

UPPER MILFORD TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
TOWNSHIP BUILDING, OLD ZIONSVILLE, PA 18068
APRIL 02, 2015 AT 7:00 P.M.
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

ATTENDANCE: Supervisors; George DeVault, Daniel Mohr, Robert Sentner; Township Manager, Daniel DeLong; Asst. Township Manager, Timothy Haas; Solicitor, Marc Fisher

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 P.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

This 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 this meeting, please state your name for the record and address the Board of Supervisors.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Resident, Phil Casey, provided the Supervisors with an idea to save the Township money. The idea involved the process of converting existing gasoline/diesel powered equipment to be powered by propane or natural gas. Casey also asked if the Township receives money for providing the Municipal building's parking lot for companies to park their trucks/equipment, as in the present case of the tree cutting crew trucks and equipment. Manager, DeLong answered that the Township does not receive money from companies for allowing them the use of the Municipal building's parking lot. DeLong also shared that the tree cutting company has indicated to the Township that they have plans to trim some trees within Jasper Park.

Resident, James Krippe, raised general concerns regarding the operations of the Public Works Department. Supervisor, Sentner reminded Krippe that the Township has six (6) full time Public Works employees that are responsible to maintain the many miles of road dedicated to the Township. Chairman, DeVault reminded Krippe that he may contact the Township to report any roadway concerns he encounters.

OLD BUSINESS:

1.) Burn Ban Discussion

Manager, DeLong updated the Supervisors that both Fire Department Chiefs were poled and neither would like to implement a standard burn ban for the Township. Discussions in the past considered enacting a standard burn ban that would prohibit burning from April 1 to the middle of May of that same year. DeLong finished by summarizing that the Supervisors can supersede the Fire Department Chief's decision and enact a burn ban to their preference. Chairman, DeVault is okay with not implementing a burn ban and leaving it up to the discretion of the Fire Department Chiefs. Vice-Chairman, Mohr echoed Chairman, DeVault's opinion and agrees that it

is best to not enact a burn ban and leave it up to the discretion of the Fire Department Chiefs. Supervisor, Sentner cautiously deferred the decision of enacting a burn ban to the Fire Department Chiefs. Resident, Frank Caputo, raised concerns that if burning would be banned that some unsightly piles of brush and wood within the Township would never be removed. At the present time no burn ban is in affect for the Township and any decision to enact a burn ban is at the discretion of the Fire Department Chiefs.

NEW BUSINESS: None

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Supervisor, Sentner discussed the need for a traffic counting device for the purpose of updating the State with traffic counts gathered by the Township. Supervisor, Sentner believes that the updated traffic counts will aid in properly identifying necessary traffic/road improvements as development projects move forward. Resident, Casey asked how much the device costs. Supervisor, Sentner answered that the device costs four (4) thousand dollars. It was discussed that the device can also be rented, but the purchase cost is more beneficial over a short term as compared to renting the device each time the Township would use it. Manager, Delong clarified that the device does not perform or replace a traffic study, but it does provide accurate traffic counts. Township Planning Coordinator and SEO, Brian Miller, believes that the device would be very beneficial to provide actual traffic counts, especially while the Southwestern Lehigh County Regional Comprehensive Plan is being updated. Resident, Frank Caputo asked what the Township is planning to do about the existing traffic problems within the Township. Chairman, DeVault and Supervisor, Sentner answered that the Township will provide the State with actual numbers, which in turn will prove to the State a need for important upgrades within the Township. All Supervisors were in agreement to purchase the traffic counting device.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

ADJOURNMENT: 7:29 P.M.

George D. DeVault, Chairman

Date

Timothy Haas, Asst. Twp. Manager/Secretary