

UPPER MILFORD TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
TOWNSHIP BUILDING
JANUARY 17, 2013 AT 7:30 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

ATTENDANCE: Supervisors; Daniel Mohr, Robert Sentner, George DeVault;
Manager, Daniel DeLong; Solicitor, Marc Fisher;
Secretary/Treasurer, AnnaMarie Zeravsky

Meeting called to order at 7:35 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Supervisor Mohr announced that the meeting is being recorded principally to aid in the preparation of minutes and for such other purposes as the Board sees fit. For that reason, will each person wanting to give any comments during the meeting, please state his or her name for the record and address the Board of Supervisors.

PUBLIC INPUT: -

Resident Phil Casey questioned what the City of Allentown is dumping in thirty foot dump trucks to the County dumpsite within the Township. The Supervisors were unaware and stated they would look into it. Mr. Casey also questioned why the Township has one hundred thousand dollars invested in salt brine and Macungie is urging residents to not use salt for icy surfaces because of the potential environmental hazards. He wanted to know if the Supervisors were aware of the Potato Juice system used to de-ice roadways in Memphis, Tennessee. This system is supposedly biodegradable and has little or no impact on the environment. He suggested the Township look into it.

Resident Frank Caputo thanked the Township for the use of the salt brine this past storm. He felt all roadways were easily maneuverable because of the work from the Public Works Department.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: -

December 27, 2012 Workshop & Regular Meeting Minutes
January 02, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes

MOTION:

Supervisor DeVault made the motion to approve all minutes. Supervisor Sentner seconded the motion. Any questions or comments, all were in favor, and the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS:

GENERAL FUND:

PLGIT XXXX7096 - Check No 12638 to 12678 in the amount of \$49,444.61

PAYROLL FUND:

PLGIT XXXX7015 – Check No 7266 to 7268 in the amount of \$426.10

STATE LIQUID FUELS FUND:

PLGIT XXXX7112 – Check No 2604 in the amount of \$25,541.69

STREETLIGHT FUND:

PLGIT XXXX7125 – Check No 1209 in the amount of \$2,202.08

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF BANK TRANSFERS:

Transfer # 2013-01 to 2013-03

MOTION:

Supervisor DeVault made the motion to approve the payment of the bills as submitted and to acknowledge bank transfer 2013-01 to 2013-03. Supervisor Sentner seconded the motion. Any questions or comments, all were in favor, and the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: -

1. Re-Appointment of William Ahlert for Another 3 Year Term Effective January 7, 2013; Term to Expire First Monday in 2016

MOTION:

Supervisor Sentner made the motion to reappoint William Ahlert for another 3 year term to the EAC, effective January 7, 2013 with the term to expire the first Monday In 2016. Supervisor Mohr seconded the motion. Any questions or comments, all were in favor, and the motion carried.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: -

The Solicitor requested that the Board clarify that all actions taken at the January 2nd meeting be referenced as effective on January 7th, 2013, the first Monday in the newyear.

MOTION:

Supervisor Sentner made the motion to acknowledge all motions made at the January 2nd, 2013 meeting were effective as of January 7th, 2013. Supervisor DeVault seconded the motion. Any questions or comments, all were in favor, and the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Appointment of Neil Moser to Fill the Current Vacant Elected Auditor Position of Brian Diehl: Term to Expire January 1, 2014

Manager DeLong stated that the Township will have 3 vacant Elected Auditor positions for the next election with office starting January 2014.

MOTION:

Supervisor Sentner made the motion to declare the Auditors position, occupied by Brian Diehl, as vacant and to appoint Neil Moser to fill the vacant position with

the term to expire on January 1, 2014. Supervisor DeVault seconded the motion. Any questions or comments, all were in favor, and the motion carried.

DEP MODULES / SEWAGE PLANNING: - None

PLANNING COMMISSION – OLD BUSINESS: - None

PLANNING COMMISSION – NEW BUSINESS: -

1. Lower Macungie Zoning Revision Recommendation

Planning Coordinator, Brian Miller provided a communication regarding the proposed zoning revisions by Lower Macungie Township. The UMT Planning Commission has several concerns regarding the impact on the Comprehensive Plan partners by Lower Macungie Township not being consistent with the Southwestern Lehigh Comprehensive Plan. The UMT PC's concerns include; additional traffic, loss of prime agricultural land, additional students to the East Penn School District, and storm water impacts. Supervisor Sentner stated that the property being discussed is near Macungie. The concern is the impact on Upper Milford Township and the already congested downtown Macungie. Supervisor Sentner is recommending to direct staff to write a letter stating the Township's concerns and come up with a date and time for the other members of the Southwest Comp Plan, East Penn School District and [Lower Milford] Southern Lehigh School District to get everyone involved to start discussing these concerns. Resident Frank Caputo stated that he is totally against any further development within Lower Macungie and he plans to attend any meeting arranged to discuss the concerns regarding Lower Macungie's plans.

MOTION:

Supervisor Sentner made the motion to direct staff to write a letter to Lower Macungie outlining the concerns expressed in Planning Coordinator Brian Miller's letter. Supervisor DeVault seconded the motion. Any questions or comments, all were in favor, and the motion carried.

MOTION:

Supervisor Sentner made the motion to direct staff to set up a meeting involving the Southwestern Lehigh Comprehensive Plan Members, both state representatives, both school districts impacted by the Southwestern Lehigh Comprehensive Plan, and any interested residents to discuss the concerns outlined in Planning Coordinator, Brian Miller's letter. Supervisor DeVault seconded the motion. Any questions or comments, all were in favor, and the motion carried.

SUBDIVISIONS – IMPROVEMENTS: - None

CORRESPONDENCE: - None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: – None

OTHER ISSUES: – None

REPORTS:

Township Emergency Management Coordinator:

Bill Stahler – Not present

Recreation Commission:

Barry Williams – None

Supervisors:

Daniel Mohr – None

Robert Sentner – Supervisor Sentner mentioned that if anyone is interested in the being involved in the Upper Milford Township Emergency Response Plan, they should give their information to Manager DeLong or Secretary/Treasurer Zeravsky.

George DeVault – Supervisor DeVault stated that something to look into is a sewer moratorium with LCA; it is something that could put a temporary stop to the developments.

Township Manager

Daniel DeLong – No report.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:05 P.M.

Daniel J. Mohr, Chairman

Date

AnnaMarie L. Zeravsky, Secretary/Treasurer