

UPLAND BOROUGH COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES

June 12, 2012

The regular 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 Mr. Leland Hunter, Mr. Harold Peden, Ms. Moira Crawford, Mrs. Sandra Miazza, Mr. Daniel Smith, Mayor Michael Ciach, Mr. Robert O'Connor, Esq., Mr. Charles Catania, Sr., P.E., and Mrs. Shirley Purcival, Borough Manager/Treasurer/Secretary.

Mr. Ken Stark, consultant for Upland Borough, Ms. Leslie Kravichenko from the Delaware County Times, Chief John Easton of the Upland Borough Police Department, and approximately 11 residents/guests were in attendance.

Mr. Mitchell proceeded to lead in 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

Mr. Mitchell handed the meeting over to Chief John Easton, Upland Police Department. Chief Easton informed Council that two officers, Officer Meyer and Officer Dougherty, have just completed their Pennsylvania State Police certification to weigh trucks. With the certification, they can now approach any trailer without probable cause. With respect to that, we as a Borough have suffered, with many problems at 6th and Main. Tractor trailers get lost; the GPS sends them to Kimberly Clarke on Front Street in Chester, but end up on Front Street in Upland. So when they get down to Mark's Auto Body, they cannot turn around, they knock over street signs. He stated he believes Chief Smith and Upland Fire Company helped out when a tractor trailer completely annihilated 6th and Main; destroyed technology transformers, caused fires and people were injured. Also, Chief Easton reminded all about the re-occurring situation when tractor trailers come up Main Street, turning right at the Dance Studio and shave the utility pole on a daily basis. The pole is getting thinner and thinner and soon it will come down.

Now that we have two officers certified, we will be monitoring the tractor trailers more closely. On July 10<sup>th</sup>, the same two officers will be assigned to the Pennsylvania State Police to inspect vehicles. The first school is for weighing and the second school is for inspections. Chief Easton thinks this will put us in good shape for the safety of the public.

Chief Easton sought information from colleagues at the Delco Chief's Meetings, and he spoke with Chief Connor of Eddystone. He mentioned that he approached PSP at Media Barracks, stating that he wanted control of his portion of Highway 291. PSP complied and gave his department control of their portion of 291. Chief Easton suggests he visit Lieutenant Segal of PSP and try the same deal. He would like to obtain Upland's portion

of Northbound I-95 which is a little more than one-quarter mile and Upland's portion of Southbound I-95, mileage a little more than Northbound, behind Crozer. We can start to enforce trucking laws in those locations.

Mr. Mitchell mentioned that there was a ten-thousand gallon tanker accident in that area a couple years ago, on Christmas Day. Drivers were killed and it involved residents as well. Mr. Mitchell stated that they have been working with Chester and Parkside, looking at the Scale House in the spirit of cooperation in a tri-municipal agreement. Everybody agrees that we can use the Scale House. When the guys get done with the mechanical end of training, it has always been our wishes to kind of keep the trash trucks down to a dull roar and a less stink. We now witness dripping oil and many safety violations ourselves and we are not even officers. Chief Easton mentioned that he knows that trash trucks from another township/borough in Delco cannot even pass state inspection. Some trucks with broken axles. Mr. Mitchell mentioned about school bus safety as they carry our children.

Mrs. Peterson mentioned that Officer Ocasio is also in school for field training officer in Abington Township. Mr. Mitchell thinks it's great that the officers are furthering their education. It provides an overall flexibility for the Police Department to keep the street of Upland safe.

Chief Easton believes the cost to use the Scale House for Upland would be \$100 per truck. Mr. Mitchell mentioned that the written agreement will be addressed for the July meeting.

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Back to the Normal Order of Business 7:08 p.m.

5. Public Comments on Agenda Items Only

Mr. Mitchell asked if anyone wished to address Council on any of the agenda items. No one responded.

6. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

A-1 Council Meeting Minutes - May 8, 2012

Mr. Peden made a motion to pass the May 8, 2012 meeting minutes as presented. Ms. Crawford seconded the motion. Council unanimously 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. Miazza seconded the motion. Council unanimously voted Aye on the motion.

A-2 Income Statement

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

8. Auburn Village Report - Christine Peterson

Mrs. Peterson reported that several budgeted items have recently begun. The installation of back doors has begun, the next phase of the concrete steps will start soon and we are currently obtaining pricing on the stucco and painting on the units.

9. Public Safety Report - Harold R. Peden

A-1 Fire Marshall's Report

Mr. Peden read the Fire Marshall's Report. Mr. Peden made a motion for the report to be approved and accepted as presented. Ms. Crawford seconded the motion. Council unanimously voted Aye on the motion.

A-2 Fire Company's Report

Ms. Stephanie Johnson, Recording Secretary for Upland Fire Company presented the report. There was 12 non-fire incidents, 14 mutual aids, 2 drills for a total activity of 28. There were 10 assists for fire, 4 cover assignments, 1 motor vehicle accident, 1 ambulance assist, 1 fuel spill, 1 gas leak, 4 alarm system failures, 3 good intent, and 1 assist police. 23.5 hours in service, 15 daytime, 13 night-time, 4 cover-ups with average runners of 6.

10. Code Official Report - Leland Hunter

Mr. Hunter read the May 2012 report into record. Mr. Mitchell asked Mr. Hunter to get together with Mr. O'Connor to get some official action on the citations that were issued.

11. Building & Grounds Report - Sandra Miazza

Mrs. Miazza reported progress.

12. Finance & Insurance Report - Moira Crawford

A-1 Approval of General Fund Bills

Ms. Crawford made a motion to approve the General Fund bills for the month of May 2012 in the amount of \$ 174,627.55. Mrs. Miazza seconded the motion. Council voted Aye on all the items except for the following: Mrs. Peterson abstained from check #s 28136, 28137, 28138, and 28213. Mr. Smith abstained from check # 28177.

A-2 Approval of Auburn Village Bills

Ms. Crawford made a motion to approve the Auburn Village bills for the month of May 2012 in the amount of \$ 25,396.68. Mrs. Miazza seconded the motion. Council unanimously voted Aye on the motion.

13. Ordinances & Resolutions Report - Harold R. Peden

A-4 Motion to Pass and Adopt Ordinance No. 9 of 2012  
- *Amending Chapter 135 - "Parks and Playgrounds by Amending Section 135-2 to Change the Title of Said Section to Read Specifically Prohibited Uses and Ball Playing"*

Mr. Peden made a motion to pass and adopt Ordinance No. 9 of 2012 as presented. Ms. Crawford seconded the motion. Council unanimously voted Aye on the motion.

14. Research & Development - Moira Crawford

Ms. Crawford offered a brief report for the month of May 2012. The website had 3,351 page views with 1,187 visitors; with an approximate of 38 visitors per day. The Photo Bucket account had 13,636 file views with 1,412 album visits.

Ms. Crawford mentioned the increase of file and album visits were most likely due to the newest photos on the site; Memorial Day and the Senior Breakfast.

Ms. Crawford offered special thanks to Mr. George Patterson and Mr. Ken Stark for their photos.

15. Streets & Equipment - Christine Peterson

Mrs. Peterson reported that the 2012 Road Program is completed and the contractors have done a very good job.

16. Community Affairs - Sandra Miazza

Mrs. Miazza reported that on June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 10 a.m. till 1 p.m. at Borough Hall, photo IDs will be taken and wrist bands will be given out for the July 4th celebration. The July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration will begin at 11 a.m. in the ball field, August 17<sup>th</sup> is the Blue Rocks game, and on September 2<sup>nd</sup> we will have fireworks.

Last Monday, we had the Senior Breakfast, and it was a great success. Mrs. Peterson asked if we are still considering a carnival. Mrs. Miazza stated that we are still on the list and we are hoping that it goes through.

17. Use & Occupancy Report - Shirley Purcival

Mrs. Purcival read into the record the Use and Occupancy Report for the month of May 2012.

18. Mayor's Report - Michael Ciach

Mayor Ciach reported for the month of May 2012, a total of 139 citations were issued. Total amount of fines equal \$ 21,926.00 with \$ 2,157.71 received from the District Justice Court. Year-to-date citations is 842. There were 10 parking tickets issued, 5 motor vehicle accidents, accident reports copied were 19, total calls answered were 180 with 27 assists.

Also, Mayor Ciach wanted everyone to know that the photo IDs already taken will also be given out on June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

19. Solicitor's Report - Robert O'Connor

Mr. O'Connor read into the record his report for the month of May 2012. Mr. O'Connor wanted to thank council for inviting him and his wife Charlotte to the DCAB Banquet. They enjoyed themselves.

20. Engineer's Report - Charles Catania, Sr., P.E.

Bids were taken on the new fire apparatus. The lowest bidder was Foley Equipment with \$604,999.00. The bid that was submitted was in full accordance with the specifications that were placed for the truck. Mr. Catania would like to recommend award of the contract, subject upon financing.

Ms. Crawford made a motion to Table the acceptance of this bid. Mr. Peden seconded the motion. Majority of Council voted Aye on the motion but Mr. Smith abstained. Mr. Mitchell furthered explained why the motion was tabled. We have two lending institutions that have not responded to us. One is a conventional lending institution with 4 or 5 percent and the other is a bond issue at 1 ½ to 2

percent. The Borough Manager will be dealing with the Solicitor in charge of financing and will wrap this up. We are under a 45 day window so by the July meeting we do have to take official action on the acceptance of this bid.

21. Old Business

There was no new business.

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 voted Aye on the motion.

23. Floor Open to Public

No one addressed Council.

24. Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Shirley Purcival  
Borough Manager/Treasurer/Secretary

Shannon Strigle  
Recording Secretary