

UPLAND BOROUGH COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

JULY 5, 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. Harold Peden, Mrs. Georgianna Hicks, Ms. Moira Crawford, 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 absent.

Mr. Ken Stark from the Delaware County Daily Times was present along with approximately nine residents.

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

Out of the Normal Order of Business
Swearing in of Part Time Police Officers

Nicholas Maraini
Robert Pistoria

President Mitchell called for Mayor Ciach to swear in our new part time Police Officers. Both Officers took the Oath of Office and were congratulated by the members of Council.

5. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

A-1 Council Meeting Minutes - June 13, 2011

Mr. Peden made a motion to approve the June 13, 2011 meeting minutes. Ms. Crawford seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved the motion.

6. Treasurer's Report

A-1 Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Miazza made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. 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

Mrs. Peterson reported progress on the current projects.

8. Code Official Report/Public Safety Report - Leland Hunter

Mr. Hunter reported he has had to lien two more properties with high grass.

A resident of Brookhaven has been depositing trash on Oak Lane and he had to have the police go with him to have the resident stop doing this. The resident stated it will be cleaned up.

Mr. Hunter also stated he has asked Mr. Catania and Penndot to check the sidewalk on Upland Avenue where we had a sinkhole.

President Mitchell asked the Borough Manager to please contact Mr. Catania to find out what is going on.

9. Building & Grounds Report - Sandy Miazza

Mrs. Miazza reported the roof repairs to MacQueen Hall have begun and we are replacing two concrete blocks on the Main Street side of the building.

10. Finance & Insurance Report - Moira Crawford

A-1 Approval of General Fund Bills - \$ 117,334.66

Ms. Crawford made a motion to approve the General Fund Bills for the month of June in the amount of \$ 117,334.66. Mr. Peden seconded the motion. Council approved the motion with Mrs. Peterson abstaining from check #26742 and President Mitchell abstaining from check #26658.

A-2 Approval of Auburn Village Bills - \$ 29,710.42

Ms. Crawford made a motion to approve the Auburn Village Bills for the month of June in the amount of \$ 29,710.42. Mrs. Miazza seconded the motion. Council approved the motion with President Mitchell abstaining from check #4797.

Ms. Crawford reminded Council the memo for the wish list for the year 2012 will be going out in the next week.

Ms. Crawford also reported we were denied the PECO Incentive Program for approximately \$ 6,000.00 stating the reason for the denial is the wattage on the lights we replaced were higher than what they were originally.

Our insurance will need to be renewed on August 1, 2011 and Ms. Crawford feels there will be an increase in premium due to the values of our property.

11. Ordinances & Resolutions Report - Ray Peden

A-1 Motion to approve Resolution No. 8 - Elimination of Police Officer's Contributions to the Police Pension Plan for 2011

Mr. Peden made a motion to approve Resolution No. 8 - Elimination of Police Officer's Contributions to the Police Pension Plan for 2011. Ms. Crawford seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved the motion.

A-2 Motion to approve Resolution No. 9 - Cost of Funding - Police Pension Plan

Mr. Peden made a motion to approve Resolution No. 9 - Cost of Funding - Police Pension Plan. Mrs. Miazza seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved the motion.

12. Research & Development - Moira Crawford

Ms. Crawford reported for the month of June our web site had 7,852 hits, 17,648 file views and 918 album visits.

Ms. Crawford added the photos from the July 4th celebration courtesy of Ken Stark.

13. Streets & Equipment - Christine Peterson

Mrs. Peterson reported progress.

14. Community Affairs - Sandy Miazza

Mrs. Miazza reported the July 4th celebration was a big success.

On August 12th we will be having our trip to the Blue Rocks and we will be having a sign up for the children soon.

Sunday, September 4th we will be having our fireworks display.

In the beginning of October (no date has been set at this time) we will be taking our seniors to the Shady Maple for lunch.

Mrs. Miazza also reported the Community Affairs Committee received a \$ 100.00 donation from Mr. Charles Catania and a \$ 250.00 donation from Our Lady of Charity School along with a plaque commemorating Our Lady of Charity School which was open from 1954 to 2011.

15. Use & Occupancy Report - Shirley Purcival

Mrs. Purcival reported for the month of June a total of six units failed their inspections and six units passed their inspections. A total of \$ 1,250.00 was deposited into the General Fund for Use & Occupancy.

16. Mayor's Report - Michael Ciach

Mayor Ciach reported for the month of June the total citations issued were 89. The amount in fines was \$ 15,864.00 and the amount received from the DJ court was \$ 1,352.53.

The total of citations year to date is 591. There were 19 parking tickets, 4 motor vehicle accidents and 4 reports copied. There were 334 calls answered and a total of 44 assists.

Mayor Ciach stated he signed the Police Procedure Manual which is effective today.

17. Solicitor's Report - Robert O'Connor

A-1 Motion to approve Resolution No. 7 - Employee Parking Tax Distribution

At this time Mr. O'Connor deferred to Mr. Peden regarding Resolution No. 7.

Mr. Peden made a motion to approve Resolution No. 7 - Employee Parking Tax Distribution. Ms. Crawford seconded the motion. Council unanimously approved the motion.

Mr. O'Connor reported he was successful in wrapping up a matter in court. Mr. O'Connor thanked Mr. Hunter and Judge Miller with their help and for appearing in court. Mr. O'Connor had nothing else to report.

18. Engineer's Report - Charles Catania

A-1 Discussion on trash outsourcing bid.

In Mr. Catania's absence Mrs. Peterson reported on the trash outsourcing bid.

Mrs. Peterson reported a spread sheet was being prepared to explore the possibility of getting out of the trash business or hiring another employee if needed. This would include regular trash, bulk trash and recycling. This information will be presented to the Finance Committee for review.

Due to Mr. Catania's absence, there was no report.

19. School Board Representative - Richard McClintock

There was no report at this time.

20. Old Business

Under recommendation of legal counsel Ms. Crawford made a motion to fire three full time police officers. Mr. Peden seconded the motion. Council approved the motion with Mrs. Peterson abstaining.

21. New Business

A-1 Discussion of Employee Handbook

Mr. Mitchell stated this is the final revision of the Employee Handbook.

22. Floor Open to the Public

Mr. Kent Henry from The Alumni Group was the first person to address Council. Mr. Henry stated his organization was interested in obtaining more homes in the Borough and having their contractor rehab them for their transitional living residents.

Mr. Henry wanted to know who he should be in touch with to obtain information.

Mr. Mitchell informed Mr. Henry he should go through the Borough Manager. Mr. Mitchell also requested Mr. Henry provide the Borough with The Alumni Group's their mission statement and any paperwork relevant to the group.

23. Adjournment

There being no further business at this time Mrs. Peterson made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Crawford seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Purcival,
Borough Manager

Linda Saylor,
Recording Secretary