allow the fire company to use the Reese Center's parking lots and the driving loop area, along with the bathroom facilities for the judges and members only that are working the registration table for the County Convention Parade on October 12, 2013. Mr. Peden seconded the motion. Council unanimously voted Aye on the motion.

23. Floor Open to Public

Mr. Mike Hudson, 11th street resident approached Council. He explained "The thing that is driving us nuts in that area, not so much the buses, it is more of the people picking up the kids. There is really nowhere to go on 11th Street." The other thing he wanted to discuss was that it seems that everybody on Patton Avenue and 11th Street, everyone that drives that route, they fly down the street. Mr. Hudson has two kids, so he wondered if they could put a patrol car in that area.

Mr. Mitchell intervened and stated that "we are pretty aggressive; it looks like we are having fun up there; but we are as serious as cancer. He has a car-Nazi back here in a t-shirt, referring to Officer Dougherty, he loves hearing this stuff. But don't wait until a Council meeting to have a complaint. 9-1-1 will get him there quicker than anybody." Mrs. Peterson stated that she will talk to Officer Ocasio and he can set it up with times, to be up there.

Deputy Chief Ocasio stated that Patton Avenue is technically Brookhaven Borough's jurisdiction; and we pick up right past that. He offered to place a call to Brookhaven to inform them of the problem and we can work together to enforce the stop sign issue.

A resident in the audience approached Council regarding the house next to the school, located on Main Street appears to be broken into. Mr. Mitchell asked Mr. Hunter if there was a lien on that house. Mr. Hunter confirmed there was.

Mrs. Peterson made a motion to cancel the second meeting of the month. All Council was in favor by saying Aye.

24. Adjournment

Mrs. Peterson made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Mitchell stated "so moved." Mrs. Miazza seconded the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Purcival
Borough Manager/Treasurer/Secretary

Shannon Strigle
Recording Secretary