

UPPER MILFORD TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
TOWNSHIP BUILDING, OLD ZIONSVILLE, PA 18068
NOVEMBER 19, 2015 AT 7:30 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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

Meeting called to order at 7:34 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

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 and Chairman of the UMT Recreation Commission, Philip Vanim announced that the Recreation Commission is in favor of Robert Mutchler filling the vacancy of Ralph Nasatka and fulfilling the remainder of his term, if so appointed by the Board of Supervisors.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

- 1.) November 5, 2015 Workshop & Regular Meeting Minutes.
- 2.) November 12, 2015 Special Meeting Minutes.

MOTION:

Supervisor Sentner made the motion to accept the November 5, 2015 Workshop & Regular meeting minutes and the November 12, 2015 Special Meeting Minutes. Supervisor Mohr seconded the motion. Any questions or comments, all were in favor, and the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS:

GENERAL FUND:

PLGIT XXXX7096 - Check No's 15149 to 15177 in the amount of \$72,399.03

PAYROLL FUND:

PLGIT XXXX7015 - Check No 7324 in the amount of \$96.56

STREETLIGHT FUND:

PLGIT XXXX7125 – Check No's 1261 to 1262 in the amount of \$2,430.35

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF BANK TRANSFER(S):

Transfer # 2015-054 to #2015-058

MOTION:

Supervisor Mohr made the motion to pay the bills as read and acknowledge the bank transfers. Supervisor Sentner seconded the motion. Any questions or comments, all were in favor, and the motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Fire Company Steering Committee Recommendation Regarding Open Burning.

- a. Memo from Assistant Manager, Timothy Haas.

Supervisor Sentner would like Assistant Manager, Haas to be the point of contact for both Fire Departments, which will allow for better communication with the Township and increased enforcement of the current burning ordinance.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1.) Confirmation of Citizen's Fire Co. Special Fire Police Members: Emily Fair, Laura Danner, Chris Hamscher, and Kyle Reiss.

MOTION:

Supervisor Sentner made the motion to confirm the new Special Fire Police members, Emily Fair, Laura Danner, Chris Hamscher, and Kyle Reiss. Supervisor Mohr seconded the motion. Any questions or comments, all were in favor, and the motion carried unanimously.

- 2.) Pension Committee Resignation of Mr. Richard Malburg.

- a. Memo from Treasurer, Jessi O'Donald.

The Board accepted Mr. Malburg's resignation and expressed their thankfulness for his many years of service.

- 3.) Sweetwood Drive Speed Limit Request Study Results.

- a. Memo from Manager, Daniel DeLong.

Manager, DeLong summarized the traffic counter findings of Sweetwood Drive for the Board. During the study period 4,020 cars were observed. The average speed was 38 MPH, with a maximum speed of 67 MPH. The 85th percentile speed, which is what the speed limit is set by, was 44 MPH. Pennsylvania Vehicle Code allows the Township to set the speed limit a maximum of 10 MPH less than the 85th percentile speed if roadway conditions limit sight lines. If the Board wants to move forward the speed limit for the section could be set and posted at 35 MPH. He does not see any change occurring in the speed if the speed limit of 35 MPH would be posted. Presently, the portion of Sweetwood Drive in question is not posted, which allows for a legal traveling speed limit of 55 MPH. If the Board is so inclined to move forward the Board would have to authorize the Solicitor to prepare an Ordinance to properly post Sweetwood Drive. The approximate cost to advertise and install the three (3) speed limit signs would be one (\$1,000) one-thousand dollars.

Resident, Phil Casey asked if that section of Sweetwood Drive was recently repaved and if that may be the reason for the increased vehicular speed.

Chairman DeVault answered that there is no “before” data to compare with the “after” data.

Supervisor Sentner does not believe that three (3) additional speed limit signs would make a difference.

Supervisor Mohr agreed with Supervisor Sentner. He was also surprised at the relatively low average speeds given the fact that the road was recently repaved.

Chairman DeVault agreed that the cost and effort isn't worth it at the present time given the average speed is only three (3) miles per hour over the recommended posted speed limit. He would rather give one (\$1,000) one-thousand dollars to the fire companies. He would prefer to take no action.

Manager, DeLong reminded the Board that the portion of Sweetwood Drive in question is scheduled to be treated with a sealcoat during the summer of 2016, which may aid in lowering vehicular speed.

The Board agreed to take no action now, but to take another look at it again during 2016.

4.) Recreation Commission Vacancy.

- a. Memo from Manager, Daniel DeLong.

MOTION:

Supervisor Sentner made the motion to appoint Robert Mutchler to fill Ralph Nasatka's vacancy and his term will end December 31, 2017. Supervisor Mohr seconded the motion. Any questions or comments, all were in favor, and the motion carried unanimously.

5.) Resolution No. 2015-033.

- a. Disposition of Township Documents and Tax Collection Records.

Manager, DeLong summarized for the Board that the Township is allowed to dispose of documents and records that have been held for the proper amount of time. Currently, the Township has 65 boxes of records that qualify to be properly destroyed.

MOTION:

Supervisor Sentner made the motion to adopt Resolution No. 2015-033. Supervisor Mohr seconded the motion. Any questions or comments, all were in favor, and the motion carried unanimously.

6.) Adoption of 2016 Tentative Budget and Authorization for Staff to Advertise the Same.

MOTION:

Supervisor Mohr made the motion to adopt the 2016 tentative budget and authorize staff to advertise the same. Supervisor Sentner seconded the motion. Any questions or comments, all were in favor, and the motion carried unanimously.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

1.) Ordinance No. 143

- a. An Ordinance requiring registration of certain fire alarm systems and imposing penalties for responses by a volunteer fire company in the event of false fire alarms and nuisance fire alarms.

Solicitor Fisher briefly summarized Ordinance No. 143 for the Board.

MOTION:

Supervisor Sentner made the motion to adopt Ordinance No. 143. Supervisor Mohr seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Supervisor Sentner, Yes; Supervisor Mohr, Yes; Chairman DeVault, Yes; the motion carried unanimously.

DEP MODULES / SEWAGE PLANNING: None

PLANNING COMMISSION – OLD BUSINESS: None

PLANNING COMMISSION – NEW BUSINESS: None

SUBDIVISIONS – IMPROVEMENTS: None

CORRESPONDENCE:

1.) Fire Company Steering Committee Vacancy for Citizen's Fire Company (Acknowledgement).

- a. Letter from Fire Chief, Joseph Sherman and President, Joe Mead, dated November 5, 2015.

The Board acknowledged Tyler Stone to fill the vacancy on the Fire Company Steering Committee.

2.) Zoning Hearing Board Resignation (Acknowledgement).

- a. Email from Peter Lucier, dated November 9, 2015.

Chairman DeVault thanked Peter Lucier for his willingness to serve.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None

OTHER ISSUES: None

REPORTS:

Emmaus Library: Ms. Lisa Marten shared that the new librarian has created a program for the kids during their upcoming day off from school (11/30/15): "Creative Play", which celebrates imagination. This program is in addition to the regular number of weekly programs for the kids.

Township Emergency Management Coordinator: None

Fire Department: None

Recreation Commission: Philip Vanim asked for the status of the proposed walking trail at Lenape Park.

Manager, DeLong answered that he would provide the update to Philip.

Fire Company Steering Committee:

1.) October Call Report.

a. Report from Assistant Manager, Timothy Haas.

Assistant Manager, Haas briefly summarized the November meeting of the Fire Company Steering Committee. Highlighted topics included joint training between departments and the request for preemption devices installed at each of the three (3) lighted intersections. He publically thanked the Macungie Ambulance Corps for their donation of a first aid kit to the Western District Fire Company.

Supervisors:

Robert Sentner – Indicated no report.

Daniel Mohr – Indicated no report.

George DeVault – Indicated no report.

Township Manager:

Dan DeLong – Thankful that the present precipitation is not snow.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:06 P.M.

George D. DeVault, Chairman

Date

Timothy A. Haas, Asst. Twp. Manager/Secretary