

UPLAND BOROUGH COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES  
January 13, 2015

The meeting of the Upland Borough Council was called to order at 7:05 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. Harold Peden, Mrs. Sandra Miazza, Mr. Leland Hunter, Mr. Daniel Smith, Mayor Michael Ciach, Mr. Robert O'Connor, Esq., and Shirley Purcival, Borough Manager/Secretary/Treasurer. Mr. Mitchell stated Mr. Charles Catania, Sr., P.E. was excused.

Mr. Ken Stark, Reporter, Chief Nelson Ocasio of the Upland Borough Police Department, and approximately eighth (8) 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.

5. Public Comments on Agenda Items Only

No one responded.

6. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

A-1 Council Meeting Minutes - December 9, 2014

Ms. Crawford made a motion to accept the Council Meeting Minutes of December 9, 2014 as presented. Mrs. Miazza seconded the motion. All Council 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 Mr. Smith seconded the motion. All Council voted Aye on the motion.

A-2 Income Statement

Mrs. Miazza made a motion to accept the Income Statements as presented and Mr. Peden seconded the motion. All Council voted Aye on the motion.

8. Auburn Village Report - Christine Peterson

Reports progress.

9. Public Safety Report - Harold R. Peden

A -1 Fire Marshall's Report

Mr. Peden read the Fire Marshall's Report for December 2014 Report into record.

A-2 Fire Company's Report

Mr. Peden requested Dan Smith to read the December 2014 report and the yearly report for the Upland Fire Company. For the monthly report for the Upland Fire company for December 2014: we had 1 fire incident, 15 non-fire incidents, 21 mutual aids for a total of incidents of 37 with 2 drills for total activity of 39. There were 15 assists for fire, 6 cover assignments, 1 motor vehicle accident, 1 elevator rescue, 2 gas leaks, 1 wire call, 2 appliances, 3 fire alarms, 3 good intents, 1 assist to police, and 1 brush. We had 27.5 hours in service for the month; 23 day time and 16 night time with average runners of 6.

Mr. Smith continued "For the year 2014 totals from January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014: We had 8 fire incidents, 150 non-fire incidents, 229 mutual aid, for a total incidents of 387 plus 33 drills for a total activity of 420. That is 23 calls higher than last year; which our calls are steadily increasing. We had 204 assists for fire, 24 cover assignments, 1 air bank call, 9 motor vehicle accidents, 2 elevator rescues, 12 ambulance assists, 3 fuel spills, 9 gas leaks, 5 wire calls, 1 hazmat incident, 2 CO and structure, 5 appliances, 2 electric fixtures, 42 fire alarms, 3 malicious fire alarms, 3 controlled burns, 2 C/O detectors with bad battery activations, 36 good intents, 9 assists to Police, 5 assists to citizen, 4 brush fires, and 4 vehicles. We had total hours in service for the year was 297.7 hours; 223 day time calls, 197 night time calls. That was the yearly report for Upland Fire Company. Mr. Peden stated "Thank you very much, Dan." Mr. Smith asked if Mr. Peden wanted him to read off the officers for 2015. Mr. Peden confirmed. Mr. Smith read into record the Officer listing for the Upland Fire House for year 2015. Mr. Peden stated he appreciated that.

10. Safety Committee - Daniel Smith

Reports progress.

11. Code Officer's Report - Leland Hunter

Mr. Hunter read the December 2014 report into record. Mr. Hunter added "Since the third month of last year until Sunday, I finally got a property completely vacated. We took the owner to court and he received a fine by the judge, non-compliant with our rules and regulations. So the house is vacated, now we have to wait until they repair it, and go for a U & O. He did apply for a U & O in May but could not get it done because the house was occupied." Mr. Mitchell asked "Does the application die after a certain period of non-activity?" Mrs. Purcival stated "We have a credit for that landlord."

Mr. Mitchell asked "How many liens do you have outstanding?" Mr. hunter replied "This year none. But I have 12 liens from last year." Mr. Mitchell stated "Sorry, let me rephrase that. How many liens do you have on the books?" Mr. Hunter replied "Twelve. I had fourteen, but two were paid." Mr. Mitchell stated "Thanks again."

12. Building & Grounds Report - Sandra Miazza

Reports progress.

13. 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 December 2014 in the amount of \$ 193,868.69. Mrs. Miazza seconded the motion. Mrs. Peterson stated "Because I am an employee, I am going to abstain from anything that personally benefits me and Aye on everything else." Mr. Mitchell abstained from check number 32168 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 December 2014 in the amount of \$ 10,080.52. Mrs. Miazza seconded the motion. All Council voted Aye on the motion.

14. Ordinances and Resolutions Report - Harold Peden

A-1 Motion to Pass and Adopt Resolution No. 1 of 2015  
*- Policy and Procedure for the Utilization of Mobile Video/Audio  
 Recording Equipment for the Upland Police Department*

Mr. Peden stated he had only Resolution No. 1 of 2015 but prior to that he wanted Mr. Peden read Resolution No. 1 of 2015: Policy and Procedure for the Utilization of Mobile Video/Audio Recording Equipment for the Upland Police Department into record. Mr. Peden made a motion that Resolution No. 1 of 2015 be passed and adopted as presented. Ms. Crawford seconded the motion. All Council voted Aye on the motion.

15. Research & Development - Moira Crawford

Ms. Crawford reported for the month of December 2014 we had 4,865 page views, with 2,157 visitors with approximately 70 visitors per day. We added photos from the Santa Tours of the Borough with the Fire Company courtesy of Richard McClintock. Also added were the photos from the Senior's Christmas Luncheon courtesy of Ken Stark.

16. Streets & Equipment - Christine Peterson

Reports progress.

17. Community Affairs - Sandra Miazza

Mrs. Miazza announced the winners of the Holiday Decorating Contest. The first place winner was John and Fran Weare of Eleventh Street, second place winner is Howard Novak of Church Street and third place is Kathleen Connor of Upland Avenue.

Mrs. Miazza announced the upcoming events: February 28, 2015 is the Soup and Salad Dinner; March 16, 2015 is the Ham and Cabbage Luncheon for all seniors in Upland and that begins at 12 noon; March 21, 2015 is the Oldies But Goodies and that is at MacQueen Hall; and we have verbal agreement with the carnival people and that will be May 19th - May 23rd. Mr. Mitchell replied "Very good."

18. Use & Occupancy Report - Shirley Purcival

Mrs. Purcival read into record the Use and Occupancy Report for the month of December 2014. Mr. Mitchell asked if there were any questions of the Borough Manager. No one replied.

19. Mayor's Report - Michael Ciach

Mayor Ciach reported the Police report for the month of December 2014 and the year-end totals; a total of 53 citations were issued; total amount of citation fines \$ 7,972.50; the amount received from DJ Court was \$ 2,243.91. Year to date citations totals 1,128. We had 28 parking tickets issued, 31 tickets were sent to the district court; restitution paid was \$ 935.42; 4 motor vehicle accidents with 5 accident report copied, and total of 377 answered calls for the month with 73 assists; year to date total of calls at 5,427.

Mr. Mitchell asked if anyone had any questions for the Mayor. No one responded.

20. Solicitor's Report - Robert O'Connor

Mr. O'Connor read his report for December 2014 into record. Mr. O'Connor also wanted to touch base on Mr. Hunter's court case from a couple of days ago. "Mr. Hunter did a really nice job, as did Mr. Kirby who accompanied him and observed. And I also just wanted to thank Shannon, in the back of the room, for letting us keep her up real late last Thursday night at the Planning Meeting; so she did a nice job coming up here and helping us."

Mr. Mitchell asked if there were any questions of the Solicitor. No one responded.

21. Engineer's Report - Charles Catania

Mr. Mitchell stated that in absence of the Engineer's report, we do have some action that needs taken.

Mrs. Peterson made a motion for the demolition of 4 Eighth Street for \$ 7,400.00 for A.J. Jurich, Inc. Mr. Peden seconded the motion. Mr. Mitchell asked "does everybody know what the "Chicken Coup" is? " Without questions, Mr. Mitchell asked for a roll call. All Council unanimously voted Aye on the motion.

22. Old Business

There was no Old Business addressed.

23. New Business

A-1 Request for Donation to Delaware County Marine Corps League

Mrs. Peterson made a motion to donate \$ 1,500.00 to the Delaware County Marine Corp League. Ms. Crawford seconded the motion. All Council unanimously voted Aye on the motion.

A-2 Meeting Request with Upland Fire Company

Mr. Mitchell stated the date of the meeting is scheduled for February 4, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at the Borough Hall. Mr. Mitchell stated for all those that can make it, please try to attend.

A-3 Proposals for Demolition of 4 Eighth Street

Mr. Mitchell stated this item was already addressed.

A-4 Mummer's Request - Future Use of Reese Center / Storage Use

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A-5 Motion to Cancel Second Meeting of the Month - January 27, 2015

Mrs. Peterson made a motion to cancel the second meeting of the month for January 27, 2015. Ms. Crawford seconded the motion. All Council unanimously voted Aye on the motion.

Mr. Mitchell stated he had a few items for new business. Mr. Mitchell continued "Due to the pending litigation on Marusco property, on 10th street, we are going to add an additional solicitor to work with Rob. Is there any questions on that?"

Mrs. Peterson made a motion to have Jay Wills work with our solicitor, Robert O'Connor, on the Marusco case. Ms. Crawford seconded the motion. All Council unanimously voted Aye on the motion.

Mr. Mitchell asked if everyone was aware of the mishap at the Feltonville Fire Company and their use of our Borough garages. "It looks like it is going to take some time to heal that wound down there. I was there on Saturday, and I had talked to one of the commissioners, Gabe Ingram. Gabe indicated that the insurance company that they had is going out of business in a couple of weeks; it looks like it will be a long fight on their part. I don't know what they do but as always, we need to make them feel at home. They have a place of operation, a little far out of their way, but they're here. That's what good neighbors do and there's not a whole lot we can do about that."

Mr. Mitchell asked if Mr. Smith had anything to add. Mr. Smith stated "Just to touch base on what you have said already. Saturday morning, at around 4 a.m., they had a vehicle crash into their building and

actually left the scene. A passerby had noticed the gaping hole in the fire house, and that is when they notified the police. The police started the ball from there. When they contacted me at 4:30 a.m., telling me they were out of service. For everyone to know, Chester Township is the secondary company that runs all the calls with us, so on every call the Borough of Upland, that's the company that runs with us and we run all their calls with them also. When I got a call from the Chief saying they were going out of service, they had questioned about garage usages. I told them for their council member to reach out to ours, and I found out a little later that an approval was already in the process. Which I left work got a couple of my guys together afterwards. Between the borough and the fire company and Ed was on scene, I don't even think they even expected Upland to go out of their way the way they did. So, they are up and running. They are able to run calls, they were out of service for a very minimal period of time because of us and services were restored back for their residents within hours. Me, Personally as Fire Chief, I would like to thank council for stepping up and helping them out with that."

Mr. Mitchell stated "I thought the amazing thing was we did not have one neighbor call that there were a lot of trucks in that area back there." Ms. Crawford, who resides in that area, stated she did peek out wondering what was going on.

24. Floor Open to Public

No one approached Council.

25. Adjournment

Ms. Crawford made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Peterson seconded the motion. Council verbally voted Aye on the motion. Mr. Mitchell wished everyone a "Happy New Year."

The meeting adjourned at 7: 31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Purcival  
Borough Manager/Secretary/Treasurer

Shannon Strigle  
Recording Secretary