

UPLAND BOROUGH COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

June 13, 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. Sandy Miazza, Mr. Harold Peden, Mrs. Georgianna Hicks, Ms. Moira Crawford and Mayor Michael Ciach, Mr. Robert O'Connor, Esq. and Mrs. Shirley Purcival, Borough Manager/Treasurer/Secretary were also present. Mr. Charles Catania, Sr., P.E. was excused for being late this evening.

Mr. Ken Stark from the Delaware County Daily Times and Mr. Willie McGonigle of Community Spirit were present with approximately seven residents and three representatives from Delco Property Investors.

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 - May 24, 2011

Mrs. Hicks made a motion to approve the May 24, 2011 Meeting minutes. Ms. Crawford seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved the motion.

6. Treasurer's Report

A-1 Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Peterson made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. Ms. Crawford seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved the motion.

A-2 Income Statement

Mrs. Hicks made a motion to accept the Income Statement. Mrs. Miazza seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved the motion.

7. Auburn Village Report - Christine Peterson

A-1 Ratify Change Order for Auburn Village Concrete Replacement & Railing Repairs

Mrs. Peterson made a motion to ratify the change order for Auburn Village Concrete Replacement and Railing Repairs. Mrs. Miazza seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved the motion.

8. Code Official Report - Leland Hunter

Mr. Hunter reported he has a court date tomorrow morning.

Liens were placed on two properties last week and another property is in the process of having a lien placed on it.

Mr. Hunter also reported he is sending out high grass and weed letters.

A-1 Fire Marshall's Report

Everyone has a copy of the Fire Marshall's Report and there were no questions.

A-2 Fire Chief's Report - Dan Smith

Chief Smith reported for the month of May 2011 there was 1 fire incident, 13 non-fire incidents, 16 mutual aid for a total incidents of 30 and 2 drills for a total activity of 32.

There was \$ 20,000.00 in structural damage this month, \$ 5,000.00 in contents for a total loss of \$ 25,000.00.

We had 12 assists for fire, 4 cover assignments, 1 ambulance assist, 1 wires call, 3 fire alarms, 5 good intents, 1 malicious false alarm, 1 assist the police, 1 assist citizen, 1 single family dwelling fire in the kitchen on 21st Street.

We had 32.7 hours of service for the month, 20 daytime, 12 night time and the average runners were 6.

President Mitchell noted the first meeting the Finance Committee had with the Fire Department concerning the new fire truck.

President Mitchell stated things went well.

Chief Smith reported he has been in contact with Commissioner Johnson from Chester City and indicated he will be working with the Fire Company to make sure we have everything needed and Upland Fire Company could assist Chester City if needed.

Chief Smith informed Council that Private First Class Will Fraim has been

released from Afghanistan. He will be in Hawaii for the next two years and then he will be coming home.

President Mitchell asked Chief Smith to convey Council's best wishes to Will.

President Mitchell asked Chief Smith if the Fire Company needed anything and Chief Smith replied no.

9. Public Safety Report - Leland Hunter

Mr. Hunter reported progress.

10. Building & Grounds Report - Sandy Miazza

Mrs. Miazza reported sinks and two new ceiling fans have been installed in the pavilion and also wanted to give thanks to Chester Water Authority and Catania Engineering for their prompt service on short notice.

Also, a new thermostat has been installed in MacQueen Hall.

11. Finance & Insurance Report - Moira Crawford

A-1 Approval of General Fund Bills - \$ 100,858.87

Ms. Crawford made a motion to approve the General Fund Bills for the month of May 2011 in the amount of \$ 100,858.87. Mr. Peden seconded the motion. Council approved the motion with President Mitchell abstaining from check number 26531 and Vice President Peterson abstaining from check number 26578.

A-2 Approval of Auburn Village Bills - \$ 24,136.65

Ms. Crawford made a motion to approve the Auburn Village Bills for the month of May 2011 in the amount of \$ 24,136.65. Mrs. Hicks seconded the motion. Council approved the motion with President Mitchell abstaining from check number 4754.

12. Ordinances & Resolutions Report - Harold Peden

A-1 Motion to approve Ordinance No. 3 - Certificates of Occupancy

Mr. Peden made a motion to approve Ordinance No. 3 - Certificates of Occupancy as presented. Mrs. Miazza seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved the motion.

13. Research & Development - Moira Crawford

Ms. Crawford reported in May we had 7,995 page views to the web site.

Ms. Crawford reminded everyone to keep checking the news section of the web site as it changes continuously.

A message from the Chief of Police has been added as well as information on paper recycling and a link to the Borough Code. The summer newsletter has been added as well as photos from the Memorial Day festivities.

Ms. Crawford also wanted to thank Mr. George Patterson and Mr. Ken Stark for the photos of the Memorial Day Parade and picnic.

At this time, President Mitchell commented how useful the phone tree was in getting word out to the public regarding the Chester-Upland School District finance meeting as over seventy-five of our people were in attendance.

14. Streets & Equipment - Christine Peterson

Mrs. Peterson was pleased to report our Borough Engineer; Mr. Charles Catania, Sr. has been successful in securing \$ 91,000.00 in C.D.B.G. monies for the storm sewer extension at Race and Griffith Streets to Main Street.

Mrs. Peterson made a motion to authorize the Engineer to bid the 2011 C.D.B.G. Grant. Ms. Crawford seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved the motion.

President Mitchell asked Mr. Peden how long the problem with the storm sewer has been known about. Mr. Peden replied answered 15 years or maybe more.

15. Community Affairs - Sandy Miazza

Mrs. Miazza reported our carnival starts tomorrow.

The Fourth of July celebration will take place on the Fourth of July.

The Blue Rocks baseball game will take place on August 12th.

Mrs. Miazza wanted Council to know she received a letter from Pastor Brenda Shaw requesting a community candle light service on September 11th marking the 10th anniversary of the 911 attacks, and she is requesting use of the ballpark for the service.

Representatives from various religious organizations in the Borough will be present along with the Police Department and Fire Company.

Mrs. Miazza stated she gave Pastor Shaw permission to use the ball field.

Mrs. Miazza wanted to thank Phantom Fireworks for their donation of \$ 500.00 for Community Affairs fund to show their support in the community.

16. Use & Occupancy - Shirley Purcival

Mrs. Purcival reported for the month of May 2011 a total of nine units failed their inspections. One unit passed. A total of \$ 925.00 was deposited into the General Fund for these inspections.

17. Mayor's Report - Michael Ciach

Mayor Ciach reported for the month of May the total of citations issued was 94 and the total amount in fines was \$ 1,576.97. The total citations to date were 502. There were 6 parking tickets, 5 motor vehicle accidents with reports. There were 340 calls and 44 assists.

Mayor Ciach noted he has a letter from the Chief Easton requesting a pole camera in the area of 4th & Main Street where numerous reports of criminal mischief, assault and kidnapping have taken place.

Mayor Ciach asked Council to investigate the cost of the installation and was then informed by the Borough Manager the cost would be around \$ 9,500.00, however some other work may go along with that project, so that is just a rough estimate.

18. Solicitor's Report - Robert O'Connor

Mr. O'Connor reported he has drafted contracts for ARK Builders for the Auburn Village Roof Rehab, A.F. Damon for the 2011 Street Improvements and Ellis Construction for the concrete replacement for Auburn Village.

Mr. O'Connor also reminded Council to take a look at the confidential portion of his report.

19. Engineer's Report - Charles Catania

A-1 Authorize Engineer to Bid for Trash Removal

Mrs. Peterson made a motion to authorize the Engineer to bid for trash removal. Ms. Crawford seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved the motion.

A-2 Authorizing signatures for C.D.B.G. Application

Mrs. Peterson made a motion to authorize signatures for the C.D.B.G. application. Ms. Crawford seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved the motion.

Mr. Catania asked for a motion awarding A.F. Damon the 2011 Road Resurfacing Program and to authorize the Solicitor to draw up the contract.

Mr. Peden made a motion to award A.F. Damon the 2011 Road Resurfacing Program. Ms. Crawford seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved the motion.

20. School Board Representative - Richard McClintock

President Mitchell spoke on behalf of Mr. McClintock who was not present.

President Mitchell reported on the meeting which was held at the high school on Thursday evening showing an \$ 18,000,000 budget cut and a 40% cut in the work force.

President Mitchell stated that we don't know what we are in for and he certainly doesn't want to see a tax increase.

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.

A-2 Motion to change July & August Council Meetings to
July 5th & August 30th

Mrs. Peterson made a motion to change July and August Council Meetings to July 5th and August 30th. Ms. Crawford seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved the motion.

Mrs. Peterson made a motion to approve the cost of changing the meeting advertisement. Ms. Crawford seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved the motion.

23. Floor Open to Public

Jeff Mattero, President of Delco Property Investors was the first to address Council regarding Ordinance No. 3 - Certificates of Occupancy.

Mr. Mattero read a prepared statement voicing his and members of Delco Property Investors objections to Ordinance No. 3 - Certificates of Occupancy. The organization feels this Ordinance is illegal and unconstitutional.

Mr. Mattero thanked Council for the opportunity to speak.

The second person to address Council was Roslind DeMiranda from 420 W. 21st Street. Ms. DeMiranda stated even though the exterminator came for the bed bug problem she still has them and is very upset with the problem. She stated her landlord is not handling the problem correctly and told her if she didn't like it to move. Ms. DeMiranda feels like no one cares.

President Mitchell stated Council does care and will do everything possible to get the landlords and the Board of Health together to go in and see what can be done.

President Mitchell noted the Borough is very limited as to what they can do. The Borough cannot take tax payer money to exterminate. However, President Mitchell will reach out to the landlords to try to get them together again.

Mrs. Purcival informed President Mitchell that 418 W. 21st Street is the landlord who did the eviction and the thorough cleaning, as this was felt to be the host house. Mrs. Purcival stated she spoke to both landlords and they were going to do both units, however, Ms. Bennett, who owns her home, did not have the funds for an exterminator.

President Mitchell again informed Ms. DeMiranda the Borough is very limited as to what they can do.

Ms. DeMiranda thanked Council for what they did do.

At 7:38 p.m. Council went into an Executive Session.

Council reconvened at 7:50 p.m.

24. Adjournment

There being no further business at this time Mrs. Peterson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Crawford seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Purcival,
Borough Manager

Linda Saylor,
Recording Secretary