

UPLAND BOROUGH COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
March 10, 2015

The meeting of the Upland Borough Council was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Vice-President Christine Peterson. The meeting was held in the Upland Municipal Building.

Vice President Christine Peterson was present and President Edward Mitchell was excused. Council members present were Ms. Moira Crawford, Mr. Harold Peden, Mrs. Sandra Miazza, Mr. Leland Hunter, Mayor Michael Ciach, Mr. Charles Catania, Sr., P.E., Mr. Robert O'Connor, Esq., and Shirley Purcival, Borough Manager/Secretary/Treasurer.

Mr. Ken Stark, Reporter, Chief Nelson Ocasio of the Upland Borough Police Department, and approximately eight (8) residents/guests were also in attendance.

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

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Out of the Normal Order of Business at 7:05 p.m.

Mr. Peden asked if he could make a motion to go out of the normal order of business.

*Minutes of Vacancy Board Meeting - March 4, 2015*

Mr. Peden stated "At this time, I'd like to offer the minutes of the vacancy board meeting of March 4, 2015 and asked that they be approved as presented." Ms. Crawford seconded the motion. Verbally, all Council were in favor of the motion. No one opposed the motion.

*Resolution No. 6 of 2015 - Appointment of Council, William Dennon*

Mr. Peden read the Resolution No. 6 of 2015, Appointment of Councilmember, William Dennon, into record. Mr. Peden made a motion to accept Resolution No. 6 of 2015 to be passed and adopted as presented. Ms. Crawford seconded the motion. All Council voted Aye on the motion.

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*Swearing In of a New Council Member*

Mr. Peden requested Mayor Ciach to perform the swearing in process of Mr. Dennon into the position of council member.

After swearing in, Mr. Dennon was offered a round of applause and congratulatory remarks by Council and the audience. Mr. Dennon took his seat at Council.

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*Recognition Award*

Mayor Ciach stated that Chief Ocasio wanted to acknowledge someone in the audience. Chief Ocasio stated that someone in the audience did not know that they would be recognized this evening. Chief Ocasio requested Reverend Brenda Shaw to approach Council. Chief wanted to acknowledge Pastor Shaw and her church body has been providing the Police Department with snacks.

Chief Ocasio presented Pastor Shaw with a certificate of appreciation and the Upland Borough Police Badge. Everyone in attendance offered a round of applause.

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Normal order of business resumed at 7:08 p.m.

5. Public Comments on Agenda Items Only

No one responded.

6. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

A-1 Council Meeting Minutes - February 10, 2015

Ms. Crawford made a motion to accept the Council Meeting Minutes of February 10, 2015. Mrs. Miazza seconded the motion. All Council voted Aye on the motion.

7. Treasurer's Report

A-1 Treasurer's Report

Ms. Crawford made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented and Mr. Peden seconded the motion. All Council voted Aye on the motion.

A-2 Income Statements

Ms. Crawford made a motion to accept the Income Statements as presented and Mrs. Miazza seconded the motion. All Council voted Aye on the motion.

8. Auburn Village Report/ Streets & Equipment - Christine Peterson

Mrs. Peterson stated that her reports will be done at the same time (number 8 and number 15). Mrs. Peterson stated "We received several letters and several compliments on how well the Highway Department did in this last snowstorm; for the most part, the whole winter, with keeping up with the freezing. So, congratulations to the Highway Department."

9. Public Safety Report - Harold R. Peden

A -1 Fire Marshal's Report

Mr. Peden read the Fire Marshal's Report of February 2015 into record.

A-2 Fire Company's Report

Mr. Peden asked if we had the Fire Company report. There was no report provided at this time. Mrs. Peterson asked "So, we have not gotten January, February or March?" Mrs. Purcival stated "Council has January report in their packet. They were supposed to bring up the February's sometime today, obviously they are not here." Mrs. Peterson asked "So, you'll take care of getting that?" Mrs. Purcival replied "They have been reminded as late as 4:15 today." Mrs. Peterson asked "Will you give them a call tomorrow and check on that please?" Mrs. Purcival indicated yes.

Mrs. Peterson asked “Mr. Peden, do you have anything else?” Mr. Peden replied “That’s all I have. Thank you.”

10. Code Officer’s Report - Leland Hunter

Mr. Hunter read his February 2015 report into record. Mr. Hunter stated “The major problem I have now is sidewalks being cleaned after snow and ice storms. I have notified several landlords and several residents that it had to be done. The ordinance says if they are a renter, I have to go after the landlord. Most of the landlords are very cooperative, but there are a couple that are still a little shaky. So what I will have to do is cite them. I will start citing them tomorrow morning.”

Mrs. Peterson asked “So, you want to put out a reminder in the minutes that the ordinance states twenty-four (24) hours?” Mr. Hunter indicated yes. Mr. Hunter stated “I would like a reminder in the minutes that landlords are responsible for all rental properties and the homeowners are responsible for their own properties.” Mrs. Peterson thanked Mr. Hunter for his report.

11. Building & Grounds Report - Sandra Miazza

Mrs. Miazza noted progress.

12. Finance & Insurance Report - Moira Crawford

A-1 Approval of General Fund Bills

Ms. Crawford made a motion to approve the General Fund Bills for the month of February 2015 in the amount of \$ 144,373.75. Mrs. Miazza seconded the motion. All Council members present voted Aye on the motion.

A-2 Approval of Auburn Village Bills

Ms. Crawford made a motion to approve the Auburn Village Bills for the month of February 2015 in the amount of \$ 31,168.08. Mr. Peden seconded the motion. All Council present voted Aye on the motion.

A-3 Motion to Exonerate Tax Collector

A. Real Estate \$ 9,224.78

Ms. Crawford made a motion to exonerate the Tax Collector for the Real Estate Tax in the amount of \$ 9,224.78. Mrs. Miazza seconded the motion. All Council voted Aye on the motion.

B. Trash Tax \$ 9,801.00

Ms. Crawford made a motion to exonerate the Tax Collector for the Trash Tax in the amount of \$ 9,801.00. Mrs. Miazza seconded the motion. All Council voted Aye on the motion.

C. Motion to Allow Borough Manager to Forward Delinquent Trash Taxes to Delinquent Tax Collecting Agency

Ms. Crawford made a motion to Allow Borough Manager to Forward Delinquent Trash Tax to Delinquent Tax Collection Agency. Mrs. Miazza seconded the motion. All Council voted Aye on the motion.

13. Ordinances and Resolutions Report - Harold Peden

A-1 Motion to Pass and Adopt Resolution No. 5 of 2015

- *Application to the County of Delaware for Allocation of County Liquid Fuels Tax Funds*

Mr. Peden read Resolution No. 5 of 2015; Application to the County of Delaware for Allocation of County Liquid Fuel Tax Funds into record. Mr. Peden made a motion that Resolution No. 5 of 2015 be passed and adopted as presented. Ms. Crawford seconded the motion. All Council voted Aye on the motion.

14. Research & Development - Moira Crawford

Ms. Crawford reported that for the month of February 2015, we had 3,918 page views on the website. There were 2,247 visitors with approximately 80 visitors per day in the month of February. Ms. Crawford continued "We are still in the middle of doing the website redesign. We did get the layout of the website completed. Now it will take another few weeks for them to be able to transfer the current information into the new website. So, I am hoping it will be up and running by April's meeting. We also had asked Mr. Stark to take some photos for us so we can add it to the slideshow on the homepage on the new website. That is it Madame President." Mrs. Peterson replied "Thank you Ms. Crawford. We have actually been given several compliments on how well the website looks, so really good job." Ms. Crawford replied "Thank you."

15. Streets & Equipment / Auburn Village Report - Christine Peterson

Reported with Auburn Village information.

16. Community Affairs - Sandra Miazza

Mrs. Miazza reported last Saturday, February 28, 2015, we had the Soup and Salad Dinner. We made \$200.00 profit which is good as the price has never been raised. Monday, March 16, 2015 at 12:00 p.m., we will have Saint Patrick's luncheon upstairs for all the seniors, it's free. Saturday, March 21, 2015 are will have an Oldies Dance. It begins at 7:00 p.m. April 4, 2015, is the Easter Egg Hunt at 9:00 a.m. followed by the Breakfast with the Easter Bunny. May 4, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. is a breakfast for the seniors. May 25, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. is the Memorial Day Parade. The Picnic in the Ball Park is afterwards. Mrs. Miazza stated with confirmation from Chief Ocasio, the photos for the children will take place on March 28, 2015 at 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Mrs. Miazza asked Mr. Stark to place this information into the newsletter as they must have the identification photos for the events. Mr. Stark stated the April 2015 edition will come out on March 27, 2015. We will actually have one more day to get their attention. Ms. Crawford mentioned that the information for the children's IDs is on the website.

Mrs. Peterson stated "Mrs. Miazza you always do a good job. And you will be happy to know your third person is back." Ms. Crawford asked "Who is the third person?" Mrs. Peterson replied "Your third person will be Mr. Dennon. He will be working with you."

17. Use & Occupancy Report - Shirley Purcival

Mrs. Purcival read into record the Use and Occupancy Report for the month of February 2015.

18. Mayor's Report - Michael Ciach

Mayor Ciach read the February 2015 report into record. There were 51 citations issued: 40 traffic and 11 non-traffic, the amount received from the DJ court is \$5,471.82; our current year-to-date citations are at 128. We had 55 parking tickets issues, 35 were sent to the DJ, 4 motor vehicle accidents and 0 reports copied. The amount of tickets, reports paid, and restitution is \$ 426.47; tows for this month were \$ 240.00. We had a total of 283 calls answered with 45 assists. The year-to-date calls to 612.

Mayor Ciach had initially noted the amount received from the DJ was not available, but he was reminded from Mrs. Peterson that the Mayor's report was revised to reflect the correct total received from the DJ court.

Mayor Ciach stated that Mr. Dennis Martinelli was in the audience. He had requested to respectfully sponsor the George Carter Boys and Girls Club Basketball Team/League at a cost of \$150.00. Mayor Ciach requested Council to honor this request. Mrs. Peterson asked how many Upland children are involved. Mr. Martinelli responded there are ten (10) children with eight (8) from Upland.

Mr. Peden made a motion that Council grant Mr. Martinelli the sponsorship for the league and provide him with the \$150.00 one-time fee to cover it. Ms. Crawford seconded the motion. All Council voted Aye on the motion.

19. Solicitor's Report - Robert O'Connor

Mr. O'Connor read his report for January 2015 into record.

20. Engineer's Report - Charles Catania

Mr. Catania stated he had one item in regards to the Application to the County for Liquid Fuel. This was already passed in the Resolution.

Mr. Catania continued that we will need authorization to advertise for bids for the 2015 Street Improvement Program. Bids to be opened on Tuesday, March 31, 2015 at 10:000 a.m.

Mr. Peden made a motion to authorize the advertisement for bid date for the 2015 Street Improvement Program. Ms. Crawford seconded the motion. All Council voted Aye on the motion.

21. Old Business

There was no Old Business addressed. Mrs. Peterson asked "Bill, do you have any questions so far?" Mr. Dennon replied "I'm picking up on it."

22. New Business

A-1 Request to Utilize Reese Center - Greater Overbrook String Band

Item tabled until next meeting of March 24, 2015.

A-2 Ratify a Motion to Terminate Employee

Mr. Peden made a motion to ratify the termination of the Borough employee. Ms. Crawford seconded the motion. All Council voted Aye on the motion.

A-3 Request for Contribution from Chester Panthers Football Association

Mrs. Peterson stated this request is denied. Council verbally voted Aye on the motion, no one opposed.

A-4 Request Approval for Tag Days from Upland Fire Company

Council verbally voted Aye on the motion, no one opposed.

A-5 Running Water Issue at Castle and Church Streets

Mr. Peden made a motion to authorize Catania Engineering to investigate the source of the flowing water emanating from the Ballpark onto Church Street. Ms. Crawford seconded the motion. All Council voted Aye on the motion.

23. Floor Open to Public

Dennis Martinelli approached Council. He wanted to thank Council for sponsoring the team. He stated he really appreciates it. Mr. Martinelli stated "I actually have two teams, and Chief's family sponsored my other team. And Chief, out of his own pocket, sponsored my grandson, for a membership for the entire year. So I really appreciate that." There was a round of applause from Council and from the audience.

Mr. Martinelli stated he went to a meeting in Chester and to a meeting in Chester Township. He stated he wanted to thank Council for denying Chester Panthers. The reason that people are asking Upland for the monetary donation is that he found out in the proper meetings that Upland is the only one that gives it. So, these communities are coming to get our children to join their activities, just to try to get money from Upland Borough. Mr. Martinelli stated that until they get the PAL opened, he is trying to get the kids to stay with his groups, so they would be able to fill the place in less than a day.

Mr. Oronzio, Woodside Avenue resident, approached Council. He wanted to reiterate what Mrs. Peterson said about the Streets Department. They have done an outstanding job and also he wanted to congratulate the new Council member.

Mrs. Godfrey, Tenth Street resident, approached Council. She stated the guys are doing an excellent job with the snow. She stated that every so often, they hit that manhole in the street, and that makes a loud noise. "When they were doing it this time, they knocked my curb out." Mrs. Peterson asked "They knocked your curb out?" Mrs. Godfrey stated she had a picture of it. She approached Council to show all

a picture on her cell phone. Mrs. Peterson asked “How close is the manhole cover to her curb? Did they hit your curb? Is that what you are saying?” Mrs. Godfrey reply was inaudible.

Mrs. Peterson requested that Mrs. Purcival look at the picture. Mrs. Purcival stated “Madame President, our crew when they are cleaning up snow, do not go curb-to-curb. It’s impossible with the size of the plows that we use, to go curb-to-curb. The only way we would go curb-to-curb, is on your major streets when we are cleaning up after a storm, not during the storm.

Mrs. Peterson asked Mrs. Godfrey when this occurred. Mrs. Godfrey replied “Before the snow it was fine.” Mrs. Peterson asked “Mrs. Purcival, could we maybe have a Highway guy go over and check it out?” Mrs. Purcival replied “Most definitely.” Mrs. Peterson replied to Mrs. Godfrey “And then you can communicate with Mrs. Purcival after that. Okay?” Mrs. Godfrey confirmed it was okay.

#### 24. Adjournment

Ms. Crawford made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Miazza seconded the motion. Council verbally voted Aye on the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Purcival  
Borough Manager/Secretary/Treasurer

Shannon Strigle  
Recording Secretary