

UPPER MILFORD TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
TOWNSHIP BUILDING
MARCH 21, 2013 AT 7:30 P.M.
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

ATTENDANCE: Supervisors; Daniel Mohr, George DeVault, Robert Sentner;
Manager, Daniel DeLong; Solicitor, Marc Fisher;
Secretary/Treasurer, AnnaMarie Zeravsky

Meeting called to order at 7:30 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Supervisor Mohr announced that the 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 the meeting, please state his or her name for the record and address the Board of Supervisors.

GUEST PRESENTATION:

Mr. Chris Grebe; Macungie Ambulance Corp

Mr. Grebe thanked the Supervisors for having him and he provided some handouts with statistics of the Macungie Ambulance Corp. In 2012 the Macungie Ambulance responded to 3,085 calls, 188 (6%) of those being in Upper Milford Township. He also noted that the Macungie Ambulance began a patient satisfaction survey. There were many positive comments regarding the staff and care. In 2012, Macungie Ambulance received two significant awards. They received the "CARES" award from the Heart Rescue Project at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania and the "Gold Standard of Excellence" award from the Eastern PA EMS Council.

Supervisor Sentner asked Mr. Grebe if the ambulance drivers had a difficult time locating properties, like the fire companies do. Mr. Grebe stated that they do have some difficulties, adding that, unless you are a postal driver and you see the addresses everyday, it can be very difficult to locate some properties. He also added that the GPS's and similar systems will only get you to the parcel itself, but depending where the house sits and where the driveway is for that property, it will not help one hundred percent. He also felt that public awareness is the best option.

Resident James Krippe asked Mr. Grebe what his feelings were on the State Police Radio Service Mono Pole and the thought of using a flashing light. Mr. Grebe stated that he would defer to whatever the FAA regulations are. When the fire departments help to land a helicopter, their job is to give a good description of the landing zone.

PUBLIC INPUT: -

Resident James Krippe stated that Whitehall will be offering CERT classes on April 2nd, 4th, 9th, and 11th.

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES: -

March 7, 2013 Workshop and Regular Meeting Minutes
March 12, 2013 Special Workshop Meeting Minutes

MOTION:

Supervisor Sentner made the motion to approve all minutes. Supervisor DeVault seconded the motion. Any questions or comments, all were in favor, and the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BILLS:

GENERAL FUND:

PLGIT XXXX7096 – Check No.'s 12799 to 12820 in the amount of \$37,802.84

PAYROLL FUND:

PLGIT XXXX7015 – Check No. 7270 in the amount of \$73.38

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF BANK TRANSFER:

Transfer # 2013-11

MOTION:

Supervisor Sentner made the motion to approve the payment of the bills as submitted and to acknowledge bank transfers 2013-11. Supervisor DeVault seconded the motion. Any questions or comments, all were in favor, and the motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: -

1. Fire Services Cost Recovery – Resolution No. 2013-020

Supervisor Sentner had a concern of all residents being treated equally and both fire companies billing for the same services. Solicitor Fisher suggested that the Supervisors request a periodic report of what the Fire Companies are and are not billing for. Resident Phil Casey questioned what consequences will there be if a resident receives a bill and does not pay; will there be a lien put on their property? Supervisor DeVault said that the intention of billing is to “try” and recover some of the cost that is put on the fire companies.

Solicitor Fisher noted that the Township already has an ordinance allowing the Township to move forward legally if a bill goes unpaid.

MOTION:

Supervisor DeVault made the motion to adopt Resolution No. 2013-020 and to direct staff to request the Fire Companies to provide the Township with billing reports. Supervisor Sentner seconded the motion. Any questions or comments, all were in favor, and the motion carried.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: - None

NEW BUSINESS: -

1. Request for Board of Supervisor Approval to Advertise for Part-Time Weekend Park Caretaker

Manager Delong stated that the current Lenape Park caretaker no longer wishes to hold that position but will help out until the Township can find a replacement. This position is for one or two hours on a Saturday and Sunday to take care of Lenape Park.

MOTION:

Supervisor Sentner made the motion to authorize staff to advertise for the Part-Time Weekend Park Caretaker Position. Supervisor DeVault seconded the motion. Any questions or comments, all were in favor, and the motion carried.

2. Request for Board of Supervisor Approval to Advertise for Fall 2013/2014 Roadway Line Painting

MOTION:

Supervisor DeVault made the motion to authorize staff to advertise for Fall 2013-2014 Roadway Line Painting. Supervisor Sentner seconded the motion. Any questions or comments, all were in favor, and the motion carried.

DEP MODULES / SEWAGE PLANNING: - None

PLANNING COMMISSION – OLD BUSINESS: -

1. Boyko Land Development Approval and Waivers (5811 Chestnut Street)

Supervisor Mohr read a letter from Planning Coordinator, Brian Miller stating that the Planning Commission recommends the approval of the requested waivers, as listed in the letter from Jeffrey Ott for the Boyko Automotive Land Development.

MOTION:

Supervisor Sentner made the motion to grant the Boyko Automotive Land Development Waivers, SALDO Section 503.C – Drainage Easements, SALDO Section 1007.F – Recreation Fees, SALDO Section 1008.A – Landscaped Screening of Detention Basins, SALDO Section 1010.C – Well Isolation Distance, SALDO Section 1011.B – Utility Easements, SALDO Section 1019.A – Street Trees Requirements. Supervisor DeVault seconded the motion. Any questions or comments, all were in favor, and the motion carried.

MOTION:

Supervisor Sentner made the motion to grant preliminary final approval of the Boyko Land Development contingent upon a copy of the correspondence that states that Adams Outdoor has reviewed the plan and finds it acceptable, a signed O & M Agreement as required by the Act 167 Ordinance, Fire Chief review letter, and Payment of Any Outstanding Fees. Supervisor DeVault seconded the motion. Any questions or comments, all were in favor, and the motion carried.

PLANNING COMMISSION – NEW BUSINESS: - None

SUBDIVISIONS – IMPROVEMENTS: - None

CORRESPONDENCE: - None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: – None

OTHER ISSUES: – None

REPORTS:

Township Emergency Management Coordinator:

Bill Stahler – Not present

Recreation Commission:

Barry Williams – None

Supervisors:

Daniel Mohr – Supervisor Mohr mentioned that the Vera Cruz Community Association will be having their annual Easter Egg Hunt at Mystic Chain Park on Saturday, March 30th at 1:00 pm.

Robert Sentner – Supervisor Sentner reminded everyone that the South Western Lehigh County Comprehensive Plan Members will be having a public meeting at the Township Building on Wednesday, March 27th, 2013 at 7:00pm. He also thanked everyone who came out to the Special Workshop Meeting to discuss the Emergency Operations Plan.

George DeVault – Supervisor DeVault asked Manager DeLong about the Drainage along Main Road East where Leibert Creeks comes through. He wanted to know if Penn Dot could do something about all the water sitting on road. Manager DeLong stated that Penn Dot plans to pave in late April or early May. He will be sure to point out the problem areas to them.

Township Manager

Daniel DeLong – Manager DeLong mentioned that Jayme Lieberman the Township's Emmaus Library Trustee was in the audience. Mr. Lieberman thanked the Supervisors for their continued support of the library.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:10 P.M.

Daniel J. Mohr, Chairman

Date

AnnaMarie L. Zeravsky, Secretary/Treasurer