

UPLAND BOROUGH COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

March 12, 2013

The meeting of the Upland Borough Council was called to order at 7:02 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.

Chief Easton, Deputy Chief Ocasio, Officer Mariani, Mr. Ken Stark, Reporter, Ms. Leslie Krowchenko, Reporter from the Delaware County Times, and approximately eight residents/guests were also in attendance.

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

Out of Normal Order of Business - Mayor Ciach

Honorable Ciach read into record a Mayoral Proclamation honoring Charles J. Catania, Sr. for his commitment to the Borough of Upland for the last 50 years. The Mayor highlighted Mr. Catania's dedication to our community while serving as Engineer for the Borough; noting he had been involved with many successful projects such as the development of the Auburn Village homes, the new Police station and others as there are too numerous to name. Mayor Ciach noted Mr. Catania's 57 years of service to the County of Delaware as well as his lifetime achievements and recent recognition with the Delaware County Chapter of the Pennsylvania Society of Professional Engineers.

Chief John Easton approached Council to mention that he reached out to his resources at the County, especially from Sheriff Joe McGinn, for educational purposes within the scope of Field Training Officers. Chief Easton honored Officer Nicholas Mariani as he obtained certification as FTO (field training officer).

Chief Easton also mentioned that Officer Dougherty earned his stripe as Private First Class.

Back to the Regular Order of Business - 7:07 p.m.

5. Public Comments on Agenda Items Only

Mr. Mitchell asked if anyone wanted to address Council regarding agenda items only. There was no audience participation.

6. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

A-1 Council Meeting Minutes - February 12, 2013

Ms. Crawford made a motion to pass the February 12, 2013 meeting minutes as presented and Mr. Peden seconded the motion. Council unanimously voted Aye on the motion.

7. Treasurer's Report

A-1 Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Peterson made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented and Ms. Crawford seconded the motion. Council unanimously voted Aye on the motion.

A-2 Income Statement

Mrs. Peterson 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 the next phase of replacing rear storm doors and entrance doors, in poor condition, will begin soon. They have ordered 25 doors. Mrs. Peterson confirmed that they did 25 new sets in the first phase.

9. Public Safety Report - Harold R. Peden

A -1 Fire Marshall's Report

Mr. Peden read the Fire Marshall's February 2013 Report into record.

A-2 Fire Chief's Report

Mr. Peden requested that Dan Smith present the Fire Chief's Report. Mr. Smith presented the report for the month of February 2013. There were 2 fire incidents, 10 non-fire incidents, 14 mutual aids; for total incidents of 26 and 3 drills for a total activity of 29. They had \$ 30,000.00 in structural loss, \$5,000.00 in content; for a total loss of \$ 35,000.00. There were 12 assists for fire, 2 cover assignments, 2 ambulance assist, 2 gas leaks, 2 fire alarms, 2 good intent calls, 1 bomb threat, 1 malicious false alarm, 1 single-family dwelling, and 1 institutional hospital. There were 19.3 hours in service for the month; 14 daytime, 15 night time, for an average runner of 8.

A-3 Motion to Empower the Civil Service Commission for Hiring of a New Full-Time Police Officer

Mr. Peden made a motion to empower the civil service commission for hiring of a new full-time police officer and Ms. Crawford seconded the motion. Mrs. Peterson abstained from the motion while all other Council voted Aye on the motion.

10. Code Official Report - Leland Hunter

A-1 Code Officer's Report

Mr. Hunter read the Code Officer's Report for February 2013 into record.

11. Building & Grounds Report - Sandra Miazza

Mrs. Miazza reported that the generator is installed and is working. The carpet for the Hall is ordered and should be installed in a few weeks. The chairs for the Hall arrived today. Mrs. Miazza stated that we started to receive some of the permits in for the ball field for softball.

President Mitchell inquired about the testing process for the generator. Mrs. Miazza and Mrs. Purcival stated there were no problems with the short temporary interruption of approximately 6 seconds.

12. Finance & Insurance Report - Moira Crawford

A-1 Approval of General Fund Bills

Ms. Crawford made a motion to accept the General Fund bills for approval for the month of February 2013 in the amount of \$ 234,523.54. Mrs. Miazza seconded the motion. Mrs. Peterson abstained from check numbers 29249, 29285 and 29286 and Aye on the remainder. Mr. Mitchell abstained from check number 29227 and Aye on the remainder. All other Council voted Aye on the motion.

A-2 Approval of Auburn Village Bills

Ms. Crawford made a motion to approve the Auburn Village bills for the month of February 2013 in the amount of \$ 17,222.81. Mrs. Miazza seconded the motion. Council unanimously voted Aye on the motion.

13. Ordinances and Resolutions Report - Harold Peden

A-1 Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 4 of 2013
 - *Authorize the Treasurer to Transfer Monies (Reese Center - Security Upgrades)*

Mr. Peden read Resolution No. 4 of 2013 then made a motion to be passed and adopted as presented. Mrs. Miazza seconded the motion. Council unanimously voted Aye on the motion.

A-2 Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 5 of 2013
 - *"In Support of Amending the Prevailing Wage Law"*

Mr. Peden read Resolution No. 5 of 2013 then made a motion to pass and adopt as presented. Mrs. Peterson seconded the motion. Council unanimously voted Aye on the motion.

Mr. O'Connor asked if we could send a copy to Harrisburg as well as to Pennsylvania Borough of Association. Mr. Peden stated that that will be done.

A-3 Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 6 of 2013
 - *"Delinquent Cost of Collection"*

Mr. Peden read Resolution No. 6 of 2013 then made a motion to pass and adopt as presented. Mrs. Miazza seconded the motion. Council unanimously voted Aye on the motion.

A-4 Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 7 of 2013
 - *Authorize the Treasurer to Transfer Monies (Reese Center - Gates)*

Mr. Peden read Resolution No. 7 of 2013 then made a motion to pass and adopt as presented. Ms. Crawford seconded the motion. Council unanimously voted Aye on the motion.

A-5 Motion to Advertise Proposed Ordinance No. 2 of 2013
 - *Police Parking Issues*

- Mr. Peden read Ordinance No. 2 of 2013 then made a motion to advertise as presented. Mrs. Miazza 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 February 2013. The website had 3,279 page views with 1,337 visitors; with an approximate of 48 visitors per day. She began the monitoring of the website in November 2011 and since then, we have had 19,422 visitors to our site with 51,664 reads. The Photo Bucket account for February 2013, we added photos from our Soup and Salad Dinner and the Doo-Wop Dance Party.
15. Street & Equipment - Christine Peterson
- We are working on our list of the 2013 Road Program. We are using part of our Tool and Supply monies, in June, and upgrade the new dump truck with a vibrator. The vibrator will allow salt and other materials to evacuate the dump bed with ease; hopefully the added vibrator will make the bed last longer.
- Mr. Mitchell asked if the 11th Street Project was under way. Mrs. Peterson confirmed it was.
16. Community Affairs - Sandra Miazza
- Mrs. Miazza offered upcoming events. March 18th is the Ham & Cabbage for all Upland Senior Citizens and it is free. On March 30th, the Easter Egg Hunt begins at 9 a.m. in the Ball Field, and is followed by the Bunny Breakfast at 9:30 a.m. This event is free for the kids that reside in the Borough. The adults pay \$5.00 each. May 21st - 25th, we will the carnival at Bristol Lord Field. May 27th is the Memorial Day Parade and the picnic to follow at the Ball Park.
- The Doo Wop Dance Party was held last Saturday, March 9th, and it was great; everyone enjoyed themselves. The Soup and Salad Dinner was the week before and we have a good turnout for that.
17. Use & Occupancy Report - Shirley Purcival
- Mrs. Purcival read into record the Use and Occupancy Report for the month of February 2013.
18. Mayor's Report - Michael Ciach by Harold R. Peden

Mayor Ciach read his report for the month of February 2013. A total of 117 citations were issued; 104 traffic citations and 13 non-traffic citations. Total amount of fines equal \$ 22,215.00 with \$ 3,070.70 received from the District Justice Court. Year to date citations totals 239. We had 18 parking tickets issued, amount of tickets/reports paid restitution was \$ 834.22, parking tickets sent to the DJ was 10, 4 motor vehicle accidents, 7 accident reports copied, and total of 125 answered calls for the month with 20 assists.

19. Solicitor's Report - Robert O'Connor

Mr. O'Connor read into record his February 2013 report.

Regarding the Charter School, Mrs. Purcival stated that there was a minor traffic jam at lunchtime today because they had a tractor and lowboy and apparently they had moved out a CAT machine onto their property. The gentlemen had traffic tied up in both directions as he chained his lowboy to the trailer. Mrs. Purcival stated she was able to return to work and call the foreman of the job and tell him her displeasure about the traffic jam as well as the mud on the road. The foreman contacted the construction company and they profusely apologized that the company bringing in that equipment, did not have their permission and jumped the gun. Hopefully communication regarding the Charter School will improve between the contractor and the sub-contractors.

Mrs. Miazza asked for an explanation of why the municipal Parks, Christmas Party and Community Events were listed in the report. Mr. O'Connor stated that they were looking into some concerns relating to insurance purposes.

20. Engineer's Report

Mr. Catania stated that the 11th Street Project is delayed for 4-6 weeks. We are waiting for Verizon and PECO to decide who will move the guide wire at the intersection. As soon as that is resolved, then we will move right on. It will take about four to six weeks because of paperwork they need.

21. Old Business

There was no old business addressed from Council.

22. New Business

A-1 Motion to Cancel March 26, 2013 Meeting

Mrs. Peterson made a motion to cancel the March 26, 2013 meeting.
Ms. Crawford seconded the motion. Council unanimously voted Aye on the motion.

23. Floor Open to Public

No one approached 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 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Purcival
Borough Manager/Treasurer/Secretary

Shannon Strigle
Recording Secretary