

UPPER MILFORD TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
TOWNSHIP BUILDING, OLD ZIONSVILLE, PA 18068
AUGUST 4, 2016 AT 7:00 P.M.
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

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

ABSENT: Township Manager, Daniel DeLong

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

NEW BUSINESS:

1.) Move Lehigh Valley Congestion Management Process (discussion)

Supervisor Sentner briefly summarized the study of congested areas within Southwestern Lehigh County, as provided by the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission (LVPC). He noted that the current congestion along the Route 29 Corridor within the Township is not included in the study. He recommended the Township Planning Coordinator, Brian Miller, send the LVPC a letter indicating the Board's displeasure with the draft study. He would also like to see a meeting between the Township, PennDOT, LVPC, and State Representatives to review, discuss, and provide solutions to the ongoing traffic congestion within the Township.

The Board was in agreement and authorized the Township Planning Coordinator, Brian Miller, to send the LVPC a letter expressing the displeasure of the Board regarding the subject study.

2.) Western District (Station 19) request to discuss St. Peters Road traffic accidents and firetruck access to private driveways (discussion)

Resident and President of the Western District Fire Company, Michael Kline, expressed his concern that St. Peters Road is being used more heavily by motorists bypassing the congested intersection at the Shimerville traffic light. Motorists are traveling at much higher speeds on St. Peters Road and emergency

calls are on the rise (nine (9) calls from New Year to date). He inquired if the Township can do anything to make traveling St. Peters Road safer.

Supervisor Sentner answered that they the Township is limited since St. Peters Road is a State road. He expressed his concerns with PennDOT's response time.

Resident and Citizen's Fire Company Chief, Joe Sherman (5971 Geho Road) added that the fire companies are being called out by the State Police to remove trees obstructing State roads.

Resident, Francis Caputo (4516 Stole Road) stressed the importance of bringing these issues to the attention of the State Representatives.

Supervisor Sentner asked Solicitor Fisher if the Township can do anything to address the vegetative overgrowth along private drives that obstruct adequate access for emergency vehicles.

Solicitor Fisher indicated that the Township can send a letter requesting the resident to cut back the growth.

Resident, Todd Lagler (6485 Ridge Road) mentioned that it would be a good idea to include a message to the residents in an upcoming newsletter regarding cutting back vegetative overgrowth along their driveways.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

The Board held an executive session from 7:27 to 7:40 P.M. to discuss personnel and litigation matters.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:40 P.M.

George D. DeVault, Chairman

Date

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