

UPPER MILFORD TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
TOWNSHIP BUILDING, OLD ZIONSVILLE, PA 18068
JULY 18, 2013 AT 7:00 P.M.
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

ATTENDANCE: Supervisors; Daniel Mohr, George DeVault, Robert Sentner; Manager, Daniel DeLong; 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: None

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Public Works Employee Application

Supervisor Mohr summarized a memo from Manager DeLong, dated July 16, stating that the Township received a total of seventeen applications for the vacant Public Works Positions through July 11, 2013. Manager DeLong and Public Works Coordinator Steve Ackerman are reviewing the applications and plan to schedule interviews for Wednesday of the following week. Supervisor Mohr suggested that Supervisor Sentner be the Supervisor to sit in on the interviews; Supervisor DeVault agreed with the suggestion. Supervisor Sentner agreed that Wednesday would be fine for him to sit in on the interviews.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Request for Public Sewer Service/Wastewater Allocation for 4679 Buckeye Road

Supervisor Mohr read a letter from Planning Coordinator, Brian Miller. The letter explained that Mr. Wirth's property, 4679 Buckeye Road, has an existing malfunctioning septic system. The property is approximately 180' X 60' and is bordered by a tributary of the Little Lehigh Creek. Between the well isolation distance requirement of one hundred feet and the stream isolation distance of fifty feet, there is not enough room left on the property for a septic system. The property is approximately one hundred ten feet from the existing LCA public sewer main on Miller Avenue and two hundred ten feet from the sewer main on Chestnut Street. The simplest and shortest way to connect this property to public sewer would be for Mr. Wirth to obtain an easement from the property owner at 4070 Miller Ave to the existing sewer main on Miller Avenue. Brian Miller verified that there are available allocations in that area.

MOTION:

Supervisor Sentner made the motion to request an allocation from Lehigh County Authority and to direct the homeowners of 4679 Buckeye Road to work directly with Lehigh County Authority to move forward with getting the property hooked up to public sewage. Supervisor DeVault seconded the motion. Any questions or comments, all were in favor, and the motion carried.

2. Open Burning Ordinance Complaints

Manager DeLong explained that the Township has a burning ordinance which controls open burning throughout the Township. Lately the Township has been getting complaints of open burning taking place in higher populated residential areas, such as developments or subdivisions. The ordinance, which we enforce, has a provision that states there can not be malodorous fumes detectible beyond the property line. Zoning Officer, Alan Brokate is looking for direction from the Board of Supervisors on whether or not they want to spend the funds to enforce this ordinance provision. Manager DeLong and Alan Brokate suggested that maybe certain zoning districts should not be allowed to burn at all. Supervisors Sentner suggested that that maybe burning should only be allowed certain times throughout the year. There is a section of the Township which is surrounded by Salisbury Township, the Borough of Emmaus, and Lower Macungie Township, all of which do not allow open burning. This section includes portions of Keystone Avenue, Golf Circle, and Pine Street. Dennis and Kathryn Swavely on Emmaus explained to the Supervisors that they have a neighbor that continually burns green brush everyday, including Sundays. Mr. and Mrs. Swavely explained that with the air pollution caused by their neighbor's burning has caused health issues within their home. Zoning Officer Alan Brokate confirmed that he sent a letter along with a violation notice to the neighbor in question, back on June 30, 2013. Solicitor Fisher stated that if Zoning Officer Alan Brokate feels that a particular homeowner is in violation, he has every right to cite the homeowner with a violation. Mr. Brokate offered for Mr. and Mrs. Swavely to call him on his cell phone when the neighbor starts burning and he will go out to check if the homeowner is in violation. The Supervisors agreed to table the discussion on the Burning Ordinance, as a whole, until a future meeting.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT: 7:30 P.M.

Daniel J. Mohr, Chairman

Date

AnnaMarie L. Zeravsky, Secretary/Treasurer