

UPPER MILFORD TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
TOWNSHIP BUILDING, OLD ZIONSVILLE, PA 18068
JANUARY 21, 2016 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: None

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1.) Open Space Referendum (Discussion).

a. Memo from Assistant Manager, Timothy Haas.

Supervisor Sentner opened the floor for general discussion and expressed his opinion that an open space referendum, possibly in 2017, may be necessary to make a decision on whether or not to move forward with open space acquisition.

Supervisor Mohr believes that it wouldn't hurt to look into a referendum as a possibility.

Supervisor DeVault believes that a referendum would be the best way to handle the decision.

The Board agreed to direct staff to discuss the referendum possibility with the Open Space Committee.

Resident, Tracy Houseknecht asked if the referendum would be created to poll the Township residents regarding their interest/disinterest in a raised millage for future open space acquisition and if the referendum is linked to the Kohler Tract decision.

The Board answered that referendum discussions are too preliminary at this time to know the specifics of it, but that it would be separate from the Kohler Tract decision.

Manager, DeLong summarized that the Lehigh County Farmland Preservation Program has \$250,000.00 to be used to match individual municipal contributions to preserve farmland. A \$50,000.00 grant would be available to the Township if the Board would be interested in moving forward with open space acquisition. Presently, the Township has \$47,000.00 set aside for open space acquisition. The Board indicated their interest in this program. A resolution will be prepared for the regular Board meeting for the Township to enter into the program.

2.) Pension Plan/Trustee Changes.

a. Memo from Manager, Daniel DeLong.

Manager, DeLong summarized that the Township's Pension Committee is trying to better the current defined contribution pension plan by minimizing the costs that are the responsibility of the Township by considering transferring the pensions from Pennsylvania State Association of Boroughs and Municipal Retirement Trust (PSAB-MRT) to Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System (PMRS). A pending recommendation from the Township's Pension Committee will be available for the Board at their next meeting.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Supervisor Sentner would like to establish a joint workshop meeting with the Recreation Commission and the Board of Supervisors during the February 4th Board meeting to better the relationship between the two (2) entities as well as discuss future goals, direction, and updates to the Township's Recreation plan.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Board of Supervisors held an executive session from 7:13 to 7:40 P.M. to discuss real estate & litigation matters.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:40 P.M.

George D. DeVault, Chairman

Date

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