

APPROVED MINUTES

**UPPER MILFORD TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
TOWNSHIP BUILDING, OLD ZIONSVILLE, PA 18068
JULY 5, 2012 AT 7:00 P.M.
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES**

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

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 P.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

PUBLIC INPUT:

Phil Casey stated that he missed the previous Board of Supervisors' Meeting and wanted to know if there was any thought put into broadcasting the meetings onto The Township's website. Supervisor Sentner told Mr. Casey that at this point, there have not been any discussions on the matter.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Mid-Year Budget Discussion

Supervisor Sentner wants to discuss what is needed for the upcoming year and wants to start planning for future year's projects. In the past, The Township has based the budget only on the revenues but Supervisor Sentner would like to plan for what The Township needs. For Example, the current township building does not have a sign out front and that is something he would like to plan for. He wants to get input from the Public Works Department and The Fire Department to discuss some of their needs. He wants the Supervisor's to review the current budget and make a plan of different items that should be planned for ahead of time, such as if the fire company knows in advance that they will be needing to make a large purchase in 4 years, then it should be planned for ahead of time.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Buckeye Pipeline Ground Contamination

Supervisor Sentner stated that Buckeye Pipeline had another gas spill. On June 18th, there was a 4,200 gallon gas spill. He stressed how upset he was that Upper Milford Township was not notified immediately regarding the spill. He would like to direct staff to contact Buckeye to find out what their current Standard Operating Procedures are and if the

Township can be added to their procedures as a contact. Robert said that with people living around 150 feet from Buckeye's Tanks, a gas spill is simply unacceptable and something needs to be done. Supervisor Sentner said he is not as concerned with the contaminated soil as he is with someone's house blowing up. He also stated that he spoke with Thomas Hartnet at PaDEP who stated that Buckeye followed all standard operating procedures; however those procedures leave the Township out of the loop. Supervisor DeVault stated that he also feels that the Township should be kept in the loop if a spill occurs because if residents of the Township smell the gas and call 911, it would be nice to know what is going on. George DeVault stated that no one at Vera Cruz Fire Company or Lower Macungie Fire Company was notified, which is not a good situation. Even if no immediate action is required, George feels that the Township, at least, needs to be aware of it. Mary Hanzlik asked who Buckeye should be contacting and Supervisor Sentner said that that is the problem; The Township doesn't know what their chain of command is. Supervisor DeVault asked Jason Tapler, who was The Chief of The Citizens Fire Company when the first spill occurred, how the fire company was notified of the gas spill that has happened a few years in the past. Jason said that Buckeye called 911 when the spill occurred. Phil Casey wants to know why the Township can't make a resolution mandating Buckeye to notify the Township when a spill occurs. Supervisor Sentner said that when talking to PaDEP, he was informed that Buckeye is under Federal Regulations which is a completely different set of rules. Supervisor Sentner directed staff to contact Buckeye Pipeline to arrange a meeting with Buckeye Pipeline, the 2 Fire Chiefs, someone from the Township staff, and Emergency Management to discuss Buckeye's Standard Operating Procedures. Supervisor DeVault and Mohr both agreed.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: - None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: - None

ADJOURNMENT: 7:17P.M.

Daniel J. Mohr, Chairman

Date

AnnaMarie L. Zeravsky, Secretary/Treasurer