UPLAND BOROUGH COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

June 11, 2013

The meeting of the Upland Borough Council was called to order at 7:03 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 Ms. Moira Crawford, Mr. Leland Hunter, Mrs. Sandra Miazza, Mr. Harold Peden, Mr. Daniel Smith, Mayor Michael Ciach, Mr. Charles Catania, Sr., P.E., Mr. Robert O'Connor, Esq., and Mrs. Shirley Purcival, Borough Manager / Treasurer/Secretary.

Chief Easton, Deputy Chief Ocasio, Mr. Ken Stark, Reporter, Ms. Leslie Krowchenko, Reporter from the Delaware County Times, and approximately ten 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.

Mr. Mitchell suspended the normal order of business and turned the meeting over to Mayor Ciach. Mayor Ciach stated that before he suspended the normal order of business, he would like to make a recommendation that Council make a motion to ratify the Civil Service Commission's recommendation to hire a full-time police officer, William Meyer. Mr. Hunter moved the motion. Ms. Crawford seconded the motion. Mrs. Peterson abstained from the vote while all other Council voted Aye.

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Out of Normal Order of Business - Mayor Ciach

Swearing in Full-Time Police Officer
William Meyer

Mayor Ciach performed the swearing on of Officer William Meyer to the full-time position. Mr. Mitchell asked if all of Mr. Meyer's paperwork was submitted. Mrs. Purcival confirmed that Officer Meyer's paperwork will be completed in the morning. A round of applause was provided by Council and guests.

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Back to the Regular Order of Business - 7: 06 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 - May 14, 2013

Ms. Crawford made a motion to approve the Council Meeting Minutes of May 14, 2013 meeting minutes and Mrs. Miazza 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 approve the Treasurer's Report and Mrs. Miazza seconded the motion. Council unanimously voted Aye on the motion.

A-2 Income Statement

Ms. Crawford made a motion to approve the Income Statement. Mrs. Miazza seconded the motion. Council unanimously voted Aye on the motion.

8. Auburn Village Report - Christine Peterson

Mrs. Peterson reported that they have begun Phase II of the replacement of rear storm doors and entrance doors. The Highway men have started to clean out the gutters in Auburn Village.

9. Public Safety Report - Harold R. Peden

A -1 Fire Marshall's Report

Mr. Peden read the Fire Marshall's May 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 May 2013. There were 3 fire incidents, 17 non-fire incidents, 13 mutual aids; for total incidents of 33 and 4 drills for a total activity of 37. We had 13 assists for fire, 2 motor vehicle accidents, 1 ambulance assist, 2 gas leaks, 3 fire alarms, 1 C.O. detector, 6 good intent call, 1 bomb threat, 1 assist of police, 1 port-a-

potty, 1 vehicle, and 1 single-family dwelling. We had 29.5 hours in service for the month; 15 daytime and 22 night time with an average runner of 11.

Mr. Mitchell questioned the fire in the port-a-potty. Mr. Smith stated that there are three port-a-potties in front of the Carriage House. Some kids were seen in Camp Upland, running from the fire. Mr. Mitchell asked what would burn in the port-a-potties. Mr. Smith noted that the stalls are highly flammable, as they are constructed of plastic. They were a complete loss.

10. Code Official Report - Leland Hunter

A-1 Code Officer's Report

Mr. Hunter read his May 2013 report into record.

11. Building & Grounds Report - Sandra Miazza

Mrs. Miazza informed everyone that the showers for the men and ladies rooms are in the process of being installed. Also, she mentioned that they had a pool table donation from the Upland Athletic Club for the Reese Center. The Upland Athletic Club donated the table for the kids up there, for future "PAL" programs.

Mr. Mitchell asked Mrs. Miazza to explain why we are putting showers in the bathrooms. Mrs. Miazza explained that we are preparing to become an Emergency Center; we have the cots, the generator, the blankets, pillows, washing machine and dryer; all in case we have to evacuate people due to flooding.

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 approval for the month of May 2013 in the amount of $172,871.41. Mrs. Miazza seconded the motion. Mrs. Peterson abstained from check number 29654 and Aye on the rest. Mr. Mitchell abstained from check number 29624 and Aye on the rest. 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 May 2013 in the amount of $14,185.60. Mr. Peden seconded the motion. Council unanimously voted Aye on the motion.

13. Ordinances and Resolutions Report - Harold Peden

A-1 Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 12 of 2013
- Treasurer to Transfer Monies for Reese Center Fire Alarm Systems

Mr. Peden read Resolution No. 12 of 2013 into record then requested a motion to pass as presented. Ms. Crawford seconded the motion. Council unanimously voted Aye on the motion.

A-2 Motion to Adopt Resolution No. 13 of 2013
- Treasurer to Transfer Monies for Reese Center's Security Gates and Landscaping

Mr. Peden read Resolution No. 13 of 2013 into record then requested a motion to approve and pass as presented. Ms. Crawford seconded the motion. Council unanimously voted Aye on the motion.

Mr. Peden stated that they have already discussed the trash pickers/scrappers information as well as the idea of our Satellite Dish Antennas; and that is in progress.

14. Research & Development - Moira Crawford

Ms. Crawford reported for the month of May 2013, we had 3,611 pages viewed with 1,332 visitors. We had approximately 43 visitors to the website per day. That was up from last month by 90 visitors. The Photo Bucket account now has 86 albums since we started it at the end of 2008. Each album has many, many photos in there. We just added photos to Memorial Day section from Mr. Stark and Mr. Patterson; both of the parade, the festivities down at the park, the Marine Corps League, and the Seniors Flea Market.

15. Street & Equipment - Christine Peterson

Mrs. Peterson stated that the Road Program had started on Monday and despite the weather, they are doing a good job.

Mr. Mitchell stated that he wanted to add that last Friday, Saturday and Sunday, with all the rain and the potential for a flood, he wanted to thank our Streets Department. He mentioned that Shirley and her guys did a great job, Chris did a great job, Dan and his guys did a great job down at the Pusey Plantation. "I don't know how we got so lucky, because the creek was up there. We missed a good chance of being flooded. It was

amazing." He stated that he would like to think that our efforts of getting the Kerlin Street Bridge cleaned up helped deter the flooding.

16. Community Affairs - Sandra Miazza

Mrs. Miazza stated that in May they had the Carnival and we made approximately $ 4,000.00. She wanted to "thank all the volunteers. We had people from the fire house, the Upland Athletic Club and the Church. We had people that are not even affiliated with them come and volunteer."

On June 24th at 10 a.m., the Seniors Breakfast is scheduled. July 4th's Celebration is from 11:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday they had their Flea Market. Mrs. Miazza stated that Ms. Crawford and herself were at the table on Saturday and did "one hundred and some wristbands." Mrs. Miazza stated that she will not designate another day to hand out wristbands. However, individuals can pick them up on the day of the event. There will be a table set up.

Mrs. Miazza further stated that "On August 9th, we have the Blue Rocks game scheduled. The bus leaves at 5:00; and I did not get a school bus this year, I got a better bus that has a bathroom and air conditioning. September 28th we will have the Spaghetti Dinner. On October 12th, we have the housing of the new fire truck. On October 14th, the Seniors Shady Maple trip is scheduled."

17. Use & Occupancy Report - Shirley Purcival

Mrs. Purcival read into the record the Use and Occupancy Report for the month of May 2013.

18. Mayor's Report - Mayor Ciach

Mayor Ciach read his report for the month of May 2013. A total of 104 citations were issued. Total amount of fines equal $ 9,683.00 with $ 3,814.52 received from the District Justice Court. Year to date citations totals 649. We had 32 parking tickets issued, 6 motor vehicle accidents, 12 accident reports copied, and total of 226 answered calls for the month with 20 assists.

19. Solicitor's Report - Robert O'Connor

Mr. O'Connor read into the record his May 2013 report.

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

Mr. Catania reported that we took bids on June 7, 2013 for the Auburn Village Concrete repairs. The low bidder was Ellis Construction at a bid price of $ 35,000.00, which is below budget. Mr. Catania recommended the contract be awarded to Ellis Construction and the Solicitor will be advised to prepare the necessary contracts. Mrs. Peterson made a motion to award the Auburn Village Concrete Repairs to Ellis Construction in the amount of $ 35,000.00 and to have the solicitor draw up the contracts. Ms. Crawford seconded the motion. Council unanimously voted Aye on the motion.

Mr. Catania stated that they received a grant for the Roadway that is going to run alongside the property line at the Reese Center and out to 24th Street; from Hill to 24th Street. We should pass a motion to have the proper officials sign the agreement with the County and authorize for advertise for bids for construction of the road. Mrs. Peterson made a motion to have the proper authorities sign the agreement and to advertise for bids. Ms. Crawford seconded the motion. All Council voted Aye on the combined motion.

Mr. Catania reported that they have the plans and specifications for the construction and renovations/additions to the Upland Fire House. We will need authorization to advertise for the bids; we expect to put the ad in the paper on June 26, 2013 and have open bids on July 9th. Mr. Peden moved the motion and Ms. Crawford seconded the motion. Council voted Aye on the motion with the exception of Mr. Dan Smith, who abstained.

Mr. Catania reported that his last item was that Council wishes to put a wrought-iron rail on top of the concrete wall around Auburn Village. We will need an authorization to advertise for bids for that particular fencing. Mr. Peden moved the motion and Ms. Crawford seconded the motion. All Council voted Aye on the motion.

21. Old Business

There was no old business addressed from Council.

22. New Business

A-1 Motion to Cancel Second Meeting of the Month

Mrs. Peterson made a motion to cancel the second meeting of the month and made a motion to change the July meeting to July 2, 2013 and the August meeting to August 27, 2013. Ms. Crawford seconded the combined motions. All Council voted Aye on the motion.

Mr. Hunter wanted to thank the Borough Manager, the secretaries and Mrs. Miazza for their assistance with the Seniors Flea Market. Mr. Hunter stated "We made over $ 300.00 in profit. And the four women helped us out quite a bit."

A-2 Motion to Approve Citizen's Police Academy

Mayor Ciach made a recommendation to Council to make a motion to proceed with the citizen's Police Academy Program that was presented to us by retired Chief Eller at the last meeting. Ms. Crawford stated "Accepted as presented." Mrs. Miazza seconded the motion. Council unanimously voted Aye on the motion.

A-3 Carriage House - House Bill 1247/Project 70

Mr. Peden wanted to announce that we have some information that may be of some interest to us going forward in our quest to get ownership of the Carriage House and the associated forestry over there. Mr. Peden stated that there is a House Bill 1247 working its way through the legislature in Harrisburg basically that would release the restrictions of 1964 Project 70's land Acquisition and Borrowing Act of a particular piece of property to the Pennsylvania Fishing and Boat Commission. The reason why it is important to us is that this may be precedent setting and we may be able to move forward to ask for the same thing to be done with the property at the Carriage House. So, if we can do that, it would mean that if we were successful we would have ownership of that property with a deed covenant or deed restriction that would provide the land for recreation, conservation and historical purposes forever. So if we could do that, it would be really nice. We are just waiting to see what happens. Mr. Mitchell stated "That is everybody's wishes. It is always better to own than it is to lease."

23. Floor Open to Public

Ms. Lucas, a resident of 24th street, wanted to bring to Council's attention a situation that involved her son and the Police Department. Ms. Lucas described a few incidents where she felt her son has experienced harassment by the Upland Police Department. She further explained that her youngest son had a heart transplant at CHOP and during that time she had received a parking ticket when she was on a quick break from the hospital to pick up something at home. Also, she had stated she attempted to contact the Police to let them know that she had family visiting her home. Therefore there would be additional cars on the street. Ms. Lucas explained that after many attempts to contact the Police Department, via phone and in person, she was able to connect with the Police Secretary. After explanation of her situation, the Secretary was apologetic, very sorry toward the situation and she understood the situation.

Ms. Lucus also stated that the Police had been at her house, drew guns on her brother, multiple incidents that involved the Police, as she refers to harassment. Ms. Lucus stated she wanted to situate this matter once and for all. After listening to a few additional comments from Ms. Lucas, Mr. Mitchell advised her to set up a meeting with Mrs. Purcival that would allow her to voice her confidential concerns with the Mayor, Police Chief and other Borough Officials as well as take care of this matter in a timely manner. Mayor Ciach asked Ms. Lucas to leave her telephone number with Mrs. Purcival so we can schedule a meeting as soon as possible.

24. Adjournment

Ms. Crawford made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Peden seconded the motion. Council unanimously voted Aye on the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Purcival
Borough Manager/Treasurer/Secretary

Shannon Strigle
Recording Secretary