

UPLAND BOROUGH COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 8, 2011

The regular meeting of the Upland Borough Council was called to order at 7:02 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. Sandy Miazza, Mr. Ray Peden, Mrs. Georgianna 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 was present.

Mr. Ken Stark from the Delaware County Daily Times was present along with approximately seven 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 Council Meeting Minutes - February 8, 2011

Ms. Crawford made a motion to approve the Council Meeting Minutes of February 8, 2011. Mrs. Miazza seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved the motion

6. Treasurer's Report

A-1 Treasurer's Report

President Mitchell asked if everyone had a chance to review the Treasurer's Report, and if there were any questions and there were none. Council unanimously approved the Treasurer's Report.

A-2 Income Statements

President Mitchell asked if everyone had a chance to review the Income Statements, and if there were any questions and there were none. Council unanimously approved the Income Statements.

7. Auburn Village Report - Christine Peterson

Mrs. Peterson reported the "A" frames have been ordered for the two roofs and will be here in two to three weeks.

8. Code Officer Report - Leland Hunter

Mr. Hunter reported he had a court date last week and the woman couldn't make it because she was having a baby. The hearing was continued until April 26th.

Mr. Hunter stated he has been in touch with the Water Company regarding bricks from a sidewalk that were removed four years ago and he is trying to get them to put them back.

Mr. Hunter also had a discussion with Mr. Catania on problems they are having with Upland Avenue. Mr. Hunter feels it is not our problem, but it is Penndot's.

A-1 Fire Marshall's Report - Dave Favinger

Mr. Hunter asked if everyone had a chance to review the Fire Marshall's Report and if anyone had any questions. There were no questions.

A-2 Fire Chief's Report - Dan Smith

Chief Smith reported for the month of February there were no fire incidents. There were 9 non fire incidents, 17 mutual aid for a total incidents of 26. There were 2 drills for a total activity of 28.

There were 13 assists for fire, 4 cover assignments, 1 motor vehicle accident, 1 wires call, 1 heater fire, 1 fire alarm, 3 good intent and 2 malicious false alarms.

We had 24.9 hours of service for the month, 15 day time, 13 night time and average runners were 7.

President Mitchell asked Chief Smith how the membership was doing. Chief Smith reported they are holding steady however, they don't have anyone to bring in this month. Chief Smith is hoping that in the summer when they kids get out of school they will try to get some involved.

President Mitchell wanted to know if Chief Smith was up to speed on Ordinance No. 2 of 2011. Chief Smith replied that both Mrs. Purcival and Mr. Peden have been working with him on the Ordinance and everyone is in agreement.

Chief Smith also reported that Private First Class, William Fraim will be back in the Borough from Afghanistan on March 15, 2011.

Warrior's Watch which is a motorcycle club made up of people who have been in wars before will be bringing him home along with the fire engines and the Police Department. A hero's welcome will be meeting him at the gate. The airport security has been released for us. The arrival road at the airport will be shut down for the bikes and fire engines to bring him home. Pennsylvania State Police will be shutting down the on ramp to I-95.

Chief Smith reported if anyone wants further information to check www.warriorwatch.com and click on upcoming home missions. He will be going from the Philadelphia International Airport straight to the firehouse where there will be a gathering and all are welcome. Chief Smith reported he has been working diligently with Mrs. Purcival and Mrs. Miazza to make this a memorable experience.

President Mitchell asked Chief Smith if there was anything the Fire Company needed from Council. Chief Smith answered no.

9. Public Safety Report - Leland Hunter

Mr. Hunter reports progress.

10. Building & Grounds Report - Sandy Miazza

Mrs. Miazza reported the Borough Manager has ordered the new swing set for the ball field.

The Diamond Tech has been ordered.

Mrs. Miazza reported we are going with the regular mulch this year.

11. Finance & Insurance Report - Moira Crawford

A-1 Approval of General Fund Bills - \$ 122,347.62

Ms. Crawford made a motion to approve the February 2011 General Fund Bills in the amount of \$ 122,347.62. Mrs. Peterson seconded the motion. Council approved the motion with Mr. Peden abstaining from check number 26143. Mr. Mitchell abstained from check number 26150.

A-2 Approval of Auburn Village Bills - \$ 12,554.38

Ms. Crawford made a motion to approve the February 2011 Auburn Village Bills. Mrs. Miazza seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved the motion.

12. Ordinances & Resolutions Report - Ray Peden

A-1 Motion to advertise Ordinance No. 2 of 2011

Mr. Peden made a motion to advertise Ordinance No. 2 of 2011 - Alarm Systems and adopt same at the April 26, 2011 Council meeting. Mrs. Miazza seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved the motion.

13. Research and Development - Moira Crawford

Ms. Crawford reported for the month of February our web site had 5,758 page views, 819 unique IP addresses access the website, with an average of 2.66 page views per visit.

Photos from the Soup and Salad Dinner have been added to the photo bucket account which had in the month of February 2,354 file views and 579 album visits.

President Mitchell wanted to know if there is any way of knowing where the visits to the website are coming from. Ms. Crawford replied yes, she is able to figure out who is accessing the website.

President Mitchell also asked if they are out of state and Ms. Crawford replied that quite a few of them are from out of state. Ms. Crawford also told President Mitchell that if someone Google's President Mitchell's name our web site pops up or if they Google the Caleb Pusey House our web site pops up and you are able to see what they are searching for also.

President Mitchell also commented for such a small town that is a lot of hits.

President Mitchell noted that at the senior's meeting they commented how much they like looking at the children playing in the ball park and the cars going down the street.

14. Streets & Equipment - Christine Peterson

Mrs. Peterson reported our Highway Foreman has started to order spring and summer equipment.

Also, we had the Police Department, late at night one evening, check the street lights as we have several streets that are very dark and need either replacements and/or new lighting. Mrs. Peterson reported there were approximately fourteen lights involved.

Mrs. Purcival has contacted Lenni Electric and they will be giving us an estimate for the lights.

President Mitchell wanted to know if everyone got a copy of the survey where they are putting the street lights and if everyone's request got filled. Mrs. Purcival replied they did not get a copy of the initial survey because she does not have the whole package yet.

President Mitchell asked Mrs. Miazza if the light in the parking lot by the Police Station is ok and Mrs. Miazza replied we need one down by the Borough Hall and stated she has been working with the Borough Manager on getting the new lights.

Mrs. Purcival pointed out they will have to dredge to get the two new lights set up as these will be different than the ones at the Police Station. They will be wood poles with Cobra Heads on them.

15. Community Affairs -Sandy Miazza

Mrs. Miazza reported that on Saturday they had their Soup & Salad Dinner and they made a \$ 660.00 profit.

President Mitchell commented on what a good job Mrs. Miazza did and said the food was delicious.

This Monday for all seniors in Upland we are having a free Ham and Cabbage Luncheon. Mrs. Miazza anticipates a good turnout as it is being held during the day.

The next event is the Easter Egg Hunt and Breakfast with the Easter Bunny.

Mrs. Miazza made a motion to pay for William Fraim's luncheon. Mrs. Peterson seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved the motion.

16. Use & Occupancy Report - Shirley Purcival

Mrs. Purcival reported for the month of February a total of 14 units passed their inspection, 2 units received a commercial Use & Occupancy.

A total of \$ 1,775.00 was deposited into the General Fund for Use & Occupancy.

17. Mayor's Report - Michael Ciach

Mayor Ciach reported for the month of February there were 62 citations issued and the total amount of fines was \$ 9,298.50. The amount received from the District Court this month was \$ 1,719.35 with a \$ 40.00 restitution. The total year to date citations is up to 292.

There were 2 parking tickets issued, 16 motor vehicle accidents and reports. The total calls answered were 239 and 29 total assists.

18. Solicitor's Report - Robert O'Connor

Mr. O'Connor reported he has reviewed the Fire Alarm Ordinance and everything is in order.

Also, Mr. O'Connor reported on a meeting we had with Minsec and we are waiting to hear back from them.

Mr. O'Connor mentioned the meeting that was held at Chester Township.

Mr. O'Connor also reminded Council to review the confidential portion of his report.

19. Engineer's Report - Charles Catania

The Engineer reports progress.

20. School Board Representative - Richard McClintock

Mr. McClintock reported the school district is in the process of acquiring a forty million dollar bond to meet their budget requirements.

Mr. McClintock gave the Borough Manager a school district calendar which shows the children's days off and various activities.

21. Old Business

Mr. Peden reported he has been having meetings with representatives of the Delaware County Planning Department in an effort to modernize the Zoning Code.

There have been seven meetings to date and the next one is in April and the work is about sixty percent completed. Mr. Peden stated hopefully by the end of the year we will have a draft for the community to review.

22. New Business

Mrs. Miazza wanted to thank Mr. Peden for the Mary Crozer Foundation. Every year we put in for a donation for the 4th of July festivities and this year we received \$ 3,500.00 which is a tremendous help.

A-1 Cancel the 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.

A-2 Cancel the April 12, 2011 meeting

Mrs. Peterson made a motion to cancel the April 12, 2011 meeting. Ms. Crawford seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved the motion.

A-3 Motion to approve expenses for Hershey Conference

Mrs. Peterson made a motion to approve the expenses for the Hershey Conference. Ms. Crawford seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved the motion.

23. Floor Open to the Public

Fire Chief Dan Smith was the first person to address Council regarding flashing warning device because of a crest in the road people cannot see when the fire engines are pulling out of the station. Chief Smith wanted to know if we could look into how to go about this before Penndot paves 6th Street.

Mr. Catania stated that Borough Council would have to pass a Resolution requesting a permit to install the device. The cost would fall on the Borough and Penndot would issue the permit.

President Mitchell asked Chief Smith if he noticed the telephone poles which were delivered up 6th Street today. Chief Smith said no.

President Mitchell asked the Borough Manager to look into the cost factor.

Chief Smith noted that recently we've had two incidents within the past two weeks whereas trucks with lights flashing and the alarms going, a woman almost took out the side of the truck and one person did not want to stop and went right by them.

Chief Smith thanked Council for helping with William Fraim's luncheon. Also, Chief Smith is pleased with the response to the invitation to the banquet.

President Mitchell noted we could have a Resolution on the books and vote on it tonight and take action on it next month.

Mr. Peden stated he would work on the wording for Resolution No. 4 with the Borough Manager.

Mr. Peden gave a brief verbal wording of what the Resolution would say regarding the Emergency Service Signal Light to be installed at the crest of the hill at the intersection of 6th Street and McClintock Drive.

Mr. Peden made a motion that Resolution No. 4 of 2011 be passed and adopted as presented. Mrs. Peterson seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved the motion.

24. Adjournment

There being no further business at this time, Mrs. Peterson made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Crawford seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Purcival,
Borough Manager

Linda Saylor,
Recording Secretary

