

UPLAND BOROUGH COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 11, 2011

The regular meeting of the Upland Borough Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. 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, Mr. Ray Peden, Ms. Moira Crawford, Mr. Charles Catania, Sr., and Mrs. Shirley Purcival, Borough Manager/Treasurer/Secretary was present. Mrs. Georgianna Hicks and Mayor Michael Ciach were absent due to illness. Mr. Robert O'Connor, Esq. was absent as he was on vacation.

Mr. Ken Stark from the Delaware County Daily Times and Mr. Willie McGonigle from Community Spirit were present along with approximately five residents.

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

5. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

A-1 C.D.B.G. Meeting Minutes - December 14, 2010

Council unanimously approved the C.D.B.G. Meeting Minutes from December 14, 2010.

A-2 Council Meeting Minutes - December 14, 2010

Council unanimously approved the Council Meeting Minutes from December 14, 2010.

6. Treasurer's Report

A-1 Treasurer's Report

Council unanimously approved the Treasurer's Report

A-2 Income Statement

Council unanimously approved the Income Statement

### A-3 Proof of Publication (2)

Council unanimously approved the Proof of Publication.

- 7. Auburn Village Report - Christine Peterson
- 14. Streets & Equipment - Christine Peterson

Mrs. Peterson reported snow removal is now the responsibility of the Highway Foreman. The Foreman will decide who he is going to call out, how many people he will need and when they need to be called out. The Foreman will be in contact with Mrs. Purcival as he is in town and knows what is going on. This procedure was put into place for the last snowstorm and it worked very well and Mrs. Peterson praised the highway department on the excellent job they did on snow removal.

Mrs. Peterson also reported the Personnel Committee has decided no employee will be allowed to take off the week between Christmas and New Year's due to the fact we had a major snow storm that week and had problems picking up the trash as we were shorthanded.

- 8. Code Official Report - Leland Hunter

Mr. Hunter reports much progress.

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

President Mitchell asked Council if everyone had a chance to review the Fire Marshall's report and they all replied yes.

#### A-2 Fire Chief's Report - Dan Smith

Chief Smith reported for the month of December we had 1 fire incident, 10 non-fire incidents, and 27 mutual aid for a total incidents of 38. There were 2 drills for a total activity of 40. There was \$ 1,000.00 in structure damage, \$ 1,000.00 in content damage totaling \$ 2,000.00 for the month.

There were 23 assists for fire, 4 cover assignments, 2 motor vehicle accidents, 1 gas leak, 1 CO detector activation, 3 fire alarms, 2 good intent, 1 assist the police and 1 single family dwelling.

There were 26.6 hours of service for the month; 24 day time, 16 night time with an average runner of 7.

The 2010 yearly report for Upland Borough Fire Company shows we had 13 fire incidents, 153 non-fire incidents and 198 mutual aid calls for a total incidents of 364. There were 31 drills for a total activity of 395.

There was \$ 20,000.00 in structure damage, \$ 21,000.00 in contents, \$ 25,000.00, in vehicles and \$ 1,000.00 in other damage for a total loss in the Borough of \$ 67,000.00.

There was 175 assists for fire, 23 cover assignments, 13 motor vehicle accidents, 4 ambulance assist, 3 fuel spills, 5 gas leaks, 6 wire calls, 2 CO detector activation, 2 appliances, 3 electric fixtures, 4 fire alarms, 8 fire alarms human error, 3 controlled burning, 1 CO detector in a commercial building, 35 good intent, 1 bomb threat, 4 assist the police, 18 assist citizen, 6 single family dwelling fires, 2 vehicle fires, 2 grass vegetation fires, 1 barbecue and 2 PE poles.

Chief Smith stated we had 437.2 hours of service for the month, 228 day time calls, 167 night time calls and the average runner was 7.

President Mitchell asked Chief Smith how the membership was going and Chief Smith replied they have one person to be voted on Thursday night and two other gentlemen did not show up for their interviews.

President Mitchell noted they have four new members in the last three months.

President Mitchell asked Chief Smith if they needed anything. Chief Smith replied that since it's the beginning of the year they will be having a meeting to discuss getting together for the quarterly meeting.

Chief Smith wanted everyone to know that Will Fraim will be returning from active duty in Afghanistan in March and will returning to active firefighting duties, and they are trying to get something in the works to bring him back from the airport. Chief Smith stated he should have more information at next month's meeting.

9. Public Safety Report - Leland Hunter

Mr. Hunter reported progress.

10. Building & Grounds Report - Sandy Miazza

Mrs. Miazza reported progress.

11. Finance & Insurance Report - Moira Crawford

A-1 Approval of General Fund Bills - \$ 195,509.58

Ms. Crawford made a motion to approve the General Fund Bills for the month of December 2010 in the amount of \$ 195,509.58. Mr. Peden seconded the motion. Council approved the motion. President Mitchell voted aye with the exception of check # 25924.

A-2 Approval of Auburn Village Bills - \$ 15,523.53

Ms. Crawford made a motion to approve the Auburn Village Bills for the month of December 2010 in the amount of \$ 15,523.53. Mrs. Miazza seconded the motion. Council approved the motion. President Mitchell voted aye with the exception of check # 4580.

12. Ordinances & Resolutions Report - Ray Peden

A-1 Motion to approve Ordinance No. 1 of 2011 - Parking Service Tax

Mr. Peden made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 1 of 2011 - Parking Service Tax as advertised. Mrs. Miazza seconded the motion.

A-2 Motion to approve Resolution No. 1 of 2011 - Support of proposed Widener University Project

Mr. Peden made a motion that Resolution No. 1 of 2011 - Support of proposed Widener University Project be passed and adopted as presented. Mrs. Peterson seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved the motion.

13. Research & Development - Moira Crawford

Ms. Crawford reported progress.

14. Streets & Equipment - Christine Peterson

Previously reported.

15. Community Affairs - Sandy Miazza

Mrs. Miazza announced the winners of the Christmas Decorating Contest as:

1<sup>st</sup> Prize - Donald & Florence Peterson - 13 Fourth Street

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize - Stephen & Jennifer Cunrod - 9 Scott Avenue

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize - John & Jennifer Belay - 230 Eighth Street

Honorable Mention - Samuel & Debbie DeBardino - 407 Ivy Lane

Mrs. Miazza reported on March 5th we are having a soup and salad dinner.

Mrs. Miazza also reported on March 14<sup>th</sup>, which is the Monday before St. Patrick's Day; we are having a ham and cabbage dinner for all the senior citizens in Upland.

The Easter Egg Hunt and breakfast with the Easter Bunny will be held on April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

16. Use & Occupancy - Shirley Purcival

Mrs. Purcival reported progress.

17. Mayor's Report - Michael Ciach

The Mayor's report has been submitted for review.

18. Solicitor's Report - Robert O'Connor

The Solicitor's Report has been submitted for review.

19. Engineer's Report - Charles Catania

Mr. Catania reported progress.

20. School Board Representative - Richard McClintock

Mr. McClintock commented on the letter sent to Chief Allen from Chief John Easton and Christine Peterson regarding the crossing guard at 6<sup>th</sup> & Main Streets.

Mr. McClintock reported he gave a copy of the letter to Dr. Davis, Acting Assistant Superintendent of the Chester-Upland School District and he assured Mr. McClintock he would be responding immediately, which he did, in a letter to Mrs. Peterson outlining the steps which will be taken to remedy the situation.

Mrs. Peterson stated the problem of children not crossing the street at the designated areas was addressed in a letter sent home to students advising them and their parents of the importance of crossing at the appropriate crossing designation.

Mr. McClintock also reported the Chester-Upland School District has taken out a five million dollar loan to deal with the deficit left by the former Board of Controllers.

21. Old Business

There was no old business at this time.

22. New Business

A-1 Cancel second meeting of the month

Mrs. Peterson made a motion to cancel the second meeting of the month. Ms. Crawford seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved the motion.

23. Floor Open to the Public

There were no comments from the floor.

24. Adjournment

There being no further business at this time, Mrs. Peterson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Crawford seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Purcival,  
Borough Manager

Linda Saylor,  
Recording Secretary