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Moment of Silence

Opening of Special Meeting

#### Roll Call

Robert S. Gwin Jr., Brian K. Burke, Danyelle Blackwell, Michelle Billups, Sheikh Siddique, Lisa Faraglia, Matt Silva, Thomas P. Wagner, Laura A. Wentz

Donald P. Bonnett, excused

# Present at the Meeting

Barbarann Keffer, Mayor Vincent A. Rongione Esq., CAO Sean P. Kilkenny, Esquire Courtney N. Richardson, Esquire Alexis Cicchitti, Acting Chief Municipal Clerk Officer Steven Ford, Sergeant at Arms

## **Public Comment**

Public Comment should be limited to Special Meeting Agenda items only, not to be repetitive, and be no more than 3 minutes, and total Public Comment will be limited to 30 minutes

## Speakers

Sheila Wright, 7231 Clinton Road Safety

Richard Blye, 274 Kent Road Ordinance

Olivia Taylor, 204 Kent Road

Lonnie Johnson, 526 Huntley Road Municipal Service

David Neill, 432 Burmont Road Ordinance reading timelines

Donald Fields, 834 Belfield Avenue

Peggy Wilson, 824 Drexel Avenue Sound; Please use the microphones

Their comments are on tape

# **Appointments**

7th District Council Candidates

Sybil Bel Hafiz Tunis Jr.

# **Motion for Nominations**

Councilwoman Blackwell moved to nominate Hafiz Tunis Jr. Councilwoman Billups seconded.

There were no other motions for nominations.

# **Motion to close Nominations**

Moved: Councilwoman Faraglia Second: Councilwoman Billups

Moved and seconded. A roll call vote was taken.

Nine in favor and one excused.

Oath of Office administered to Hafiz Tunis Jr. by the Honorable Barbarann Keffer, Mayor of Upper Darby Township

## Treasurer Candidate

David Haman

Moved: Councilman Burke Second: Councilwoman Billups

Moved and seconded. A roll call vote was taken.

Nine in favor, one opposed and one excused.

Oath of Office administered to David Haman by the Honorable Barbarann Keffer, Mayor of Upper Darby Township

# **Chief Municipal Clerk**

Alexis Cicchitti

Moved: Councilman Wagner Second: Councilman Gwin

Moved and seconded. A roll call vote was taken.

Ten in favor and one excused.

Oath of office administered to Alexis Cicchitti by the Honorable Barbarann Keffer, Mayor of Upper Darby Township

# Resolution and Ordinances

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Moved: Councilman Gwin

Second: Councilman Silva

Moved and seconded. Ten in favor and one excused. Resolution No. 02-20 is adopted.

Resolution No. 03-20, a Resolution of the Township of Upper Darby, Delaware County, Pennsylvania appointing two members of the Zoning Hearing Board; and providing an effective date

Moved: Councilman Gwin

Second: Councilwoman Faraglia

Moved and seconded. A roll call vote was taken.

Eight in favor, one opposed, one abstention and one excused. Resolution No. 03-20 is adopted.

# **Zoning Board Appointments**

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The Solicitors did the first reading of all three Ordinances.

A Councilman suggested that the Administration reach out to PECO informally to have a discussion about this proposed Ordinance before Council acts on it. He is concerned about PECO's reaction to this Ordinance.

The CAO and the Solicitor stated that there had been discussion with PECO and that PECO appeared to be positive about the discussion.

Motion to advertise: Councilman Silva

Second: Councilman Gwin

Moved and seconded. Ten in favor and one excused.

Ordinance No. 3065, 3066 and 3067 will be duly advertised. The second reading will take place at the February 19, 2020 Council Meeting followed by Public Hearings for each Ordinance.

# Mayor Barbarann Keffer

Mayor Keffer gave her report at the Committee Meeting.

## Adjournment:

Moved: Mr. Wagner

Second: Mr. Gwin

Moved and seconded. Meeting adjourned.

# UPPER DARBY TOWNSHIP DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 02-20**

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UPPER DARBY, DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, CONFIRMING JOHN MCMULLAN, DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AS TAX COLLECTOR BY CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER, VINCENT A. RONGIONE, PURSUANT TO SECTION 504 OF THE HOME RULE CHARTER

WHEREAS, Section 504 of the Home Rule Charter provides that the Chief Administrative Officer has the right to designate another Township official to be tax collector. The Home Rule Charter also provides that the appointed individual shall have all the powers and perform all the duties, and be subject to all the obligations and responsibilities a collector of taxes levied by the Township.

WHEREAS, John McMullan was appointed as the Director of Finance on January 6, 2020 and as Director of Finance and Tax Collector John McMullan is bonded by Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland and Zurich Insurance Company of America until 2021;

WHEREAS, the Chief Administrative Officer, Vincent A. Rongione, desires to delegate his duties as Tax Collector to John McMullan, Director of Finance; and

WHEREAS, Council desires to ensure that the duty of Tax Collection is delegated per Section 504 of the Home Rule Charter.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Upper Darby Township Council that pursuant to Section 504 of the Home Rule Charter, John McMullan, shall serve as Tax Collector by delegation from Vincent A. Rongione the Chief Administrative Officer and shall assume all duties as required by the Charter, Administrative Code, and the Laws of the Commonwealth.

Enacted and Ordained on this 5th day of February, 2020

Laura A. Wentz

President of Council

Michelle Billups Secretary of Council

BY: Barbarann Keffer, Mayor

ATTEST:

Vincent A. Rongione, CAO

#### **UPPER DARBY TOWNSHIP**

# DELAWARE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

#### RESOLUTION NO. 03-20

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF UPPER DARBY, DELAWARE COUNTY, APPOINTING TWO MEMBERS OF THE ZONING HEARING BOARD; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE

WHEREAS, Upper Darby Township has enacted a Zoning Ordinance and established a Zoning Hearing Board in accordance with the requirements of the Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code ("MPC"); and

WHEREAS, Section 403 of the Home Rule Charter of Upper Darby Township ("Home Rule Charter") provides that the Mayor appoints, with the approval of Council, all members of authorities, boards, and commissions; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor desires to appoint two members of the Zoning Hearing Board; and

WHEREAS, Section 903 of the MPC provides that members of the Zoning Hearing Boards are to be appointed by resolution; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Upper Darby Township Council that the following people are approved as members of the Zoning Hearing Board of Upper Darby Township, Delaware County, Pennsylvania, with the terms of office expiring as set forth below:

Robert White was appointed to serve a 3-year term as a member of the Upper Darby Zoning Hearing Board, effective January 17, 2018. His term will expire on December 31, 2020.

Marguerite Wilson is hereby appointed to a 2-year term as a member of the Upper Darby Township Zoning Hearing Board, effective February 5, 2020. Her term will expire December 31, 2021.

Erin McPherson is hereby appointed to a 3-year term as a member of the Upper Darby Township Zoning Hearing Board, effective February 5, 2020. Her term will expire December 31, 2022.

This Resolution shall be effective immediately.

On this 5th day of February, 2020:

Laura A.Wentz President of Council ATTEST Michelle Billips

Michelle Billups Secretary of Council

BY:

Barbarann Keffer, Mayor

ATTEST:

Vincent A. Rongione Chief Administrative Officer