

UPLAND BOROUGH COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
June 9, 2015

The meeting of the Upland Borough Council was called to order at 7:00 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 Ms. Moira Crawford, Mr. Harold Peden, Mr. Leland Hunter, Mr. William Dennon, Mayor Michael Ciach, Mr. Charles Catania, Sr., P.E., Mr. Robert O'Connor, Esq., and Gregory Grillone, Borough Manager/Secretary/Treasurer. Mrs. Sandra Miazza was excused.

Chief Nelson Ocasio of the Upland Borough Police Department, Mr. Ken Stark, Reporter, and approximately ten (10) 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.

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Out of the Normal Order of Business at 7:02 p.m.

Swearing in of Part-Time Police Officer – Mark MacKrell

Mayor Michael Ciach performed the swearing in of part time officer Mark MacKrell to the Upland Borough Police Department. After a round of applause and congratulatory remarks, an opportunity for photographs was provided.

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Normal order of business resumed at 7:06 p.m.

5. Public Comments on Agenda Items Only

No one responded.

6. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

A-1 Council Meeting Minutes – May 26, 2015

Ms. Crawford made a motion to accept the Council Meeting Minutes of May 26, 2015. Mrs. Peterson 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 Mrs. Peterson seconded the motion. All Council voted Aye on the motion.

## A-2 Income Statements

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

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

Mrs. Peterson reported right now we are working to try to get the empty homes completed as quickly as possible; we do have several at this time; although they have been filled. The quicker they get done, the quicker they get filled. Mr. Mitchell asked if help was needed. Mrs. Peterson stated she thinks we have the appropriate help that we need. Mr. Mitchell stated "Very good."

### 9. Public Safety Report - Harold R. Peden

#### A -1 Fire Marshal's Report

Mr. Peden read the Fire Marshal's Report of May 2015 into record. There was an addendum to the report, an update on a concern at Crozer Chester Medical Center, for which Mr. Peden also read into record. Mr. Mitchell asked Mr. Peden if Crozer was to be meeting with Upland. Mr. Peden responded that to his understanding, they want to have a meeting between Crozer, the Fire Chief, the Fire Marshall and we believe the Police Chief. It has not been set up as of today but it is supposed to be set up soon.

Mr. Mitchell asked if any of our representatives; the Building Inspector, the Engineer, anybody from our side going. Mr. Peden stated that he does not know as the paper did not indicate such. Mr. Mitchell stated that he would have a better comfort level if we had someone representing us at that time. Mr. Mitchell asked if Mr. Grillone can arrange for the Building Inspector and our Engineer to be present or at least have a representative. Mr. Grillone stated that he would be glad to attend with Mr. Ferguson, the Building Inspector.

#### A-2 Fire Company's Report

Mr. Peden mentioned the Fire Report was unavailable at this time but should be available tomorrow.

### 10. Code Officer's Report - Leland Hunter

Mr. Hunter read his May 2015 report into record.

### 11. Building & Grounds Report - Sandra Miazza

Reported progress.

### 12. Finance & Insurance Report - Moira Crawford

A-1 Approval of General Fund Bills- \$ **182,297.79**

Ms. Crawford made a motion to approve the General Fund Bills for the month of May 2015 in the amount of \$ 182,297.79. Mr. Peden seconded the motion. Mr. Mitchell abstained from check number 32888 and Yes on the rest. All other Council voted Aye on the motion.

A-2 Approval of Auburn Village Bills - \$ **9,286.59**

Ms. Crawford made a motion to approve the Auburn Village Bills for the month of May 2015 in the amount of \$ 9,286.59. Mr. Peden seconded the motion. All Council voted Aye on the motion.

13. Ordinances and Resolutions Report - Harold Peden

A-1 Motion to Advertise - Ordinance No. 3 of 2015

- Rescinding Chapter 90 "Floodplain Management" and Creating a New Chapter 90 "Floodplain Management – FEMA/NFIP"

Mr. Peden read the first page of Ordinance No. 3 of 2015 record. Mr. Peden made a motion that Ordinance No. 3 of 2015, being read by title, be approved for advertising with the intent for adoption at the July meeting. Ms. Crawford seconded the motion. All Council voted Aye on the motion.

14. Research & Development - Moira Crawford

Ms. Crawford reported, for May 2015, the website had 6,000 page views, with an average of 194 views per day. Total number of visitors were 2,888; with an average of 93 visitors per day. We also added some photo from the Carnival, the Memorial Day Parade, Ceremony and Picnic. The photos were added by Kenn Stark, George Patterson and Richard McClintock.

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

Mrs. Peterson reported the Highway Department is still working on and hopefully moving towards finishing, this year, the inlets. We are getting a lot of the inlets done. Mr. Mitchell stated he wanted to encourage the residents if there is a problem with an inlet, to please inform the Borough Manager or stop a police car and let them know; make us aware of it so we can get right on it..

16. Community Affairs - Sandra Miazza

Reported progress.

17. Use & Occupancy Report – Gregory Grillone

Mr. Grillone read into record the Use and Occupancy Report for the month of May 2015. There were no questions for the Borough Manager.

18. Mayor's Report - Michael Ciach

Mayor Ciach read the May 2015 report into record. Mayor Ciach turned the meeting over to Police Chief Ocasio.

Chief Ocasio announced he received an "Atta-boy letter" regarding one of their officers, Officer Deluise. Officer Deluise assisted a volunteer from Crozer Keystone hospital when they locked their keys in their vehicle. Officer Deluise was determined and he finally got the keys out of the car.

Chief Ocasio created their Upland Police Department Facebook page. And this Friday is the Chester High School graduation and Upland will be working along with Chester City and Chester Township.

Mr. Mitchell mentioned Facebook; there was a picture of Police Chief Ocasio and Officer Massi assisting a young resident with a flat tire on bike.

19. Solicitor's Report - Robert O'Connor

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

20. Engineer's Report - Charles Catania

Mr. Catania reported that the 2015 Streets Resurfacing Project will begin on Monday, June 15, 2015. A.F. Damon is the contractor and it should take 3-4 days to complete the job.

21. Old Business

There was no old business.

22. New Business

Mrs. Peterson announced she had something she wanted to mention regarding Auburn Village. We have now moved to giving the Police Department the keys to the apartments in Auburn Village. If a tenant should become locked out of their unit, they should not call the answering service but they need to call 911; advise the dispatcher they need an officer's assistance and the Police Officer will unlock the unit.

A-1 Greater Overbrook String Band – Proposal to Use Reese Center

Mr. Mitchell stated we will re-address this issue in a different manner; absolutely, positively it is not a permitted use of the Center.

A-2 Motion to Cancel Second Meeting of the Month – June 23, 2015

Mrs. Peterson made a motion to cancel the second meeting of the month. Mr. Peden seconded the motion. All Council verbally voted Aye on the motion.

23. Floor Open to Public

Mr. Oronzio, Woodside Avenue resident, wanted to thank chief Ocasio and the Police Department with their help with an abandoned vehicle. He thanked the streets department for cleaning the storm inlet and painting the street signs in that area. He also commended Mr. Hunter and Mr. Kirby, the Code Department, for being seen in his area, and with assistance on the overhanging tree issue.

Mr. Oronzio asked about abandoned vehicles. After some discussion, Chief Ocasio stated that the vehicle must be visible from the street. Mr. Mitchell thanked Mr. Oronzio for his attentiveness to his neighborhood.

24. Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gregory Grillone  
Borough Manager/Secretary/Treasurer

Shannon Strigle  
Recording Secretary