

UPPER MILFORD TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
TOWNSHIP BUILDING, OLD ZIONSVILLE, PA 18068
APRIL 19, 2012 AT 7:00 P.M.
WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

ATTENDANCE: Supervisors; Daniel Mohr, Robert Sentner, George DeVault; Manager, Daniel DeLong; Solicitor Marc Fisher; Administrative Assistant, Cynthia Kuhns

CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 P.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Supervisor Mohr announced that the meeting was being recorded to principally aid in the preparation of Minutes and for such other purposes as the Board saw fit. For that reason, any person wanting to give any comments during the meeting should please state his or her name for the record and address the Board of Supervisors.

PUBLIC INPUT:

Phil Casey said that we just finished the first quarter of the new year, and that would give the Board of Supervisors an opportunity to do a comparative to last years expenses and the income so that the Board of Supervisors could lay out a plan for the budget so the Township does not get caught in November. Supervisors Mohr and Sentner said that the Supervisors are doing that and it will be done in June.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Insurance RFP – Discussion

Manager DeLong said that the Board of Supervisors thought it was wise to go out for RFP's to insure that the insurance that the Township currently has is comparable to what other insurance companies are offering. He said that he thought that the Township was going to receive four (4) quotes; however the Township only received three (3) quotes. He said Insurance Companies do not package their policies the same, some of them exclude different things. He said Insurances and Insurance Companies can not be compared apples to apples. He said that the total variation was about \$7,000.00 with the Township's current agent being in the middle, \$5,000.00 higher than the lowest quote received. The lowest quote was for lesser insurance with higher deductibles. Robert Longley, representative of Longley Insurance Agency Inc., which is the Township's current Insurance Agent, said there are significant differences between the Insurance quotes the Township received. Phil Casey asked if the biggest portion of the insurance was the workers compensation. Robert Longley replied the workers compensation is easily the biggest portion. Manager

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DeLong said that the Pennsylvania Code requires the municipality in which the Volunteer Fire Service is located to have workers compensation coverage through the municipality. Upper Milford Township provides workers compensation insurance coverage for Upper Milford Western District Fire Company and Citizens Fire Company for everyone that is a member at both Fire Companies. Manager DeLong said that he looked at breaking out the Fire Companies coverage from the rest of the Township, but it did not make sense to do it at this time because the coverage for the Fire Companies in his opinion is a little bit less than where the Township is at now. Supervisor Sentner said he was concerned that the Township could be paying a workers compensation premium that covers a fire fighter in another municipality, and felt that this is something that the Supervisors need to take a look at. Robert Longley replied that the Insurance Companies will look at the claims as a whole and set a rate accordingly. Supervisor DeVault agreed that this is something that the Supervisors need to take a closer look at. Supervisor Sentner asked if the Insurance Carriers provide a dividend return. Manager DeLong replied yes some do. Mr. James Krippe asked if the Fireman's Relief Fund paid for some of the insurance. Manager DeLong said that the Township could but the Township does not use a portion of the Fireman's Relief Fund to help pay for the insurance. Phil Casey asked if the rate on Workers Compensation wasn't established by the state. Robert Longley replied that the state sets the rate but insurance companies deviate from that rate. The service for a fire fighter will be a lot better through a private insurance company then through the states program.

2. Pension RFP Notice Number : 2012-02 (On Regular Agenda)

Manager DeLong said that essentially what it is the Board of Supervisors appointing the designated persons that need to be appointed to go into the Pension RFP. That process is going to start shortly.

MOTION:

Supervisor Sentner made the motion to approve RFP Notice No. 2012-02. Supervisor DeVault seconded the motion. Any questions or comments, all in favor, and the motion carried.

3. Resolution No. 2012-023 First Niagara Authorizes signers (On Regular Agenda)

Manager DeLong said that is to add AnnaMarie Zeravsky to the First Niagara accounts.

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Supervisor Sentner made the motion to approve Resolution No. 2012-03. Supervisor DeVault seconded the motion. Any questions or comments, all in favor, and the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Board of Supervisor support for Prevailing Wages Reform Resolution (HB No. 1329 & 1685) discussion

Manager DeLong said PSATS is asking for municipal support by passing Resolutions to reform the Prevailing Wage Law which has been tried many times before with no success. Solicitor Fisher said that the Resolution is a standard Resolution put out by PSATS. There is a cost of inflation added to the Resolution.

MOTION:

Supervisor Sentner made the motion to support Prevailing Wages Reform Resolution HB No. 1329 & 1685. Supervisor DeVault seconded the motion. Any questions or comments, all in favor, and the motion carried.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: - None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: - None

ADJOURNMENT: 7:31 P.M.

Daniel J. Mohr, Chairman

Date

Cynthia Kuhns, Administrative Assistant